LINUX ADMINISTRATION – 3 weeks

Linux Ideas and History

An Introduction to Linux and Open Source

Linux Usage Basics

Logging into the system, changing users and editing text files.

Running Commands and Getting Help

• How to use built-in and online documentation to enhance your experience

Browsing the Filesystem

• Understanding the locations of important directories on a Linux system and navigating them from the command line and using the graphical browser.

Users, Groups and Permissions

• Reading and setting permissions on files and directories

Using the bash Shell

 Basic tips and tricks to make default shell work for you. Topics include tab completion, history and an introduction to shell scripting.

Standard I/O and Pipes

• The ins-and-outs of redirecting output between programs and files.

Text Processing Tools

• An introduction to some of the most useful text-processing utilities in Linux, including grep, cut, sed, sort, diff and patch

vim: An Advanced Text Editor

Basic System Configuration Tools

• Using Linux's graphical and text-based configuration tools to manage networking, printing and date/time settings.

Investigating and Managing Processes

• Listing, terminating and scheduling program executions on a Linux system.

Configuring the Bash Shell

• using shell variables and scripts to customize the command-line environment

Finding and Processing Files

 Using the find command and related utilities to locate and act upon files based on arbitrary criteria.

Network Clients

• An overview of network tools available in Linux, from web browsers to email clients and diagnostic utilities.

Advanced Topics in Users, Groups and Permissions

 How user and group identities are stored on a Linux system, as well as the introduction of advanced filesystem permissions like SetUID and SetGID.

The Linux Filesystem In-Depth

 How Linux deals with filesystems. Topics include partitions, inodes, linking and archiving tools.

Essential System Administration Tools

 An introduction to fundamental system administration topics such as installation of Linux, managing software packages, and enhancing security with SELinux and the netfilter firewall.

System Initialization

• Define boot process, recover system, and manage service startup.

Package Management

Manage software on system using yum, Red Hat Network, and rpm.

Kernel Services

 Explore kernel modules and variants, tune kernel parameters, manage devices, and monitor processes and resources.

System Services

• Configure and access various consoles to manage system logging, time synchronization, printers, and task automation.

User Administration

• Create, modify and delete users, groups, and policy. Escalate privileges. Establish collaborative group directories.

Filesystem Management

 Expand storage by adding new filesystems and swap space. Configure autofs for ondemand network storage.

Advanced Filesystem Management

 Back up your data. Manage filesystems using Software RAID and Logical Volume Management.

Network Configuration

Configure dynamic and static network settings for both IPv4 and IPv6.

Installation

• Perform both interactive and automated installations of Red Hat Enterprise Linux.

Virtualization with Xen

• Install the xen environment and create a para-virtualized user domain running Red Hat Enterprise Linux.

Troubleshooting

• Explore troubleshooting methodologies while defining standard things to check. Maintain system from different runlevels. Utilize the rescue environment of anaconda.

System Performance and Security

• Identify how concepts and well formed policy map to configuration and accountability in networking and security administration.

System Service Access Controls

• Implement secure access to system and network services using host-based access, SELinux, and system services management.

Network Resource Access Controls

• Secure access to systems and services using the NetFilter kernel-level firewall.

Organizing Networked Systems

Understand and implement organized networked systems using the DNS and DHCP services

Network File Sharing Services

• Configure, control and secure access to FTP, NFS, and SMB/CIFS (Samba).

Web Services

 Configure, implement and secure access to the Apache Web Server and Squid Proxy Cache.

Electronic Mail Services

• Configure, implement and secure access to the Sendmail and Postfix SMTP servers.

Securing Data

 Secure data using fundamental encryption protocols, Public Key Infrastructure, and Digital Certificates. Configure and utilize encrypted remote system administration tools.

Account Management

 Understand account management using Name Switch Service and Pluggable Authentication Modules.