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DevOps is all about empathy

ROB NELSON

Skills

Expert Skills

Software Puppet^{*†}, installimage^{*}

Operations Archlinux[†], Gentoo, QEMU/KVM

Development

Languages C#, Python, Shell/Bash, Ruby

Frameworks RSpec, Beaker^{*†}, Sinatra, Rails

Databases MySQL, PostgreSQL, Vault/Consul

Methods Object Oriented Programming, MVC, Unit Tests, UML

Source Git, SVN

Tools GitHub, GitHub Actions, GitLab, Jenkins

Management

Systems and Networks Administration

Web Apache, Nginx, Varnish, Squid, proftpd, HAProxy

Monitoring ELK-Stack, Zabbix, Munin, Prometheus, Graphite, Grafana, Graylog, Collectd

Mail Postfix, Dovecot, Amavis

Backup Duply, Borg

Installation / Bootstrapping, Kickstart, Puppet^{*†},
Deployment installimage^{*}, Foreman^{*†}

Infrastructure ISC-DHCPd, OpenVPN, hpa-tftpd,
Software NFS, Marmoset, OpenLDAP

Operating GNU/Linux (Debian, Ubuntu,
Systems RedHat, Archlinux[†], Gentoo),
FreeBSD, pfSense

Databases MySQL, PostgreSQL

Virtualization VMWare, Docker, QEMU/KVM,
libvirt, Parallels Cloud Server

Security SSL, PGP/GnuPG, OpenSSH,
SELinux, Threat Modeling, Server
hardening

DNS Unbound, Bind, Dnsmasq,
PowerDNS

Networking Cisco routing and switching,
VLANs, Network design and
security, IPv6, Layer 2 and 3
debugging, Bird

*Maintainer

†Contributor

Experience

2021 **Senior IT Automation Consultant**, *example42 GmbH/betadots GmbH*, Berlin.

- Puppet and Linux High Availability trainings;
- Work as architect to design new infrastructure for customers;
- IT automation consulting for operating systems and applications;
- Develop custom Puppet modules to suit customers needs;
- Setup and review IT automation infrastructure;

2014
2021 **DevOps Engineer**, *Hosteurope GmbH (acquired by GoDaddy EMEA)*, Cologne.

DevOps Engineer, System Administrator

- Architected and deployed a scaleable ELK-Stack with Graylog;
- Planned and executed migrations from Puppet versions 3 to 4 to 5 to 6;
- Designed and built a technical fabric to provision physical servers on premise and in the cloud for multiple brands;
- Planned a cloud platform with Qemu and Kubernetes, including a scaleable network;
- Provided self services for developers with Puppet (e.g. Consul, Vault, postgres, Firewalling);
- Mentored students for their Bachelor and Master thesis;
- Product Owner for multiple infrastructure services.
- Operated multiple Puppet-managed Cloud platforms with more than 3300 nodes;
- Tested and evaluated new hardware to increase cloud instance density;
- Enhanced the hardware monitoring to predict disk failures;
- Automated and optimized the consolidation of legacy platforms.

2012
2014

Systems Engineer, *Hetzner Online AG*, Falkenstein.

Led a cloud platform, maintained datacenter infrastructure

- Rebuilt Puppet infrastructure for 1500+ servers;
- Implemented cgroups for resource management in a cloud environment;
- Operated the base infrastructure of a datacenter with 200,000+ servers, including authoritative and recursive nameservers, installation environment, package mirrors, DHCP and NFS clusters;
- Responsible for the cloud platform. Maintained, developed and improved the current platform with 22,000+ virtual instances, including capacity management;
- Planned and evaluated a new cloud platform with distributed and local storage;
- Provided third level support for the cloud- and datacenter infrastructure systems;
- Monitored of a fleet of servers with zabbix;
- Wrote technical documentation;
- Developed a scaleable monitoring solution with autodiscovery based on Zabbix.

2020 **Arch Linux Trusted User**, *Arch Linux*.

Maintain packages in the official repository,

2016 **Vox Pupuli Project Management Committee**, *Vox Pupuli*.

Strategic Development, Leadership, Community Representative

- Provide feedback, guidance and knowledge transfer across 200+ contributors;
- Onboarding for new community members;
- Mitigated security issues in Puppet modules & related Tooling;
- Kept track of outdated module/gem dependencies and regular releases;
- Represented the community at events and conferences;
- Escalated bugs and feature requests from the community to Puppet Inc.

2015

Puppet Contributor, *Vox Pupuli / Puppet community*.

Development, bugfix and documentation

- Developed and realized a migration plan from Puppet Version 3 → 4 → 5 → 6 → 7 → 8;
- Reviewed and merged incoming patches for 180+ Puppet modules and tools;
- Provided patches and reviews for all major Puppet Inc. owned modules;
- Maintained the CI for 180+ Puppet modules, 50+ gems and container images;

2015

Developer and Maintainer, *VirtAPI-Stack*.

Architecture design and development

- Designed and documented an API for a cloud infrastructure & maintained installimage;
- Created a live linux image for rescue operations (LARS).

Education

2014
2018

Equivalent to Bachelor of Engineering for Computer Science, *Heinrich-Hertz-Europakolleg der Bundesstadt Bonn*, Valedictorian.

Certifications

2023

Puppet Certified Consultant, *Puppet Inc.*

2022

Puppet Certified Professional, *Puppet Inc.*

2017

Cisco Certified Network Associate, *Cisco Inc.*

2017

ITIL® v3 Foundation Examination, *AXELOS Limited*.

2013

Puppet Fundamentals Administrator, *Puppet Inc.*

Publications and Projects

2019

Vox Pupuli Tasks, *github.com/voxpupuli/vox-pupuli-tasks*.

Design and develop a Rails application to automate community management and contributions via GitHub API notifications

2017

Datawarehousing for Cloud Computing Metrics, *bastelfreak.de/thesis-de.pdf*.

Bachelor Thesis: Analyse software to measure cloud metrics in a datawarehouse style (mentored by David Schmitt, written in German)

2015

Conference Speaker, *github.com/bastelfreak/talks*.

Speaker at conferences about DevOps culture, community management and Puppet

2015

2017

Network Design Principles, *github.com/bastelfreak/talks*.

Taught multiple lessons about network design in datacenters and carriers, including routing, switching, network-security and IPv6

2015

VirtAPI Paper, *bastelfreak.de/virtapi.pdf*.

A self-written API to manage a QEMU cloud environment with Puppet

Languages

German First language

English Fluent

Daily practice, conference talks and lectures given in English