Making Network Engineering Cool Again

Recruiting and upskilling the next generation of IT professionals

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Who am I???

Connectivity has become a utility

We're facing a huge talent gap

Networking became uncool

4,294,967,296

Melina ›

Anyways I got this new shower head that tracks ur water usage and the temp and the time and it's making me never wanna shower

8:49

hai ⌄
❋ Connected

hai

🔺 9.54 gal. over ⓘ
Today's shower at 08:19 PM

💧 Water

time spent	gal. used	gal. saved ⓘ
22ₘ 7ₛ	29.54	0

💡 Energy

avg. temp.	kwh used	kwh saved. ⓘ
110°F	2.7	0

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Access is denied.

OK

Start

The Open Diary

the online diary for the world

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unlock my diary

Unlock!

jump to a diary

Welcome to The Open Diary, the first interactive diary community on the Internet. We are currently home to 16,084 online diaries. Click here to read about the new site design.

Written Today
There have been 88 entries written today.

Diary Index
Find diaries by name, age or location.

Start a New Diary
Like to have your own online diary? Joining our community is easy and free. Start your own private or public diary today!

Theme of the Week
Each week, our diarists are welcome to write about a selected topic. This week's topic: "What do you have to be thankful for?"

Need help?
Visit the DiaryMaster's diary for answers.

Latest Entries

Sylverling	poetrrrty
peachy	help i am confused
Uei	A little thought of the day.
Electric Gypsy	Party Day and Lazy Day
AloneAtLast	Peaceful Easy Feeling
LovelyNeurotic	Conclusion
geum69	meet virginia
LovelyNeurotic	Explaination
Katie lynn	My "good" friend Kris
Mark33	The Sage
me, myself and i	Clouds......
Marius De Romanus	All alone at home
Eponine	Open Diary Chat
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fgossip	The calm waters of the spirit
Bebe0161	Fun with Bowling
tears-of-ticao	my sister—becoming a disappoinment...
FutureDiva	Sleepy Hollow(sp?)
javence	working

50 Most Recent Entries

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Reader's Choice
Our readers point out some of the great writing on our site.

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MagikCandie	The Rain
SacredPariah	Before the Dancing Candle

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AOL Instant Messenger℠

Screen Name <New User>

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Access to the Internet is a *fundamental human right.*

Today, being connected is the *expectation.*

This is about passing down your *legacy.*

Why study Network Engineering?

1 — Nothing works without the network.

2 — You can work in any industry.

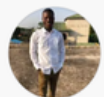**3** — It's a very flexible job.

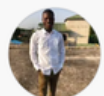**4** — Always something new to learn.

5 — It's extremely collaborative
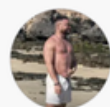
How do I get into this industry?

Do you have any advice. I used to be a network tech (5 years) took a break for a few years. Now I'm trying to get back into networking, having zero luck. I have 2 Juniper certs, and working on CCNP. Thank you! Levi

hello, hope you doing well

I am a student preparing for my CCNA certification, I am looking for a professional internship

I would actually like to learn network engineering.

Please help regarding books or online free resources to get up-to-date in networking for organizational use 🙏

Hi Alexis! I'm Alejandro I'm in grad school and I work for an MSP in New Jersey and studying for my certifications at the moment. I was wondering do you have any tips on what software I should get really familiar with? I have a MacBook and I saw that you use one as well. Any tips on how to break into the networking engineering industry would be awesome and appreciated thank you very much!

Hi how are you you help to find a job as a network engineer i live in Seattle wa I applied to many positions

Where can i start!!!??...i hope you see this...I'm looking to get into IT but i don't know where to start...i don't have friends or family in this field

How to start learning Network Engineering as an IT grad...

Hi ! I will be finishing my degree computer engineering, and I want get into networks. Although I am from Canada, do you have any company recommendations or tips for a cv
Thanks

Dec 27, 2024 9:07 PM

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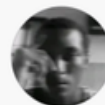
am looking into getting into networking what should i do

Nov 3, 2024 9:49 PM

Hey do you respond to messages? I work in the data center world and am a bit lost on where to go from here. I've seen your content here and there and decided to give you a follow, I want to do something cool in the tech industry besides sitting behind a desk

hey! i am super interested with network engineering. i myself have actually set up a simple homelab in our house with vlans and all. Currently, I am studyng ComputerScience at a university. Can you share some informations on the track that I should follow as I want to become a network engineer too someday

Hi Alexis,
I'm currently in a help desk role and was wondering if you had any tips on how to get over the hump to that network engineering position. I have been at this role for close to 2 years and feel that I am ready, any advice?

I have my network diploma bu haven't found a job, any place you recommend I apply?

Hello I was wondering if there is any way you could give me some advice on trying to get a career in the networking field, really I want to work with servers. I am self taught now but I am wanting to go to school and really go for a job in that field. Is there anyway you could point me in the right direction

How do I get into this industry?

I'm am trying desperately to find a way to get my CCNA certification, do you have any recommendations?

Hi..I want learn more about networking can you suggest a good starting course for beginners..thanks

I want to learn but i dont know where to start from

Hey Alexis. Love your TikTok

Can I pick your brain about network engineering field?

Hi, I am working in a telecommunication industry and I aspire to be a network engineer. I am studying for my CCNA now. Would be great if you can advise me on the path to take after that

Hello I'm currently studying CIS at my college and saw your reel about network engineering. I wanted to know what would I need to learn to be able to break into a network engineering role? Are there any certifications I could do that might stand out and help me learn and also stand out to a recruiter?

Would appreciate any advice you could give me on this❤️

Alexis thank you for ur content it's very inspiring ✨

IT and Networking sounds interesting...thank you for ur advice ..

Tech jobs are really just white collar trades.

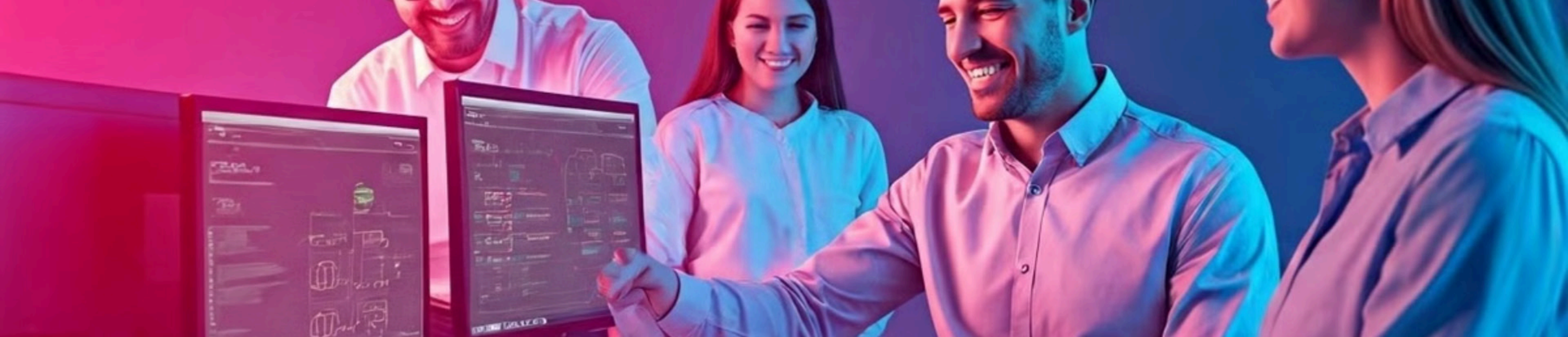|	
Carpenter	Developer
Electrician	Cybersecurity Analyst
Mechanic	Network Engineer

IT STARTS WITH US.

Bring in young talent.

Talk about your work.

IT IS a business enabler.

Networking

(the people kind)

Never eat alone.

Establish peers

Be present

Don't just build your network   - maintain it

YOU are the ones who will make network engineering cool again.

THANK YOU

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