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What is your level of industry experience?

I started my career as a wired network engineer and was fortunate to transition into the wireless world more than a decade ago at Comcast. Since then, I have had the opportunity to design, test, and optimize wireless networks across a wide range of environments, from high-density venues to custom enterprise Wi-Fi deployments.

A significant part of my career has been focused on improving the performance and reliability of Comcast's 24+ million public Wi-Fi hotspots, while also supporting the design, site surveys, deployment, and operations of outdoor strand-mounted access points. Along the way, I have worked extensively on large-scale Wi-Fi optimization initiatives, helping deliver seamless connectivity experiences to millions of users and increase Mobile data offload.

One of the most exciting transformations I have witnessed has been the introduction and adoption of 6 GHz Wi-Fi, which has fundamentally modernized wireless connectivity and expanded opportunities for innovation.

More recently, I have been responsible for managing and optimizing both Standard Power and Low Power Indoor (LPI) access points at Xfinity Mobile Arena, a complex and challenging environment that demands continuous performance tuning and operational excellence.

What continues to inspire me about wireless networking is its constant evolution. Every new technology, spectrum band, and deployment scenario presents an opportunity to learn, innovate, and improve the user experience.

What are some highlights from your resume? (2-3 past positions, awards, innovations, etc.)

1. Patent and Innovation

I am a co-inventor of a patented solution focused on Transient Client Management Control, an in-house innovation designed to reduce unnecessary client transitions and roaming events. This optimization significantly improved network stability and enhanced the overall customer Wi-Fi experience.

2. Industry Speaking Engagements

I have had the privilege of sharing my wireless networking experiences with the broader industry through presentations and technical papers. I have presented as a speaker at the Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers (SCTE) conference and at the Wireless LAN Professionals Conference (WLPC), discussing real-world Wi-Fi deployment challenges, optimization strategies, and large-scale wireless networking solutions.

When did you first become interested in wireless?

I've always been fascinated by how two devices can communicate with each other over the air. My interest in wireless really began during my master's program, where I was introduced to signal propagation in a Software Defined Radio (SDR) course. That experience sparked my curiosity about RF and wireless communications. Later, the CWNA course and study materials helped me understand Wi-Fi at a much deeper level, from RF fundamentals and signal propagation to modulation techniques and protocol behavior. As my knowledge grew, I found myself genuinely enjoying the hands-on side of wireless engineering, especially working with spectrum analyzers and protocol analyzers to see what was really happening in the air. What started as curiosity eventually became a passion. The more I learned about how Wi-Fi works behind the scenes, the more I enjoyed solving complex wireless challenges and helping improve connectivity experiences for users.

What certifications do you currently hold?

- Certified Meraki Network Operator (CMNO)
- CWNA
- CWAP
- CWDP
- CWSP

Where did you receive your training/education?

- Master Of Science, Computer Engineering , University of Houston Clear-Lake, Texas, USA
- Bachelor's Degree in Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE), Telangana, INDIA
- CWNP Certifications - self study + lab simulations

Why did you choose the CWNE path?

I chose the CWNE path because it is one of the few truly vendor-neutral certifications that focuses deeply on wireless engineering rather than a specific vendor's products. As wireless networking became a larger part of my career, I wanted to build a strong foundation that covered RF design, troubleshooting, security, and real-world operational challenges across all wireless environments.

The CWNP certification track is globally recognized and provides a comprehensive body of knowledge that helps engineers understand not only how Wi-Fi works, but also how to design, deploy, optimize, and secure wireless networks effectively. The knowledge and skills gained through the program have directly improved the quality of my work and my ability to solve complex wireless challenges.

What makes CWNE unique is that it goes beyond passing exams. The program evaluates professional experience, industry contributions, technical expertise, and a commitment to advancing the wireless community. Earning the CWNE designation represents not only technical proficiency but also a dedication to continuous learning and sharing knowledge with others. For me, pursuing CWNE was a natural step in my journey as a wireless engineer. It provided an opportunity to validate my experience, deepen my technical knowledge, and join a community of professionals who are passionate about advancing wireless technology.

How long have you been involved in the CWNP certification process?

Since Jan 2020 (Passed my CWNA)

What do you hope to accomplish?

Earning the CWNE designation represents an important achievement in my professional journey. It is not the end goal, but rather a commitment to lifelong learning. As Wi-Fi technology continues to evolve, I look forward to deepening my expertise, staying current with industry innovations, and giving back to the wireless community by sharing experiences and helping others grow.

Why did you choose CWNP and its certifications over other industry designations?

I chose CWNP because it is a vendor-neutral certification path focused entirely on wireless networking. I strongly believe that mastering Wi-Fi fundamentals makes it easier to work with any vendor's solutions. CWNP's emphasis on technical depth, real-world expertise, and community contribution made it the ideal certification path for me.

What value will your CWNE provide to you, your clients, and/or your company?

For me, earning the CWNE is both a personal achievement and a commitment to continuous learning. Wireless technology is constantly evolving, and the CWNE journey has helped me deepen my understanding of Wi-Fi fundamentals and best practices, for my company and customers, that translates into better-performing networks, improved user experiences, and sound technical decisions built on strong Wi-Fi fundamentals.

The knowledge I have gained allows me to make better design decisions, solve complex wireless problems more effectively, and help deliver reliable connectivity experiences for customers. Whether it's optimizing large-scale public Wi-Fi networks, supporting high-density venues, or evaluating new technologies, I can apply those skills to create real value for my company and its users.

Equally important, CWNE connects me with a community of passionate wireless professionals. It provides an opportunity to learn from others, share experiences, and contribute back to the wireless industry that has been such an important part of my career.

What aspects to becoming certified do you feel are most important?

CWNE is more than a technical certification. It encourages community involvement, knowledge sharing, and leadership through speaking, writing, mentoring, and contributing to the wireless industry. It challenged me to become a better Wi-Fi advocate and communicator who can translate complex wireless problems into practical solutions. Just as importantly, the program's strong focus on ethics, integrity, and professionalism aligns closely with my personal values and career philosophy.

What was the hardest part of the whole process and how did you overcome it?

Honestly, the biggest challenge wasn't the technology, it was finding the time and staying motivated throughout the journey. Balancing a demanding job, family responsibilities, and studying for exams wasn't always easy. There were times when the goal felt almost out of reach, and I had to remind myself why I started in the first place.

My home lab came with its own set of challenges too. More than once, I spent hours setting up test scenarios and simulations, only to discover that my kids had unknowingly unplugged a cable or rearranged something. It was frustrating in the moment, but it's something I laugh about now.

From a technical standpoint, protocol analysis was probably the toughest part. Learning to recognize the different 802.11 frames, understanding information elements, and remembering what each one does took a lot of repetition and patience. Looking back, though, those challenges are what made earning the CWNE so rewarding. The journey pushed me to grow both technically and personally.

What would you say to anyone considering a CWNE designation?

Don't pursue CWNE for the title, pursue it for the journey. The process will challenge you, deepen your understanding of wireless technology, connect you with an incredible community, and ultimately make you a better engineer. If you're passionate about Wi-Fi, the effort is well worth it.

To whom would you recommend the CWNE program?

I would recommend the CWNE journey to any student or professional who wants to excel in wireless technology. It requires a significant investment of time, effort, and dedication, but the knowledge, experience, and confidence you gain along the way are invaluable. More than a certification, it's a journey that will make you a better wireless engineer.