

Community Spotlight



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What got you interested in wireless?

Back in early 2000 a good friend and co-worker, Mike Batterden, called me up all excited to tell me that I needed to rush out and pick up the latest Linksys 802.11b USB client and a matching wireless router because this was going to be the next big thing in computing. I immediately rushed out to BestBuy and grabbed what I needed and I have never looked back. I also had a substantial amount of RF training while in the military and loved the idea of wireless communications.

How did you find CWNP?

A co-worker of mine, back in 2011, showed me a copy of his CWNA text and I immediately fell in love with not only the quality of the information, but the presentation and comprehensive coverage of all things Wi-Fi. I purchased all of the CWNP books in an attempt to learn as much as I possibly could about the 802.11 standard and its details. Each book was like a gold mine of information on 802.11.

What do you like about CWNP compared to other programmes?

There is no question that the best thing about CWNP is the vendor-agnostic approach taken to Wi-Fi. I enjoy learning about the standards-based approach to Wi-Fi and not having to worry about each vendor's tweak for certain features. The second most important aspect is without a doubt the quality of the material. I simply have not found another text(s) that provide the quality and depth of coverage that CWNP does. I have recommended these books to everyone I come into contact with as the de facto standard for an engineer looking to learn about wireless technologies.

What are your plans for the future and why?

My plans are to continue my education in wireless technologies, as I am a firm believer that you never stop learning. The pace at which technology advances ensures that this goal is always possible. I also plan to continue to evangelize about CWNP and its programs and especially about the books. There is simply no other source that is as comprehensive and detailed as the CWNP material.

BIO

Travis P. Bonfigli is the Team Lead for the Borderless Networks Practice at Force 3, Inc., Cisco's Federal Partner of the Year for 2012, and a certified technology evangelist. Travis graduated from the University of Maryland at College Park and is a life long Terrapin supporter.

Travis has been in the technology field since 1990 when, as a recent enlistee in the US Army, he was seated in front of a Sun SPARCstation IPX workstation and told to figure out how to configure it for use on the network. Not even his Commodore VIC-20 could have prepared him for the world of UNIX and networking. Travis spent the next nine years learning as much as he could about networking and UNIX until his separation from the military in 1997.

For the last 15 years Travis has had the unique opportunity to work for companies like Booz Allen and Hamilton, Fannie Mae, AT&T, and has spent the last two and a half years helping Force 3 become an industry leader in technology solutions and customer success.

When Travis isn't busy working at Force 3 he loves teaching about technology and inspiring students at Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) in Arnold, Maryland. He has been an adjunct faculty member at AACC for seven years and has taught courses on UNIX, Linux, networking essentials, and Cisco technologies.

You can also find Travis coaching his daughter's soccer and basketball teams. He is an avid English Premiership Arsenal Football Club fan (but don't hold that against him).

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