

## **Resumé for Devdas Bhagat**

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### **Summary:**

Unix System Administrator having 9.6 years of experience with some programming and networking knowledge.

### **Skills summary keywords:**

Email, LDAP, DNS, Configuration management, Relational Databases, Networking, Logging and log analysis, programming, reliability, high performance, security.

### **Detailed keywords:**

Postfix, Courier-IMAP, Cyrus-IMAP, BIND, BIND-DLZ, PowerDNS, Puppet, PostgreSQL, BGP, routing, plpgsql, syslogd, Nagios, SNMP, Linux, FreeBSD, Perl, C, memcached, OOP, OpenLDAP, Apache, Squid, Shell programming, SQL, Slony, Cisco, DHCP, iptables.

### **Programming:**

Languages: Perl, C, POSIX Shell, SQL, PLPGSQL

### **Other minor skills:**

I can read and debug C++, PHP and Java code.  
I know a bit of LaTeX, CSS and HTML.

### **Professional memberships:**

LOPSA: Member ID 11305  
ACM: Member ID 6953969

## **Employment history:**

March 2007 –now: **System Architect at Directi.**

My responsibilities currently include the **antispam systems at Directi, the configuration management system, the production PostgreSQL databases and the new DNS system.**

The configuration management system uses Puppet and subversion to maintain systems in a consistent state. Deployment time has gone from 7 days to 4 hours as a result of this. The number of complaints due to buggy configuration has gone from three to four per day to zero. This has also resulted in a reduction of system administrator time per week per individual from 60+ hours to 40 hours for the 32 people in the sysadmin group.

As a result of the antispam systems I have deployed, Directi's customers have a 90%+ reduction in inbound spam. Using my contacts in the email industry, I have also managed to get Yahoo! not to block Directi's mail and web servers even when they are abused by customers.

I proposed and tested out PowerDNS for the nameservers for the pw ccTLD.

Other minor contributions include a fellow-admin driven training program for colleagues and getting system administrators and developers to work as a single team for product development, with sysadmins being both programmers and stakeholders on various projects.

As a personal achievement, I was responsible for nuking 18000 domains belonging to the Russian Business Network, along with a few thousand belonging to the Canadian Pharmacy gang from Directi's domain registration services.

May 2004 –March 2007: **Part time abuse desk employee for Outblaze**

My responsibilities included **responding to abuse complaints, locating and terminating phishing accounts** on Outblaze mail and web servers and acting as **backup mailadmin.**

I also worked on log analysis of Postfix logs, generating reports as various graphs. I was also hunting down spammer patterns in registrations and spam to enable bulk termination/blocking.

I also wrote content for the Outblaze antispam website.

December 2002 –March 2007: **Consultant with Pixel computers**

Here, I was required to setup Linux systems for SMEs covering file servers, mail, web servers, database servers, firewalls and backups.

I was responsible for two major products at Pixel:

(A) A **bandwidth management, billing and reporting system** for small ethernet based ISPs based on ntop, Perl and PostgreSQL. This included integration with a **transparent web proxy.**

(B) A **custom taxi management/routing system** for Celcabs in Bangalore. This was done with **Perl/Gtk2 and PostgreSQL.**

I have also helped out a local ISP with controlling the Welchia problem (they ended up being the first ISP in Bangalore blocking 92 byte ICMP packets throughout the network).

June 2000 –July 2002: **System and network administrator at Worldgate Networks Private Limited.**

I was responsible for writing, implementing and enforcing Acceptable Usage Policies.

Additionally, I was also in charge of the DNS, email, web-proxying, RADIUS, firewall and routing policies. Worldgate networks was one of the first ISPs in India to block port 25/tcp outbound as well as having it's entire network with matching forward and reverse DNS.

I designed and implemented a billing system for the dialup service based on FreeRADIUS and PostgreSQL. I worked with a colleague in implementing a custom webmail solution, and a LDAP based virtual hosting backend.

I have also configured a Terayon CMTS at this time.

Other minor skills:

I can read and debug Java, C++ and PHP code.

I know a bit of LaTeX, some CSS and HTML.

I understand basic programming concepts including object-oriented programming, procedural programming and functional programming, including the design patterns each style implies.

### **Talks and conferences:**

Talks at LCA 2010 on **Statistics and Benchmarks**, and on **Refactoring large HA PostgreSQL databases**

Talks at LCA 2009 on **Database backed DNS servers** and **Automating System Administration**

**Talk at SANOG X on system automation.**

**Tutorial at the SANOG IX conference** covering spam control, security and mailserver issues.

**Lead the BoF session on spam prevention/migitation** at SANOG VII

**Security and Email** at FOSS.IN/2005.

**The PostgreSQL port of Spamikaze** at SANOG V.

**Truly Transparent proxying with Squid on Linux** at SANOG IV.

Conducted tutorial on **spam fighting using Postfix** at APRICOT 2004.

Conducted tutorial on **network abuse prevention** at SANOG III.

Spoke about **security, virtual mail hosting, and databases** at Linux-Bangalore 2003 and 2002.

### **Trained in:**

Underwent **Cisco training from Cisco India** in advanced networking in January 2004. We covered **OSPF and BGP in ISP environments**.

Attended the Juniper workshop on routing (configuring **BGP on JunOS**) at Dhaka in February 2005.

### **Other experience:**

Administrator of the Linux-India User groups and the Mumbai LUG.

I am also a chanop in ##linux-india and #postfix on the Freenode IRC network.