

# Biography

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**Tony Bates**  
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Tony Bates is Vice President and General Manager in the Routing Technology Group, Carrier Core Multi Services Business Unit, for Cisco Systems. In this position, he drives the strategy and execution of Cisco's high-end router product family and oversees the company's Optical Internetworking strategy.

Mr. Bates joined Cisco in 1996. During his tenure, he also has served as Director of Marketing for the Optical Internetworking Business Unit, as Manager of Engineering for Internet POP Systems (IPSBU) and as Tech Leader in the Office of the CTO.

Before joining Cisco, Mr. Bates served as Backbone Engineering Manager for MCI's Internet Backbone Group, where he drove the backbone engineering strategy for Internet MCI, MCI's national IP backbone. In all, Mr. Bates has more than 16 years of experience in the telecommunications and Internet industries.

