

STEPHEN SARGENT

Senior Systems Administrator | DoD IT Contractor | TS/SCI Eligible | OCONUS Deployable
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Willing to Relocate OCONUS (Kuwait, Qatar, UAE)

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Hands-on Senior Systems Administrator and IT Lead with 30+ years delivering enterprise infrastructure, network security, virtualization, hardware deployment, and HIPAA-compliant systems for MSPs, medical facilities, and DoD/government clients. Expert in multi-tenant environments using Acronis Cyber Protect Cloud, Datto BCDR, Veeam, NinjaOne RMM, Windows Server, Linux, VMware ESXi, Hyper-V, Proxmox, Cisco routers and switches, Palo Alto firewalls, Fortigate appliances, HP ProLiant servers, Barracuda email security, and PowerShell automation. Former military hospital IT lead with proven track record managing Tier 2/3 support, incident response, hardware installations/migrations, and compliance in demanding, remote operations. TS/SCI security clearance eligible (expired, ready for reinvestigation). Available for LOGCAP/DoD OCONUS missions in CENTCOM theaters.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Systems & Infrastructure Management:

Windows Server 2012-2025, Linux (Kali, Debian, Ubuntu), Active Directory, Azure AD/Entra ID, Group Policy, DHCP/DNS, MECM/SCCM, WSUS, Ivanti, ManageEngine, Ansible, Puppet, Chef, PowerShell DSC, PowerShell, Python, Bash

Virtualization & Containerization:

VMware ESXi/vCenter/vSphere, Hyper-V, Proxmox, Nutanix AHV, Microsoft SCVMM, Docker, containerd, Podman, Kubernetes, K3s, RKE2, OpenShift, Rancher, Portainer, Terraform, Packer, HashiCorp Vault

Backup & Disaster Recovery:

Acronis True Image, Acronis Cyber Protect Cloud, Datto BCDR, Veeam Backup & Replication, VeeamONE, Rubrik, Cohesity, Commvault, Nakivo, Altaro, Unitrends, VMware vRealize

Network Infrastructure & Security:

Cisco IOS/XE (ISR, Catalyst, Nexus), Palo Alto Networks, Fortigate, Juniper, Check Point, ASA, F5 BIG-IP, Citrix ADC, Kemp LoadMaster, Arista, Aruba, Ubiquiti UniFi, Cloudflare Magic Transit, Imperva, WireGuard, IPsec VPN

Security Operations & Compliance:

CrowdStrike Falcon, SentinelOne, Microsoft Defender for Endpoint, Splunk, Elastic Stack/ELK, Graylog, Wazuh, OSSEC, Tenable.sc, Rapid7 InsightVM, Nessus, Burp Suite, CEH Certified Ethical Hacker, HIPAA Compliance, vulnerability scanning, endpoint hardening, incident response

Identity & Access Management:

Azure AD Connect, Active Directory Certificate Services (AD CS), Cisco ISE, Aruba ClearPass, ForeScout, JumpCloud, Multi-Factor Authentication, RBAC, Privileged Access Management

Monitoring & Management:

Grafana, Prometheus, Nagios, Zabbix, PRTG, SolarWinds NPM, Auvik, LibreNMS, RANCID, NetBox, Datadog, ServiceNow, ITIL, NinjaOne, ConnectWise, IT Glue

Cloud Platforms:

Microsoft Azure, AWS, Microsoft 365, Intune, Autopilot, Azure Automation, Logic Apps, Function Apps

Storage & Software-Defined Infrastructure:

VMware vSAN, Ceph, GlusterFS, TrueNAS, FreeNAS, Open vSwitch, VMware NSX, StarWind VSAN, StorMagic SvSAN, Dell EMC, HPE Nimble, NetApp

Hardware & Out-of-Band Management:

Dell PowerEdge, HP ProLiant, HPE iLO, Dell iDRAC, Supermicro IPMI, Cisco CIMC, Cisco UCS, Lenovo ThinkSystem, PuTTY, SecureCRT, MobaXterm

AI & Modern Infrastructure:

Docker containers, LLM deployment, Ollama, vector databases (Qdrant), Grafana, Prometheus, n8n automation

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Systems Analyst / Senior Systems Administrator

Dixie Networks LLC | Phoenix, AZ | April 2025 – Present

Lead multi-tenant environments for enterprise clients using Acronis Cyber Protect Cloud, NinjaOne RMM, IT Glue, and Microsoft stack. Architect backup and disaster recovery solutions using Acronis Cyber Protect Cloud and Datto BCDR for business continuity. Deploy and manage Cisco routers/switches, HP ProLiant servers, Palo Alto firewalls, and Barracuda appliances across distributed sites. Implement zero-downtime migrations of 5TB+ data using Acronis, Datto, and Veeam backup solutions. Configure VMware vSAN and Hyper-V virtualization environments for high availability. Manage HIPAA-compliant infrastructure with CrowdStrike EDR and Splunk SIEM integration

Senior Systems Administrator - Medical & Government Facilities

Further Assistance, Inc. | Military Hospitals | 2004 – 2024 (20-Year Contract)

Delivered full-spectrum IT operations: networks, virtualization, security, and forensics for military hospitals. Led site migrations, enclave hardening, hardware refreshes, and multi-site Active Directory management. Implemented enterprise firewalls (Fortigate/Palo Alto), EDR (CrowdStrike/SentinelOne), and backup solutions (Acronis/Barracuda/Veeam/Datto). Supported 24x7 operations with on-call rotations and field deployments in high-tempo environments. Conducted ethical hacking and vulnerability assessments using Tenable.sc, Rapid7, and Burp Suite.

Systems Administrator & Network Engineer (Contractor)

Various DoD Contracts | Enterprise/Government Clients | 1990 – 2004

Provided hands-on administration, virtualization, penetration testing, and Cisco/Juniper network deployments. Managed mission-critical systems in austere and high-tempo settings with active DoD security clearance. Executed deployments, troubleshooting, and optimizations under tight SLAs

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

CEH (Certified Ethical Hacker) - Expired; Score 94% - Eligible for reinvestigation.

20+ Industry Certifications: VMware VCP, Microsoft MCSE/MCSA, Cisco CCNA, Network Security, Cloud Platforms. Continuous Professional Development at Masters/PhD level: IT, Cybersecurity, Cloud, AI

CLEARANCE STATUS

Previously held DoD security clearance (expired; fully eligible for re-investigation and continuous evaluation). Ready for TS/SCI reinvestigation, polygraph if required, and continuous evaluation programs.

AVAILABILITY

Available immediately for OCONUS deployment. Willing to relocate to Kuwait, Qatar, or UAE. Comfortable with extended deployments, rotating shifts, on-call support, and austere site operations. Seeking LOGCAP, CENTCOM, and DoD IT contractor positions requiring senior systems administration, network security, and infrastructure automation expertise.

Portfolio: <https://adminsnet.net>

Current Stack: Ubuntu 25.10, Kernel 6.17.0-19-Sentinel, Ollama, Docker, KVM, Kubernetes, Grafana, Prometheus, Open WebUI, n8n automation, Qdrant, 26+ optimized LLMs