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# Gregory Stephens

Fort Worth, TX (Relocating Summer 2026) → Eligible to Work in the U.S.

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Network-focused cybersecurity professional with hands-on experience in VLANs, OSPF, ACLs, NAT, DHCP/DNS, switching, routing, and IOS troubleshooting. Completed the IBM Cybersecurity Analyst Professional Certificate (14 courses, including networking fundamentals, OS security, and threat analysis) and the Google Cybersecurity Certificate. Currently completing the NAIT Cybersecurity Post-Diploma and preparing for Security+ by April 2026. Building advanced labs in DMZ firewall design, segmentation, high availability, and site-to-site VPN tunnels. Relocating to Fort Worth, TX in Summer 2026.

## SKILLS

**Networking:** VLANs, trunking, inter-VLAN routing, ACLs, OSPF, DHCP, DNS, NAT, subnetting

**Switching & Routing:** Layer 2 & Layer 3 configuration, spanning-tree basics, static/dynamic routing

**Firewalls/Security:** ACL creation, DMZ concepts, NAT rules, outbound policies

**Systems:** Linux CLI, Windows Admin, Wireshark packet analysis

**Tools:** Cisco Packet Tracer, Cisco CLI, QRadar (SIEM), GitHub

**Documentation:** Network diagrams, SOPs, configuration notes, runbooks

**Frameworks:** Basic NIST network security concepts

## EXPERIENCE

### Network Technician (Cybersecurity-Focused)

*Trinity Systems - Edmonton, AB*

Sep 2024 - Present

- Design and configure VLAN segmentation, trunk ports, and inter-VLAN routing.
- Implement OSPF multi-area routing to support scalable networks.
- Create ACLs to control inbound/outbound traffic across network segments.

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- Configure switches and routers using Cisco IOS CLI (interfaces, VLANs, routing, and verification commands).
  - Configure DHCP scopes, DNS settings, and NAT rules to support internal infrastructure.
  - Verify spanning-tree configurations and resolve port blocking or loop issues in lab environments.
  - Build and maintain lab environments simulating enterprise network architecture.
  - Perform packet analysis with Wireshark to troubleshoot latency, routing loops, and misconfigurations.
  - Assist with firewall rule creation, zone design, and basic DMZ concepts.
  - Document troubleshooting steps and resolutions in structured workflows to support repeatable network operations.
  - Document configurations, network diagrams, troubleshooting steps, and change notes.
  - **Commands:** `show vlan`, `show ip route`, `show interfaces`, `show running-config`

### **Cybersecurity Student**

***NAIT (Northern Alberta Institute of Technology) - Edmonton, AB***

Sep 2024 - Present

- Hands-on labs in switching, routing, firewalling, Linux admin, and network security.
- Built enterprise topologies using Cisco environments, CLI, and multilayer switching.
- Completed labs in VLANs, ACLs, NAT, DHCP, DNS, Linux investigations, and SIEM fundamentals.

### **CEO / Digital Operations (Legacy Role)**

***Trinity Systems - Redmond, WA***

May 2018 - Aug 2024

- Managed client technical projects, deployments, and backend operations.
- Transitioned from development/design into networking and cybersecurity pathways.

## **EDUCATION**

**Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT), Edmonton, AB -**

*Cybersecurity Post-Diploma Certificate*

Sep 2024 - Apr 2026

## CERTIFICATIONS

- CompTIA Security+ (SY0-701) — *Expected April 2026*
- Google Cybersecurity Professional Certificate
- IBM Cybersecurity Analyst Professional Certificate
- Cisco Networking Essentials

## PROJECT PORTFOLIO

GitHub Portfolio: [github.com/qstephens-cyber](https://github.com/qstephens-cyber)

### Highlighted Projects:

- **VLAN Segmentation & Inter-VLAN Routing Lab** — full enterprise L2/L3 config
- **OSPF Multi-Area Lab** — dynamic routing with area design
- **ACL Traffic Control Lab** — inbound/outbound control and filtering
- **NAT & DHCP Infrastructure Lab** — address translation and dynamic address assignment
- **Firewall Policy Lab (DMZ)** — ACLs, NAT, outbound rules (*in progress*)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Eligible to work in the United States (no sponsorship required).
- Relocating permanently to Fort Worth, Texas — Summer 2026.
- Target roles: Network Technician • Network Operations • Network Support • L2 Switch/Router Technician • IT Infrastructure Technician