



The Academy Support Center Partnership Weekly Newsletter

Preview Next Release of CCNA Routing and Switching Courses



The CCNA Routing and Switching courses targeted for release in August 2013; Routing and Switching Essentials and Routing Protocols, are now available for preview.

Note that the following items are not available in the preview versions of the courses:

- Quizzes, exams, or supplemental materials
- Translated content or screen reader capabilities
- Support from the NetAcad Global Support Desk (Please do not contact the Support Desk for issues you may encounter in the preview courses.)

These draft versions of the courses are provided to enable instructors to have an early look at the course content for planning purposes. Please do not create classroom materials from the draft preview courses, because the content is not final and may undergo significant changes prior to the general availability release of the courses in August.

Routing and Switching Essentials is the second course in the CCNA R&S recommended course flow, and Routing Protocols is the second course in the additional flow designed to support transition from CCNA Exploration. To access the preview versions of the courses:

1. Log in to Cisco NetSpace

2. On your NetSpace homepage, click the Teach tab
3. In the Professional Development section in the middle of the page, click View Instructor Courses
4. Select CCNA R&S Preview: Routing and Switching Essentials or CCNA R&S Preview: Routing Protocols from the list of IPD courses.

For More Information

The following resources will help instructors transition to CCNA Routing and Switching from CCNA Discovery or CCNA Exploration:

- The "Are You Ready for CCNA R&S?" self-paced activity to help you prepare for the new topics and technologies included in the new curriculum is available on the Professional Development page.
- You can now preview the Routing and Switching Essentials and Routing Protocols courses.
- Knowledge transfer sessions on the six major new topics in the CCNA Routing and Switching curriculum will be offered during the Global Academy Virtual Conference July 16-18, 2013.
- A comprehensive set of supplemental materials to address technical gaps in student comprehension will be packaged as a bridging offering available on Cisco NetSpace in August 2013. Translated versions of these supplemental materials in Arabic, Simplified Chinese, French, Spanish, Russian, Br. Portuguese, Japanese, and Turkish will be available in September 2013.

We encourage all instructors to take full advantage of these resources. Please review the latest CCNA Routing and Switching FAQs, Overview PowerPoint, and Scope and Sequence for additional details. To find these on NetSpace, select Offerings > CCNA > CCNA Routing and Switching Instructor Resource Spotlight. If you have questions regarding any of the information in this announcement, please contact your local Networking Academy representative for assistance.

End of Life for Translated Versions of IT Essentials 4.0 and 4.1

Cisco Networking Academy has announced the end-of-life dates for the translated versions of IT Essentials (ITE) 4.0 and 4.1. The end-of-life dates for ITE versions 4.0 and 4.1 are as follows:

Language	Last Class Start Date	Last Class End Date
Arabic, French, Spanish	31-JULY-2013	31-JULY-2014
Russian	13-DEC-2013	13-DEC-2015
All other languages	13-DEC-2013	13-DEC-2014



Note that the Last Class End Date is also the last date to access course materials online and the last date to receive support for the curriculum. Academies currently teaching ITE versions 4.0 or 4.1 should migrate to the localized ITE 5.0 courses as quickly as possible to take advantage of the new enhancements and alignment to the current CompTIA A+ certification. The localized ITE 5.0 courses are targeted for release starting in August 2013:

Language	Target Availability
French and Spanish	August 2013
Arabic	September - October 2013
Russian	October 2013
All other languages	Community driven

If you have questions, please contact the Networking Academy Support Desk for assistance.

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"Given the rapid speed of change in today's global marketplace, a country must invest in its greatest asset -- its people -- and train them to excel in science, technology, engineering, and math." -John Chambers, Cisco Chairman and CEO (see article and list)



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