

Biography



Mike Volpi
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Mike Volpi is the Senior Vice President / General Manager of the Routing and Service Provider Technology Group. In this capacity, he leads Cisco's overall strategy for the Service Provider market, and is responsible for all of Cisco's routing and access products including the core, midrange, and access routers ranging from the Cisco Carrier Routing System (CRS-1) and the Cisco 12000 series to the 800 series, mobile wireless, cable and video solutions, as well as Cisco's optical networking and service provider voice solutions.

Previously, Mr. Volpi was senior vice president of the Internet Switching and Services Group where he was responsible for developing switching products for data centers and distribution applications, as well as creating a services infrastructure for security and content networking. Several key solutions were under Mr. Volpi's management, including the Catalyst® 6500, the Catalyst 4000 Series, VPN and security services, and content networking.

Prior to his role as head of the Internet Switching and Services Group, Mr. Volpi was the chief strategy officer, where he was responsible for Cisco's corporate strategy as well as business development, strategic alliances, advanced Internet projects, legal services, and government affairs. Mr. Volpi directed Cisco's expansion into new markets and technologies through a balance of internal development, partnerships, and acquisitions.

Mr. Volpi was named Chief Strategy Officer in April 2000, adding the corporate strategy role to his prior responsibilities, which included managing the business development and strategic alliance organizations.

Since joining Cisco in 1994, Mr. Volpi has been instrumental in the creation of the company's acquisition and investment strategies. Cisco acquired more than 70 companies during his tenure and has developed Cisco's acquisition and integration processes, which have been a significant driver of Cisco growth into new markets.

Before joining Cisco, Mr. Volpi was at Hewlett Packard's optoelectronics division, serving as a product development engineer and product marketing manager.

Mr. Volpi is a member of both the Equinix, Inc. and Opware, Inc. boards of directors. He has a BS and MS in mechanical engineering and an MBA, all from Stanford University.

