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#### Overview

I am a 20 year old systems administrator and server firefighter aspiring to become both a developer and administrator. I learn very quickly in practice and am not afraid to take on new ventures. I enjoy what I do and hope to someday create and maintain world-changing applications.

## **Work Experience**

#### HostGator.Com, LLC, Austin, TX

### Systems Administrator - June 2011 to July 2012

Resolved hundreds of issues per week through a support ticket system, including:

- PHP/MySQL/Rails/website/application errors, issues
- Backups and restorations
- Reboot triage and server tuning (MySQL and Apache particularly)
- Software upgrades and installations (Apache/PHP modules, Redmine, phpBB, etc.)

Also filed internal bug reports and wrote documentation for our support knowledgebase and internal wikis.

Highlight: I was employee of the month for November 2011 (out of ~120 admins).

#### Systems Monitoring - December 2011 to July 2012

I proactively monitor the shared server portion of our farm (>4500 servers), as part of a team (of 1-2 others usually). My typical day consists of the following:

- Severe load issues, immediate response and triage, gathering data and acting on it (ties into below)
- User abuse issues, mostly site performance related, some spam and miscellaneous abuse
- Server health, including disk space/performance issues, filesystem checks, general server happiness, etc.
- Network/service uptime, resolving UDP/SYN floods, Slowloris/(D)DoS, broken configurations, etc.
- Individual site performance reviews, and keeping sessions open on problem servers all night.

I also write <u>public announcements</u> on our <u>network status forums</u> for extended downtime issues.

Highlight: I was an important asset in migrating our shared/reseller servers from 32- to 64-bit.

# **Projects**

#### **ZMonitor**

Console client for the Zabbix monitoring suite, developed in Ruby. It interfaces with the Zabbix API using JSON for gathering current active triggers and acknowledging events. It basically provides a CLI dashboard, a method to easily acknowledge several related alerts, and one to feed output to other applications.

#### **Skills**

OS/Distros: CentOS, Arch Linux, Gentoo Linux, Fedora, Ubuntu\*, WinXP

Scripting: Bash, Ruby

Markup: Markdown, (X)HTML (incl. HTML5), CSS3, YAML, LaTeX

Programming: PHP, Ruby

HTTP: Lighttpd, Apache, nginx\*, Mongrel

Database: MySQL, PostgreSQL\*

Mail: Exim, Dovecot

**Monitoring:** Zabbix, sysstat, IPMI **Network:** tcpdump/ngrep, iptables

Data/FS: RAID (3ware, Adaptec, MegaRAID)\*, LVM2, FUSE, rsync, testdisk

Version Control: Git\*, Subversion\*

**Package Managers:** portage, pacman, yum/rpm **Virtualisation:** Virtuozzo\*, VirtualBox, TightVNC

Miscellaneous: cPanel/WHM, LAMP, GCC/Compiling software, BIND, Jekyll

\* indicates partial understanding and ability to set-up/troubleshoot, and that it is a skill in progress

#### Education

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign:** Completed a semester as an East Asian Languages major, with a 4.0 GPA in Japanese.