

Summary:

Infrastructure Engineer with over nine years' experience managing Linux systems. Motivated, creative and versatile with a knack for automating the most difficult tasks within the infrastructure. Reputation for being clear and honest, while respecting confidentiality in all my communication. Willing to work in stressful environments where uptime is critical to the success of the business. Currently managing a team of 7 Sr. Infrastructure Engineers; however not necessarily seeking a continued career in management.

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Recent Experience

Goozbach Infrastructure Solutions

Linux Infrastructure Consultant and Instructor – December 2011 – Present Successful Linux Consulting and training company providing support and best practices for companies in the telecommunications, training and technology fields.

Services provided include system updates, configuration management, installation automation, Bash and Python scripting, training delivery, training course development, and other systems administration tasks.

- Consulting customers on DevOps policies, procedures, and tools.
- Creating best practices for tools customers are using, including Cobbler, Puppet, and Ansible.
- Creating and maintaining virtualization and “private clouds”, allowing for better use of existing resources.
 - Utilizing OpenStack, SolusVM, OpenShift, Vmware, and VirtualBox
- Automating and scripting system administration tasks.
- Developed Linux training courses.
 - Course topics included [Linux Automation](#), and [Linux Network Management](#).
 - Course creation included slides, books, lab exercises, and virtual server environments.

Coraid

QA Engineer and Tools Developer – February 2010 – March 2012 “User number 1” for an Ethernet Storage company, which includes quality assurance engineering, testing, and tool/platform development; as well as product market research.

- Testing releases of Coraid HBA drivers for Solaris, OpenIndiana, Nexenta, Windows, and Linux platforms.
 - Integrating Coraid storage with ZFS and Linux LVM.
- Tested firmware updates for Coraid appliances.
- QA tool and platform engineering
 - Built an installation automation system using Cobbler to make installing and testing easier and faster.
 - Integrating Cobbler into a [Plan9 based PXE and DHCP environment](#).

- Designing and implementing automated QA testing script frameworks built in Bash and Python.
- Designing and installing a new testing data center.

Cox Media Group Digital

Sr Systems Administrator – August 2007 – February 2010 Leading media and publishing company with digital presence for Radio, TV, Newspaper, and direct marketing. Managing day to day operations, capacity planning, operations budgeting and leading a team of two systems administrators.

- Managing business merger.
 - Migrating diverse code bases from SVN, BZR, CVS and others to Git.
 - Building collaboration tools (IRC server, mailing lists, Request Tracker).
 - Designing new server platform for new business entity.
- Managing 100+ Linux servers serving 150+ high-traffic websites.
 - Built automation and configuration management systems using Cobbler and Puppet.
 - Migrating ops and dev teams from CVS to SVN.
 - Building and improving deployment utilities cutting down on deployment time.
 - Building proper DEV/QA/Staging/Production environments using KVM, Vmware, and Xen virtualization.
 - Building and improving continuous integration testing and monitoring systems.
 - Managing public DNS infrastructure for 200+ domains.
- Building a new hardware architecture for a new version of our platform.
 - N+1 redundant MySQL cluster, F5 LTM Load Balancers, Mod_Perl and Apache, and NetAPP Storage.

Florida Department of Health

Systems Administrator – March 2006 – June 2007 Full time Linux and VOIP consultant at agency responsible for technology procurement throughout the state.

- Design and deploy medium scale Virtual IT help desk using Asterisk, with monitoring wallboard built with JQuery and Perl
- Building and maintaining state-wide, multi-agency, contact directory using Red Hat Directory Server, importing data from all of the different state agencies using custom Perl scripts.
- Building Linux based print servers using Samba, which integrated with Active Directory system.

Additional Information

Certifications Red Hat Certified Engineer (RHCE) Cert #[110-015-385](#) – Red Hat Certified Instructor (RHCI) – Red Hat Certified Examiner (RHCX) – IBM Certified Linux Instructor.

Languages Perl – Python – TCL – Bash – English – Spanish.

Prepared and given numerous [presentations](#) at conferences and special interest groups.

I am active in my local Linux users groups, [Atlanta Linux Enthusiasts](#) and [Classic Hackers UGA Linux Users Group](#).

I am the Author of/Contributor to these [open source projects](#).