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Employment History

Technical Vice President, Savvis, Inc. 2006-Present
Senior Network Technologist, Savvis, Inc. 2004-2006
Director of R&D, Savvis, Inc. 2001-2004
Senior Network Engineer, Savvis, Inc. 1999-2001
Senior Systems Engineer, Savvis, Inc. 1999
Systems Programmer, InLink Comm. 1998-1999
Web Programmer, InLink Comm. 1998
Senior Support Engineer, InLink Comm. 1998
Systems Administrator, UMSL 1997-1998
Network Systems Engineer, BPC Internet 1995-1997

Profile

Benson Schliesser is an Internet and network technology subject matter expert and a service provider thought leader. He has more than 15 years of professional experience, much of that spent developing infrastructure and products for Internet, Hosting / Data Center, and Cloud service providers.

Currently, Benson is a Technical Vice President in the Office of the CTO at [Savvis, Inc.](#) where he is responsible for network architecture and technology, providing strategy planning, product portfolio leadership, new technology evaluation, and M&A support.

Before joining Savvis, Benson held positions in software development, network engineering, and systems administration. His career began during high school in the mid-'90s when he co-founded an Internet Service Provider to serve his local community. Benson went on to provide systems administration for several university labs while attending the University of Missouri – St. Louis, and then network engineering and software development for a regional Internet Services Provider.

Professional Interests

Benson's career began with the recognition that then-emerging Internet technologies hold the potential to empower people from all walks of life. Now, 15 years later, Internet access is nearly ubiquitous in the developed world and new technologies are emerging to enable the low-cost deployment of server infrastructure in the *Cloud*. Benson's goal is to help lead in one or all of these great opportunities for development, to contribute to the success of new technologies which will enable the next-wave of Internet access, web services, and (social) media applications.

The ideal employment for Benson is in *technical thought leadership*, which would allow him to remain close to the development of new technology while being responsible for strategy and planning. The ideal environment for Benson would encourage creativity and the exploration of new ideas, while challenging him with original and interesting development and engineering problems, and demanding the very best of every contributor. The ideal employer would be interested in growth and market leadership.

Technology Interests

Benson's interest is currently focused on next-generation datacenter networking and cloud infrastructure. New datacenter network technologies capturing his attention include TRILL, Enhanced Ethernet and Data Center Bridging, Virtual Ethernet Port Aggregation, as well as upcoming developments enhancing both vertical and horizontal scale in LAN environments. Benson recognizes both the importance and challenge of developing Cloud networking standards, and is actively working in this space.

Other interests include scalability and optimization of routing in the global Internet, Internet-scale application architectures, and quality of service (QoS) architectures. Benson is currently involved in the development and testing of the Location-ID Separation Protocol (LISP), XML-based APIs for cloud provisioning and automation, and optimized routing and load-balancing. Additional topics he is researching include mesh networking and Delay-Tolerant Networking, as well as enhancements to existing and new transport protocols to take advantage of high-speed multi-path environments.