



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