System Administration
Experience Sharing
Secure your credentials

- Use long/hard passwords
- Encrypt your private keys
Proper Separation

- Never allow development to touch production systems
- Limit access to production
Know Your System

- What’s running?
- What’s installed?
- Who’s using it?
Security Updates

- Subscribe to mailing lists
- Patch immediately
Monitor Performance

- Is the system normal?
- Identify bottlenecks
Keep logs

- Keep copies of logs in separate system
- Postmortem
Keep backups

- If something dies, you have old data
- If something new breaks, you can rollback
Write Documents

- Write about everything you did
- But NOT passwords
Automation

- Write scripts for everyday tasks
- Make your life easier