JOHN GARDNER

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PROFILE

Beginning in high school, John started studying Cisco Networking in the Cisco Network Academy. During that time, he achieved his CCNA certification and began consulting for small businesses in his local area. After graduating high school, John entered Calumet College of St. Joseph where he attained an associate degree in System networking. After two years of consulting, he was brought aboard to a local computer training organization. He continued to consult in the networking space but also began to teach Network +, Cisco ICND, and CCNP courses. After 7 years, John entered the consulting and engineering role at a local MSP. With 6 years of experience consulting and engineering, he returned to training. He now specializes in Data Center Networking and Application Centric Infrastructure. He also specializes in NXOS, IOS, ACI, and UCS.

As a specialist in the data center space, John provides consulting, implementation, and support of Cisco data center infrastructures. John has developed full data center labs for Cisco Nexus and ACI products, created data center derivative works courseware, and has recorded several Data Center videos for Cisco eLearning products.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

CERTIFICATIONS

- CCNP Enterprise
- CCNP Data Center
- UCS Specialist
- Firepower Security Training

AWARDS

- Distinguished Instructor Award (2017, 2018, 2021)
- Instructor Excellence Award (2018, 2021, 2022)

"Very knowledgeable and understood the product very well. Could answer questions and understood a lot of the other technology around the products."
- Brian, Systems Engineer

He didn't simply read from the slides that guided his instruction, but he has plenty of personal experience with the subject matter to draw from." - Jon

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