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| objective | Linux System Administrator with 4 years of experience seeking a challenging dynamic opportunity. Specializing in OS Support on RedHat and CentOS Linux OS distributions. Experience managing, configuring, monitoring and troubleshooting server infrastructure operations across multiple platforms virtual and physical. |
| Skills & Abilities | * Microsoft Office suite (Word, Excel, Outlook, Powerpoint) proficiency * Redhat (CentOS) 6, 7 and 8 installation and configuration on prem and cloud * Work in environment of 10000+ servers * Knowledge of the essential Linux commands and file management tools * User and Group Management * Permissions and ownership configuration * Network configuration and troubleshooting * Process management * Software management and patching * Tasks scheduling (cron, at) and automation (Ansible) * Server monitoring (Tanium & Qualys) and backup (Unitrends - VmWare) * Vulnerability management and CVE Remediation * Logs assessment * Partitioning and logical volume management * Kernel tuning and management * 3rd party applications installation and configuration * Troubleshoot various services issues (ssh, network, ntp, sssd, and dns) * Familiarity with Ubuntu commands, tools, and file locations * Redhat satellite and Identity Management |
| Professional Experience | Linux Patching Administrator (remote) Maxar - MD *09/2022 – Current.*   * Apply Linux OS patches and upgrades on a regular basis, and upgrade administrative tools and utilities on RHEL and Centos 6,7,8 * Management of IT infrastructure both on prem and cloud * Deployment of new services, software, and security applications (crowdstrike, qualys, etc.) * Coordinate with various teams (cybersecurity, application, etc.) via Teams for scheduling of patching jobs for updates and security * Management of monitoring tools such as Tanium and Qualys used for vulnerability remediation * Build custom question and search queries for tagging purposes in Tanium and Qualys * Troubleshooting and viewing of logs for failed patches and services * Management of RedHat satellite server 6.7 * Build and utilize automation scripts through ansible for various tasks * Discuss and plan activities related to upgrades, migrations, and other maintenance   Linux System administrator (remote) **Next-Gen Data Cloud** - MD *12/2019 – 06/2022*   * Install and configure operating systems on physical hardware and a virtualized environment: RHEL and Centos 6,7,8 * Migrate RHEL 5 & 6 servers to RHEL 7 due to EOL support * Collaborate with various teams to install upgrades using RPM and YUM utility. * Management of Debian and Ubuntu machines * Use of Ubuntu Linux commands and tools such as apt for package management, nano for file editing, and more. * Set up Apache web servers, Oracle RAC servers, SAP Hana servers, and other applications. * Install hardware in data center and software Raid systems on HP Blade Servers using HP OneView and HP ILO * Configure essential services including DNS, NFS, FTP, and SSH; implement security measures. * Administered user account creation, permissions, and security, leveraging tools such as Icinga, VMstat, and Syslog. * Develop scripts and automate routine tasks using Bash, Ansible, Crontab, and at. * Perform server backups using Unitrends and Vmware Snapshots. * Configure RHEL systems for centralized login using Windows Active Directory * Manage disk space and partitioning using LVM. * Perform server backups using Unitrends and Vmware Snapshots. * Configure firewall settings using Firewalld and iptables. * Monitor alert logs, trace files, and file system space. * Build, configure, manage, and administer Linux Virtual machines on Vmware EXSI 6.7. * Install patches and software packages to remediate system vulnerabilities using RedHat Satellite * Create sudoers files and scripts for Application teams to have access to local users with locked passwords omitting full root access. * Participate in On-call rotation. * Document changes for Production and QA environments, and communicate with RedHat for crash reports.   HELP DESK Support ( 6 MONTHS )   * Monitored and backed up data for workstations and servers on a cloud platform. * Troubleshoot Windows OS and server issues. * Utilized a suite of tools daily including GFI, ConnectWise, TeamViewer, Office 365, Managed Online Backup, and Webroot Antivirus Anywhere. * User and group management by administering user access, Active Directory resets, creating local users on Linux systems, and adding AD groups to Linux systems |
| Education & certifications | **LPI – Linux essentials 010-160 Obtained 2021**  **PCEP – Certified Entry-Level Python Obtained 2022**  **CompTIA Security+ CE Certification   Obtained 2023**  **Associate in General Studies - Montgomery College Obtained 2021**  **Bachelor in Cybersecurity Management - UMBC Started 2023** |

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