

## **Fellowship Experience:**

### **\* What did you learn from your workshop course - how will what you learnt help you in your day to day job.**

I had the opportunity to participate in the "Advanced BGP" workshop, and I found it to be an invaluable learning experience. The syllabus was meticulously crafted, drawing upon industry best practices to provide a comprehensive understanding of BGP concepts. The practical lab sessions, focusing on ISP/IXP/Transit/Bilateral peering and route preference techniques, were particularly insightful, offering a step-by-step approach to influencing routing tables. The trainer's expertise and insights into large-scale implementations, coupled with interactive discussions, provided a deeper understanding of how to apply these concepts effectively in real-world scenarios. Overall, the workshop content and concepts proved to be immensely beneficial in optimizing day-to-day tasks for network engineers, instilling confidence in implementing learned strategies within our respective environments.

Additionally, the workshop fostered a culture of collaboration and knowledge sharing among participants. The coordination between participants and the opportunity to exchange experiences enhanced the learning process, allowing everyone to gain valuable insights into various approaches and implementations. Furthermore, discussions on adapting lab exercises to different platforms like IOS-XR and Junos showcased the workshop's practical relevance and applicability across diverse network environments. I extend my gratitude to the trainers for their dedication and effort in delivering such impactful content and facilitating an enriching learning experience for all involved.

### **\* What did you gain from the conference week, how did you fill in your days.**

The conference week proved to be exceptionally fruitful, serving as an ideal platform for networking and collaboration among industry leaders, company representatives, and influencers. Engaging with these key stakeholders such as peering personals, CDN owners, regulatory etc allowed for insightful discussions on pertinent industry issues and potential solutions. Notably, the presentations and tutorials on emerging networking technologies and trends provided valuable insights, motivating participants to consider their implementation within their respective industries. The discussions on topics such as Segment Routing (SR/SRv6), Git use cases were so insightful. The routing security presentation significantly enriched participants' understanding, with particular emphasis on encouraging MANRS participation for enhanced routing security. The newcomer social event offered a glimpse into the collaborative nature of the community, reinforcing the importance of collective efforts for mutual benefit and further activation. Additionally, the NOG reports provided valuable updates on regional NOGs, while industry-specific discussions, such as IPv6 adaptation, addressed pertinent challenges and opportunities.

Interacting with industry professionals from diverse backgrounds not only expanded knowledge but also instilled confidence, serving as a motivating force for career growth in the field.

Overall, the conference facilitated meaningful exchanges and interactions, fostering a conducive environment for learning, collaboration, and professional development. The wealth of knowledge shared, coupled with the diverse perspectives offered, contributed to a heightened sense of motivation and enthusiasm for advancing within the industry.

**\* How did you find the Monday Core Skills workshop, did you gain anything from it? If so that let us know what you feel you can take back to your day-to-day jobs.**

Attending the soft skills workshop was a refreshing experience, offering valuable insights into presentation techniques, public speaking, and effective introductions, which are applicable to various aspects of daily life. Moreover, learning skills such as situation handling, incident management, and effective reporting and briefing not only honed our decision-making abilities but also paved the way for leadership development. Overall, the workshop proved to be an enriching opportunity to acquire essential soft skills that can positively impact both personal and professional endeavors.

\* We really want to find out about your overall feeling of the event from a positive viewpoint.

Attending APRICOT2024 presented a significant opportunity for learning, enriching expertise, and networking. Each program I participated in was not only interesting but also immensely helpful in enhancing knowledge and confidence. I extend my gratitude to the trainers, presenters, and contributors for their valuable contributions. While the event was highly enriching, I believe it would have been even more exciting if we had the opportunity to explore aspects of heritage, culture, and engage in site-seeing activities.

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A big thank you to the Fellowship committee for providing this invaluable opportunity. Without their selection, I would not have been able to fully explore the event and enrich myself with knowledge, confidence, and experience. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Fellowship Coordinator John for his guidance and support at every step of the way.

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