

## Bob Brandt – No Certification to LPI-300 in two weeks!



### Who is Bob?

Bob Brandt is an American ex-Naval Officer who now resides in Dublin, Ireland. Bob is a self-employed IT consultant with an extensive list of clients. Bob started his career in Chicago during graduate school as an Intern at RR Donnelly. Bobs first Certification was the Microsoft MCSE 4.0, then later becoming Novell CNE. Bob relocated from the US to Europe to work as a Novell Consultant. Since the writing was on the wall for NetWare, Bob became interested in SuSE and became the first Novell certified Linux professional in Ireland.

### Who does Bob currently work for?

Bob works as a consultant for a number of large companies but his main client is an Irish Government department. Bob builds, develops and maintains most of their infrastructure - an infrastructure that consists of Microsoft, Unix and Linux (primarily SuSE and Ubuntu but also RedHat and various Debian distributions).

### Why did Bob get LPI-300 - Mixed Environment - Certified?

There were a few reasons why Bob decided to go for the LPI-300. Bob was already SuSE certified, however that Certification was a while ago and although he uses Linux daily, it was important for Bob to renew his Certifications.

Bob was also looking for an alternative to the SuSE certifications as most of his work is in other distributions.

Finally Bob is looking to become a Zentyal partner, which uses Ubuntu as the base for their system. Ubuntu no longer has an independent certification path, but rather promotes LPI certifications.



## Why Bob focused on achieving LPIC 300 certified so quickly?

Bob became LPIC-1 Certified on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2014, followed by LPIC-2 10 days later and then LPI-300 on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June – a total of 5 exams.

Bob was always planning on becoming LPIC 300 certified, but as luck would have it, due to the bankruptcy of an unrelated company, the tender for his primary job was unexpectedly up for renewal. As the tender was unexpected, the tender process was greatly shortened. Bob had these skills and expertise listed on his Curriculum Vitae but no Certification to support them. Bob felt that it was best for employment reasons to obtain the Certifications before the tender was awarded.

Whilst the challenge of going from no Certification to LPI-300 in 15 days could be seen to be daunting, Bob was confident as he had lived and breathed Linux for the past 10 years. Having said that, there was a massive amount of studying involved!

## What next?

Bob has set his sights on LPI-304 - Virtualization & High Availability within the next few months.

## LPI and the 3 in 1 Advantage



A driver for Bob was to revisit and update his SuSe Certification as well as Certifying with a vendor (distribution) neutral Certification.

By completing the CompTIA Linux+ powered by LPI certification, you can also automatically receive the LPI LPIC-1 and the SuSe Certified Linux Administrator (CLA) certification. That is three professional Certifications.



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