



RUSSELL HUGHES

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PROFILE

Russell has over 25 years of experience in the field of networking and 20 years as an instructor. He has delivered courses for SLI, formerly CCTI, for fourteen years, specializing in security, content networking, and Voice over IP solutions.

He began his IT career as a systems administrator, managing Windows servers, backup solutions, and email systems. He also played a key role in designing and building a remote classroom lab solution that enabled CCTI/SLI to deliver Cisco courses globally without the need to ship physical Cisco equipment.

Russell currently teaches CCNA and CCNP-level courses, with deep expertise in content networking, IPv6, BGP, and Data Center technologies. Since 2022, he has been certified and authorized to teach Arista's ACE curriculum, including ACE: L1 through L3, as well as Data Center Operations and Engineering. His work with Arista reflects his continued commitment to staying at the forefront of networking education and technology.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

CERTIFICATIONS

CCSI

CCNA

CCSP

CCNP Enterprise

Arista Certified Engineering Expert

AWARDS

Cisco Instructor Excellence Award
(2013-2021; 2023-2024)

"It is obvious that Russell has a passion for what he does. He is a fantastic instructor." - Ray, Network Engineer

"Russell is a great instructor. He involved the class throughout the course and never hesitated to provide deeper explanations whenever there were questions. He also did a great job showing feeling and excitement rather than just dictating a course from a script." - Brett, Systems Engineer

