



INGENIOUS CHAMPION PROFILE

Michel Tepper, Security Consultant, Nuvias



Introducing Michel Tepper

Michel Tepper is a Solutions Architect for Nuvias in The Netherlands and a Juniper Ambassador. Besides doing a lot of presales support, he also is a Juniper Networks Certified Instructor on Security, Service Provider, and Enterprise routing and switching tracks. Working for more than 30 years in the industry hasn't dampened his enthusiasm for the technology, or for Juniper specifically. Besides Juniper, Michel also holds certifications for a number of other leading vendors.

Career Path

Michel's career is a rather unusual one. He started as a COBOL programmer—not a great job for someone who doesn't like typing, and COBOL is a lot of typing. He then moved to programming in C. After a side trip as a data manager for a scientific study on Alzheimer's disease, he started working as a consultant for early commercial UNIX deployments. This lasted for 10 years. Next he worked as services manager for a consulting company, but decided he preferred a more technical role. Therefore, he returned to the "real work" and worked on NetScreen implementations. Describing himself as a people person, and working for a distributor, the decision to become an instructor came easily.

Engaging with Juniper

Because Juniper was the driving force behind the success of NetScreen firewalls in 2007, Michel became engaged with Juniper. Along the way, he joined the J-Net forum using the nickname "Screenie," referring to ScreenOS that occupied his work day. After looking a little into routing protocols on ScreenOS, he took a look at the Junos operating system. This one look was enough for him to get "the Junos OS fever." Now he supports security, routing, and switching, holding the Professional certification on all three Junos OS tracks. Michel is working on replacing retired certifications with modern ones like data center switching and automation.

Proud to be an Ingenious Champion

The Champion Program is important for Michel in his role as a pre-sales consultant and instructor. The program keeps him up-to-date on the various Juniper Networks solutions. Where the JNCIP certifications are aimed at how to implement things, the Champion Program is the ultimate path for the "what" and "why" questions directed at him by his sales people and customers. The combination of the two is the perfect match for his different roles in a distributor environment.

On a Personal Note

Michel has been married for nearly 25 years and has three children. The youngest is following in his footsteps, studying networking, which leads to boring conversation for other family members during dinner. In his free time, Michel takes long walks and camping trips where he can enjoy nature. On the weekends, he practices Judo and assists his instructor when teaching classes for children. He also writes on the J-Net Forum and participates as a co-writer of Juniper Ambassador Day One books.

Quotes and Testimonials

Julie Wider, Senior Manager of Advocacy Programs, says, "Michel was invited to become a member of the Ambassador Team for his ongoing efforts assisting his peers across the globe in the J-Net Community where he's fondly known as "screenie". As part of his role as an Ambassador team member Michel co-authored the first Ambassador Day One Cookbook for Enterprise and is currently working on another Day One book with two of his colleagues that will be published this year. Michel's willingness to share his networking expertise is priceless."

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