

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
PERSONNEL COMMISSION

CLASS DESCRIPTION
Class Codes Units

DATABASE SPECIALIST
OPERATING SYSTEMS SPECIALIST

1073 S
1074 J

DEFINITION

Develops new concepts to maintain and modify information systems to meet District requirements in a highly advanced and specialized area of information technology and cloud deployments.

TYPICAL DUTIES

Consults with technical and managerial personnel and with users and recommends solutions to problems affecting District operations.
Develops and specifies operational designs of a creative and innovative nature for the development and maintenance of information and/or Extract Transform and Load (ETL) systems.
Meets District objectives by formulating and developing systems approaches involving advanced and innovative methodologies, concepts, and techniques.
Recommends long-range development plans in specific areas of data processing.
Analyzes existing hardware products and software packages to determine the feasibility of using existing products instead of developing new systems.
Prepares technical specifications to be used in proposal or quotation requests.
Develops and recommends technical policies.
Evaluates new applications to determine their effect on existing applications, production, and systems software.
May develop mathematical models and database dictionaries of complex information processing systems.
May supervise other data processing personnel as assigned.
Performs related duties as assigned.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS AMONG RELATED CLASSES

A Specialist in one of the classes listed recommends long-range development plans, prepares technical specifications, and analyzes hardware and software requirements for the specified field of data processing systems indicated in the class type.

An Operating Systems Administrator supervises Operating System Specialists involved in the development of advanced data processing systems, preparation of technical specifications, and analysis of large, complex enterprise systems.

A Senior Programmer Analyst, works independently or as a project leader, applies advanced technical proficiency in systems design and programming to the analysis of unusually complex management information problems and requirements and the design of improved information systems.

SUPERVISION

General direction is received from an IT Administrator, Shared Technical Services or the Deputy Director of Data Center Operations. General supervision may be received from an Operating Systems Administrator.

CLASS QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Functions of information technology hardware, software, and services
Operations research and statistical analysis
Complex information technology operating and applications systems
Communications hardware and software
Data systems analysis and design
Computer hardware and its capabilities including various Windows, VMware, open systems, peripherals, and terminals
Cloud based Infrastructure providers Amazon AWS, Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud
Business and educational data processing applications
Distributed processing techniques
Mathematical modeling
Various higher-level programming languages
Basic IP addressing and subnet schemes
Domain name, send mail, and firewall servers
System virtualization software such as VMWare and Citrix Xen
Platform as a Service (PaaS), Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), Software as a Service (SaaS) and other related cloud technologies

Ability to:

Write and orally express difficult concepts clearly and concisely
Analyze the information needs, problems, and procedures of other departments
Analyze problems in computer operation, program logic, and communications
Evaluate and adapt new data processing techniques
Prepare long-range plans
Solve problems involving integration of advanced technology developments
Represent the District at technical meetings
Analyze and diagnose malfunctions and perform required repairs of computer operation, program logic, and communications
Use the maintenance shell in repairing system defects and restoring files and file systems
Design and implement technical modifications
Work effectively without supervision
Maintain effective working relationships with District personnel

ENTRANCE QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

Graduation from a recognized college or university with a bachelor's degree, preferably with a major in computer science, information systems, telecommunications, data processing, electrical engineering, or industrial engineering. Graduate level courses in engineering, computer science, and operations research are preferable. Qualifying experience in addition to that required below may be substituted on a year-for-year basis for the required education provided that the requirement of a high school diploma or equivalent is met.

Experience:

Three years of experience in the applicable specialty described below.

Database Specialist

Experience in the maintenance, modification, and improvement of relational database management systems that includes access methods and definition languages. Experience with physical and logical database design, data security, development of plans for the conversion of existing systems to database systems, data inquiry and updating, and optimum processing techniques also is required. Two years of this experience must have included using Oracle, SQL Server, DB2, or CICS.

Operating Systems Specialist

Experience in the installation, maintenance, and modification of Linux and Microsoft operating system software. Two years of this experience must have been as an operating system professional with major responsibility in a large computerized installation including professional level experience with Linux (Red Hat or SUSE) or Microsoft is required. At least three years of experience with systems generation, SAN storage systems, enterprise backup/restore systems, dynamic storage and partition allocation processes, and dump analysis is also preferable (this experience may be concurrent). Any of the above-mentioned experience must also include at least two years of performance measurement and systems monitoring techniques, and development of long-range plans for transition to new operating systems or cloud platforms (AWS, Azure).

Special:

A valid driver's license to legally operate a motor vehicle in the State of California and the use of a motor vehicle, or the ability to utilize an alternative method of transportation.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Operating Systems Specialist is a management classification.

This class description is not a complete statement of essential functions, responsibilities, or requirements. Entrance requirements are representative of the minimum level of knowledge, skill, and /or abilities. To the extent permitted by law, management retains the discretion to add or change typical duties of a position at any time, as long as such addition or change is reasonably related to existing duties.

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