JOHN MEERSMA

CISCO TECHNICAL INSTRUCTOR

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📍 **Kalamazoo, MI**

PROFILE

John has over twenty years of experience working in the IT industry. His areas of focus are Collaboration; voice, video, SIP, Enterprise routing and switching, and DevNet. John has put his enthusiasm for technology and his love of working with people to work as an instructor.

John's past employment includes monitoring the global WAN for a large pharmaceutical company, spending over five years as a university professor of Cisco and Microsoft curriculum, training engineers for Fortune 50 companies, and independent consultation for small and mid-sized organizations. As a Cisco Solutions Readiness Engineer, he developed training sessions and labs on the latest technology. He was also co-owner of an IT consulting firm serving non-profit organizations throughout southwest Michigan. He designed and implemented secure data storage solutions for local hospitals and installed Vo IP infrastructure for area school districts.

In addition to his professional roles, John is deeply committed to guiding the next generation of IT professionals. He mentors young people, sharing his passion for networking technology, aiming to inspire and cultivate their interest in the field.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

CERTIFICATIONS

- CCSI
- CCAI
- SIP
- CCNA
- CCNP Collaboration
- CCNP Enterpr
- CISCO DevNet Associate

AWARDS

- Cisco Instructor Excellence Award (2013, 2014, 2021)

"John was the best instructor I ever had in any training!" Charley, USMC S-6 Future Operations Officer

"John was upbeat, helpful, and helped me a lot. I take away from this class many things I will use in the real world of my job. I work on our phone system every day, but didn't have any training. This has made a huge difference." Amy, Network Engineer

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