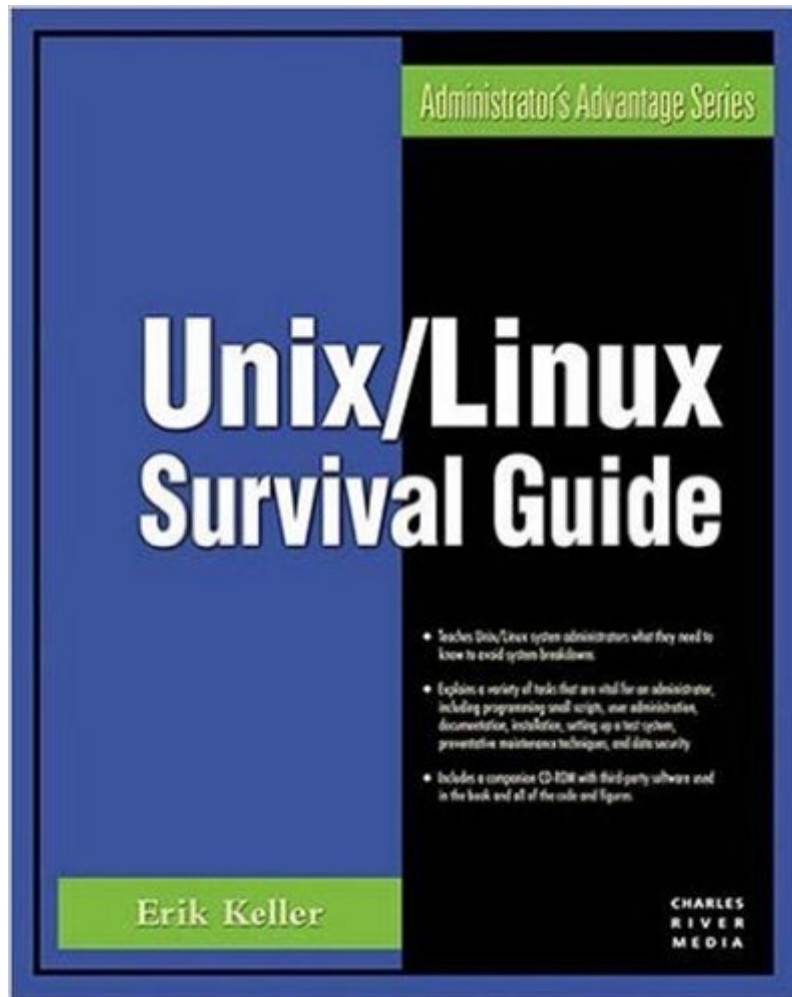


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# Unix/Linux Survival Guide (Networking & Security)



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All Unix/Linux systems, regardless of manufacturer, have inherent similarities for administrators. The Unix/Linux Survival Guide details these similarities and teaches SysAdmins how to tackle jobs on all systems. Mixing administrator knowledge and best practices, the book walks admins step-by-step through installing, setting up, and configuring a new system. It also teaches them learn how to administer systems they didn't set up originally. Intended as a quick and dirty reference for administrators to use in their daily work, the book contains numerous hints on where to look and what to look for to get a Unix/Linux system up to speed and running smoothly. Admins will also learn preventive maintenance techniques to extract and evaluate baseline data and create a warning system that allows them to react to problems before users even notice. Daily task checklists are provided, and other key topics such as backup, security, and documentation are covered in detail. This book provides the knowledge, skill set, techniques, and approach needed to quickly administer a wide range of \*NIX systems.

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Unlike a 1000+ page Unix/Linux admin guide that will take you hours to find the most basic thing, this text is easy to follow, read and find quick relevant information about the following set of topics:- Maintenance- Backup- Installation- Security- And most importantly, "Things to check"The topic list is not that long and why should it be? If you are a part-time administrator, or you have a couple of

Linux boxes at home, such as me, you do not need to spend hours figuring out how much disk space I have available, for example, or how you configure the Linux firewall. Don't make any mistake about it, the author explains each topic very well and thoroughly, but he has chosen a set of relevant topics to cover, rather "everything under the sun" approach like other texts. The first chapter of this book covers the basic. Not the good old "what is Unix?" topic, but a quick chapter of "things to check". In about 20 or so pages, the authors teaches you how to find out everything you wanted to know about your system. One point that is made throughout the book is automation. Writing scripts that can save you time in the long run. If you are not a script writing person, then you are in luck. Every command, every procedure, every configuration, etc, is scripted by the author, and what's great is that all the scripts are included in the CD-ROM that comes with the text. Especially when the author is talking about Maintenance of your system, these scripts become very useful. Whether you are stuck with a number of systems that you need to administrator, or you are trying to make sense out of the Linux box you just have setup at home, system Maintenance is a big concern.

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