

Yogesh Bhandari

Founding CTO · Cloud & AI · 100+ Engineers

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Founding CTO who has built engineering organizations from zero to 100+, shipped a production product solo from first commit to both app stores, and architected cloud systems that hold up under real traffic. Works across AWS, GCP, and Azure, leads 0-to-1 platform builds, owns P&L and multi-million dollar technology budgets, and still writes production code.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Leadership & Strategy: Founding CTO Leadership & Team Scaling (0 to 100+ in 18 months), P&L and Multi-Million Dollar Budget Management (20% OpEx Cut), Agile/SCRUM Department Transformation, Division Building (55-Person Cross-Functional Division), Technical Roadmapping & Business-Tech Alignment, 0-to-1 Platform Architecture & PoC-to-Product Execution, Stakeholder & Enterprise Client Retention

AI, Data & Engineering: Applied AI Strategy & LLM Frameworks, Autonomous Agentic System Design & Proofs-of-Concept, MLOps Workflows & Model Deployment, Node.js & Python (Django, FastAPI, PyQt), Advanced SQL Query Optimization & Pseudo-Caching (40% Query Speedup), Data Pipelines & CDISC Regulatory Compliance, SecOps & Cloud Security Reviews

Cloud & Architecture: AWS Cloud Architecture (EC2, S3, RDS, VPC, IAM, CloudFront), Multi-Cloud Blueprints (AWS, GCP, Azure), Microservices Migration (3x Traffic Surge, 99.9% System Uptime), DevOps & Full CI/CD Pipeline Automation (90%+ Error Reduction), Infrastructure as Code (Terraform) & Docker Containerization, Kubernetes Orchestration & High Availability Systems, System Modernization & Cost Optimization

WORK EXPERIENCE

Cloud Cheers

Co-founder

Jun 2025 – Present

Remote across EU and US mornings

- Defined go-to-market architecture and secured foundational client contracts by translating business requirements into production cloud systems.
- Built applied AI proofs-of-concept using LLMs and agentic frameworks to demonstrate commercial value for early adopters.
- Engineered multi-cloud infrastructure blueprints across AWS, GCP, and Azure, incorporating Kubernetes containerization, MLOps model deployment workflows, and SecOps compliance reviews.

Gamemano Pvt Ltd

Founding Chief Technology Officer

Jun 2022 – Jul 2025

Noida / Bengaluru, India (Hybrid)

- Scaled the technology organization from 0 to over 100 engineers and designers in 18 months, establishing technical hiring bars and department workflows.
- Managed the multi-million dollar technology budget, optimizing cloud spend and vendor contracts to deliver a 20% year-over-year reduction in operational costs.
- Architected scalable Node.js backends and game math algorithms, contributing directly to a 15% uplift in user retention and engagement.
- Pioneered a robust CI/CD automation pipeline, increasing deployment frequency by 60% while slashing manual deployment errors by over 90%.
- Designed and engineered AWS cloud infrastructure from the ground up, cutting deployment times from hours to minutes and maintaining 99.9% system uptime.

Veda Studios

Founding Chief Technology Officer

Oct 2022 – Jul 2024
Bhaktapur, Nepal (Hybrid)

- Built and scaled a 50+ person engineering department from scratch, implementing delivery frameworks that cut time-to-market for new products by 40%.
- Migrated legacy systems to a scalable microservices architecture on AWS, cutting infrastructure overhead by 35% while handling a 3x traffic surge at 99.9% uptime.
- Secured a 75% increase in repeat business and 50% increase in client retention by aligning technology roadmaps with client commercial requirements.
- Implemented automated CI/CD pipelines, cutting software release cycles from weeks down to days.

AITC International

Founding COO & Head of Software

Nov 2021 – Nov 2022
Bhaktapur, Nepal

- Established the company's software development division from scratch, recruiting and leading a 55-person cross-functional team of engineers, designers, and QA specialists.
- Designed and implemented foundational AWS cloud infrastructure and CI/CD frameworks, accelerating kickoff times for new client projects by 70%.
- Turned the new division into a primary revenue engine by delivering 8+ commercial web applications and casual gaming titles across concurrent client roadmaps.
- Served as hands-on technical leader developing backend systems in Django and Node.js while directing the end-to-end launch of the Annapurna Galleries marketplace.

Numeric Mind (Nimble Clinical Research)

Python Team Lead

Oct 2020 – Nov 2021
Kathmandu, Nepal (Hybrid)

- Led a 5-developer engineering team delivering a PyQT-based clinical data analytics and visualization platform compliant with CDISC industry standards.
- Engineered advanced SQL query optimizations and application caching, cutting clinical data processing times by 40%.
- Instituted coding standards, Git workflows, and testing protocols that reduced production defects by 25% and improved codebase maintainability.

EDUCATION

Kathmandu University

B.S. in Computer Science

2020
Dhulikhel, Nepal

- Awarded partial scholarship for academic excellence.