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# **Summary**

- Professor of Information and Communications Technologies 1996 to present Preparation, delivery, and assessment of community college Computer Science courses.
- UNIX/GNU/Linux® Computer Systems Administrator 1980 to present Operating system set-up, networking, security, programming, and friendly support.

### **Education and Certification**

- Linux Professional Institute LPIC-1 2009 (code ve2pwfp22v at www.lpi.org)
- Master of Mathematics (MMath), Computer Science, University of Waterloo 1985. Emphasis on software engineering, debugging, and human/computer interaction.
- Honours Bachelor of Arts (Dean's List), Psychology, University of Waterloo, 1980. Specialized in counselling and social psychology.

# **Selected Work Experience**

### **Community College Professor (1996 to present)**

teaching.idallen.com

Developing curriculum and teaching students at the Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology. Current topics at **teaching.idallen.com** include: introduction to UNIX/GNU/Linux system administration, UNIX/GNU/Linux script programming. Prior topics: UNIX/GNU/Linux for programmers, Web HTML and CSS, Web CGI programming, TCP/IP network programming, computer architecture, intermediate C programming (compiler writing), Windows 9x, Visual Basic, IBM OS/390 MVS JCL.

#### **Network Technical Director (3 years, to 1996)**

www.ncf.ca

Responsible for technical management, design, and programming at the 60,000-member National Capital FreeNet (NCF), Canada's largest community network. Supervised NCF's adoption of WWW and PPP technology under UNIX (SunOS/Solaris).

#### Research Systems Manager (5 years, to 1993)

www.cgl.uwaterloo.ca

Responsible for a network of 50 UNIX/Ultrix computers in the Computer Graphics Laboratory at the University of Waterloo. Configured, upgraded, and modified most areas of the UNIX/Ultrix system environment to support academic research. Some real-time message-passing programming experience under the NRC Harmony operating system.

### Head of Math User Services (3 years, to 1988)

www.math.uwaterloo.ca

Supervised a staff of seven student consultants in the Mathematics Faculty Computing Facility at the University of Waterloo. Solved faculty, staff, and student problems on computers ranging from Honeywell DPS-8 main-frames to networked UNIX/BSD/Ultrix super-mini's and Sun workstations.

# **Academic Standings and Scholarships**

- MMath: Master of Mathematics, Computer Science, University of Waterloo, 1985.
- BA: Honours Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, University of Waterloo, 1980.
- Canadian Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC)
   Graduate Scholarship 1981.
- Province of Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) 1982.
- Faculty of Arts Dean's List, University of Waterloo, 1980.
- Faculty of Arts Scholarships, University of Waterloo, 1974 1978.

# **Operating Systems and Languages**

# **Current Unix/Linux Experience**

- Decades of experience (1976 to present) with several variants of UNIX/GNU/Linux operating systems on various hardware platforms and virtually under VMware. This includes:
  - Unix/Linux systems administration
     system and network security; ssh, NAT, firewalls
  - X-Windows installation (xdm, xrdb, etc.) network and communications programming, iptables
  - Protocols: HTTP, NNTP, SMTP, POP3, etc. Unix/Linux kernel configuration and installation
  - Samba, Apache, News, sendmail, postfix,
     DNS/bind, Shorewall, troff/groff, etc.
     Perl, PHP, CGI, HTML, CSS, C programming, rsync, bash/sh/csh/awk/sed scripting, etc.

#### **Non-Unix Experience**

- Some Windows 9x, XP networking and customization
- Windows Cygwin UNIX toolkit; Win4Lin; VMware
- Minor Apple OSX (Darwin BSD UNIX) installation and customization
- My past experience, mostly academic, also includes the following:
  - assembler: PDP-11, GCOS, IBM-PC Macintosh System 6/7 (MPW C, Hypercard)
  - real-time O/S: RT-11, Harmony [NRC] legacy languages: COBOL, FORTRAN, PL-1,
  - IBM mainframe: VM/CMS, TSO, JES3, JCL Pascal, ALGOL, SNOBOL, MODULA2, etc.

#### Miscellaneous

- Family: Married to retired midwife Jan Teevan; step-father to three young adults aged 33 38.
- Languages: English, Conversational French, very little German and even less Esperanto.
- Leadership training: Context Associated Excellence Series, Mastery graduate.
- Theatre: amateur actor, improviser, director, writer, producer.
- Arts: Contact improv dance, calligraphic lettering, posters, layout, digital photography.
- Electronics Hobbyist, X10 (BSR) home automation.
- Music: Piano, guitar, flute, recorder.

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