BRANDON **HOWARD**

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Obsessed with computers and the ways that they can help everyone in the present, and the future. Currently running a small, yet powerful home lab where I spend my free time keeping up to date, and learning more every day. Plagued with the Linux itch, and the itch to keep learning more about the world of IT.

IT EXPERIENCE

DEPLOYING/USING UNIX AND WINDOWS BASED SYSTEMS

- Ran multiple distributions (Arch, Debian, ParrotOS) of Linux on my daily machine. Learned how to configure, deploy, and secure Linux systems in small local area networks such as configuring Wi-Fi, SSH, VNC, troubleshooting faulty NVIDIA drivers, configuring Cron jobs, using the Systemd toolset, and other basic operations within the Bash Shell.
- Configured Ubuntu Server on a local machine to run services such as Pi-hole, Nextcloud, etc.
- Have used multiple versions of Windows starting with Windows 7 up to Windows 11.
- Installed multiple flavors of Linux and Windows.
- Used online and publicly available scripts in order to enhance Windows 10.
- Have used the Microsoft Office Suite of Applications.

DEPLOYING EMAIL AND WEBSITES

- Deployed an Email Server using an online script from GitHub (https://github.com/LukeSmithxyz/emailwiz)
- Deployed a website using NGINX and setting up the DNS records, and encryption.

USING VMWARE AND KVM

- Deployed multiple Operating Systems (Multiple Linux Flavors, Windows 10 Enterprise IoT LTSC 2021) on VMWare Enterprise 16
- Deployed a Windows 10 instance within KVM and MacOS using the OSX-KVM GitHub repository.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

AUGUST 2020 – APRIL 2022

GENERAL HELPER, STONERIDGE RESORT

- Helped guests with Wi-Fi connection troubles, Cable Television issues (Dish Cable), Regular Television issues, and other common issues within spaces used by resort guests.
- Worked with the Housekeeping department, and helped clean rooms, sort laundry, etc.
- Worked with the Mechanical Department in keeping facilities sanitary, while reducing downtime to a minimum.

EDUCATION

GRADUATING 2024
HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, DEER PARK HIGH SCHOOL

- Took multiple classes related to computers such as:
    - Webpage Design
    - Working with Blender
    - Yearbook
    - Business Essentials
- Helped multiple teachers with basic issues such as non-functional speakers and other issues with computers.

SKILLS

- Able to work with computers in a professional manner.
- Can type at 100+ WPM with 90%+ accuracy
- Experience with resolving issues and disputes with customers
- Willing to learn

CERTIFICATIONS

STUDYING FOR
A+ 220-1001, 220-1002, COMPTIA

- Currently Practicing for the A+ Certification as of now
- Completing by the end of July

NETWORK+, COMPTIA

- After passing the A+ Certifications, Will be studying for the Network+
- Completing by the end of 2023