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UNIX Unleashed: System Administrator's Edition



Synopsis

UNIX Unleashed, System Administrator's Edition is an in-depth examination of the UNIX operating system. Real-world examples, definitions, tips and tricks allow you to: Get a jump start on UNIX with an overview and a basic tutorial; Examine the extensive reference on the syntax of UNIX commands; Discover the differences between the major UNIX shells; Understand the fundamentals of System Administration; Lay the foundation for a hassle-free UNIX installation; Master the UNIX file system as both user and administrator; Administer mail, news, UUCP, and FTP for maximum connectivity.

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Customer Reviews

UNIX Unleashed: System Administrator's Edition is one of the best introductions to UNIX system administration that I have ever seen. From fundamental topics such as "What is UNIX?" to advanced system administration procedures, this book covers the entire range of technical information. Moreover, the book includes technical details specific to several major UNIX implementations including HP-UX, AIX, and Solaris. Having been a UNIX system administrator for several years, I have found few books that distill relevant technical information as well and as thoroughly as UNIX Unleashed. I often recommend this book to power users, new system administrators, and programmers. For me, it is a very useful personal reference. The organization of the book into three parts--Introduction to UNIX, UNIX Shells, and System Administration--corresponds to the natural stages of technical development of a UNIX System

Administrator. Each part is extraordinarily complete and a great reference alone. Together, they are an exhaustive source of information.

An average book on Unix of all flavors. Assuming you put in 100 hours at a Unix command line with this book you'll become somewhat fluent. If you have no patience and no interest it won't help much. I would pay as little as possible for used Unix books. Note-if you need to learn a particular flavor or Unix or Linux buy a book on that one too. All flavors are not the same.

I'm not kidding. I was trying to integrate a windows based print solution with some Unix line printers and when my "Unix Guy" became unavailable I grabbed this book, let it fall open and right in front of me was the process I needed to perform to make the BSD print spoolers work with my windows application. Not only that, although there was a misprint in the actual command example I needed to mung to order, the explanation of what was going on was so crystal clear I was able to spot it and fix it in a trice *before* I actually touched a computer! I had recourse to this book many times in the early oughties and it was a literal job saver every time. I became the "printer guy" as a result and though that wasn't much to write home about it represented a genuine increase in useful skills. The good news is that the CD-ROM in the back cover has e-versions this *and* the companion "Internet Edition" on it (though the iconography is screwed up on a windows machine unless you serve it via HTTP). The bad news is that quite a lot of the content has been made less useful by the passage of time (about 20 years as I type) and you may find the book of less use because of that. However, I feel that there is still much in here that will be useful to anyone "getting their feet wet" with Unix for the first time. You may not want to pay top dollar for it though. This represents the high water mark of the Unix Unleashed series in my opinion, with just the right format for the amount of content encompassed. In it's day I believe you wouldn't need much more than these books and maybe O'Reilly's Unix in a Nutshell to really kick bottom. Recommended.

You want to administer UNIX, and no one else can help, then maybe you can hire...the A-Team. This book throws itself right in at the level for beginners but is equally a dead cert for expert reference (although some egg heads may find it's information not deep enough). With this book I was able to pass a university exam and obtain the highest grade that the lecturer had EVER given....

This is a good book for beginning systems administrators. This is a good book if you plan to skim the chapters for a specific topic. A few of the chapters could have been easier to read (Including

chapters about the different shells). This is not a good book for absolute beginners at UNIX because of the difficulty in the shell chapters.

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