

Ingenious Champion Profile

Darien Hirotsu, SDN Consultant, SDN Essentials



Juniper Champion



Introducing Darien Hirotsu

Darien is a networking professional working for a software-defined networking (SDN) services company aptly named: SDN Essentials. He has been working in networking for nearly a decade on service provider, data center, and enterprise networks. He earned a Master's degree in network engineering from UC Santa Cruz and a Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. He also holds three JNCIE certifications and is equally passionate about both the "software" and "networking" parts of SDN.

Career Path

Darien always looks to learn something valuable and interesting in every engagement and customer interaction. He began his career for a large defense contractor working in an Advanced Networking Lab and getting his hands on equipment from multiple vendors, as well as Linux servers. He parlayed that into a job at a Juniper Service company called Proteus Networks. After a number of acquisitions, he returned to the services space, focusing on SDN. He maintains an expert level skillset in networking while evolving his programming skills.

Engaging with Juniper

Darien believes every networking professional needs a platform to learn the practical fundamentals of the trade. Early on, Darien chose to engage with Juniper and the Junos® operating system to gain practical experience applying the theories behind networking. Given Juniper's offerings in service provider, enterprise, data center, and now SDN, Juniper has kept him constantly challenged and allowed his career to evolve to build a "trusted advisor" relationship in a wide array of customers.

Proud to be an Ingenious Champion

Being a member of the like-minded, hardworking community of Juniper Ingenious Champions is an honor for Darien. He has a passion for continuous learning and solving customer problems. The Ingenious Champion Program offers a helpful platform by providing the needed knowledge to maintain an up-to-date skillset as well as relevance in a highly competitive industry.

On a Personal Note

To get away from the bits-and-bytes, Darien enjoys snowboarding and running for both the physical exertion and mental challenge. He is pictured here soon after running his first marathon last year in Philadelphia, PA.



Quotes and Testimonials

Ed Spencer, Juniper Networks Solution Consultant, says "I've had the pleasure of working with Darien on a number of customer implementation projects and I found him to have a great breadth of technical skills from high-level architecture and product to the lowest level details of protocols and features. He was also thorough and tirelessly dedicated to meeting the customer's goals and willing to expand his scope to help them solve overall problems."

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