

Jerald Sheets

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Sr. Puppet and Infrastructure Architect

Jerald Sheets is a Senior Architect with an objective of understanding our customer's IT and business environments. Jerald has been tasked with delivering Automation, Configuration Management, and top-tier IT solutions to customers for over 30 years. Jerald holds a diverse set of skills from a strong customer service history, through deep systems technology skills, and possesses a high degree of business acumen. Jerald's customer focus helps him to deliver strong, "best of breed" solutions to clients, delivering value, knowledge, and insight into the needs of today's progressive IT department.

Jerald works collaboratively with executives, performing early planning or pre-implementation engagements for clients, and is a subject matter expert on emerging technologies in configuration management and automation, with proven core experience in infrastructure, storage, virtualization, networking, migrations and deployments.

Jerald is one of a very few Puppet partner service delivery agents that provides on-site services and instruction as an agent of Puppet/Perforce, and enjoys deep relationships with Puppet personnel, delivering current best-practices aligned solutions to our clients worldwide.

As a **Puppet Architect**, Jerald:

- Worked with clients to understand and evaluate business issues, and provide high-level architectural solutions aligned to business objectives
- Establishes, maintains and coordinates effective relationships to bring "best practice" service solutions and implementations
- Maintains knowledge of emerging technologies for all products and services
- Maintains broad industry knowledge and a thorough understanding of offerings, strategies and capabilities

Notable Experiences:

- Developed Puppet infrastructure for Apple Retail worldwide
- Designed Custom Puppet Implementations for clients throughout the country
- Designed Custom DEVOPS solutions and projects for customers and in the open source community
- Received the 2008 Peabody Award for outstanding News Coverage organizations as a member of the CNN Broadcast Engineering Support Team
- Designed and developed configuration management scenarios to reduce costs of servers and perfected virtualization techniques for rapid deployment and IAAS through self-developed mechanisms as well as automate data center "lift and shift" scenarios. He also has assisted organizations in their automation efforts to reduce human error, simplify and automate migrations and DR failover, and build world-class infrastructures.

Clients: Oak Ridge National Laboratory, USDA, Google, Twitter, Aflac, Splunk, iVoyantm Athena Healthcare, Norseman Defense Services, American Express, WorldPay, Deloitte

Certifications

- RHCSA
- RHCE
- RSHS
- Puppet Certified Professional (3X)
- AWS Practitioner

Industry Experience

- Infrastructure Architecture
- Systems Engineering
- Organizational Design
- Global Implementation
- Healthcare
- Education
- Financial Sector
- High Volume Web
- Extensive Travel

Competencies

- 32yrs IT experience
- Datacenter Infrastructure
- DR Products and Workflow
- Server Virtualization
- Build/Release Management
- Configuration Management
- Automation
- Infrastructure Planning and Design
- Global Retail Solutions
- SOX, PCI-DSS, HIPAA, and ITIL, DISA STIG 800-53 Compliance

Community Service

- Corpsvets.org Arts Volunteer
- Long and Short Term Missions
- Local Religious Volunteering – Food Bank
- Bradley County EMS