

Aaron Hadley

Infrastructure engineer at Amazon Web Services. Linux, automation, security and networking. Keeping production systems quiet since 2010.

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DESCRIPTION

I started in 2010 on a support desk at Kroger, as the team lead other analysts went to when an incident got complicated. At Interactive Northwest I moved through QA into technical services: building virtual infrastructure and storage, running firewalls and on-call, and hardening Linux to DISA STIG standards.

I joined Amazon Web Services in 2016 as a systems engineer and spent the next several years building tooling and automation for one of the largest networks in the world. In 2021 I took a turn as an engineering manager, then went back to hands-on engineering. Today I'm an engineer on Amazon Dedicated Cloud.

I like systems that are boring in production, tools that make the next person faster, and teams where everyone's voice counts.

OPTIONS

--linux	Since my first install at eleven. Mostly Red Hat-family systems: troubleshooting, tuning and hardening.
--automation	Python, Bash and infrastructure as code. Deployment and operations tooling that removes toil.
--security	DISA STIG hardening and remediation, vulnerability scanning. CompTIA Security+.
--networking	Firewalls, VPN and remote access early on; tooling for very large networks at AWS.
--lead	Managed an engineering team at AWS, 2021–2022. Mentoring, on-call escalation, leading technical discussions.

HISTORY 2010 → now

2023–now	Amazon Dedicated Cloud Engineer	AWS
2022–2023	Systems Development Engineer	AWS
2021–2022	Systems Development Manager	AWS
2017–2021	Systems Development Engineer	AWS
2016–2017	Systems Engineer	AWS

2013–2016	Technical Services Engineer	Interactive Northwest
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Designed and ran virtual environments, network storage, firewalls and remote access.– Hardened and remediated systems to DISA STIG; ran vulnerability scanning.– Built deployment and integration tooling in Java, Python and Bash. Ran a weekly company-wide Linux lunch forum.	
2012–2013	Quality Assurance and Testing	Interactive Northwest
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Wrote and ran test plans; validated use cases and end-user experience.– Reviewed and published customer-facing documentation.	
2010–2012	Senior Support Center Analyst	Kroger
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Team lead for incident management across desktop, POS, telephony, network, mainframe and servers.– Built .NET tools for support agents; ran Avaya CMS reporting; kept the knowledge base.	
