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#### **About Networking**

Our Network Practice combines infrastructure, services, and applications expertise to provide a modern approach to networking challenges. From secure, dependable wired and wireless networks to innovative IP telephony solutions, we help build solutions that increase reliability, flexibility, and efficiency.

Here's how we can help:

**Networking Assessment**—Understand your network's capabilities and performance baseline so you can plan for the future. www.pcconnection.com/networkassessment

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**Network Practice**–Visit for a complete overview and watch our Chalk Talk video series. www.pcconnection.com/networkpractice

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# **TIM ALLEN** Network Practice Director



#### WITH MORE THAN 24 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, TIM'S AREAS OF EXPERTISE INCLUDE:

- Managing pre-sales, engineering, and post-sale technical support
- Leading civilian and military technical teams
- Developing and training IT professionals
- Managing network professional services
- Managing project operations teams

## PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR NETWORK PRACTICE:

- BYOD Strategy Video Series—Learn about the network impacts of BYOD
- Software-Defined Networking Solutions Webcast—How to prepare network infrastructure to deploy software-defined networking solutions
- Blog articles:

*Software-Defined Networking*—The Path to a More Cost-Effective Infrastructure

BYOD and Your Network—Are You Ready for a Flood of Devices?

## ADVICE:

Traditional network architecture is changing rapidly. In the near future, the efficiencies of virtualization will be common in network environments. This is not "bad" change—in fact, it's a welcomed improvement over how we have built and maintained networks for the past 30 years.

This next evolution of network design introduces a new paradigm of network orchestration. It brings needed agility, centralized control, and programmability, which allows for tighter integration to the applications that are the lifeblood and purpose of a network.

With this change comes the added bonus of building in tighter security controls using policies that are aware of the entire network versus just the ingress/egress rule attributes. For example, with this transformation, Identity Services can be formed to secure your user access to the network. Also, this activity will allow the cooperation of technical IT teams to build services that have bonded unity to the organization's goals. Now is the time to learn and experience this new approach to networking—it's better to be early in this wave of change!

#### **FUN FACT:**

In his spare time, Tim enjoys a variety of outdoor activities, especially skiing and hiking.

