

## Job Brief: **Systems Administrator / DevOps Engineer**

Stranger Studios, LLC is a creative firm that builds open source technology and produces digital content to help people get paid. All of our software is free to use. All of our content is free to consume.

Stranger Studios builds products around the platforms we create, including support, automation, guidance, and enhanced content delivery. Businesses that use our platforms benefit from fast, secure software built specifically to help them make more money. Individuals and organizations use that money to find freedom in their lives and to achieve their respective goals.

### **Stranger Studios is a great place to work.**

- Fully remote team with diverse members in 5+ different countries.
- 35 hour work weeks.
- Flexible paid time off policy for full time team members, with a minimum of 25 paid days off per year.
- Competitive salaries.
- Stipends for healthcare and technology expenses.
- Join a team that cares about your growth and well-being.

### **Responsibilities**

As a Systems Administrator/DevOps Engineer, you will play a critical role in maintaining our server infrastructure and enabling our team and users to succeed. You'll work closely with developers and other team members to build tools and systems that ensure our platform is reliable, scalable, and secure.

#### **Responsibilities include:**

- **Manage Servers:** Oversee Ubuntu Linux servers hosted on Digital Ocean, many of which run on the LAMP stack (Linux, Apache, MySQL, PHP) and support WordPress applications.

- **Maintenance and Updates:** Keep our servers up to date with security patches, software updates, and best practices.
- **Troubleshooting:** Monitor, diagnose, and address traffic, performance, and security issues as they arise.
- **Tool Development:** Create tools and systems to streamline infrastructure maintenance and management.
- **Template Development:** Build Digital Ocean Droplet templates for internal use and to share with our developer community.
- **Infrastructure Planning:** Collaborate with the team to design and implement new infrastructure capable of hosting thousands of sites on the Paid Memberships Pro (PMPPro) platform.
- **API Development:** Contribute to the planning and development of paid APIs and web services for our users.

This role is ideal for someone with experience in some of these areas and a willingness to learn and grow alongside our team.

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## **Skills and Qualifications**

- Experience managing Linux servers, particularly Ubuntu.
  - Proficiency with the LAMP stack (Linux, Apache, MySQL, PHP).
  - Familiarity with WordPress hosting environments.
  - Understanding of server security, performance optimization, and troubleshooting.
  - Ability to develop tools and automation scripts to improve workflows.
  - Strong communication skills and the ability to work collaboratively in a remote team.
  - Commitment to continuous learning and applying new skills to evolving challenges.
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## Salary Range

This role is available on a full-time or part-time basis, depending on the candidate's availability.

The hourly rate ranges from USD \$25 to \$50, based on experience and hours committed.

For full-time positions, additional benefits will be discussed alongside the base salary.

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## Bonus Skills and Qualifications

- Experience with Digital Ocean or similar cloud hosting providers.
  - Knowledge of containerization tools like Docker.
  - Experience with API development and management.
  - Understanding of scaling and load-balancing strategies for web applications.
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## Core Values

At Stranger Studios, we believe in purposeful work, mutual respect, and commitment to open-source principles. We embrace our humanity, balancing work with life and fostering an environment where team members and customers feel valued. We take ownership of our work, collaborate with empathy, and strive to build software that is both effective and free for others to use and learn from. Joining our team means aligning with these values and contributing to a supportive, respectful, and innovative environment.

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Stranger Studios offers a unique life work balance. The job is very exciting and fast paced, with the opportunity to work remotely at your location. Please provide a CV and introduction of yourself via email to [kim@strangerstudios.com](mailto:kim@strangerstudios.com) if you think this job describes you.