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SUMMARY

Linux Infrastructure Consultant with 25+ years of experience designing, securing and automating enterprise infrastructure. Specialized in Linux, Unix, security hardening and infrastructure automation across critical infrastructure, telecommunications, logistics and healthcare environments. Experienced in both Microsoft and Open Source ecosystems, with a strong focus on operational reliability and maintainability.

EXPERIENCE

Freelance Linux Infrastructure Consultant

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July 2021 – Present

- Delivered Linux infrastructure consultancy focused on security, automation and operational reliability.
- Designed and implemented maintainable Linux platforms supporting long-term operational continuity and lifecycle management.
- Advised organizations on infrastructure modernization, platform standardization and security hardening initiatives.
- Automated deployment and configuration management solutions using infrastructure-as-code and configuration management practices.
- Reduced operational complexity through standardization, automation and improved platform maintainability.

Engineer – Cloud Native Solutions

Sue B.V.

January 2022 – April 2025

- Delivered Linux infrastructure projects for enterprise organizations across logistics, telecommunications and critical infrastructure sectors.
- Designed and implemented automated infrastructure solutions using Ansible, Git and infrastructure-as-code methodologies.
- Improved platform security through hardening, standardization and operational best practices.
- Accelerated project onboarding by rapidly integrating into complex customer environments and delivering value with minimal supervision.
- Supported mission-critical environments with strict availability, security and compliance requirements.

DevSecOps Engineer

KPN

April 2024 – January 2025

- Developed and maintained hardened Linux platforms supporting enterprise security services.
- Implemented infrastructure automation and operational standardization across Linux environments.
- Applied security hardening measures aligned with strict compliance requirements.
- Supported delivery of security-focused platforms operating under high-security constraints.
- Improved platform maintainability and operational resilience through automation and standardization.

Linux Specialist

Vanderlande

February 2022 – April 2024

- Delivered Linux infrastructure platforms supporting baggage handling systems deployed at international airports.
- Built and maintained highly available SLES-based environments using clustering and automation technologies.
- Implemented host-based firewalling, SELinux policies and platform hardening measures.
- Standardized infrastructure deployment processes through automation and configuration management.
- Supported operational continuity of business-critical logistics systems used in large-scale airport environments.

ICT Consultant

Pimarox Infrastructure Solutions

November 2012 – January 2022

- Delivered infrastructure consultancy and managed services across healthcare, enterprise and public sector organizations.
- Led infrastructure migrations, modernization initiatives and operational improvement projects in Microsoft and mixed environments.
- Improved platform stability, maintainability and operational efficiency through standardization, lifecycle management and process optimization.

IT Process Consultant

ASML

November 2012 – January 2015

- Improved IT service processes within a high-tech manufacturing environment using ITIL and Lean methodologies.
- Streamlined incident management and root-cause analysis workflows through continuous improvement initiatives.

Senior Service Desk / Quality Coordinator

Achmea

April 2009 – April 2011

- Improved IT service management processes using Lean and PRINCE2 methodologies.
- Contributed to standardization, quality improvement and operational efficiency initiatives.

System Engineer

Interpolis

May 2007 – May 2008

- Managed enterprise server and storage infrastructure, including virtualization and OTAP environments.

- Supported operational continuity through infrastructure maintenance and improvement initiatives.

Technical Support Engineer

ASML

October 2005 – October 2006

- Diagnosed and resolved complex technical issues across Sun Solaris and Windows platforms.
- Delivered advanced technical support within a high-tech engineering environment.

System & Network Administrator

Savant, organisatie voor Zorg

October 2001 – October 2005

- Managed and modernized healthcare IT infrastructure.
- Introduced Linux and Open Source technologies into production environments.
- Migrated critical services from Microsoft NT-based systems to Linux platforms.

Desk Side Support Agent

Rabobank

October 2000 – October 2001

- Delivered workplace support within a large enterprise banking environment.

Assistant System Administrator

Interplein Internet Services

October 1999 – October 2000

- Supported Linux server administration within an internet startup.
- Assisted with networking, routing and internet services infrastructure.

PROJECT

Critical Infrastructure Modernization

Port of Rotterdam • April 2026 – May 2026

- Migrated operational software from Windows XP to Debian using Wine, eliminating unsupported systems in a critical infrastructure environment.
- Designed and implemented Ansible-based automation for deployment, configuration management and lifecycle operations across the platform.
- Applied CIS hardening standards and infrastructure standardization to improve security, operational consistency and long-term maintainability.

EDUCATION

Zero Trust

Cloudflare • 2026

Application Security

Cloudflare • 2026

RHCSA

Red Hat • 2023

Terraform Associate (002)

HashiCorp • 2023

Information Technology

Fontys Hogeschool • Eindhoven • 2003

- Not completed

MBO 4 ICT Administrator

IBM/Computerij Opleidingen • Eindhoven • 1999

SKILLS

Linux & Unix : Red Hat Enterprise Linux, SUSE Linux Enterprise Server, Debian, Ubuntu, Rocky Linux, Alma Linux, OpenBSD, FreeBSD, Solaris

Infrastructure Automation & IaC : Ansible, OpenTofu/Terraform, GitOps, Configuration Management, Automated Provisioning

Cloud & Platform Engineering : Amazon Web Services (AWS), Azure, EC2, S3, Route 53, CloudFront, IAM, ACM

Containers & Platform Operations: Docker, Podman, Kubernetes, Containerization, Container Security

Virtualization & High Availability : VMware, Proxmox, Clustering, DRBD, Corosync, Pacemaker, Ceph

Security & Hardening: Linux Hardening, CIS Compliance, SELinux, Vulnerability Management, IAM, Security Auditing, DevSecOps

Monitoring & Operations : Checkmk, Nagios, PRTG, Monit, Prometheus, Grafana, Capacity Planning, Incident Management, Root Cause Analysis

DevOps & CI/CD : Git, GitHub, GitLab, GitHub Actions, GitLab CI/CD, Continuous Integration, Continuous Delivery, Release Automation

Microsoft & Mixed Environments : Windows Server, Active Directory, Group Policy, Exchange Server, Microsoft 365, PowerShell, Hyper-V

Methodologies : ITIL, Lean Six Sigma, PRINCE2, Agile, DevOps, Change Management, Service Management, Continuous Improvement
