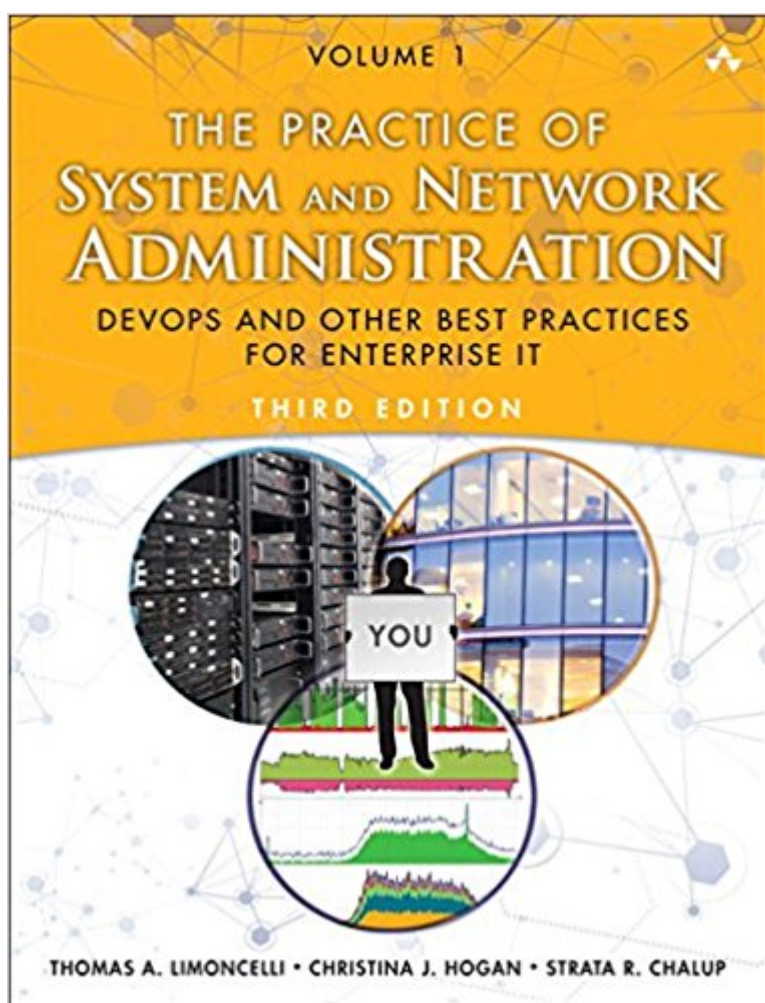


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# The Practice Of System And Network Administration: Volume 1: DevOps And Other Best Practices For Enterprise IT (3rd Edition)



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With 28 new chapters, the third edition of *The Practice of System and Network Administration* innovates yet again! Revised with thousands of updates and clarifications based on reader feedback, this new edition also incorporates DevOps strategies even for non-DevOps environments.

• • Whether you use Linux, Unix, or Windows, this new edition describes the essential practices previously handed down only from mentor to protégé. This wonderfully lucid, often funny cornucopia of information introduces beginners to advanced frameworks valuable for their entire career, yet is structured to help even experts through difficult projects. • • Other books tell you what commands to type. This book teaches you the cross-platform strategies that are timeless!

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This book is a great starting place for new system administrators, and also contains valuable information and ways to think about problems for senior system administrators. I own the first edition, and the third edition is full of more new things, but equally accessible and easy to read. Start with any chapter and you can learn something useful, or read it front to back for a wholistic view. I am the interrupt sponge (see p10) for my team, but I use this book as a resource for teaching and mentoring.

This is an amazing book and was very excited to see this new edition come up. I work in the IT field and wear many hats and this book provides me with guidance to be successful in all areas in IT from service desk to Infrastructure to Web services. IT can be a rough spot for many but this book really sheds some great insight, practical tools, and positive ideas to get through not only through

the technical facets, but also what I feel were left out from the OSI model - Layer 8 the political layer. I admire these authors and the experiences they have shared in this book. Kudos to them and I hope they continue to share more in future editions to come.

This book is a crucial library item for any System or Network Administrator regardless of how many years you have under your belt. I picked up the second edition when I first became a sysadmin and it helped me a lot throughout my career. I was very excited when it was announced that this third edition was coming as the second edition has not aged well. The third edition is the perfect, much needed update to the second edition. This new version is definitely now up-to-date and should hopefully give us another decade of service. I definitely recommend this book for the sysadmin in your life or in your office. I always recommend it to my colleagues as it contains valuable information for your career. In fact, buy a few copies because if you loan this book out, I doubt you'll get it back!

Awesome, entertaining, and useful. Every sys admin should give it a read.

Great book. Must have for any level sysadmin

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