 

Russell Gyurek currently a Director, IoT-CTO and Industries at Cisco. He has over 25 years of networking related technology experience, the majority in leadership positions.   Russ’ range of expertise includes; IoT/connectivity of things, analytics and big data, cloud, optical networking technologies, broadband architectures and related technical policy, and emerging market development. He has held various leadership roles in creating strategy and direction in these areas.  In Russ’ current role he is responsible for technology leadership, market development and partner due diligence & enablement related to IoT. The CTO group evaluates future trends, emerging standards, technologies, and architectures that drive and influence Cisco’s market portfolio relating to IoT. He also works closely with the vertical solutions organization- turning strategy into real world IoT deployments, including Smart Cities.   In addition, Russ is a value-of-the-infrastructure advisor to customers, helping to create new business models and use cases to leverage network data for cloud and real time event processing.

Russ engaged in numerous sponsored research work at various universities during his 17 plus career at Cisco. In industry related work, he holds a board seats on the OCF (Open Connectivity Foundation), University of Washington IoT Board, and the NCSU ECE strategic advisory board. In these board roles he has collaborated with multi-stakeholders to create new programs for IoT and data science/analysis. He has given numerous keynotes at conferences and research workshops on IoT and related topics.  Russ has played key roles in IEEE standards development and ratification including 802.3. Russ holds an appointed position on the FCC-TAC (Technical Advisory Council) where he has chaired Working Groups on the “sunset of the PSTN”, “network resiliency”, “IoT”, and Next Generation Internet. He is currently the working group Chairman for the FCC “Next Generation Policy and Regulations” team.  Russ has led and participated on numerous technical policy teams in the past 10 years.  These include the state of California, West Virginia, and the country of Lebanon. Prior to Cisco, Russ held senior technical and leadership roles at BellSouth (AT&T), in the networking part of the business.

Russ has a BSEE from Trine University and an MBA from UNC’s Cameron School of Business.