



The Academy Support Center Partnership



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Update n New Version of IT essentials

CompTIA recently released an update to their A+ certification exams. The objectives for the new CompTIA A+ 220-801 and 220-802 exams can be viewed on the CompTIA website. As previously announced in May 2012, Cisco Networking Academy is currently developing an updated version of our IT Essentials (ITE) curriculum to maintain alignment with the new A+ certification. The English version of the updated ITE 5.0 curriculum is targeted for release in January 2013.

TE 5.0 will continue to cover the fundamentals of computer hardware and software, as well as advanced concepts such as security, networks, and the responsibilities of an IT professional. Course updates include the following changes:

Covering troubleshooting, networking, and security in more depth

Introducing emerging technologies such as mobility and client-side virtualization

To prepare for this transition, please review the following ITE 5.0 equipment requirements and dates for retiring the ITE 4.1 curriculum.

To access the current ITE 4.1 equipment list for comparison of new equipment:

On Academy Connection, click Equipment Information, then select Lab Equipment List and Contact Info

On Cisco NetSpace, click Program, then select Equipment Information

End-of-Life for English Version of ITE 4.1

Please note the following changes to the previously announced end-of-life dates for the ITE 4.1 curriculum in English:

February 17, 2013 is the last date to create new student classes in ITE 4.1 in English. Please plan appropriately and open any classes that are needed for ITE 4.1 prior to February 17, 2013. This date applies to both Academy Connection and Cisco NetSpace.

Please note that ITE 4.1 classes in Academy Connection should end by June 30, 2013. If you cannot complete an ITE 4.1 class in Academy Connection by June 30, 2013, please open the class in Cisco NetSpace to ensure your students will have enough time to complete the course.

December 31, 2013 is the last date to access the course materials and the last date to receive Networking Academy Support Desk assistance for the ITE 4.1 English course on Cisco NetSpace.

The end-of-life dates for the translated versions of ITE 4.1 will be communicated when ITE 5.0 is released in January 2013.

If you have questions after reviewing this announcement, please contact your local Networking Academy representative for assistance.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

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