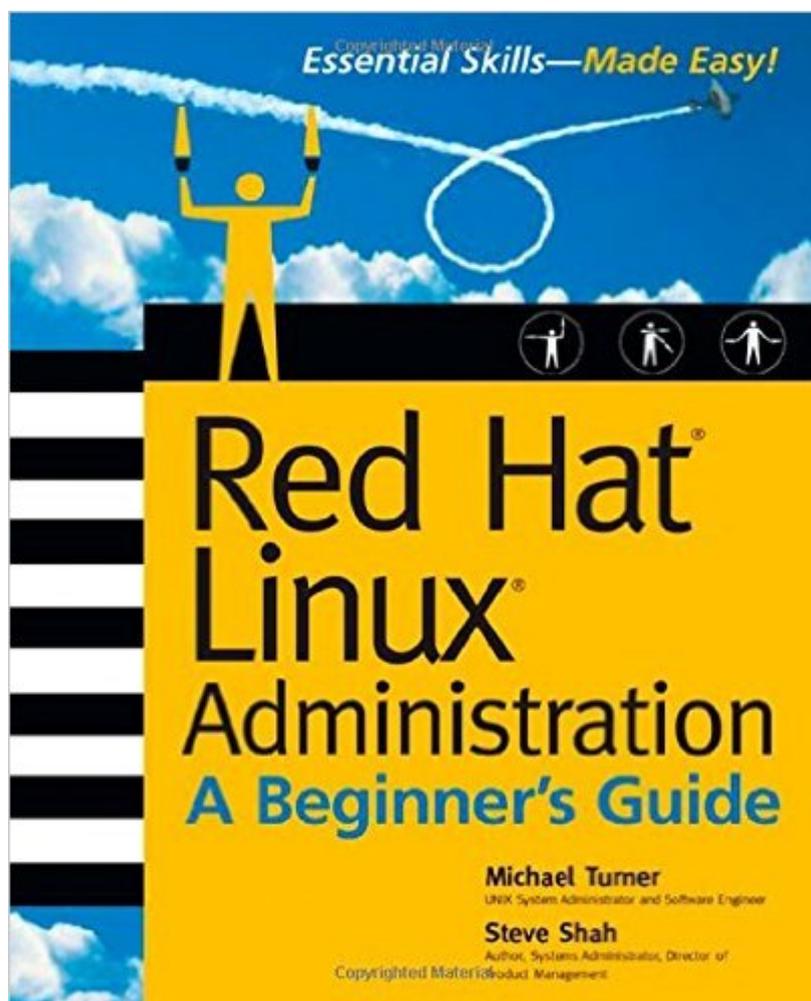


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# Red Hat Linux Administration: A Beginner's Guide (Beginner's Guide)



## Synopsis

Perfect for systems and network administrators migrating from Windows NT to Linux, or experimenting with bringing Linux into their network topology. Even novice users will find plenty of helpful information on administering the open source operating systemâ including installation, initial configuration, using the bash command shell, managing files, managing software, and granting rights to users.

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I'm a pretty good windows jock who actually writes batch code to get things done. My company recently started using RedHat and it took me a while to find a book focused on RedHat Linux that presented topics in a clear and cohesive manner. The organization is good and the writing style clear. Honestly, if I had actually picked up this book first, I would have been far more willing to try RedHat on my own time before having it forced onto me at the office. Highlights: good for windows jocks needing to understand how Linux is put together; very clear and easy to read No real gripes. The cover is kind of obnoxious but on the other hand, it never gets lost under my messy desk. :)

New users to Linux (Power Users or Windows Admins) will find this book a solid read. I'm not sure how it would be as a beginner's book with no previous experience. I suppose even a beginner could use it, since it covers all the important parts of administration, Linux or whatever. It contains lots of

skill building exercises and projects, as well as reusable blueprints. It emphasizes basic areas small business system's administrators would use. It covers topics like file systems, backups, printers, user management, security (SSH), various GUIs, task automation, etc. It covers stuff like Apache, sendmail and nameservers, talking to Windows with Samba, exceptionally well.

I've messed around with a bit of UNIX at work as a shell account user, but with this economy, it never hurts to know more tech and be a little less dispensable, so I wanted to set up my own system at home and get my hands dirty. This book has been a miracle, helping me get through everything from setting up the basics on an old computer I had sitting in the garage (nice to get more use out of it) to implementing a GUI, setting up server daemons, even doing some troubleshooting. I think I'd have had a slower start if I hadn't already had some basic UNIX experience (navigating, copying files, using a non-GUI text editor) but beyond that, I thought this book was really useful and quite helpful. It's going to be on my reference shelf for a while.

I used this book to teach a Beginners Linux Administration class, and found it to be a great book. The only downfall, and this does not really matter at the beginners level, is -- this book is written with Red Hat 8 when we have had 3 or 4 versions after that. Beyond that this is a great book.

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