



# Łukasz Bernard Polański

NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR/ENGINEER · SOLUTIONS ARCHITECT - INFRASTRUCTURE

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*"Improvement begins with I."*

## Summary

During my previous employment I have developed over 10-year experience in managing several hundred node networks both local and geographically distributed. I have been dealing with networking infrastructure optimization in order to meet the growing needs of modern data-center in terms of both services availability and traffic monitoring. I have been enforcing the company's security policy by deploying and managing Next Generation Firewall systems.

I've been working along with datacenter operators and DevOps, being

in touch with the cutting-edge technological hardware and software based solutions. A similar approach that drives DevOps community spurs me on to look for solutions that guarantee security, scalability and elasticity in a datacenter networking workload.

In the near future I would like to focus my attention on network provisioning and process automation as well as studying implementations of Software Defined Networking (SDN) for flexible and programmatic network configuration.

## Skills

<b>Networking devices</b>	Juniper, Nortel, Cisco, D-Link, HP, Huawei, NVIDIA/Mellanox (Cumulus Linux)
<b>Firewall and security</b>	Stonesoft/McAfee (now Forcepoint), Dell SonicWall, Palo Alto, opnSense, Websense, Darktrace
<b>Networking protocols:</b>	IPv6, OSPF, BGP, EVPN, VRRP, 802.1X, EAP, RADIUS, VLAN, VXLAN, NetFlow/sFlow
<b>Telephony</b>	Innovaphone PBX, UC, AudioCodes BG, Asterisk, h.323, SIP, ENUM
<b>Virtualisation, Cloud, Container</b>	KVM, oVirt, VMware vSphere, OpenStack, Docker/podman, kubernetes
<b>Programming and automation</b>	Python, Shell Scripting, Ansible, GIT
<b>Linux server administration</b>	RedHat/CentOS, Debian/Ubuntu
<b>Storage</b>	VMware vSAN, CEPH, Fibre Channel, iSCSI, FreeNAS, ZFS
<b>Natural Languages</b>	Polish ( <i>mother tongue</i> ), Italian ( <i>full professional proficiency</i> ), English ( <i>professional proficiency</i> )
<b>Driving license</b>	International driving license: category A, B

## Work Experience

### NWU - IT Department (North-West University)

Potchefstroom, South Africa

JUNIOR SOLUTIONS ARCHITECT

Sep. 2018 - Present

- Supporting university Enterprise Architect's tasks
- Supervision and guidance of small teams of Network and Systems from Operations and Infrastructure division
- Network automation, configuration management and systems orchestration and deployment using DevOps approach
- Planning supervision and maintenance of the core network backbone and global peering.
- Data Center Virtualization
- Study and evaluation of service containerization techniques
- Data pipeline building blocks towards unified infrastructure as a code

Potchefstroom, South Africa

SOLUTIONS ARCHITECT CONSULTANT

Dic. 2017 - Aug. 2018

- Design of EVPN based Data Center fabric, stretched L2 domains and evaluation of VXLAN routing scenarios
- Configuration and testing of IPv6 based routed network services
- Network automation tasks, configuration management and orchestration with Ansible
- Building testing environment for backbone network infrastructure on top of GNS3 and Vagrant
- Testing, troubleshooting and monitoring of BGP L2VPN EVPN fabric deployment in Cumulus Linux/Juniper/Cisco environments
- Troubleshooting VMware vSphere iSCSI attached SAN over VXLAN overlay networks
- Configuration of routed multicast domains on Juniper devices
- Design and implementation of an infrastructure for user edge network devices deployment

## CNR - Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (National Research Council of Italy)

Rome, Italy

NETWORK & SECURITY ENGINEER/ADMINISTRATOR, VOIP ENGINEER/ADMINISTRATOR

Jul. 2008 - Sep. 2017

- CNR is the largest public research institution in Italy that refers to MIUR (Ministry of Education, Universities and Research). Within its Networking and Information Systems department I am committed to support both scientific and administrative units, mainly through:
- Management and deployment of Next Generation Firewall, IPS and VPN
- Deploying 10 Gbps and 40 Gbps core datacenter network and enterprise user network
- Management of wireless and Authentication Authorization and Accounting architecture
- Migration of over 1000 extensions of Ericsson's MD110 to Innovaphone VoIP PBX leading to closing down the former obsolete architecture
- Scaling out Central Office VoIP deployment to other campuses and branch offices. Deploying Unified Communications, Border Gateway, and WebRTC
- Deploying and managing of Data Center virtualisation platform in VMware's vSphere, Red Hat's oVirt and participating in definition of Open Stack deployment
- Administration of mainly Red Hat based operating systems and services
- Configuration and maintenance of network services like DNS, DHCP, LDAP
- Troubleshooting network operational and security issues

Ny-Ålesund, Svalbard (Norway)

DATACENTER CONTACT AND LOGISTIC STAFF MEMBER

Jan. 2014 - Sep. 2017

- Maintaining networking and telecommunications facilities both remotely and during on-site expeditions
- Supporting Italian research teams in Ny-Ålesund in Svalbard
- Collaboration in "Dirigibile Italia Management and Logistics Programme" scientific project (RIS-ID 10204) <http://www.researchinsvalbard.no/project/7399/>

Rome, Italy

IT AND VOIP CONSULTANT

Mar. 2008 - May 2008

- PIEMME TELECOM S.r.l. consultant for the CNR administration: performing preliminary study, testing of interoperability and its deployment between the Innovaphone VoIP solution and Ericsson MD110 PABX

Rome, Italy

IT EXTERNAL CONSULTANT

Dic. 2005 - dic 2007

- Modernization, management and monitoring of enterprise network infrastructure; system administrator of Linux servers
- Hardware deployment of IBM systemX servers and Fibre Channel SAN

## PNRA - Programma Nazionale delle Ricerche in Antartide (Italian National Antarctic Research Program)

Concordia Station, Plateau Dome C, Antarctica

SUPERDARN (SUPER DUAL AURORAL RADAR NETWORK) TECHNICAL STAFF MEMBER

20 Nov. 2012 - 30 Jan. 2013

- Temporal assignment to the Antarctic Technical Unit of ENEA/PNRA following INAF - IAPS request (Institute of Astrophysics and Space Planology) as Italian team member with the mission of assembling and putting into operation SuperDARN radar on the Antarctic plateau
- Real-time UNIX (QNX) configuration, setting-up networking and data transmission back to the Antarctic base
- Mounting all the trellis and antennas, mounting and testing power transmitters and phasing matrix

Concordia Station, Antarctica

IT SPECIALIST, LOGISTIC AND RADIO ROOM STAFF MEMBER

13 Nov. 2009 - 19 Feb. 2010

- Implementation of new mail server and bash scripting for data transmission on satellite connection, network monitoring system and enhancement of the Ethernet infrastructure; deployment of VoIP infrastructure
- Control Room activities: weather observation and radio communication both with scientific and logistic personnel

## Orange Open Solutions S.r.l.

[www.orangeos.it](http://www.orangeos.it)

ICT SYSTEM INTEGRATOR

Jun. 2007 - 2016

- IBL Banca: migration of Stonesoft distributed firewall system of the bank headquarter and its 34 Italian branch offices; implementation of "Intermapper" SNMP monitoring system
- TELESPIAZIO - one of the world's leading players in satellite services: configuration and on-site training of Innovaphone VoIP distributed solution for Lario Area operators
- Phitofarma - Italian Cosmetic Factory: network and VoIP service consultancy
- CNOS FAP - Salesian Father's Professional education centers: "Progetto Connettività" assessment of networking and telecommunication strategies towards common policy (2007, 2008)
- PARSIFAL - archeology supervision cooperative in Rome: deployment of a NAS system based on FreeNAS operating system and ZFS filesystem and zvolumes
- Innovaphone VoIP solutions consultancy for different smaller customers

## Pontifical Committee for Historical Sciences

Vatican City State, Italy

"PCSS - Pontificio Comitato di Scienze Storiche"

IT TECHNICAL COLLABORATION

2002 - 2007

- Implementation of an organizational web site
- Configuration and administration of network shared resources

## “POLANSKI” Salon Komputerowy - Family IT Business

Lubin, Poland

IT TECHNICAL STAFF MEMBER

Jan. 1994 - Aug. 1998

- Assembling, configuration and testing of desktop PCs
- Technical assistance and installation of hardware and software
- First networking deployments to some of the town schools (Windows NT 4.0 and Novell NetWare 4.x)

## Professional Training & Courses

### COURSES

#### Google Cloud Platform, Big Data and Machine Learning Fundamentals

Coursera.org

GOOGLE CLOUD

April. 2020

- This course highlights use-cases for both components of any data pipeline and dives into the available data lake and warehouse solutions on Google Cloud Platform.

#### Modernizing Data Lakes and Data Warehouses with GCP

Coursera.org

GOOGLE CLOUD

May. 2020

- This course highlights use-cases for both components of any data pipeline and dives into the available data lake and warehouse solutions on Google Cloud Platform.

#### vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage [V6.7]

Johannesburg, South Africa

VMWARE EDUCATION SERVICES

Dic. 2018

- Configuration and administration of vSphere infrastructure and its components for the foundation of a software-defined data center

#### vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage [V6.0]

Rome, Italy

VMWARE EDUCATION SERVICES

Dic. 2015

- Configuration and administration of vSphere infrastructure and its components for the foundation of a software-defined data center

#### CL210: Red Hat OpenStack Administration II

Rome, Italy

RED HAT, INC.

Dic. 2015

- Implementation, configuration, use and maintenance of a cloud computing environment using Red Hat Enterprise Linux OpenStack platform
- Leveraging the cloud computing characteristics: self-service, global network access, multitenancy, elasticity, telemetry

#### Juniper Advanced Switching

K-Labs, Rome, Italy

JUNIPER NETWORKS EDUCATION SERVICES

Mar. 2014

- Advanced Switching, JunOS CLI, MSTP, VSTP, authentication and access control for Layer 2 networks, IP telephony features, class of service (CoS), monitoring and troubleshooting tools and features supported on the EX Series Ethernet Switches

#### Asterisk Advanced

Rome, Italy

ALLNET ITALIA – CERTIFIED DIGIUM PARTNER

Jun. 2012

- The Asterisk Advanced training course is designed to prepare Linux/Unix consultants, interconnect vendors, enterprise IT personnel, and ITSP/telco systems administrators to configure, manage and troubleshoot Asterisk-based VoIP systems

#### PHP Base Programming

Rome, Italy

PCSNET ROMA

Apr. 2009

- Introductory course to PHP programming

#### Innovaphone convergent Engineer Advanced

Hannover, Germany

INNOVAPHONE

Feb. 2009

- Advanced configuration and troubleshooting of Innovaphone VoIP architecture

#### Stonesoft Solutions to Network Security: Firewall/VPN, IPS, SSL VPN

Rome, Italy

STONESOFT CORPORATION

Nov. 2008

- Stonesoft - McAfee/Intel Security - Forcepoint

#### Voice over IP & Telephony over IP: technology and solutions

Rome, Italy

CNR - UIEC

Oct. 2008

- architecture of SIP protocol

#### Development of advanced web services applications

“Progettazione e sviluppo di applicazioni e servizi distribuiti orientati al Web a elevato contenuto tecnologico”

www.iasi.cnr.it

CNR, IASI - INSTITUTE FOR SYSTEMS ANALYSIS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE.

Oct. 2005 - Apr. 2006

- HTML, XML, Software Engineering, UML, Java, J2EE, Web services

## Voice over IP - Configuration. Innovaphone - Basic Q-305

Rome, Italy

CONTROLWARE GMBH

Oct. 2005

- VoIP systems architecture, IP infrastructure issues, VoIP protocols, Configuration and management of Innovaphone gateway and PBX

## Configuration, Management & Security of Open Source Platform Solutions

[www.iasi.cnr.it](http://www.iasi.cnr.it)

### “Configurazione, Gestione e Sicurezza di Piattaforme Open Source (Linux/Unix)”

CNR, IASI - INSTITUTE FOR SYSTEMS ANALYSIS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE.

Feb. 2005 - Nov. 2005

- programming fundamentals; computer networks; system hardware and software architecture; Open Source paradigm; system, service and network administration in Linux/Unix; Linux related security

## CERTIFICATIONS ACHIEVED

Oct. 2020 **JNCDA**, Juniper Networks Certified Associate - Juniper Networks Certified Design

Juniper Networks

Aug. 2020 **JNCIA-SEC**, Juniper Networks Certified Associate - Security

Juniper Networks

Aug. 2020 **JNCIA-Junos**, Juniper Networks Certified Associate - Junos

Juniper Networks

Jul. 2020 **JNCIA-DevOps**, Juniper Networks Certified Associate - Automation and DevOps

Juniper Networks

Feb. 2020 **JNCIA-Cloud**, Juniper Networks Certified Associate - Cloud

Juniper Networks

Jan. 2020 **VCP**, VMware Certified Professional - Data Center Virtualization

VMware

Oct. 2019 **TOGAF**, TOGAF 9 Certified (understanding and practice of core principals of Enterprise Architecture)

The Open Group™

Sep. 2015 **EX210, Cert.: 150-160-588**, Red Hat Certified System Administrator in Red Hat OpenStack

Red Hat, Inc.

Feb. 2009 **ICE Advanced**, Innovaphone Certified Engineer

Innovaphone AG

Jan. 2009 **SGFWA 4.3**, Stonegate Firewall Architect

Stonesoft Corp.

Jan. 2009 **SGIPSA 4.3**, Stonegate IPS Architect

Stonesoft Corp.

Jan. 2009 **SGSMCA 4.3**, Stonegate Administrator

Stonesoft Corp.

## CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION

Dic. 2015 **284140**, vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage [V6.0]

VMWare Inc.

Mar. 2014 **IJOS**, Introduction to the Junos Operating System

Juniper Networks

Mar. 2014 **JEX**, Junos Enterprise Switching

Juniper Networks

Mar. 2014 **AJEX**, Advanced Junos Enterprise Switching

Juniper Networks

Jun. 2012 **dCAP**, Asterisk Advanced Training

Digium®

Jun. 2009 **TNIAM II**, Trapeze Networks TNIAM Recertification Test

Trapeze Networks

Sep. 2007 **TNIAM I**, Trapeze Networks Installation Configuration & Maintenance

Trapeze Networks

Oct. 2005 **Q-305**, Innovaphone - Basic. Voice over IP - configuration

Innovaphone AG

## Education

### UNISAL (Università Pontificia Salesiana)

Rome, Italy

M.Sc IN COMMUNICATION SCIENCE

Sep. 1998 - Aug. 2004

- Old and New Media Studies. Radio theory and techniques, majored in “media per le comunità”
- 6 week Internship in “Radio Studio Sette” in Trento (Italy)
- Graduated with maximum of votes, thesis title “Open Source, State of the Art.”

## Other Experience of relevance

### LECTURING

Aug. 2017 **CNR**, “Configuration and running of Firewall systems: Forcepoint/Stonesoft” (10 hours)

Rome, Italy

Apr. 2007 **Grid Consulting S.r.l.**, “Networking II – percorso specialisti IT” (advanced level) course on-site ENAIP (24 hours)

Rome, Italy

Jun. 2006 **Grid Consulting S.r.l.**, introductory course in “Networking” for “SIEL Euroimpianti” employees (66 hours)

Santa Palomba,  
Italy

### PARTECIPATION IN WORKSHOP & TUTORIAL

Jun. 2018 **OpenStack Foundation**, “OpenStack Days Poland”

Kraków, Poland

Sep. 2014 **Consortium GARR**, “Enable web applications with SAML Single Sign-on”

Rome, Italy

Jan. 2013 **Alessandro Schillaci**, Astronomy course

Antarctica

Nov. 2010 **Consortium GARR**, GARR - CERT Security Tutorial

Rome, Italy

Nov. 2010 **IGF Italia**, Internet Governance Forum Italia 2010

Rome, Italy

Nov. 2005 **Consortium GARR**, 6° Workshop GARR: “Dalla Rete all’Utente: quando l’utente diventa nodo attivo della Rete.”

Rome, Italy

## Publications

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### **“Migrazione alla tecnologia VoIP del sistema telefonico dell’Amministrazione Centrale”**

*Project Document published  
internally at CNR*

CO-AUTHOR

*Nov. 2008*

- Migration of the telephone infrastructure for the CNR Central Administration to the VoIP technology

## Hobbies

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- Sport: running, cycling, volleyball, snowboard, squash
- Diving: International PADI Open Water Diver, PADI Nitrox, PADI Adventure Deep Dive
- Hiking, climbing, via ferrata
- Photography
- DIY