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I am a network architect and reliability engineer with 24 years of experience specializing in architecture, design, implementation, and operation of large-scale, performant, and secure backbone, cloud, data center, and enterprise networks. I have a passion for automation, creating collaborative solutions to network performance, reliability, observability, and scaling problems, and developing effective, empathetic, inclusive, and sustainable engineering teams and cultures.

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

# **Network Engineer 5 (contract)**

Other - 10/2023-Present

Network design, automation, deployment, and operations supporting company's global engineering labs. Develop and maintain standards, documentation, and wikis, and lead formal and informal training.

• Co-lead projects to standardize, document, automate, implement WAN capacity, and migrate/onboard several thousand network devices across dozens of sites

## **Senior Cloud Network Reliability Engineer**

**Adobe** - 9/2021-12/2022

(AS1313) Technical lead for the global corporate network team to engineer automation solutions for wired and wireless enterprise, cloud, data center, and WAN implementation, security, reliability, and operation.

• Championed initiatives to add rigor to network engineering practices including design and operations reviews, blameless post-mortems, sustainable on-call, and automating configuration and operation

## **Senior Network Engineer**

**Box** - 11/2019-8/2021

(AS33011) Improved the performance, capacity, and reliability of Box's WAN, data centers, peering, and multi-cloud infrastructure.

• Led cross-team initiatives to overhaul monitoring and observability, increase operational efficiency and velocity, and enable executive visibility of projects and network status

#### **Principal Network Engineer**

**HERE Technologies** - 8/2018-10/2019

(AS1248) Design, automation, reliability, performance, and scaling of HERE's global on-premises and hybrid multi-cloud network infrastructure enabling specialized mapping technologies, location data, and automotive navigation services.

- Introduced Ansible to enforce compliance, improve standardization, and reduce deployment times
- Identified software bugs and rewrote QoS policies to resolve multiple long-standing issues, reduced packet loss and improved throughput 5-10x globally

## **Senior Network Engineer**

**Gaikai/Sony** - 1/2017-5/2018

(AS33353) Network planning, design, documentation, implementation, and operation of WAN, edge peering, load balancing, VPCs, and data centers for PlayStation Now's game streaming services.

- Developed and implemented process and training improvements increasing operational efficiency and reducing deployment times by 10%
- Designed and implemented routing and load-balancing changes reducing intra-regional latency 2-4ms
- Led new technology evaluation and testing; RDMA/RoCE, commodity hardware, IPv6

# Senior Engineer (L64) - Network Strategy & Planning

Microsoft - 3/2014-1/2017

(AS8075) Led company-wide initiatives to enhance customer experience, improve network capacity, performance, and reliability, and optimize the existing peering, CDN, and backbone infrastructure.

- Education, outreach, and strategic partnership building at events and conferences (NANOG, RIPE, PTC, GPF); elected to DE-CIX Customer Advisory Board
- Created reports and tooling with PowerBI, Python, Excel to unblock 60 site builds and save \$15 million

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#### Systems (Sales) Engineer

**Juniper Networks** - 5/2012-8/2013

Involved with all aspects of pre/post-sales to a global service provider; developed consultative relationships with technical and executive decision makers; led architecture and design reviews.

 Key team contributor in transforming resistance into success to exceed quota, and deliver over \$40 million in sales revenue

#### **Network Architect/Staff Engineer**

Infocrossing/Wipro - 7/2010-5/2012

(AS19229) Definition, development, documentation, and implementation of backbone, cloud, data center networks, and solution designs for a managed services provider (MSP).

- Developed, tested, and implemented designs that reduced network costs 10-30%, increased capacity 1000%, and improved reliability from <99.5% to 99.99%
- IP Manager, developed training and implemented process, procured v4 & v6 addresses from RIRs

## **Principal IP Engineer**

Intelepeer - 3/2009-6/2010

(AS32385) Hired to stabilize, redesign, document, and rebuild the network of a wholesale VoIP carrier.

• Developed automation, led installs and site builds, and successfully completed migrations: reduced OPEX by 30%, improved network availability from <95% to 99.99%, and increased capacity 2000%

## **Tech Lead - Senior Network Engineer**

**Yahoo!** - 5/2007-2/2009

(AS10310) Co-led the global teams responsible for Yahoo's edge, backbone, and data center networks. Worked with peers and providers to implement and troubleshoot connectivity worldwide.

• Converted backbone IGP from OSPF to IS-IS; assisted in the unification of disparate worldwide ASNs into one single global network, stretching from Singapore to Switzerland, while in service, with no downtime

## **Principal Engineer**

**Alcatel-Lucent NZ** - 8/2006-5/2007

Lead Architect on complex solution design projects for Telecom New Zealand. Created and tested L3VPN-based products; contributed to metro and backbone architecture.

#### **Lead IP Network Engineer**

tw telecom - 6/2005-7/2006

(AS4323) Team lead responsible for lifecycle and vendor management, network implementation and operation, and was final escalation for all IP/MPLS/telephony-related products and services.

• Installed and configured stopgap monitoring tools (Nagios, Munin, Syslog-NG); lowered MTTR and beat the commercial solution by two-years; implemented Cfengine to automate Debian, RHEL, and Solaris

## **Lead Network Engineer**

Terremark - 1/2004-1/2005

(AS23148) Responsible for performance, design, documentation, implementation, and configuration of a carrier neutral IXP and data center provider; performed traffic/flow analysis in support of peering activities; mentored junior engineers.

Designed and implemented BGP confederations across three continents, converted from OSPF to IS-IS

#### **Senior IP Engineer**

Fusiontel - 9/2002-1/2004

(AS19786) Sole network engineer: responsible for design, documentation, and 24/7 operation of an international VoIP carrier; configured ACLs, BGP, and SIP/H.323 gateways; managed IP addressing, administered Solaris, Debian, NTP, Apache HTTP, Bind DNS, Syslog-NG, Cricket.

#### **Network Engineer**

**USA.net** - 3/2001-5/2002

(AS14454) Cabled, installed, configured, and maintained LAN, WAN, and data center routers, switches, access-lists, firewalls, load balancers, and VPN concentrators; managed IP addressing, NTP, and DNS.

NOC Technician Various - 9/1999-1/2001

#### **Lance Corporal**

**U.S. Marine Corps Reserve** - 1998-2002

Field Radio Operator: responsible for set up, maintenance, and operation of communications equipment in the field to establish and maintain secure communication with other units. Secret security clearance.

• Squad leader; meritorious promotions and commendations

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## **CORE SKILLS**

- IP network architecture, design, security, and operation
- · IP address planning and management
- Learning and teaching; able to quickly ramp up in new subject areas and then teach others
- · Writing for technical and non-technical audiences; design documents, training, blogs, wikis, how-to's
- · Cross-functional consensus building and collaborative problem solving
- Interviewing, coaching, mentoring, and growing distributed engineering organizations
- Standards development, architecture reviews, system design, and code reviews
- Technology evaluation, new product introduction, and vendor management
- Internet peering and interconnection
- Change management and management of change

#### **TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE**

- Hardware and software including Juniper, Cisco, Arista, ZPE, Cumulus, Quanta, PaloAlto, A10, F5, RaspberryPi
- OSPF, IS-IS, BGP/MP-BGP, Anycast, MPLS VPNs, RSVP-TE, VxLAN, IP-PIM
- · Compute, storage, security, CDN, L2-interconnection, load balancing, and VPCs on AWS, GCP, Linode
- Development using Go, Python, Bash, Git, Mercurial, Make, Docker, SQL, HTML, CSS, YAML, JSON, Github
- Installation and operation of Debian/Ubuntu, RHEL/CentOS, Fedora, FreeBSD, and VMWare ESXi servers
- Provisioning and configuration with Terraform, Ansible, Puppet, Nornir, RANCID, Jinja, NETCONF
- DNS/DDI/DCIM with Bind, Infoblox, Device42, BBNA, Netbox; HTTP/S with Apache, Nginx, Traefik, HAProxy
- Monitoring and observability with syslog, SNMP, netflow/sflow, LibreNMS, Sensu, Zabbix, Nagios, PagerDuty

## **CERTIFICATIONS & AFFILIATIONS**

Member, NANOG	2012-Present
Board Member, Customer Advisory Board, DE-CIX	2014-2016
Vice President, Colorado Chapter of the Internet Society (COISOC)	2011-2016
Steering Committee Member, Rocky Mountain IPv6 Task Force (RMv6TF)	2011-2016
Juniper Networks Certified Internet Specialist (JNCIS-ENT)	2012-2015
Juniper Networks Certified Internet Specialist (JNCIS-M)	2006-2009
Cisco Certified Network Professional (CCNP)	2002-2008

## **EDUCATION**

# **Associate of Arts, Physics**

Miami-Dade College