

# Biography

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**John Chambers**  
**President and CEO**  
**Cisco Systems, Inc.**

John Chambers is president and CEO of Cisco Systems, the worldwide leader in networking for the Internet. Since January 1995, when he assumed this position, Chambers has grown the company from \$1.2 billion in annual revenues to its current run-rate of approximately \$18.9 billion. In the last year alone, Cisco saved more than \$1.9 billion due to productivity increases from Internet business solutions and gained more market share than all of its competitors combined.

Chambers has been lauded by government leaders and countless publications worldwide for his visionary strategy, his ability to drive an entrepreneurial culture, and his warm-hearted, straight-talking approach. Widely recognized for his evangelistic style, Chambers is considered one of the most innovative and dynamic leaders in global business today.

Chambers currently serves as Vice Chairman of the President George Bush National Infrastructure Advisory Council (NIAC). On this committee, Chambers provides industry experience and leadership to help protect the critical infrastructure of the United States. He was appointed to this position by President Bush in November 2002.

In 2002, the National Investor Relations Institute, in conjunction with *Barrons* and *Investor Relations* magazines, recognized Chambers with their prestigious "Best Investor Relations by a CEO" award. Also in 2002, Chambers accepted the "Hall of Fame" award from Channel Reseller News for his success in helping channel partners build sustainable business models and Cisco was named the number one best employer in Australia. In April, Chambers was awarded the "Spirit of Achievement Award" by the National Center for Learning Disabilities. He also received the Outstanding Achiever's Award from the Lab School of Washington in November 2001. In June of that year, Chambers was presented with the American Society for Training and Development award for Champion of Workplace Learning and Performance. Chambers was given the award for his advocacy, commitment, and actions that affirm the value of workplace learning and performance.

Chambers was selected to serve on President George W. Bush's transition team as a member of his Education Committee in December 2000. In this role, he shared his expertise with the new administration and provided guidance on a broad range of policy matters related to education. In November 2000, *Upside Magazine* ranked Chambers as number six on the list of high-tech's top 100 high rollers for 1999.

Chambers joined Cisco in 1991 as senior vice president, Worldwide Sales and Operations. Prior to joining Cisco, Chambers spent eight years at Wang Laboratories and six years with IBM. Chambers holds a law degree and a bachelor of science/bachelor of arts degree in business from West Virginia University. He later received a masters of business administration degree in finance and management from Indiana University. He is married and has two adult children.