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Professional Summary

Experienced IT Administrator and Lecturer with over 12 years of progressive responsibility in network and system administration, currently serving as Deputy Director of IT Services at the University of Haripur. Master's degree in Network and System Administration from the University of Oslo, Norway. Strong expertise in data centers, network security, Linux/Windows systems, and cloud-native technologies including Docker, Kubernetes, Azure, and AWS. Passionate about academic and professional development, with multiple international certifications and experience in training undergraduate and professional learners.

Professional Experience

Deputy Director IT Services & Lecturer, *University of Haripur*   03/2019 – Present
                                                                                        Pakistan
- Led the IT team for deploying and maintaining infrastructure for 10,000+ users.
- Managed virtualization platforms (PROXMOX) hosting CMS, backup, and enterprise apps.
- Deployed and maintained enterprise firewalls, IDS/IPS, and smart campus systems.
- Conducted professional training and taught undergrad courses (Linux, Networking,
Security).

System Administrator, *University of Haripur*   09/2013 – 10/2019
                                                                      Pakistan
- Designed and deployed the university's core network and data center infrastructure.
- Implemented LAN/WLAN, virtualization, and secure multi-platform server environments.

Student Assistant (Firewall & IDS/IPS Lab), *University of Oslo*   08/2012 – 12/2012
                                                                            Norway
- Supported lab sessions for new students in firewall scripting and IDS/IPS setups.

Education

Master in Network and System Administration, *University of Oslo*   2010 – 2013
                                                                            Norway
Hands-on lab-based program focused on Firewalls, IDS/IPS, Scripting, Networking, and
Cloud Computing.

BS (Hons) in Computer Science, *Hazara University*   2004 – 2008
                                                              Pakistan
Graduated with distinction (CGPA: 3.8/.0). Capstone on OSPF Routing Protocol.

Key Skills

System Administration
RedHat, CentOS, Windows Server, Office 365

Virtualization & Infrastructure
PROXMOX, VMware, Linux Gateways, DRS

Project Leadership
Campus-wide IT deployments, Smart Classrooms,
Access Control
Systems

Network Technologies
Cisco (CCNA/CCNP), Huawei (HCIA), Firewalls (Next-Gen,
iptables), IDS/IPS

Cloud & DevOps
Azure, AWS, Docker, Kubernetes, Git, Jenkins,
SonarQube, Ansible,
Bash/PowerShell

Languages

English
Fluent

Urdu
Native

Norwegian
Intermediate

Certifications

Red Hat Certified System Administrator (RHCSA)
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Huawei HCIA / TTT
2017

Microsoft Azure Administrator (AZ-104)
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Cloud-Native Bootcamp
Ministry of IT (Pakistan), 2023

Cisco CCNA / CCNP
2007