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SPECIALIZATION

Network Security / Automation

Cisco · Fortinet · Palo Alto · Juniper

Python · Ansible · Nornir · pyATS

REST · NETCONF · RESTCONF · YANG

NSE 7 Secure Networking · FCSS

Native Spanish · Basic English

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Senior Network & Security Engineer with 15+ years of experience in enterprise environments. Focused on multivendor networking and security with Cisco, Fortinet, Palo Alto Networks and Juniper, network automation with Python, Ansible and Nornir, SD-WAN and highly available WAN connectivity. Experience supporting clients across Latin America, the United States and Europe, with an emphasis on operational continuity, structured troubleshooting, clear documentation and repeatable processes.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CONSULTING SERVICES S.R.L.

Role: Field Engineer

April 2024 - present

Responsibilities and achievements:

• Assess network and security infrastructure, review existing environments and identify technical requirements and improvement opportunities.

• Plan implementations, commissioning and support activities in line with the agreed service scope.

• Configure and implement Cisco, Fortinet and Palo Alto Networks solutions across enterprise infrastructure.

• Validate deployed solutions and troubleshoot connectivity, networking and security issues.

• Provide advanced support using structured troubleshooting to identify incident causes and define corrective actions.

• Perform preventive maintenance and configuration reviews to support infrastructure stability and continuity.

• Prepare and coordinate technical changes and maintenance windows with the teams and clients involved.

• Execute changes, commission solutions and carry out technical checks after each intervention.

• Document configurations, implementation procedures and operational records to support maintenance and technical handover.

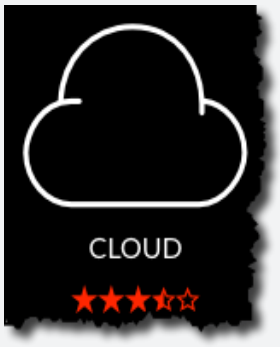
• Contribute to continuous improvement through recommendations arising from assessments, support and maintenance.

PRO SKILLS

- English
- Networking
- Scripting
- Security
- Linux / Unix
- Windows Server
- Data Center
- Team Leadership
- Cisco Technologies
- Fortinet Technologies
- Juniper Technologies
- Palo Alto Networks













PLUS-IT ARGENTINA S.A.

Role: Senior Network & Security Engineer

November 2022 - December 2024

Responsibilities and achievements:

• Configure and maintain routers, switches, firewalls, load balancers, VPNs and QoS policies.

• Implement projects, coordinate technical work with clients and prepare implementation plans and test procedures.

• Develop Python 3 scripts and templates to automate networking tasks.

• Perform hardening, firmware upgrades, patching and preventive and corrective maintenance across Cisco, Juniper, Extreme, F5, Fortinet and Citrix ADC.

• Implement monitoring with Elastic Stack, Kibana, Prometheus, Grafana and Zabbix.

MENTES INQUIETAS

Role: Senior Network Engineer & DevNet Automation

June 2021 - present · part time

Responsibilities and achievements:

• Plan, configure and maintain network infrastructure remotely for clients across Latin America, the United States and Europe.

• Develop and use custom scripts and automation templates to streamline recurring operational tasks.

• Prepare implementation plans, test procedures and technical documentation.

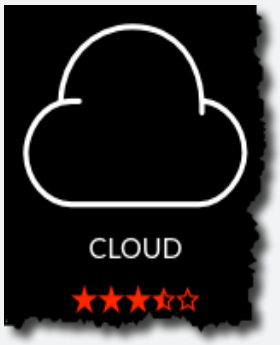
• Implement projects and contribute to design, planning changes to reduce disruption.

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- Juniper Technologies
- Palo Alto Networks













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Role: Monitoring & Orchestration

October 2023 - October 2024

Responsibilities and achievements:

• Configure, implement and administer Zabbix, Grafana and ELK to monitor critical services and infrastructure.

• Administer Linux servers and analyse resources, performance and logs to investigate incidents.

• Troubleshoot connectivity and application issues by analysing service behaviour and the supporting infrastructure.

• Develop Bash, Ansible and Python scripts to automate recurring operational tasks.

• Automate the deployment and configuration of new instances through custom scripts.

• Plan tasks with the client and coordinate monitoring and orchestration activities.

• Achieved a measured 40% reduction in critical-incident response time through automated alerting and remediation.

• Saved more than 30 hours per month, measured, by automating instance deployment and configuration.

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Role: Managed Services Operations

April 2017 - May 2018

Responsibilities and achievements:

• Operate and administer LAN and WAN networks for multiple clients, focusing on connectivity and telecommunications continuity.

• Install, configure and administer Cisco, Juniper, Extreme, F5 and Fortinet networking and security equipment.

• Configure and maintain Site-to-Site and Client-to-Site VPNs for inter-site connectivity and remote access.

• Implement automated configuration backups for network equipment.

• Perform preventive and corrective maintenance across multivendor networking and security platforms.

• Troubleshoot and resolve network issues as part of managed service operations.













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Role: Network Security Field Engineer

May 2018 - August 2021

Responsibilities and achievements:

• Implement networking and security across Greenfield and Brownfield projects, contributing to design, commissioning and testing.

• Cisco 2K/3K/4K/6K switching: VSS, StackWise, STP, IGMP snooping, VACL, HSRP and EtherChannel.

• ISR4K, ASR1K and ASR903 routing: BGP, EIGRP, OSPF, NBAR2, QoS, NetFlow, MPLS and PTP.

• DMVPN and FlexVPN; WLC 5508 wireless, SSO and FlexConnect; Nexus 7K, vPC and SPAN.

• Automate tasks with Python 3, perform hardening and maintain multivendor infrastructure during coordinated maintenance windows.

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LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS ARGENTINA

Role: Datacenter Network Engineer

June 2006 - April 2017

Responsibilities and achievements:

• Operate data center infrastructure and administer LAN/WAN networks, VPNs and multivendor equipment.

• Configure and administer Cisco and Nexus switches, Cisco ASR routers and Juniper SRX 650 firewalls.

• Diagnose connectivity issues and review switching, routing and security configurations to resolve network incidents.

• Perform preventive and corrective maintenance on network equipment and validate connectivity after interventions.

• Administer Windows Server and Linux/Unix; troubleshoot client systems, applications and services.

• Provide proactive monitoring with Nagios, Cacti and SolarWinds; use HPOV, NNMI and WhatsUp.

• Automate network backups and administer Veritas NetBackup.

• Administer SunOne, Exchange, Lotus Notes, Postfix and Qmail email platforms.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

ACADEMIC DEGREE AND CURRENT CERTIFICATIONS

- **Computer Systems Engineering - UAI** 2006
- **Fortinet NSE 7 Certified in Secure Networking** 2025
- **Fortinet Certified Solution Specialist Secure Networking** 2025
- **Fortinet Certified Solution Specialist Network Security** 2025

  Fortinet credentials valid until April 2027.

PREVIOUS CREDENTIALS - YEAR OBTAINED

- **RHCSA - Red Hat Certified System Administrator** 2015
- **CCNA Routing & Switching - Cisco** 2016
- **CCNA Security - Cisco** 2016
- **PSE Platform Professional - Palo Alto Networks** 2018
- **PSE Endpoint Professional - Palo Alto Networks** 2018

OTHER KNOWLEDGE AND COURSES

- **VMware VCP — Data Center Virtualization v6 / VCP-DCV6** 2015
- **ITIL v3** 2015
- **Xcode Programming — Objective-C / Cocos2d** 2016
- **JUNOS / Juniper Security** 2017
- **EMC Data Domain System Administration** 2017
- **CCNP ROUTE 300-101** 2018
- **CCNP SWITCH 300-115** 2018
- **F5 Configuring BIG-IP LTM v13.1.01** 2018
- **F5 Administering BIG-IP v13.1.01** 2018
- **F5 Configuring BIG-IP DNS v13.1.01** 2018
- **CCNP TSHOOT 300-135** 2019
- **SENSS 300-206 — Implementing Cisco Edge Network Security Solutions** 2019
- **SISAS 300-208 — Implementing Cisco Secure Access Solutions** 2019
- **SIMOS 300-209 — Implementing Cisco Secure Mobility Solutions** 2019
- **SITCS 300-210 — Implementing Cisco Threat Control Solutions** 2019
- **Palo Alto Networks Firewall 8.1 — EDU-210** 2019
- **Cisco Network Services Orchestrator / NSO** 2020
- **AWS Networking — VPC, Routing & Hybrid Connectivity** 2020
- **AWS Advanced Networking** 2020
- **DevNet Associate — Network Automation & Programmability** 2022
- **Azure Networking — VNet, VPN Gateway, Load Balancer & NSG** 2022
- **Ethical Hacking / CEH v12** 2022
- **CBT Nuggets: Advanced Network Automation with Cisco and Python** 2022
- **CBT Nuggets: Python for Network Engineers** 2022
- **CBT Nuggets: Fortinet NSE 4 FortiOS 7.x** 2022
- **CBT Nuggets: Cisco ENCOR 350-401** 2022
- **CBT Nuggets: Cisco DEVCOR 350-901** 2022
- **CBT Nuggets: Ansible Network Automation EX457** 2022
- **DevNet Professional — Network Automation & Programmability** 2023
- **NSE 7 — SD-WAN 7.2** 2024
- **FCSS — Enterprise Firewall 7.4 Administrator** 2025

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Operating systems**: Linux (CentOS, Red Hat, Debian, Oracle, Slackware, Ubuntu), Windows Server, macOS
- **Network Automation**: Python, Netmiko, NAPALM, Nornir, pyATS, Ansible
- **APIs and protocols**: REST APIs, NETCONF, RESTCONF, YANG
- **Scripting**: Bash, Python, Shell Scripting
- **Containers and orchestration**: Docker, Kubernetes
- **Network management and orchestration**: Cisco NSO, FortiManager, Palo Alto Panorama
- **DevOps and infrastructure as code**: Terraform, CloudFormation, Ansible, Jenkins, GitLab CI/CD
- **Configuration management**: Puppet, Chef, SaltStack
- **Observability and monitoring**: ELK Stack, Grafana, Zabbix, Prometheus
- **Version control**: Git, GitHub, GitLab
- **Remote access and administration**: SSH, CLI, console / serial, RDP, VNC, TeamViewer
- **Cloud**: AWS, Azure