

Founder, Principal Architect

Ted Ridley is a seasoned professional with extensive experience in information technology (IT) with a concentration in application design and development, network security, project management, disaster recovery planning and strategy, and network design, validation and implementation across various industries. Having two decades combined experience as a network engineer, network security administrator, incident response team manager and consultant, Ted has an in-depth understanding of security issues and the associated business impact. Ted's breadth of experience in management, technical delivery and business development, uniquely qualifies him to work to provide comprehensive, high return on investment (ROI) based solutions.

EXPERIENCE

Mr. Ridley has more than 20 years of IT experience and has held key managerial, analytical, technical and engineering positions in consulting organizations such as Senior Vice President of Business Development and Marketing, Director of Technology Services, Managing Consultant and Principal Consultant. Additionally, Ted has direct consulting delivery experience with US State Government clients, US Federal Government clients, as well as private enterprise clients. In these roles Ted has functioned as an Enterprise Consultant providing network design and security, an Enterprise Y2K Certification Consultant working with teams to ensure code readiness for challenges presented by upcoming standards changes, and a Global Network Operations Manager and Frame Relay/Packet Switch Engineer for BT, a leading international service provider on their core backbone network.

Prior to founding BLACKSTREAM, Ted was the Senior Vice President of Business Development and Marketing for Security Compass. Mr. Ridley's experience at Security Compass coupled with his years as a Managing Consultant at BT INS, where he managed the Ethical Hacking Center of Excellence team which performed numerous security reviews, vulnerability assessments and penetration tests (Web Application / Code / Network / Policy) for both domestic and international companies in many verticals, uniquely prepared him for founding BLACKSTREAM and its focus on **Application Development** and **Business Efficiency**.

CERTIFICATIONS AND EDUCATION

Mr. Ridley was formally educated at Morehouse College in Atlanta studying Mathematics and subsequently at Georgia State University where he studied Decision Sciences. In addition Ted holds his Certified Secure Software Lifecycle Professional (CSSLP) and his Certified Security Analyst (ESCA) certification, which is now known as the Licensed Penetration Tester (LPT).