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Carlos Pignataro is a recognized expert on network architectures, CTO Global SP Services, Chief Solutions Architect, and a member of the Services Chief Technology & Strategy Office executive staff. An innovative network thought leader and Cisco Distinguished Engineer for many years, Carlos contributes to the networking industry across many areas. He currently serves as co-chair of the L2tpext and LIME working groups and member of various Directorates at the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), is the assigned expert for the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA)'s protocol registry for ARP and L2TP, and has co-authored or edited more than 50 Internet RFCs and many Internet-Drafts. Carlos has contributed to standardization activities in IETF, Cablelabs, the MSForum and others, and is currently a founding member and Advisor at the International Society of Service Innovation Professionals (ISSIP). He has also participated in many interoperability events and contributed to the development of the Ethereal/Wireshark protocol analyzer.

In addition to several industry technology papers and invited chapters, he has co-authored three networking books, and is co-inventor of more than 50 issued and another 100 pending networking patents. Carlos co-chairs the Cisco Services patent committee, and has received numerous honors and awards, including Cisco 2016 Pioneer Award, Cisco 2014 and 2015 Pioneer Award finalist mentions, Cisco Innovation Catalyst, and was named a Broadband Forum Ambassador in 2011. His industry involvement has contributed to earning Cisco many awards including the 2013 HBR/McKinsey M-Prize for Innovation, 2012 Forrester Groundswell, two TSIA STAR Awards, and others.

Carlos received his CCIE certification in 1999, began his Cisco career as an escalation engineer in the RTP Technical Assistance Center that same year, and was named a Distinguished Engineer in 2007. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering (with networking specialization) from the Instituto Tecnológico de Buenos Aires, both with honors. An engaging speaker, Carlos is a regular presenter and panelist at Cisco and industry events around the world and is an Adjunct Professor and member of the Board for the Master of Science in Computer Networking at North Carolina State University (NCSU). Born in Argentina, he lives in Raleigh, North Carolina, with his wife Verónica and two children Luca and Sofía.

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