

The Academy Support Center Partnership Weekly Newsletter



First Release of CCNA Routing and Switching Courses Now Available



Cisco Networking Academy is pleased to announce general availability of the English version of the first two courses of the new CCNA Routing and Switching curriculum, Introduction to Networks and Network Basics. All course materials are available for immediate use on Cisco NetSpace.

You can now begin to enjoy the features, functionality, and benefits of the new curriculum, including the following:

- Updated content - including IPv6, Multi-Area OSPF, Cisco IOS 15, Layer 3 Redundancy (HSRP), Link Aggregation (EtherChannel), and NetFlow
- Certification alignment - with the new Cisco CCENT and CCNA Routing and Switching certification exams
- Greater exam validity - with Cisco Packet Tracer skills assessment isomorphs and the release of Packet Tracer 6.0
- Mobile device access - for text and static graphics
- Flexibility to add your own content - through built-in NetSpace capabilities

We encourage you to listen to Gary Coman, NetAcad development director, as he talks about the deadline for previous certification exams and provides perspective on the ultimate benefits for your students.

Also, please take a moment to view an interview conducted by Nilay Ghoghari, featuring two NetAcad executive leaders, Gary Coman and Omar Shaban, sharing their thoughts on the market-driven changes over the past two years that have positioned NetAcad for future success and ultimately led to the design of our new CCNA Routing and Switching curriculum.

This is the first in a three-part series of phased releases of the CCNA R&S courses, with all

courses to be available before the end of this year. We will continue to communicate details of the upcoming releases.

The future of Mind Wide Open teaching and learning has arrived. Are you ready?

For More Information

Please review the latest CCNA Routing and Switching FAQs, Scope and Sequence documents, and other resources available on Cisco NetSpace by selecting Offerings > CCNA > CCNA Routing and Switching Instructor Resource Spotlight.

To preview and explore the contents of the new CCNA R&S courses, please log in to NetSpace and enroll in the Networking Academy Course Previews for Instructors.

Detailed lab equipment information, including descriptions and part numbers, is available in the CCNA Equipment List, which is located on the Cisco NetSpace Equipment Information site.

We also encourage you to complete the "Are You Ready for CCNA R&S?" activity, which is designed to help all instructors currently teaching CCNA Discovery or CCNA Exploration prepare for the new topics and technologies included in the new CCNA Routing and Switching curriculum.

To access the "Are You Ready for CCNA R&S?" activity:

1. Log in to Cisco NetSpace
2. On your NetSpace home page, click the Teach tab
3. In the Professional Development section in the middle of the page, click View Instructor Courses
4. Enroll in the Are You Ready for CCNA R&S? course

REMINDER: Academy Connection Is Closing, Time to Take Action

After 30 June 2013, Academy Connection will no longer be available. Please review the following information and take action as needed.



Upgrade to Cisco NetSpace

When logging into Academy Connection, all users will see a banner with a link to upgrade to Cisco NetSpace. If you have not already done so, you can create a NetSpace account by clicking the Start the upgrade process now link and registering in NetSpace.

After clicking the link, users will be directed to the NetSpace registration page and asked to provide basic information like name, email, username, and password. After completing the registration, users will be directed to the NetSpace home page and prompted to log in.

Instructors must add current students to their courses in NetSpace to keep them tied to their institutions. Students will be able to access courses in which they are currently enrolled under the Learn tab on NetSpace.

Complete Classes in Academy Connection

Before 30 June, please ensure:

- You have set the appropriate class status for all your students' current classes
- Students have completed all courses and necessary assessments in Academy Connection
- Students have downloaded certificates of completion and letters of merit in Academy Connection

Requesting Certification Discount Vouchers

Please note it is no longer possible to request exam discount vouchers in Academy Connection. Students who attempt to request discount vouchers will be prompted to upgrade to NetSpace and will be able to request vouchers from the Learn tab in NetSpace. The status of voucher requests will be displayed on user profiles in NetSpace.

Alumni Access to Completed Courses

To access previously completed curricula in NetSpace, students and alumni must send an email request to the Global Support Desk as soon as possible at academy-alumni@netacad.net. They should include their full name and Academy Connection ID or username in the request.

The Global Support Desk will add the most recent versions of completed courses to their NetSpace account. This process may take up to one month, so they should plan accordingly.

Students and alumni must not contact the Global Support Desk to create a NetSpace account. They should follow the steps above to upgrade.

Academy Conference 2013: REGISTER NOW!

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