

# Ingenious Champion Profile

Kevin Barker – Co-Founder and Chief Technology Officer |  
Independent Technology Group (ITG)



Juniper Champion



According to Mike Messina, senior systems engineering manager at Juniper Networks, “Kevin is a true Juniper Ingenious Champion. With his diverse skillset, high degree of technical depth, and incredible business acumen, he is a trusted advisor to his customers. His presence at Juniper events, participation in PTAB, and the demand-generation events he drives at ITG all add significant value for field sales and for Juniper overall.”

## Introducing Kevin Barker

Kevin has over 30 years of IT experience spanning operations, applications, and infrastructure. Kevin excels at all levels of project management—design, implementation, deployment, and support. He is adept at presenting complex technical concepts and solutions in an easily understandable manner to assist his clients in linking solutions to business needs.

## Career Path

While working in the enterprise space, Kevin has led numerous multi-million dollar integration projects for companies such as Hilton Hotels, WellPoint Health Networks, and Monsanto. Since founding ITG, Kevin has helped build the company into a leading Juniper Elite partner that was recognized as Juniper’s “Growth Partner of the Year” in 2013.

## Engaging with Juniper

Kevin is a frequent contributor to the Juniper user community forums. He has achieved the title of J-Net Community Distinguished Expert, and is a member of the Juniper Partner Technical Advisory Board (PTAB) and the Juniper Ambassador Program, where he evangelizes on behalf of Juniper and Junos operating system in the networking and security communities.

## Proud to be an Ingenious Champion

Kevin has achieved his JNCIP-SEC and JNCIS-ENT technical certifications and is a Juniper Certified Instructor. He was a contributor to the Day One: Juniper Ambassadors Cookbook 2014, and he has been featured in the Junos Genius App and several Learning Bytes. He is really proud of his “top kudoed” status for his contributions to the J-Net Forum.

## On a Personal Note

Kevin is an avid cyclist (road and mountain), snowboarder, and surfer. He even teaches cooking classes in his spare time, which is where he met his wife. To complement his love for food and cooking, he collects wine. His wife and two adult children appreciate Kevin’s hobbies as a cook and wine enthusiast.

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