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Carlos Pignataro, CTO Global SP Services and Chief Solutions Architect, is a technology leader who has spent his career as a Cisco Distinguished Engineer connecting the “bleeding edge” to business. It begins with innovation, which he believes is pivotal to change. In addition to driving the technology strategy trajectory, Carlos believes that orchestrating solutions with ownership of the outcome, building mindshare through thought leadership and evangelism, and shepherding top technologists and talent are central to success.

A Services Patent Strategist and co-chair of the Services Patent Committee at Cisco, he has co-invented more than one hundred and seventy patents (issued and pending), co-authored over fifty Internet Requests for Comments (RFCs), and holds multiple industry leadership roles. Carlos spreads the wealth, serving as an adjunct professor at North Carolina State University. He has co-authored three books on computer networking and is a much sought-after speaker at computer networking conferences and across Cisco.