BRYAN STEELE

Veteran ⋄ Team Leader ⋄ Executer ⋄ Motivator ⋄ Problem Solver

Node.js ⋄ Linux ⋄ Git ⋄ Python ⋄ Network Security ⋄ Routing & Switching ⋄ BGP ⋄ OSPF ⋄ MPLS ⋄ VPN ⋄ IS IS

Juniper ⋄ Cisco ⋄ Tellabs ⋄ ALU Nokia ⋄ Service Provider Networks ⋄ Structured Cabling (Fiber/Copper)

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Motivated and disciplined U.S. Army veteran with over a decade of experience in **network operations**, **engineering**, **and systems administration**. Adept at troubleshooting complex technical issues, optimizing systems, and leading high-performing teams. Passions lie in both **leadership** and **technology**. While I take great pride in staying technically proficient and constantly expanding my skill set, I also derive deep fulfillment from **mentoring**, **coaching**, **and empowering others to thrive in their roles**. I leverage these strengths to tackle complex challenges, optimize systems, and deliver impactful solutions.

Beyond technology, I draw inspiration from **music** and **cooking**, which offer me creative outlets that inspire and share similar areas of enthusiasm.

HOW I CAN ADD VALUE

- Leadership & Team Management: Delegating tasks, mentoring teams, and evaluating performance to drive operational efficiency.
- **Network & Systems Engineering:** Troubleshooting, maintenance, and optimization of enterprise networks and IT infrastructure.
- Incident Response & Problem-Solving: Managing network outages, mitigating risks, and implementing proactive solutions.
- Cross-Functional Collaboration: Bridging communication between technical and non-technical stakeholders.
- Cloud & Cybersecurity Awareness: Hands-on experience with Linux, Security Information and Event Management (SIEM), Private Cloud Management, and compliance best practices.
- **Programming & Automation:** Foundational knowledge in Python, Node.js, SQL, and scripting to automate tasks and enhance efficiency.
- Technical Proficiency: Juniper | Cisco | Tellabs | ALU Nokia | Layer 2/3 | Service Provider Networks | Structured Cabling (Fiber/Copper)

WHAT I'VE DONE

- Led a team in Verizon's IP Network Management Center (IPNMC), overseeing troubleshooting, recovery, and maintenance of critical infrastructure.
- Optimized network performance and fostered collaboration with engineers, vendors, and leadership.
- Mentored junior engineers and provided technical guidance.
- Installed, maintained, and troubleshot routers, switches, access points, and Cisco UCS servers.
- Led telecommunications equipment installation, including copper and fiber optic systems.
- Executed structured cabling projects, ensuring compliance with regulatory standards.
- Conducted site surveys for IT/DS3 modernization at Army Reserve sites.
- Led Microwave Line-of-Sight system deployment teams in Afghanistan, integrating video encoders for remote viewing.
- Configured, deployed, and troubleshot network infrastructure in challenging environments.
- Managed scheduling and logistics for mission-critical projects.
- Trained personnel on safety protocols and provided performance counseling for career development.
- Monitored network nodes using SolarWinds, Orion, Route Explorer, and SNMPc to ensure operational efficiency.
- Managed firearms and equipment security, training teams in firearms drills and maintenance.

WHERE I'VE BEEN

Verizon - Cary, NCTeam Lead, Network Operations EngineerJune 2021 - PresentAcuative - Fayetteville, NCNetwork Field EngineerNovember 2014 - May 2021Ampcus, Inc - Fort Bragg, NC (contract)IT Infrastructure EngineerMarch 2014 - November 2014Netorian, LLC - Afghan. (contract)Network/Systems Field EngineerMarch 2011 - July 2013US Army - Active & ReserveNetwork Support & Structured CablingSeptember 1996 - March 2011

WHAT I'VE LEARNED

Google Cybersecurity <currently in progress > Linux and Private Cloud Administration on IBM Power Systems
Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) exp.12/27 Cisco Certified Technician Data Center (CCTDC) exp.12/27

Cisco Certified Technician Routing & Switching (CCTR&S) exp. 12/27