Jack Collins

Linux Administrator, with a focus in Security and Automation

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Red Hat Linux

I have been a Red Hat Linux Administrator for 5 years. I've spent the vast majority of my career on the Linux command line.

I also write regular Linux-related articles on jackcollins.me.uk and often assist others with Linux related questions on Reddit, Twitter and the Hak5 Forums. Links can be found on my website.

Ansible Automation

I've been working with Ansible since 2019, implementing many automation projects, including patching solutions for hundreds of servers and integration in to Git and Ansible Tower.

I use my extensive knowledge of Ansible automation daily, to work quickly and efficiently, writing code on-the-go.

Patching & Vulnerability Management

I'm involved with daily vulnerability analysis and mitigation via Nessus (Tenable.io).
I'm also a VIP member of HackTheBox, a penetration testing learning platform, as well as having my own labs to practice hacking

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Current Certifications

- ITILv3 Foundation in IT Service Management
- NVQ 2 Customer Service
- BTEC National Diploma in Design Crafts

Attended

- Currently working on CompTIA Linux+
- Red Hat Certified Specialist in Ansible Automation
- RH124/134 Red Hat Administrator I and II
- Previously certified AWS Cloud Practitioner (valid for 3 years)
- TCM Security Practical Ethical Hacking

Additional Experience

- AWS EC2, S3, IAM, Amplify, Lambda
- Kali & Parrot OS (Debian), Windows
- Ansible Tower
- Checkmk (Linux monitoring solution)
- System Centre Operations Manager (SCOM)
- Tenable.io
- McAfee (on Linux)
- BASh, PowerShell, Python
- Hugo
- GitHub

Employment History

| Employer | Position | Dates |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| ReAssure (Phoenix Group) | Platform Engineer (Operations) | July 2022 - Present |
| ReAssure | Red Hat Linux Administrator | Oct 2018 – July 2022 |
| ReAssure | Enterprise Monitoring Engineer | Apr 2018 – Oct 2018 |
| ReAssure | IT Service Desk Agent | Nov 2014 – Apr 2018 |