Ingenious Champion Profile

Sari Sariwati, Network Engineer, Telstra

Juniper Champion

Introducing Sari Sariwati

Sari works as a network engineer in Telstra's Managed and Security Product Engineering group doing device accreditation for managed customers. Telstra is Australia's leading telecommunications and information services company, offering a full range of communications services and competing in all telecommunications markets.

The goal of device accreditation is to ensure that any device Telstra sells as a managed product can be configured, monitored, and supported using the company's management systems. It's also important to demonstrate that Telstra will be able to perform life cycle activities for every device. This team gets involved in those projects that impact the customer premises equipment (CPE) to ensure that every proposed solution will work with Telstra's products and features.

Career Path

Sari came to Telstra under a Graduate Program. Her first permanent role was in Operations, doing service activation and migration work for managed customers. Her university specialization was in programming so she was new to networking, but she soon learned about IP subnets, routing, and switching and found her new responsibilities both fun and challenging.

Engaging with Juniper

After 3.5 years in Operations, Sari moved to network engineering doing CPE accreditation work. Her first task in the group was to evaluate and accredit the Juniper Networks SSG Series Secure Services Gateways and J Series Services Routers, which introduced her to ScreenOS and the Junos operating system. "I love how the Junos OS language is hierarchically structured like a programming language. In my opinion, it's much easier to learn than other vendor's languages. I also love how we can do rollbacks, confirm commits, replace patterns, load factory default values, and do software rollbacks as well. Those features make life really easy," Sari says.

Proud to be an Ingenious Champion

During the course of Sari's role in network engineering, the Juniper Champion program was introduced. Sari already had the required certifications (both JNCIP-SEC and JNCIP-ENT), but she found that she didn't have time to go through the requirements to reach the Ingenious level due to her heavy workload. Then in 2013, she was invited to the APAC Juniper Technical Summit in Bangkok. That motivated her to complete the online exams required to reach the Ingenious level so that she could attend as an Ingenious Champion. "Since my attendance at the Tech Summit, I've been encouraging my colleagues to take up the Champion program so that they can have the chance to be invited to the Summit and experience the benefits of the program and comradeship that I have enjoyed," Sari says.

On a Personal Note

Every year, Sari and her husband go back to Indonesia to catch up with family and friends. She also loves comics and music and likes reading detective, sci-fi, and fantasy books in her spare time.

Quotes and Testimonials

"Sari is an extremely accomplished Juniper technical engineer and has been a member of the Juniper Champion program from the very beginning, having attended two of our APAC Technical Summits alongside our very own Juniper engineers. Sari is responsible for the full accreditation program of customer managed devices for Telstra and as a result is known as one of the main trusted Juniper advisors within the whole Telstra business, where she fields many internal technical queries before they even reach Juniper. You know if Sari picks up the phone for an escalation that it's absolutely going to be a tricky one to answer! Sari, congratulations on all of your fantastic achievements and thank you for all of your hard work over the years... good luck on your ambition to achieve your JNCIE!"

Leigh Gardiner (Juniper SE)

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