

TOMMY **VAN EXTEL**

LINUX SPECIALIST AND DEVOPS ENGINEER

Personal Info

Age
37
Gender
Male
Residence
Arnhem
Nationality
Dutch
Languages
Dutch, English

Hard Skills

- Linux
- MariaDB
- PostgreSQL
- Ansible
- Containers
- Git
- AWS
- NGINX
- Atlassian

Soft Skills

- Problem-Solving
- Collaboration
- Flexibility
- Communication
- Independence
- Working Securely

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Profile

Linux and DevOps engineer with extensive experience in designing, managing and automating enterprise systems. Skilled in Linux administration, Ansible automation, containers, monitoring, middleware, networking, databases, scripting and security. Recognized for delivering complete solutions, taking ownership of complex challenges and fostering effective collaboration. Adaptable to new technologies with a detail-oriented approach and a strong drive for continuous learning.

Experience

Ministerie van Defensie | Jan 2026 - Present
SENIOR LINUX ADMINISTRATOR

At the Dutch Ministry of Defence, within the Joint Informatievoorziening Commando (JIVC) IT department, I work as a Senior Linux Administrator within the Datacenter Services domain, responsible for maintaining and evolving large-scale datacenter environments. I focus on Linux platform management and automation using Ansible and Puppet, handling complex incidents, lifecycle management and OS migrations.

My work includes patch management, supporting the structured decommissioning of legacy systems and contributing to technically sound migrations and upgrades. I work closely with fellow administrators, developers and stakeholders to deliver and maintain a stable, secure and well-managed Defence IT infrastructure.

Tech Stack: RHEL, Ubuntu, AWX, Puppet, Ansible, GitLab, VMware, ServiceNow, Bash, Python, YAML

TenneT TSO | Dec 2024 - Dec 2025
DEVOPS ENGINEER LINUX PLATFORM

At TenneT I work as a DevOps Engineer specializing in Linux platforms. I design and build automated solutions with Ansible Automation Platform that enable users to self-service the full VM lifecycle - from deploying and decommissioning servers to scaling resources. I develop a modular building-block framework to deliver end-to-end services with consistency and speed. Beyond automation, I monitor platform performance, support users in adopting these services, resolve system issues and maintain documentation and user guides to streamline operations and improve reliability.

Tech Stack: RHEL, Satellite, RHAAP, Ansible, Bitbucket, GitHub, Jenkins, HashiCorp Vault, Jira, Confluence, HP, Active Directory, VMware, TopDesk, SharePoint, OBM, Bash, YAML

Nationale Politie | Dec 2022 - Dec 2024
HOSTING INFRASTRUCTURE LINUX SPECIALIST

At the Politiedienstencentrum (PDC) I focused on managing Linux systems across a large enterprise environment. I resolved incidents, analyzed and implemented changes and led migrations. My work involved Red Hat Identity Management, Red Hat Satellite and Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform. I developed Ansible playbooks for Dell iDRAC and Operations Bridge Manager (OBM) and deployed Red Hat Enterprise Linux servers in a consistent and automated manner, improving operational efficiency and system reliability.

Tech Stack: RHEL, IdM, Satellite, RHAAP, Atlassian Jira, Atlassian Confluence, GitLab, HAProxy, Ansible, Puppet, PostgreSQL, ELOG, VMware, Infoblox, HP, Dell, OBM, Bash, YAML

SSC-Campus (RIVM / KNMI) | Jan 2022 - Dec 2022
LINUX ENGINEER

At the Shared Service Centre Campus my role involved managing incidents and changes on RHEL Linux systems with a focus on efficiency and reliability. I deployed VMs via Satellite and fine-tuned them with Puppet and Ansible for consistent performance. My responsibilities also included maintaining critical development tools such as Jira and GitLab. A key project I led was the migration from RHEL6 to RHEL8, delivering a smooth transition and improved system capabilities.

Tech Stack: RHEL, Atlassian Jira, Ansible, Puppet, Bash, Gitlab, Nagios, Satellite, TopDesk, Zabbix, LSF, RStudio, XWiki, VMware

Avisi | Jan 2019 - Dec 2021
DEVOPS ENGINEER

At Avisi I installed, configured and maintained Atlassian tooling (Jira, Confluence, Bitbucket, Bamboo) both on-premise with Ansible and in Kubernetes clusters using Docker and Helm. My responsibilities included automating installation and maintenance tasks, preparing Linux systems and managing AWS services with Terraform. I managed version control and CI/CD with GitLab and Bitbucket and implemented monitoring with Prometheus and Grafana. I also led migrations from self-hosted Atlassian Server to cloud environments, consolidated platforms and provided support for Atlassian tooling, working directly with Atlassian Support and third-party vendors.

Tech Stack: RHEL, CentOS, Debian, Ubuntu, Atlassian Jira, Atlassian Confluence, Atlassian Bitbucket, Atlassian Bamboo, NGINX, Ansible, Puppet, PostgreSQL, AWS, Terraform, Bash, Docker, Kubernetes, Helm, GitLab, Prometheus, AlertManager, Uptrends, Grafana, Loki, OpsGenie, Statuspage

ATOS | Feb 2017 - Dec 2018
TECHNICAL EXPERT (LINUX ENGINEER)

At ATOS I managed virtual and physical RHEL and SUSE systems with a focus on efficiency and reliability. I led the migration from Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 to 7 and administered AWS environments, optimizing services and strengthening security. My responsibilities included user management, automation with Ansible, Docker administration and incident troubleshooting. I developed monitoring solutions with UMF, implemented changes and wrote work instructions to improve team performance. I also played a key role in on-call support, ensuring 24/7 system availability.

Tech Stack: RHEL, SUSE, VMware, IPControl, UMF, Ansible, BladeLogic Server Automation, Docker, AWS, ServiceNow, various ATOS GLOBAL applications and solutions

AnyLinQ | Jul 2012 - Oct 2017
MEDIOR CONSULTANT

At AnyLinQ (formerly TenICT) I worked as a consultant in the Midrange Management business unit, delivering expertise in UNIX/Linux systems, open-source technologies and storage solutions. My responsibilities included advising on best practices, implementing technical solutions and ensuring reliable system performance for clients by enhancing and modernizing their IT infrastructure. This role allowed me to apply deep technical knowledge and problem-solving skills across diverse and complex environments.

ASML | Dec 2014 - Dec 2016
TECHNICAL APPLICATION MANAGER
At the O&I Department of ASML I led the implementation of a SCOM monitoring environment that strengthened high availability and disaster recovery. The setup monitored IT components and applications across RHEL, Solaris and Windows Server platforms. My role covered the full lifecycle of SCOM 2012/R2, from deploying clients across thousands of systems to migrating the environment into data centers built for high availability and disaster recovery. I also integrated SCOM with other Microsoft System Center products and developed standardized processes and documentation to streamline operations and improve risk assessment.

Tech Stack: RHEL, Solaris, Windows Server, PowerShell, Active Directory, NetIQ Access Manager, Citrix Netscaler, Cisco UCS, HP Blades, Microsoft Exchange, Hyper-V, Lync Server, SharePoint Server, SQL Server, NetApp SANtricity, NetAPP OnCommand Data ONTAP, VMware, ServiceNow IT-Guardian, various ASML applications and solutions

ASML | Jul 2014 - Dec 2014
SUPPORT ENGINEER
At the SEI Department of ASML I coordinated third-level incidents in the Red Hat Virtualization (RHEV) environment, ensuring rapid resolution and system stability. I created and managed Windows and Linux templates and pools and handled the installation and configuration of Virtual Desktop Infrastructures (VDIs). I also developed Puppet building blocks to automate and standardize system configurations. In addition, I participated in the change advisory board, contributing to decision-making and the adoption of best practices across the IT environment.

Tech Stack: RHEL, RHEV, Windows Server, VDI, Spice, SCOM, Puppet, PostgreSQL, ServiceNow SMIS

ASML | Dec 2012 - Jun 2014
MONITORING ENGINEER
At the O&I Department of ASML I oversaw virtual infrastructure and middleware environments, maintaining performance and stability. My duties included setting up a new SCOM monitoring environment, coordinating incident response and troubleshooting across Windows and Linux servers. I documented the monitoring setup, developed and implemented improvement proposals and supported the transition of the environment to an external partner. I also created detailed work instructions to streamline processes and improve team efficiency.

Tech Stack: RHEL, Solaris, Windows Server, SCOM, Big Brother, Nagios, Tomcat, Apache, JBoss, NetApp Data ONTAP, UCS FlexPod, Cisco switches, ServiceNow SMIS

Reed Business Media | May 2012 - Dec 2012
WEB OPERATIONS ANALYST
At Reed Business Media I managed and monitored Red Hat Enterprise Linux clusters and systems, including Tomcat and Apache services. I used Git and Puppet to register and implement system changes and monitored environments with tools such as Munin and Cacti. My responsibilities included resolving website issues, applying updates and deploying sites across multiple environments. I also supported websites running on GX Software CMS and contributed to migrating websites to AWS, improving infrastructure scalability and reliability.

Tech Stack: RHEL, Tomcat, Apache, Munin, ipMonitor, Uptrends, Cacti, TOPdesk, GX Software CMS

CVIS | Feb 2008 - Dec 2012
SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR
At CVIS I managed and monitored a diverse set of systems including Linux, Windows and VMware ESX vSphere. This involved installing Citrix and Terminal Services, supporting core network services such as Active Directory, DNS and DHCP and managing email services with Exchange and Google Mail & Apps. I also monitored these systems with tools like Nagios and Splunk, focusing on both operational stability and proactive management to identify and address issues before they impacted the environment.

Silicon Hive | Dec 2010 - Dec 2011
SERVICE DESK EMPLOYEE

At Silicon Hive, later Intel UMG, I managed and monitored RHEL systems, NetApp filers, Dell server hardware and a wide range of middleware. My responsibilities included installing and maintaining CAD and CAE applications within Platform LSF, provisioning with Cobbler and CFengine and supporting Windows Server and desktop environments. I also maintained storage and backup solutions, managed software licenses and ensured system health through monitoring with Nagios and other tools, contributing to a stable and reliable IT infrastructure.

Tech Stack: CAD, CAE, Platform LSF, RHEL, Windows Server, Cobbler, CFengine, Subversion, Dell, NetApp, NetVault, FlexNet, VMware vSphere, Shrewsoft VPN, Nagios, Ganglia, Cacti, Syslog, Active Directory, DNS, DHCP, Group Policy, Microsoft Exchange, RSA

Philips | Aug 2006 - Dec 2010
SERVICE DESK EMPLOYEE

At Philips I began at PGIS TAS in workplace management before moving to Applied Technologies, where I managed RHEL systems and Dell/Sun hardware. This included installing and maintaining CAD and CAE applications within Platform LSF, supporting a broad hardware spectrum and overseeing NetApp filers and tape backups. I ensured license compliance with FlexNet, managed virtual systems using Xen Hypervisor and maintained monitoring with Nagios. I was also responsible for deploying workstations, managing printers with CUPS and resolving IT-related issues using Track-It! for incident registration.

Tech Stack: CAD, CAE, Platform LSF, RHEL, Dell, SUN, NetApp, HP, FlexNet, Xen, Nagios, Ganglia, Syslog, Cups

Atlassian Experience

WWF
Technical support and maintenance for Jira and Confluence

De Heus Voeders
Technical support and maintenance for Jira and Confluence

SOMO
Technical support and maintenance for Confluence

War Child
Technical support and maintenance for Jira

NMi
Technical support and maintenance for Confluence

Forze Hydrogen Racing
Technical support and maintenance for Confluence and Crowd

Education

- **HBO ICT & Mgmt. and Security (Bachelor)**
  2015
  FONTYS UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES
- **HBO Associate Degree ICT Service Mgmt.**
  2013
  FONTYS UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES
- **MBO 4 ICT Administrator**
  2011
  ROC EINDHOVEN
- **MBO 3 Assistant ICT Administrator**
  2010
  ROC EINDHOVEN
- **VMBO-kader (Intermediate Vocational Track) ICT**
  2005
  PLEINCOLLEGE DE BURGH EINDHOVEN

Certifications

- 2025 - KCNA: Kubernetes and Cloud Native Associate
- 2025 - Red Hat Certified Specialist in Containers (EX188)
- 2024 - Red Hat Certified Specialist in Managing Automation with Ansible Automation Platform (EX467)
- 2024 - Red Hat Certified Specialist in Developing Automation with Ansible Automation Platform (EX374)
- 2023 - Linux Foundation Certified Systems Administrator (LFCS)
- 2023 - Linux Foundation Certified IT Associate (LFCA)
- 2021 - EDB Certified Associate - PostgreSQL 12
- 2021 - Red Hat Certified Specialist in Linux Diagnostics and Troubleshooting (EX342)
- 2021 - RHCE 8 Red Hat Certified Engineer (EX294)
- 2021 - RHCSA 8 Red Hat Certified System Administrator (EX200)
- 2020 - Red Hat Certified Specialist in Advanced Automation: Ansible Best Practices (EX447)
- 2020 - Red Hat Certified Specialist in Ansible Automation (EX407)
- 2020 - AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Associate
- 2019 - ACP-500 Atlassian System Administration
- 2016 - RHCE 7 Red Hat Certified Engineer (EX300)
- 2016 - RHCSA 7 Red Hat Certified System Administrator (EX200)
- 2013 - LPIC-1 Linux Professional Institute 1
- 2013 - SUSE CLA SUSE Linux Administrator