



# Elias Wilson

## Cisco Network Engineer

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### STRENGTHS

- 🛡️ **Technical Expertise**  
Leveraged extensive knowledge to design advanced firewall setups, heightening defense readiness.
- 💡 **Problem Solver**  
Employed strategic thinking in troubleshooting complex network issues swiftly, solidifying reputation as a go-to expert.
- 📊 **Analytical Thinker**  
Analyzed performance metrics, adapting strategies in real-time to maximize network efficiency.
- 👥 **Collaborative Spirit**  
Partnered with diverse teams to meet shared goals, reinforcing commitment to collective success.
- 🎓 **Adaptable Learner**  
Embraced continuous education opportunities, aligning skills with evolving technology trends.

### SKILLS

- Cisco Routers & Switches
- Palo Alto Firewalls
- Network Administration
- Network Security
- Performance Monitoring
- Troubleshooting
- Technical Documentation
- Collaboration Tools Data Analysis
- Firewall Configuration
- Infrastructure Upgrades
- Risk Management
- Protocol Configuration
- Network Design Incident Response

### SUMMARY

Results-driven Cisco Network Engineer with over 5 years managing and maintaining complex network infrastructures. Proven expertise in troubleshooting network outages, optimizing performance, and ensuring robust security. Strong background in configuring and tuning Palo Alto firewalls, complemented by a solid understanding of Cisco routing and switching technologies. Passionate about collaborating with cross-functional teams to deliver high-quality network solutions that align with business objectives. Exceptional ability in developing and implementing strategic plans that enhance system reliability and user satisfaction.

### EXPERIENCE

#### Senior Network Engineer

Network Solutions Corp 📅 January 2021 - Present 📍 Pittsburgh, PA

Oversaw and optimized network infrastructure supporting critical services. Led troubleshooting and recovery efforts during outages, achieving minimal downtime while consistently enhancing security protocols and overall network performance.

- Led responses to network outages, successfully restoring services and minimizing disruptions.
- Configured and fine-tuned Palo Alto firewall changes, significantly enhancing threat management capabilities.
- Monitored network throughput using cutting-edge analytics tools, driving efficient operations and enhancements.
- Managed compliance with industry standards leading to a marked decrease in security incidents.
- Worked closely with IT teams to refine network architecture, improving data accessibility for operational units.
- Created user-friendly documentation that streamlined onboarding processes for new engineers.

#### Network Engineer

Tech Innovations LLC 📅 June 2016 - December 2020 📍 Cleveland, OH

Contributed as an integral part of the engineering team focused on network maintenance and upgrades, fostering improved service delivery through proactive monitoring and performance optimization.

- Spearheaded network reliability initiatives by regularly updating configurations on Cisco routers and switches.
- Executed performance assessments, achieving notable latency improvements that bolstered user experience.
- Utilized troubleshooting methodologies to diagnose network failures swiftly, ensuring minimal impact on service availability.
- Compiled comprehensive reports documenting security threats and network performance, guiding future planning strategies.
- Engaged in training programs to enhance team skillsets and adapt to latest technological advancements.
- Participated in strategic network upgrade discussions leading to modernized infrastructure and service improvements.

#### Junior Network Engineer

Innovative Tech Group 📅 May 2015 - May 2016 📍 Youngstown, OH

Assisted senior engineers in daily network administration functions, gaining valuable hands-on experience and contributing effectively to the team's goals.

- Supported settings and procedures crucial for maintaining network security across organizational frameworks.
- Acknowledged and resolved real-time technical issues via collaborative fault isolation tactics.
- Documented configuration changes diligently to uphold clarity in network modifications.

## LANGUAGES

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English Native

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Spanish Intermediate

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## MY CAREER

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- Senior Network Engineer at Network Solutions Corp (5.5 Years)
- Network Engineer at Tech Innovations LLC (4.5 Years)
- Junior Network Engineer at Innovative Tech Group (1 Years)

- Limited exposure to advanced network systems while learning to collaborate seamlessly within project teams.
- Attended skill-enhancement workshops exploring network optimization techniques.
- Maintained strong communication with colleagues to ensure cohesive operational success.

## LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

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- Employee of the Month, June 2022 at Network Solutions Corp for exceptional crisis management during major outages.
- Recognized for Outstanding Leadership in 2023 by Tech Innovations LLC for improving team dynamics and project execution.

## EDUCATION

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### Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology

University of Pittsburgh 🎓 GPA: 3.5 📅 2015 📍 Pittsburgh, PA

**Coursework:** *Networking Basics, Security Protocols, Systems Administration, Database Management*

## CERTIFICATIONS

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- Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) 📅 2020
- Palo Alto Networks Certified Network Security Engineer (PCNSE) 📅 2021

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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- **Network Monitoring Tools:** SolarWinds, Nagios, Wireshark
- **Security Frameworks:** NIST, ISO 27001, CIS Controls
- **Routing Protocols:** OSPF, BGP, EIGRP
- **Operating Systems:** Cisco IOS, Windows Server, Linux
- **Firewalls:** Palo Alto, Cisco ASA, Fortinet
- **Project Management Tools:** Trello, Asana, JIRA
- **Cloud Technologies:** AWS, Azure, Google Cloud
- **Scripting Languages:** Python, Bash, PowerShell
- **Communication Tools:** Slack, Microsoft Teams, Zoom
- **Compliance Standards:** GDPR, HIPAA, PCI-DSS

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- Member of the IEEE Networking Society since 2017, participating in professional development and networking events.
- Volunteer instructor at local community college offering networking foundations classes to aspiring IT professionals.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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**Work Status** : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

## REFERENCES

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