

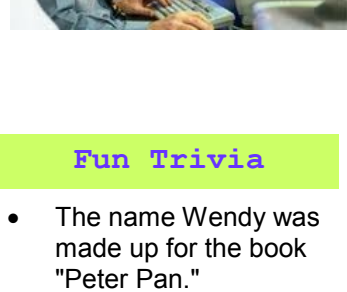


Countdown Evolution

What is an ASC and what is [The Academy Support Center Partnership](#)?

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An Academy Support center (ASC) is the entity that ensures and improves the quality of the Cisco Networking Academy Program (CNAP). As part of that improvement ASCs are replacing the current CATCs (Cisco Area Training Center) and Regional Academies. ASCs will be the intermediary between Cisco Systems and the Cisco Academies (previously called Local Academies - those academies that directly teach students). Any Cisco Academy can become an ASC.



[The Academy Support Center Partnership](#) is a partnership between Ball State University and Moraine Valley Community College (Ex-CATCs). We are one of many ASCs in the world who can provide you with support and training. Our experience and knowledge will allow us to provide the best training and support an ASC can provide a Cisco Academy. It is our hope that we will be given an opportunity to work with you!

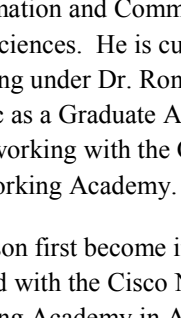
Fun Trivia

- The name Wendy was made up for the book "Peter Pan."
- More Monopoly money is printed in a year, than real money throughout the world.

Must I pick an ASC as my parent?

All Cisco Academies (those academies who teach students directly - either secondary or higher education students) **MUST** select an ASC to monitor, assist and act as a communication conduit for the Cisco Networking Academy Program. Select an ASC much like you would your bank. Make sure it is one that is local, provides the services you want, and offers competitive rates. You do have the option to select an ASC that is anywhere in the world if it offers the services you want.

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Jason is currently attending Ball State University. There, he is pursuing his Master's of Science in Information and Communication Sciences from the Center for Information and Communication Sciences. He is currently working under Dr. Ron Kovac as a Graduate Assistant, working with the Cisco Networking Academy.

Jason first become involved with the Cisco Networking Academy in August 2011 as a student and instructor for academies across Indiana. He is the current Systems Director for [The Academy Support Center Partnership](#).

Jason has a strong interest in Information Security, project management and consulting. He is currently scheduled to graduate in July 2012.

What will my ASC provide?

All ASCs will have unique qualities and characteristics and the services they provide will be based on their interpretation of Cisco Academy needs. [The Academy Support Center Partnership](#), collaboration between the Ball State University CATC and the Moraine Valley Community College CATC, is your local ASC that has been working with you from the start. We will provide you with many items as part of our service. Below is a high level summary of our services.

- Promoting Student Academy Success through analytics (localized and worldwide)
- Assistance in On-Boarding new and current Cisco Academies
- Shared Resources via our web site (coming soon)
- Promote Academy and Student Success
- Monthly Instructor Professional Development
- Discounted Training for Instructors
- Proactive Meeting to assist your program and instructors
- Help in securing funding via Federal and State Grants
- Assist in ordering and setting up new lab equipment and curricula

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