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Senior Linux Administrator / DevOps Consultant (SC Cleared)

Profile

Ambitious Linux administrator with over 11 years of experience and integrated computer skills to meet the client needs. Professionally certified by Redhat (RHCE), Cisco (CCNA) and other qualifications that include:

- Knowledge and experience in working with a wide variety of technologies and has the passion to work with latest technologies.
- Highly motivated, Quick learner, Analytical, Precise and productive with the demonstrated ability to contribute to the success of the company.

Technical Skills

- **Operating Systems**
Redhat / Centos , Suse , Fedora, Ubuntu, Debian, Windows 7 / (2003 - 2012) Server
- **Virtualization / Configuration Management / Automation / CI / CD**
Vmware Esxi / Vsphere / Vcloud, Virtualbox / Vagrant, KVM, Amazon AWS, PXE / IPXE Kickstart / Preseed, Packer, Docker, Ansible / Ansible Tower, Salt, Puppet PE, Razor, Hiera, Rspec, Gerrit/Git, Svn, Jenkins, travis-ci, Artifactory, Sonarqube, maven
- **Databases**
Cassandra, Kairosdb, MySQL, MySQL Clustering (Master/Master, Master / Slave setup), Postgres with replication, SQL Lite, MongoDB, Basic Oracle.
- **Storage**
LVM, RAID (hardware / software – mdadm) , SAN (HP MSA's) & Basic NetApp Filers
- **Web /Application Servers / Load Balancers / Mail**
Apache, Lighttpd, Nginx, Tomcat, Jboss, ActiveMQ, Liferay, LVS, Ha Proxy, Hardware Load Balancers (CSS 11501/ BIGIP), Sendmail, Postfix, Dovecot (POP3 / IMAP)
- **Network Services**
SSH, SFTP, Vsftpd, Proftpd, BIND/PDNS, NFS, Samba, DHCP, TFTP, Squid, DRBD
- **Programming**
Strong Bash / Python / Ruby Scripting & good awk/ sed / expect / perl Knowledge.
- **Firewall / Security**
Good knowledge in Iptables, Pfsense, Smoothwall, tcpdump, tcpwrappers, DenyHosts, Fail2Ban, nmap, Nessus, Wireshark and working knowledge of SELinux
- **Monitoring**
Excellent knowledge in Nagios/Icinga, Zabbix, SNMP, Cacti, Graphite, Munin, MRTG, Webalizer, Awstats, Java Monitoring via JMX, AppDynamics.
- **Networking**
Familiar with Cisco Routing Protocols (RIPv2, EIGRP, OSPF), Cisco Routers, Pix Firewall, VPN's, Catalyst Switches (2500, 3500), vlans.

Professional Experience

UKCloud - Senior Automation Consultant, (Mar 2016 – Current)

Devops Consultant at UKCloud Formerly Skyscape Cloud Services, part of the Infrastructure Automation team where job responsibilities include:

- Writing Puppet Code to build various DC's using Puppet Enterprise/ Hiera / Razor around the Vmware Infrastructure and assisted the build team on automating their requirements.

- Contributed to multiple open source puppet modules, Feature requests / pull requests / Bug fixes for extending features/fixing Issues.
- Wrote puppet-rsyslog module in collaboration to fully support rainers script format and extended it heavily to cover all scenarios, with default data in module concept
- Have built Highly Available Cassandra / Kairosdb 3 node cluster with haproxy frontends from scratch using puppet for collecting Vcloud Director Metrics.
- Wrote ruby code in rake to create travis like system to test the puppet modules in Bamboo CI Stack against various puppet versions.
- Created a process to build the first node in a DC with iPXE and without dhcp and boot strap with the Kickstart for Automated Install of VM / Host.
- Wrote python / ruby / bash code to automate various system tasks in assisting with the build of infrastructure.
- Automated windows 2012 builds with razor for various db/app servers requirements.

UK Ministry of Justice - DevOps Consultant, SC Cleared (Mar 2015 – Mar 2016)

Devops Consultant at UK MOJ for the Common Platform Programme (CPP), part of the DevOps / Infrastructure team (IaaS), where job responsibilities include:

- Built the infrastructure across various VDC's including secure environments in skyscape cloud services provided vcloud.
- Configuring networks(firewalls, DNAT/SNAT, routes), Built vpnserver & proxy with antivirus / url blocklists(pfsense) & built hardened bastion hosts(which passed pentesting).
- Have built golden images / bastions which became vm templates, very good understanding of tools like PXE / kickstart / Post install / Packer
- Built / Maintain the Continuous Integration (CI) stack with Gerrit / Multi node Jenkins / Artifactory Pro and establish a process to release / push the built artifacts to other DC's
- Packaged open source applications as rpms using rpmspec / maven and distributed the artifacts via artifactory / yumrepo
- Played an important role in the UK Magistrates ROTA Project going live, responsible for maintaining ansible code for deployments of the artifacts via SDLC environments.
- Built / Supported various enterprise applications (Tomcat / wildfly / openam / opendj etc..)
- Built ELK stack cluster with redis / logstash / elastic search / kibana for the whole program with ansible, and also have written generic ansible role for logstash client.
- Good understanding of maven based java development process and working with tools like Sonarqube, Jenkins and Artifactory Pro.
- Worked along side developers for various (Agile/Scrum) projects in the program, setup standards / process and documented them for the new members to follow it
- Scripted various routine tasks in bash / python and monitored infrastructure via Zabbix
- Excellent networking / linux troubleshooting skills and had an active role in every major issue.
- Excellent understanding of working with various proxies / ssh tunnels (chained ssh config) and set standards in working with hosts in complex secure environments easily.

Worldline e-payment Services – Devops Analyst (Aug 2013 – Feb 2015)

Devops Analyst at worldline e-payment services (ATOS UK), part of the DevOps / infrastructure support team where job responsibilities include:

- Manage the existing Linux Infrastructure & Provisioning new vm's in vmware vcenter, build/configure the linux host according to the bespoke client requirements standards with PXE/ Redhat Kickstart / post_install scripts / puppet.
- Build/Manage linux based Application Servers (Tomcat/Jboss with mod_jk and mod_proxy) in the three tier architecture Model with bespoke setup running proprietary applications.
- Managed / Configured Complex Multi Instance / Shared environment setup used by various well known UK Merchant Services and have a very good understanding of the following enterprise application deployments (Jboss, Jboss Fuse, Maven, ActiveMQ, Tomcat, Liferay)
- Manage Multi Instance MySQL Server with GTID replication configured in HA Environment
- Deployed various monitoring solutions for Monitoring (Icinga - nagios fork with graphs / JON Server for Jboss Monitoring / Mysql Enterprise Monitor for Mysql / Replication)
- Deployed / configured pfsense firewall with HA Proxy VIP's for the various services
- Worked alongside with Developers to understand the system requirements, Provided Infrastructure support in a very busy environment prioritizing tasks, responding to incidents & troubleshooting complex issues end to end
- Worked with Cisco 2811 ISR Router and Luna SA HSM for a PCI - Compliant Solution

Research In Motion – Service Engineering Specialist (Nov 2010 – Aug 2013)

Senior Linux System Admin in Blackberry UK, responsible for maintaining Blackberry Email Infrastructure services where other job responsibilities include:

- Manage the current Multi region Linux Server farm setup & Respond to Incidents
- Worked on various Data center Deployments (IBM HS22V Blades) from ground up using PXE / Kickstart and bootstrapped with puppet for automated provisioning of machines
- Written puppet content with multiple environments setup to suit the DC's changing needs and deployed various applications (ex: Suse linux / Apache / Cacti / Mysql / Tomcat / proprietary c++ and Java apps) and maintained it using git.
- Worked with encrypted data setup using encfs for proprietary content in unsecured DC's
- Worked on multiple large scale Code upgrade releases / migrations across DC's and managed to find improved methods in reducing the downtime.
- Worked on deployment of barebone kvms / opennebula based cloud services and configured / supported various production services in the cloud setup
- Automated several tasks using scripts written in bash / expect / perl / ruby
- Adding new carriers to the blackberry network and troubleshooting system issues in the network and issues related to mail delivery in handhelds.

Nixxie Ltd, London - Linux System Administrator (Feb 2008 – Nov 2010)

Linux System Administrator for Nixxie Ltd a small Contextual Advertising Company where job responsibilities include:

- Maintaining the High Availability of Delivery / Hosting Servers and related services.
- Building (RHEL/Centos) Servers for the Delivery / Hosting infrastructure according to the bespoke requirements (LAPP/ LAMP - Postgresql/MySQL).

- Building MySQL Cluster (Master / Master) Setup for the hosting Infrastructure.
- Building / Managing Application server (Tomcat) with Postgresql server.
- Monitoring the infrastructure with nagios / cacti 24x7 to provide maximum uptime.
- Managing Sendmail server with Message labs/ POP3 Mail server for proper mail delivery.
- Backing up delivery / hosting servers (DB / WWW / Logs) remotely using rsync / tar
- Automating the backups and other routine tasks / generating reports with Bash / Perl.
- Built / Managing the SVN based auto deployment system on Perl which pushes the updates to the corresponding web folder whenever a commit is made.
- Setup / Managing windows2003 server shares mirror between Mauritius and London.

Freelance / Contract Work

Symba Limited, London - Systems Support Engineer (Oct 2007 – Nov 2007)

Worked as Systems / Network Support Engineer in a **NHS** project at Enfield Town for building Oracle infrastructure, where job responsibilities include:

- Installing & configuring Redhat Linux in HP DL360 & DL380 Servers
- Configuring Fiber port HBA's to Work with HP Storage works SAN (MSA 1500) via HP Storage Works 4/8 SAN Switch
- Configuring VERITAS Net Backup with HP MSL 2024 Tape Library via HP Storage Router N1200-320, Configuring Sendmail As Smart Host, MRTG Monitoring.
- Configuring the CSS11501 switch for load balancing and Assisting the DBA in building Oracle Cluster & with other Linux administration skills.

Freelance Technician (Nov 2006 – Oct 2007)

Worked as a Freelance Network / Systems Support Technician in many different places (Ex: Symba, Advanced Telecom Networks Ltd, Glenmore Commercial Ltd etc..)

- Building SOHO networks from the scratch Cabling, Assembling Computers , OS installation, troubleshooting, File & Printer sharing for the network.
- Configured wired /wireless routers to share the public IP, Port Forwarding for specific services, Remote Access using RDP, VNC or using VPN (Virtual Private Network) with Dynamic DNS, Web/Mail Hosting, network troubleshooting etc.

Symba Limited, London - Cisco Engineer, (Nov 2006)

Worked as Cisco Network Engineer for **NHS** project at Enfield Town in a small contract job (one week). Where job responsibilities include:

- Configure CSS 11501 Content Switch with virtual IP to work and to load balance across 2 node Oracle Application server Clusters to operate with 2 node Oracle Database Servers on a different subnet and Configured Layer 3 & Layer 4 rules for specific services as requested

Switchware Limited, London. Systems Engineer. (Nov 2005 – June 2006)

Worked as Systems Engineer in a fastest growing pan European prepaid Telecom Company (Lycatel). Where job responsibilities include:

- Monitoring various servers and switches, testing the existing carrier routes for call quality
- Assembling of PC's, LAN Maintenance in the patch panel, switches and PBX management and troubleshooting systems. Also worked in Telecity /Telehouse for the network migration.

Qualifications

2005 - 2007 Masters in Information Security and Computer Forensics,

University of East London, London, UK

2000 - 2004 Bachelor of Engineering, Electronics & Communication,

Madras University, Chennai, India.

Professional Certifications

- 2010 - ITIL V3 Foundation**
- 2008 - RedHat Certified Engineer**
- 2006 - Cisco Certified Network Associate**
- 2006 - Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (2003)**
- 2005 - Microsoft Certified Professional**

Trainings Attended

- 2014 - Safenet Luna Sa - HSM Training**
- 2012 - Cloudera Hadoop Administration**
- 2011 - Vmware Vsphere 4 (Installation / Troubleshooting)**
- 2010 - Puppet Master Curriculum**

References

References are available upon request.