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Certification was the missing link to MasterLink. Roman Rodichev, MasterLink

Roman Rodichev moved to United States from Russia in 1996 at the age of 16. Until then, he had never used the Internet or even heard of Cisco Systems. He had one simple goal at that time - to find the ideal career niche that would keep him happy and financially secure. Little did he know he'd fulfill this goal by acquiring five CCIEs by the age of 26. "If you want to get ahead, you have to have a goal, and you cannot waste time," states Rodichev.

Roman's initial discovery of the Internet fueled his interest in technology, and within two years was working at a small consulting company where he was first introduced to Cisco products. "Once I came to know about Cisco Systems, how large their industry footprint was, how versatile their products were and how much respect Cisco certified engineers had, I knew that this was my niche and that I should stop looking for other career avenues," he said on his decision to pursue Cisco certifications.

After his first CCIE, Roman hungered for more knowledge, more experience and more opportunities to work with Cisco networks at a broader level. Within 6 months, he added CCIE Security to his arsenal, followed by CCIE Voice in 2003, then both remaining CCIEs for Service Provider and Storage Networking in 2006.

By 2001, Roman had passed the Routing and Switching CCIE and found his dream job as a Network Engineer at MasterLink Corporation, a Gold Cisco partner in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. "I didn't want to rest, because I knew that this was the perfect opportunity to learn quickly and come into contact with many new people," said Roman. "I realized how important it was for me to get several CCIEs. I wanted to prove to myself and to others that I could be recognized as a good engineer, even though I was only 21 at the time. The salary opportunities didn't hurt either."

When Roman talks about goals and not wasting time, he isn't kidding.

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