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Work Experience

June 2016 - One Man Army, AdminCup (no site yet).

now I always dreamed about having a nice pet project and here the dream come true:). It's an e-learning system for system administrators. The first demo is yet on its way, but I can summarize the technologies I'm using:

- PostgreSQL + SQLAlchemy for database
- ZeroMQ for RPC
- aiohttp (Python) + nginx for backend
- Ansible for deployment / automation
- QEMU / LXD for isolation and containers

Nov 2015 - Infrastructure Architect, Backend Developer (Python), CoDesign. IO.

now I have two roles in this project: software developer and infrastructure architect. As a developer, I work on our Django backend (Python). As an infrastructure guy I do ... well, pretty much everything required to run our production platform:). My duties and contribution:

- Backend: database query/layout optimization, caching, code sanitizing (pyflakes, autopep8), tests (py.test)
- Infrastructure: migration to private infrastructure, backups, monitoring, infrastructureas-a-code (saltstack)
- General duties: architecture design and implementation, documentation, code review, supervision of interns, customer support.

Jul 2014 - Site Reliability Engineer, Google, London, UK.

Jan 2015 Support of AdWords/Double-click backends. Some highlights:

- Developed team-wide Service Level Objectives (SLO)
 - Defined objectives for supported projects
 - Created general guidelines for new projects
 - Designed and implemented SLO dashboard (Python and JS/JQuery/NVD3)
- Implemented script that exported job parameters to team dashboard (Python)
 - Queried database for running and recently terminated job
 - Parsed config files for periodic ("cron") jobs
 - Performed sanity checks: permission problems, duplicate jobs and other checks
- Maintained high SLO
 - Configured monitoring and alerting systems
 - Resolved production issues
- General duties:
 - Standardization and unification of production configuration
 - Review of proposed system designs
 - Performance analysis

Nov 2007 - Senior Unix Administrator, Agava Company, Moscow, Russia.

Jul 2010 • Managed a team of four system administrators

- Solved the most complicated technical problems
- Consulted VIP-clients and provided them with personal support
- Gave trainings and seminars for system administrators on the following topics:
 - Understanding Nginx and "10k clients" problem
 - Using tcpdump to watch traffic
 - Basic database tunning and optimization
 - Right backup strategies

Oct 2005 – Unix Administrator, Agava company, Moscow, Russia.

Nov 2007 Standard requirements and duties of a system administrator.

Education

2010 – 2016 PhD, Telecommunications, University of Trento, Italy.

Thesis: "Application Interference in Multi-Core Architectures: Analysis and Effects"

2006 - 2010MSc, Computer Science, University of Russian Academy of Education, Moscow, Russia.

Selected Personal Projects

Qemu named interfaces: Assign meaningful names to tap interfaces: https://github.com/kopchik/patches/blob/master/qemu_ifname.patch

Virtual Machine Commander: a tool to orchestrate multiple virtual machines at once: github.com/kopchik/vmc

Parallel Downloader: downloads chunks in order so video files can be viewed before they completely downloaded: github.com/kopchik/pdl

IPv4/IPv6 proxy: enables legacy applications: github.com/kopchik/proxy64

Publications

A. Kandalintsev and R. Lo Cigno. A Behavioral First Order CPU Performance Model for Clouds' Management. In Proc. of ICUMT'12, 2012.

A. Kandalintsev, R. Lo Cigno, and D. Kliazovich. Profiling Cloud Applications with Hardware Performance Counters. In *Proc. of ICOIN'14*, 2014.

A. Kandalintsev, R. Lo Cigno, and D. Kliazovich. Estimation of performance isolation in cloud environments (to appear). Software: Practice and Experience, 2016.

Skills

Programming Advanced: Python

Intermediate: shell scripting

Basic skills: SQL, Java, JavaScript/LiveScript, C, C++

Tools Valgrind, GDB, Qemu/KVM, Docker/LXC/LXD, perf, SaltStack, OpenVpn, VCS and other tools

Languages

English fluent (C1)

Russian native

Hobbies

DIY electronics (STM32 microcontrollers, robot platforms, linear power supplies, interaction with the real world).