Race Boyer

Senior Linux Administrator

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Professional Summary

Distinguished Systems Engineer with a strong foundation in Linux/Unix environments, driving system reliability and performance to new heights through strategic planning and execution. Proven track record in systems engineering and project management, leveraging exceptional adaptability and technical acumen to deliver high-impact results. Spearheaded numerous infrastructure projects from concept to delivery, yielding significant gains in operational efficiencies, cybersecurity protocols, and overall IT service quality.

Adept at
  fostering collaboration among cross-functional teams, ensuring
  seamless integration of complex solutions that meet business needs.

Experience

Sr Systems Engineer

  Disney, The Woodlands, TX / Jun 2025

  Infrastructure monitoring, ensuring optimal system performance and
  reliability. Proficient in configuring and managing Varnish caching
  for high-performance web applications. Expertise in installing,
  configuring, and maintaining Icinga2 for monitoring distributed
  systems and services. Hands-on experience with the Icingaweb2
  interface for visualizing and managing system health and performance.
  Skilled in creating custom Nagios check plugins to

monitor diverse
 infrastructure components and services. Strong background in
 configuring and deploying Zabbix for advanced network monitoring.
 In-depth experience with the Zabbix web interface, leveraging its
 capabilities to monitor and manage large-scale infrastructures.
 Proficient in designing and implementing Zabbix triggers for proactive
 system alerts and issue resolution. Extensive experience working with
 Datadog for monitoring cloud-based infrastructure, ensuring high
 availability and performance.

Datacenter Production Operations Engineer

 Meta, Menlo Park, CA / Jul 2024 - Jun 2025

 Perform deep dives and analyze complex technical issues within the
 data center, ranging from automated tooling to hardware failures and
 network issues. Work as a technical lead with cross

functional teams
 on large scale data center projects and initiatives. Provide cross
 data center support and identify potentially larger issues, displaying
 effective communication when something is identified. Work with
 internal hardware teams and vendors to help resolve complex technical
 issues, maintain high hardware quality levels and influence future
 design to ensure ease of serviceability. Understand/analyze issues
 and be able to update and develop scripts and smaller sets of
 software. Use data to drive maximum server fleet up-time and
 utilization rates, by understanding hardware failure rates and SLAs to
 customers. Identify trends and systemic issues in the fleet and drive
 resolution. Mentor team members to evaluate and identify better ways
 to resolve issues and define updates to tools and processes. Provide
 guidance and mentor technical leads and the go-to technical resource
 for management. Build cross functional relationships

and have the
  ability to influence policies and procedures to improve global data
  center operations. Participate in an on-call rotation.

Systems Engineer

  Houston Public Media, Houston, US / Sep 2023 - Apr 2024

  Management of Linux infrastructure, including performance,
  optimization, patching and security Supported Linux virtualization
  through Proxmox and Docker Implemented change management procedures
  through a combination of change control and chat ops, with self-hosted
  GitLab Developed Linux and system automation with Saltstack for
  consistent system state Managed backups and replication through
  redundant configuration of network storage through TrueNAS Supported
  network storage through TrueNAS, utilizing NFS, CIFS and S3 protocols

with a ZFS backend Monitoring Linux systems with Zabbix, utilizing the
clustering of mysql databases Developed incident management
procedures, according to standard company procedure for incident post
mortem Implemented ITIL with Netbox and GLPI, including the automated
tracking of assets with agents and SNMP Managed Linux security by
utilizing NIST frameworks and scanning with OpenScap Managed remote
and on-site collaboration through teams Authored comprehensive
documentation for system configurations and cybersecurity protocols to
provide run books for junior administrators.

Systems Engineer III

Kelsey-Seybold Clinic, Houston, TX / Apr 2022 - Aug 2023

Responsible for the daily administration of the RedHat and Ubuntu
linux environment Spearheaded the transition of EPIC

ODB system from
  AIX to RedHat Linux, demonstrating adaptability and technical acumen
  Administered system configuration management using Saltstack and
  Ansible Implemented an observability stack with Prometheus and
  Grafana, enhancing system monitoring and performance Performed Active
  Directory and VMware system administration as secondary
  responsibilities Proactively identified environmental deficiencies,
  devising and implementing innovative solutions via project management
  techniques.

Sr. UNIX Administrator

  Harris County, Houston, TX / Apr 2012 - Apr 2022

  Established as the Linux subject matter expert, led the development
  and maintenance of diverse Linux environments, including Red Hat,
  Oracle, Debian, and FreeBSD Managed end-to-end

infrastructure
 projects, from conceptualization to production, including a $35M
 Peoplesoft ERP rollout Implemented a monitoring overhaul with rsyslog,
 Prometheus, and Grafana, boosting system reliability and performance
 Centralized logging with rsync, Loki, and Grafana, ensuring data
 integrity and accessibility Introduced single sign-on with FreeIPA and
 centralized access controls, enhancing security protocols Implemented
 and managed Elasticsearch clusters, Kubernetes, and Red Hat Openshift,
 showcasing versatility in containerization and orchestration.

Education

MS Management Information Systems

 Texas Southern University Houston

 Completed coursework towards Master of Science (M.S.)

Management
 Information Systems

BS Public Administration

 Texas Southern University Houston

 Completed coursework towards Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Public
 Administration

Skills

 IT Infrastructure System administration Linux operating system Server
 virtualization Containerization technologies Cloud computing
 Configuration Management Network fundamentals Cybersecurity Principles
 Project management

Military Service

United States Air Force Texas Air National Guard, 147th Reconnaissance
Wing, Civil Engineering Squadron. 2004 to 2010 Staff Sergeant Awards
and Commendations include:
• Air Force Achievement Medal
• Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal
• National Defense Medal

References References available upon request

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