# Making Network Engineering Cool Again

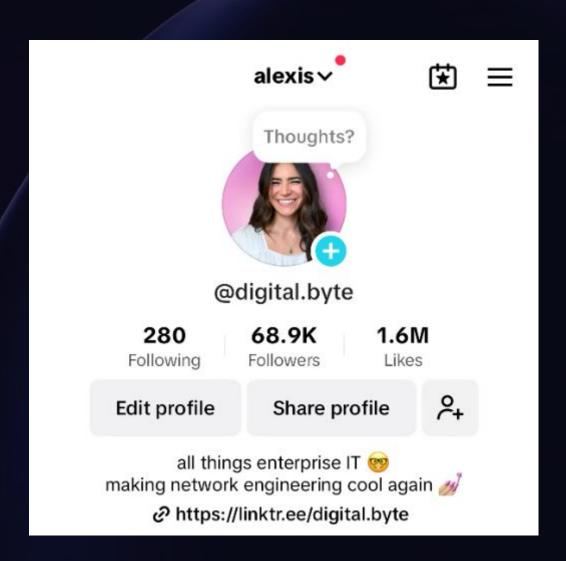
Recruiting and up-skilling the next generation of IT professionals

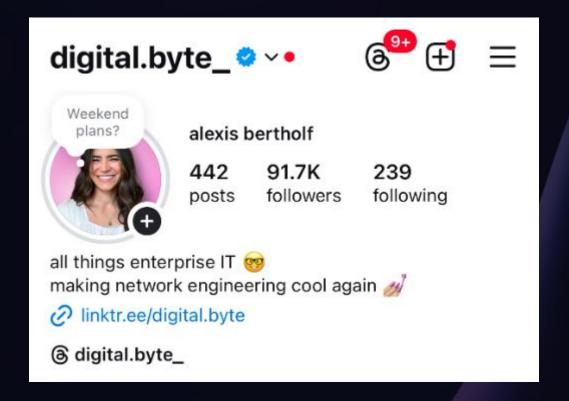
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### Who am I???









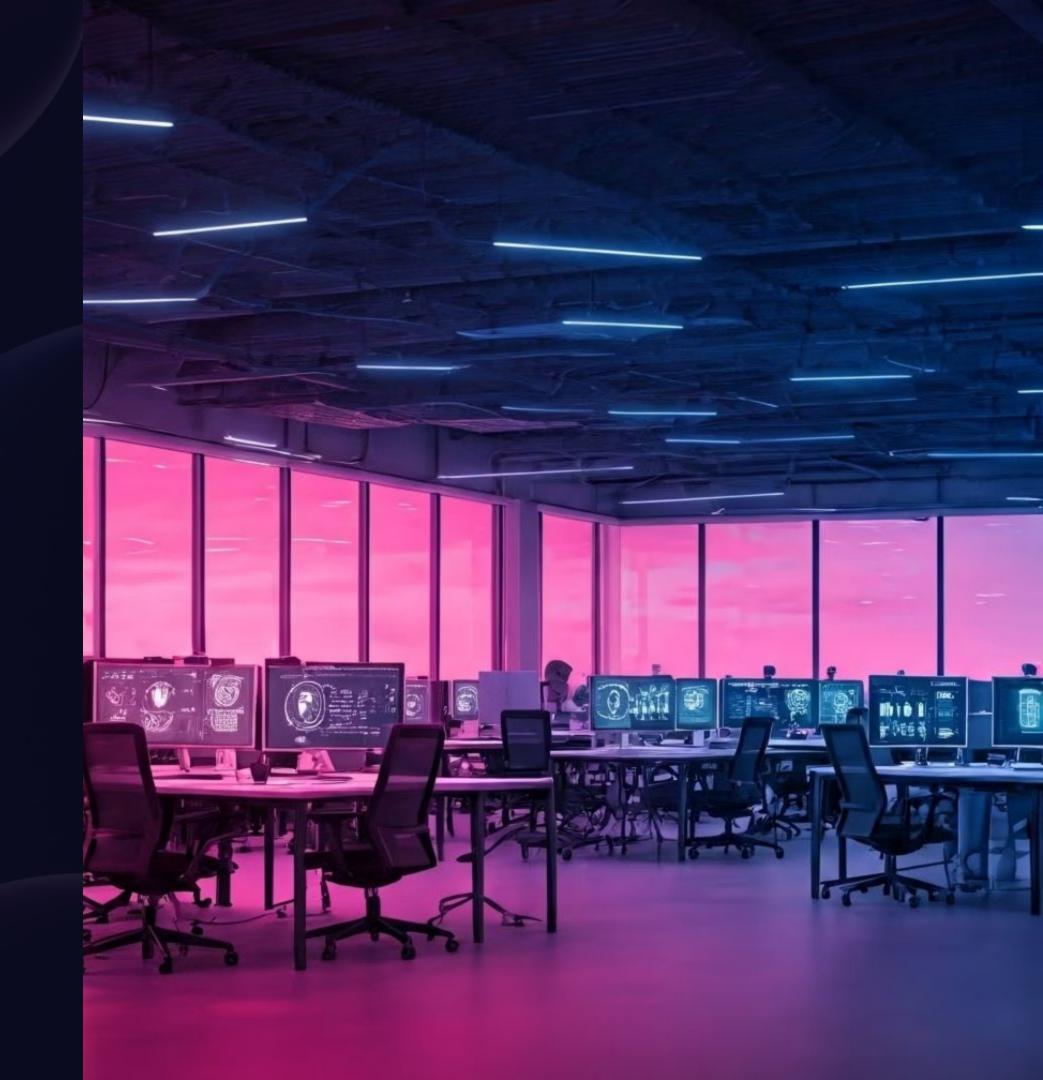
Connectivity has become a utility



We're facing a huge talent gap



Networking became uncool





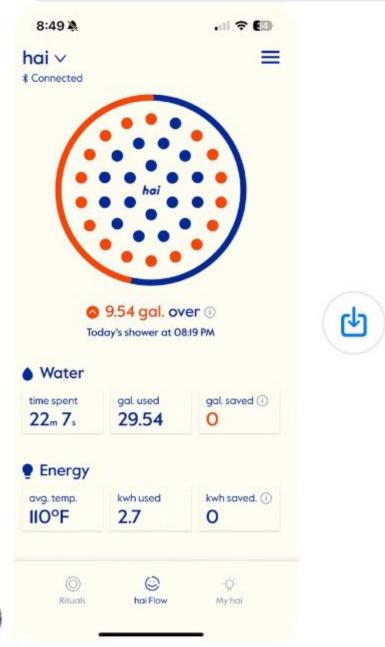


# 4,294,967,296



Melina -

Anyways I got this new shower head that tracks ur water usage and the temp and the time and it's making me never wanna shower





















unlock my diary

Unlock!

jump to a diary

Welcome to The Open Dlary, the first interactive diary community on the Internet. We are currently home to 16,084 online diaries. Click here to read about the new site design.

#### Written Today

There have been 88 entries written today.

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#### Diary Index

Find diaries by name, age or

#### Start a New Diary

Like to have your own online diary? Joining our community is easy and free. Start your own private or public diary today

#### Theme of the Week

Each week, our diarists are welcome to write about a selected topic. This week's topic: "What do you have to be thankful for?".

#### Need help?

Visit the DiaryMaster's diary for answers.

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🙏 Sign On

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	me, myself and	Clouds
	Marius De Romanus	All alone at home
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	FutureDiva	Sleepy Hallow(so?)

working

50 Most Recent Entries

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ftware 1999, The Open Diary





Today, being connected is the expectation.







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## This is about passing down your legacy.

# Why study Network Engineering?

Nothing works without the network.

You can work in any industry.

It's a very flexible job.

Always something new to learn.

It's extremely collaborative



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Where can i start!!!??...i hope you see this...I'm looking to get into IT but i don't know where to start...i don't have friends or family in this field

advice. I us ch (5 years) rears. Now k into netw . I have 2 Ju ng on CCNF

Sunday 11:19 F

hey! i am super interested with network engineering. i myself have actually set up a simple homelab in our house with vlans and all. Currently, I am studyng ComputerScience at a university. Can you share some informations on the track that I should follow as I want to become a network engineer

ently in a help desk role and ndering if you had any tips to get over the hump to that engineering position. I have this role for close to 2 years that I am ready, any advice?

Hello Alexis, if you dont n seek for new opportunitie network angineer rale in

Dec 27, 2024



Jan 19, 4

Hi, I am working in a telecommunication ind aspire to be a network am studying for my CC Would be great if you o me on the path to take

I have my network diploma but haven't found a job, any places you recommend I apply?



Feb 3, 2:40 PM

Hi...I want learn more about networking can you suggest good starting course for beginners..thanks



Please help regarding books ... online free resources to get up-todate in networking for organizational use 🙏





Would appreciate any advice you could give me on this



How to start learning Network Engineering as an IT grad...

Hello I'm currently stud

my college and saw you

network engineering. I v

know what would I need

be able to break into a r

engineering role? Are th

certifications I could do

stand out and help me I

also stand out to a recru

MON 3:09 PM

Hi! I will be finishing my degree computer engineering, and I want get into networks. Although I am from Canada, do you have any company recommendations or tips for a cv **Thanks** 

Alexis thank you for ur content it's very inspiring 🐆

IT and Networking sounds interesting...thank you for ur advice ..





# Tech jobs are really just white collar trades.

**Carpenter Developer** 

**Electrician** Cybersecurity Analyst

Mechanic Network Engineer

## IT STARTS WITH US.









Bring in young talent.

Talk about your work.

IT IS a business enabler.

## Networking

(the people kind)

Never eat alone.

**Establish peers** 

Be present

Don't just build your network - maintain it





YOU are the ones who will make network engineering cool again.

## THANK YOU



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