



# RUSSELL HUGHES

CISCO & ARISTA INSTRUCTOR

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## PROFILE

Russell has over 25 years of experience in the field of networking and 20 years as an instructor. He has delivered courses for SLI, formerly CCTI, for fourteen years, specializing in security, content networking, and Voice over IP solutions.

Russell started his career in the IT industry as a systems administrator, where he was in charge of daily maintenance of Windows servers, backup solutions, and email. He helped design and build a remote classroom lab solution that allowed CCTI/SLI to deliver Cisco courses anywhere in the world without the need to ship Cisco equipment.

Russell currently teaches CCNA and CCNP level courses, with expertise in content networking, IPv6, BGP, and Data Center area.

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

### CERTIFICATIONS

- CCSI
- CCNA
- CCSP
- CCNP Enterprise

### AWARDS

- Cisco Instructor Excellence Award (2013-2021; 2023-2024)

***“Russell is a great instructor. He involved the class throughout the course and never hesitated to provide deeper explanations whenever there were questions. He also did a great job showing feeling and excitement rather than just dictating a course from a script.”*** - Brett, Systems Engineer

***“One of the most worthwhile classes I have ever taken. Russell was extremely knowledgeable on the subject matter and various other technologies”*** - Ron, Senior Technical Architect

***“It is obvious that Russell has a passion for what he does. He is a fantastic instructor.”***  
- Ray, Network Engineer

