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DevOps is all about empathy

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Skills

Expert Skills

Software Puppet*, installimage*

Operations Archlinux[†], Gentoo, QEMU/KVM

Development

Languages C#, Python, Shell/Bash, Ruby

Frameworks RSpec, Beaker, Sinatra, Rails

Databases MySQL, PostgreSQL

Methods Object Oriented Programming,
MVC, Unit Tests, UML

Source Git, SVN

Tools Bitbucket, GitHub, Travis CI, Jenkins

Management

Systems and Networks Administration

Web Apache, Lighttpd, Nginx, Varnish,
Squid, proftpd, HAProxy

Monitoring ELK-Stack, Zabbix, Munin,
Prometheus, Graphite, Grafana,
Graylog, Collectd

Mail Postfix, Dovecot, Amavis

Backup Duply, Borg

Installation / Bootstrapping, Kickstart, Puppet*,
Deployment installimage*

Infrastructure ISC-DHCPd, OpenVPN, hpa-tftpd,
Software NFS, Marmoset, OpenLDAP

Operating GNU/Linux (Debian, Ubuntu,
Systems RedHat, Archlinux[†], Gentoo),
FreeBSD, pfSense

Databases MySQL, PostgreSQL

Virtualization VMWare, Docker, QEMU/KVM,
libvirt, Parallels Cloud Server

Security SSL, PGP/GnuPG, OpenSSH,
SELinux, Threat Modeling, Server
hardening

DNS Unbound, Bind, Dnsmasq,
PowerDNS

Networking Cisco routing and switching,
VLANs, Network design and
security, IPv6

*Maintainer

[†]Contributor

Experience

2014

DevOps Engineer, Hosteurope GmbH then GoGaddy EMEA, Cologne.

DevOps Engineer, System Administrator

- DevOps Engineer:
 - Operate a fleet of 2600+ Puppet-managed servers;
 - Architecture and deploy a scaleable ELK-Stack with Graylog;
 - Plan and execute migrations from Puppet version 3 to 4;
 - Write and contribute to 100+ Puppet modules (mostly public), including plugins (facts, types & providers), with unit and acceptance tests;
 - Design and build a technical fabric to provision physical servers for multiple brands;
 - Package software for Archlinux. Operate and improve the package build systems and package repositories.
- System Administrator:
 - Operate multiple Cloud platforms with more than 3300 nodes. Provide third level support;
 - Test and evaluate new hardware regarding power consumption, efficiency and cloud instance density;
 - Enhance the hardware monitoring to predict disk failures;
 - Automate and optimize the consolidation of legacy platforms.

2012
2014

Systems Engineer, Hetzner Online AG, Falkenstein.

Leading a cloud platform, maintaining datacenter infrastructure

- Rebuild of a Puppet infrastructure for 1500+ servers;
- Migrated servers from Puppet 2 to 3;
- Implemented cgroups for resource management in a cloud environment;
- Operated the base infrastructure of a datacenter with 200,000+ servers, including authoritative and recursive nameservers, installation environment, package mirrors, DHCP and NFS clusters;
- Responsible for the cloud platform. Maintained, developed and improved the current platform with 20,000+ virtual instances, including capacity management;
- Planned and evaluated a new cloud platform with distributed and local storage;
- Provided third level support for the cloud environment and the datacenter infrastructure systems;
- Monitored of a fleet of servers with zabbix;
- Wrote technical documentation;
- Developed a scaleable monitoring solution with autodiscovery based on Zabbix.

2016

Vox Pupuli Project Management Committee, Vox Pupuli, Internet.

Strategic Development, Leadership, Community Representative

- Onboarding for new community members;
- Mitigate security issues in Puppet modules;
- Keep track of outdated software dependencies;
- Represent the community at events and conferences;
- Develop and realize a migration plan from Puppet 3 to 4;
- Escalate bugs and feature requests from the community to Puppet Inc.

2015 **Puppet Contributor**, *Puppet Inc*, Internet.

Development, bugfix and documentation

- Review and merge incoming patches;
- Deal with (Security-) Issues, bug reports, and feature requests;
- Migrate modules to puppet 4.

2015 **Developer and Maintainer**, *VirtAPI-Stack*, Internet.

Architecture design and development

- Design and document an API for a cloud infrastructure;
- Maintain a public fork of the installimage;
- Create a live linux image for rescue operations(LARS).

Education

2014–2018 **Equivalent to B.Eng. Computer Science**, *Heinrich-Hertz-Europakolleg der Bundesstadt Bonn*.

2009–2012 **Training as IT specialist for system integration**, Local police station.

2003–2009 **Secondary school leaving certificate**, Realschule Heessen.

Certifications

2016–2017 **Cisco Certified Network Associate**, *Cisco Inc*.

2017 **ITIL® v3 Foundation Examination**, *AXELOS Limited*.

2013 **Puppet Fundamentals Administrator**, *Puppet Inc*.

Puppet IT automation software

Publications

2017 **Datawarehousing for Cloud Computing Metrics**, <https://bastelfreak.de/thesis-de.pdf>.

Analyse software to measure cloud metrics in a datawarehouse style

2015–2017 **Network Design Principles**, <https://github.com/bastelfreak/talks>.

Taught multiple lessons about network design in datacenters and carriers, including routing, switching, network-security and IPv6

2015 **VirtAPI Paper**, <https://bastelfreak.de/virtapi.pdf>.

Documentation about a self-designed API to manage a QEMU cloud environment with Puppet

2012 **Design and deploy a test environment for updates at a police station**, <https://bastelfreak.de/Projektdokumentation.pdf>.

Setup a QEMU hypervisor with archipel as orchestrator on a Gentoo platform

Foreign Languages

English Fluent

Daily practice, conferences given in English