



What to Learn Now vs What Can Wait

The one page version. Full reasoning and background specific guidance in the complete guide.

LEARN NOW · load bearing, start here

IMPORTANT, NOT URGENT · lands better once foundations are solid

CAN WAIT · pick it up once a real job or project needs it

TOPIC	TIER	REVISIT PROPERLY WHEN
Linux, networking, Git	Learn now	Stays foundational throughout your career
Docker	Learn now	Deepen once building multi service setups
CI/CD	Learn now	Deepen with multi environment pipelines on the job
Terraform	Important, not urgent	Right after your first working CI/CD pipeline
Kubernetes	Important, not urgent	Once you have a container and pipeline you understand fully
Cloud basics	Important, not urgent	Alongside Terraform, learned by using it
Cloud security	Can wait	Once you have real infrastructure to audit
DevSecOps controls	Can wait	Once you have a CI/CD pipeline that's actually yours
Monitoring / observability	Can wait	Once something you built is actually live
Helm, ArgoCD, advanced tooling	Can wait	Once plain Kubernetes starts feeling repetitive

By background, biggest gap to close first	Twelve week shape
Developers: Docker and CI/CD, both build on skills you already have Infra / support: Git and scripting first, Terraform lands fast after that Security: Docker and a real CI/CD pipeline before any security tooling	- Weeks 1 to 6: Linux, Git, Docker, and a first CI/CD pipeline - Weeks 7 to 10: Terraform, cloud basics, and Kubernetes - Weeks 11 to 12: Cloud security and DevSecOps controls, introductory

Want this checked against your specific situation.

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