MICHAEL FENN

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OBJECTIVE:

To use my technical and interpersonal skills as a way to obtain valuable experience towards my goal of being an excellent systems administrator.

EDUCATION:

Clemson, SC   **Clemson University**   Jan 2009-May 2010
Master of Science, Computer Science

- GPR: 4.00 of 4.00
- Research focus: Grid computing, cloud computing, virtualization
- Master's Thesis: *Practical Implementation of the Virtual Organization Cluster Model*
- Coursework included "kernel hacking" class that investigated the process scheduling, block I/O, and driver portions of the kernel. Culminated in the development of a graphics driver capable of rendering a 3D mesh

Clemson, SC   **Clemson University, Calhoun Honors College**   Aug 2005-Dec 2008
Bachelor of Science, Computer Science, Summa Cum Laude

- Major GPR: 4.00 of 4.00; Overall GPR: 3.92 of 4.00
- Honors Thesis: *A Performance Analysis of Virtual Machine Monitors for use in the Open Science Grid*

WORK EXPERIENCE:

State College, PA   **The Pennsylvania State University**   July 2010-Present
Research Computing and Cyberinfrastructure, Systems Administrator

- Work effectively as part of a tight-knit team of systems administrators and domain experts that must also interface with a 10,000 employee organization
- Architect high-performance compute and storage systems with total acquisition costs in excess of $1 million. Deeply involved with the process from conception to design, vendor selection, negotiation, acquisition, and finally implementation
- Maintain 5+ Red Hat Enterprise Linux HPC clusters that provide batch-level computational resources to researchers. The clusters use the TORQUE PBS batch system along with the Moab scheduler and have Infiniband high speed interconnects. Newer clusters also have Nvidia Tesla GPUs
- Maintain several Linux and Windows interactive visualization clusters that provide access to various scientific and analytical packages such as Abaqus, ANSYS, FLUENT, GAMBIT, Mathematica, MATLAB, R, SAS
- Maintain a Windows HPC Server 2008 cluster that provides distributed MATLAB and accelerated Excel capabilities
- Maintain a large (raw capacity greater than 1 PB) GPFS file system and a 2.5 PB TSM backup system
- Develop and maintain monitoring framework utilizing Nagios and Ganglia with custom probes and metrics written in Perl/Python. Framework generates critical performance metrics used for decision-making at the operational and strategic levels
- Provide support to users for compiling code with GNU, Intel, and PGI compilers as well as maintaining and linking with optimized linear algebra libraries such as ATLAS, GotoBLAS, and Intel MKL

Clemson, SC   **Clemson University, School of Computing**   Oct 2007-May 2010
Cyberinfrastructure Research Group, Open Science Grid/Cluster Administrator

- Collaborated with researchers from Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to develop requirements for a next-generation batch scheduler designed for use with ephemeral virtual machines
- Maintained an OSG Compute Element running CentOS (Red Hat Enterprise Linux)
- Maintained a High-Performance Computing Cluster of 26 Linux machines, including dynamically provisioned virtual machines
- Provided support for the OSG software stack to internal and external users and administrators as a member of the OSG Engagement Virtual Organization

Aiken, SC   **Washington Savannah River Co.**   May 2007-Aug 2007
Software Development Intern

- Developed .NET software for WSRC and the Department of Energy
- Worked with a 10-person team on a ~10,000 line codebase, using source control
- Reconstituted requirements for DOE software

RELEVANT SKILLS:

- GNU/Linux, including Red Hat Enterprise Linux, CentOS, Fedora, Ubuntu
- Condor, Globus, VDT, and other Open Science Grid software
- Virtualization software, including QEMU-KVM, Xen, VirtualBox, VMWare ESX
- Microsoft Windows 2000/XP/Vista/7, Office 2003/2007, Visual Studio .NET/2005
- Python, Perl w/CGI, Shell scripting, C, C#, PHP, Java, HTML w/CSS
- Linux performance analysis tools such as strace, iostat, vmstat, valgrind
- Debugging network issues using TCPdump, Wireshark, arp, iftop
- Hardware, including PCs and servers from Tier 1 vendors including Dell, HP, and IBM
- Planning data center build-outs incl. power, cooling, and physical space requirements.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- **M. Fenn**, S. Goasguen, and J. Lauret. "Contextualization in Practice: The Clemson Experience." 13th International Workshop on Advanced Computing and Analysis Techniques in Physics Research (ACAT 2010), Jaipur, India, February 2010.
- M. Murphy, B. Kagey, **M. Fenn**, and S. Goasguen. "Dynamic Provisioning of Virtual Organization Clusters." 9th IEEE International Symposium on Cluster Computing and the Grid (CCGrid '09), Shanghai, China, May 2009. (21% acceptance rate)
- **M. Fenn**, M. Murphy, and S. Goasguen. "A Study of a KVM-based Cluster for Grid Computing." 47th ACM Southeast Conference (ACMSE '09), Clemson, SC, March 2009.
- **M. Fenn**, M. Murphy, J. Martin, and S. Goasguen. "An Evaluation of KVM for Use in Cloud Computing." 2nd International Conference on the Virtual Computing Initiative (ICVCI '08), RTP, NC, May 2008.