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DevNet Certifications: Bringing Software Practices and Software Skills to Networking

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## Agenda

- Introduction
- DevNet overview
- DevNet Certifications overview
- Review of changes to Cisco Certification Portfolio
- Updates to Recertification and Continuing Education
- Review of tools and training to help you get prepared
- Next Steps





## DevNet is...

### A website



The DevNet website,
developer.cisco.com, is
free-to-use and provides
learning & sandbox
environments for those trying
to learn coding and testing
apps

## A community



DevNet is now a community of 500,000+ developers, leveraging code and sharing code to build better solutions.

## A place to start



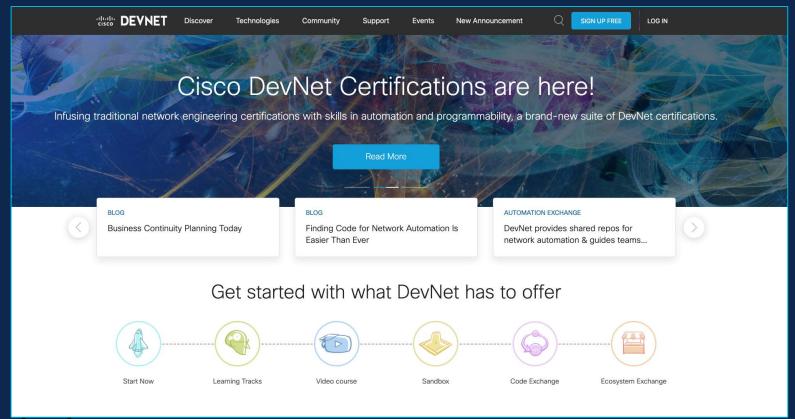
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DevNet helps developers and IT professionals who want to write applications and develop integrations with Cisco products, platforms, and APIs.

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Review of the DevNet Certifications and the Changes to the Larger Cisco Certification Portfolio



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## Introducing Cisco's Expanded Certification Suite

Cisco Certification Program offerings launched Feb. 24, 2020

Associate Level

Specialist Level

Professional Level

Expert Level

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## Building Teams with Complementary Skills DevNet Certified Associate and the Cisco Certified Network Associate

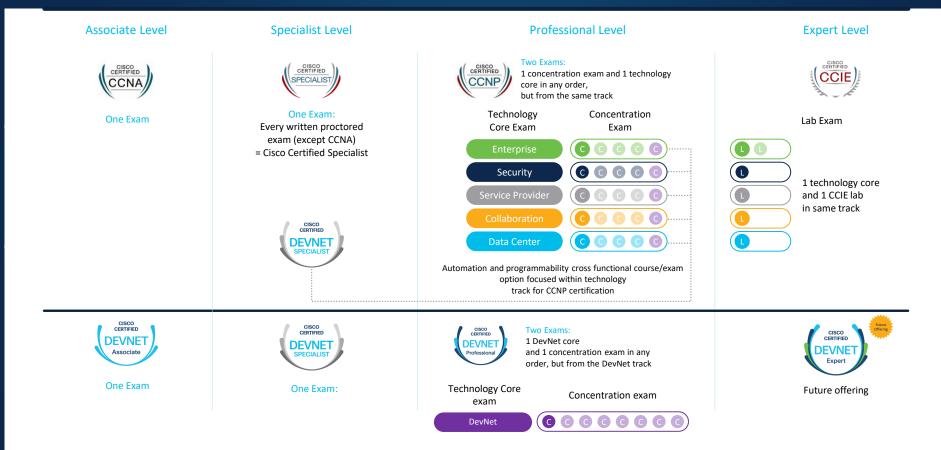






**Complementary balance and role alignment** 

## How our program works today – one portfolio



## Certification Paths

## **Professional and Specialist Certifications**





#### Enterprise

- Implementing and Operating Cisco Enterprise Network Core Technologies
- Implementing Cisco Enterprise Advanced Routing and Services
- Designing Cisco Enterprise Wireless Networks
- Implementing Cisco Enterprise
   Wireless Networks
- Designing Cisco Enterprise Networks
- Implementing Cisco SD-WAN Solutions
- Automating and Programming Cisco Enterprise Solutions

#### Security

- Implementing and Operating Cisco Security Core Technologies
- Securing Networks with Cisco Firepower
- Implementing Secure Solutions with Virtual Private Networks
- Securing Email with Cisco Security Appliances
- Securing the Web with Cisco Web Security Appliance
- Implementing and Configuring Cisco Identity Services Engine
- Automating and Programming Cisco Security Solutions

#### Service Provider

- Implementing and Operating Cisco Service Provider Network Core Technologies
- Implementing Cisco Service Provider Advanced Routing Solutions
- Implementing Cisco Service Provider VPN Services
- Automating and Programming Cisco Service Provider Solutions

#### Collaboration

- Implementing and Operating Cisco Collaboration Core Technologies
- Implementing Cisco Collaboration Applications
- Implementing Cisco Advanced
   Call Control and Mobility Services
- Implementing Cisco Collaboration Cloud and Edge Solutions
- Automating and Programming Cisco Collaboration Solutions

#### **Data Center**

- Implementing and Operating Cisco Data Center Core Technologies
- Implementing Cisco Storage Area Networking
- Implementing Cisco Application Centric Infrastructure
- Designing Cisco Data Center Infrastructure
- Troubleshooting Cisco Data Center Infrastructure
- Automating and Programming Cisco Data Center Solutions

#### DevNet

- Developing Applications using Cisco Core Platforms & APIs
- Implementing DevOps Solutions and Practices using Cisco Platforms
- . Developing Solutions using Cisco IoT & Edge Platforms
- · Developing Applications for Cisco Webex and Webex Devices
- Automating and Programming Cisco Enterprise Solutions
- Automating and Programming Cisco Security Solutions
- Automating and Programming Cisco Service Provider Solutions
- Automating and Programming Cisco Collaboration Solutions
- Automating and Programming Cisco Data Center Solutions

## Cisco DevNet Track: Currently Composed of 10 Exams







**Entry: Associate Level** 



Next Step: Professional Level



Future Goal: Expert

#### Entry exam

#### DevNet concentration

Options: 1 technology core & 1 concentration exam in any order, but from the same DevNet track

#### DevNet Technology Core Exam

DevNet Associate
Exam

- **ENTERPRISE NETWORKING:** Automating and Programming Cisco Enterprise Solutions
- SECURITY: Automating and Programming Cisco Security Solutions
- SERVICE PROVIDER: Automating and Programming Cisco
  Service Provider Solutions
- COLLABORATION: Automating and Programming Cisco Collaboration Solutions
- DATA CENTER: Automating and Programming Cisco Data Center Solutions
- **DEVOPS:** Implementing DevOps Solutions and Practices using Cisco Platforms
- IOT: Developing Solutions using Cisco IoT & Edge Platforms
- **WEBEX:** Developing Applications for Cisco Webex and Webex Devices

#### DevNet lab

Options: 1 technology core & 1 lab in the same track

- TBD
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## **DevNet Associate Exam Topics**

1.0 Software Development and Design

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3.0 Cisco Platforms and Development

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4.0 Application Deployment and Security

5.0 Infrastructure and Automation 15%

tools (such as VIRL and pvATS)

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- 1.1 Compare data formats (XML, JSON, and YAML)
- 1.2 Describe parsing of common data format (XML, JSON, and YAML) to Python data structures
- 1.3 Describe the concepts of test-driven development
- 1.4 Compare software development methods (agile, lean, and waterfall)
- 1.5 Explain the benefits of organizing code into methods / functions, classes, and modules
- 1.6 Identify the advantages of common design patterns (MVC and Observer)
- 1.7 Explain the advantages of version control
- 1.8 Utilize common version control operations with Git
- 1.8.a Clone
- 1.8.b Add/remove
- 1.8.c Commit
- 1.8.d Push / pull
- 1.8 e Branch
- 1.8.f Merge and handling conflicts
- 1.8.a diff

2.0 Understanding and Using APIs

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- 2.1 Construct a REST API request to accomplish a task given API documentation
- 2.2 Describe common usage patterns related to webhooks
- 2.3 Identify the constraints when consuming APIs
- 2.4 Explain common HTTP response codes associated with **REST APIs**
- 2.5 Troubleshoot a problem given the HTTP response code. request and API documentation
- 2.6 Identify the parts of an HTTP response (response code, headers, body)
- 2.7 Utilize common API authentication mechanisms: basic. custom token, and API kevs
- 2.8 Compare common API styles (REST, RPC, synchronous, and asynchronous)
- 2.9 Construct a Python script that calls a REST API using the requests library

- 3.1 Construct a Python script that uses a Cisco SDK given SDK documentation
- 3.2 Describe the capabilities of Cisco network management platforms and APIs (Meraki, Cisco DNA Center, ACI, Cisco SD-WAN, and NSO)
- 3.3 Describe the capabilities of Cisco compute management platforms and APIs (UCS Manager, UCS Director, and Intersight)
- 3.4 Describe the capabilities of Cisco collaboration platforms and APIs (Webex Teams, Webex devices, Cisco Unified Communication Manager including AXL and UDS interfaces.
- 3.5 Describe the capabilities of Cisco security platforms and APIs (Firepower, Umbrella, AMP, ISE, and ThreatGrid)
- 3.6 Describe the device level APIs and dynamic interfaces for IOS XE and NX-OS
- 3.7 Identify the appropriate DevNet resource for a given scenario (Sandbox, Code Exchange, support, forums, Learning Labs, and API documentation)
- 3.8 Apply concepts of model driven programmability (YANG. RESTCONF, and NETCONF) in a Cisco environment
- 3.9 Construct code to perform a specific operation based on a set of requirements and given API reference documentation such as these:
  - 3.9.a Obtain a list of network devices by using Meraki, Cisco DNA Center, ACI, Cisco SD-WAN, or NSO
  - 3.9.b Manage spaces, participants, and messages in Webex Teams
  - · 3.9.c Obtain a list of clients / hosts seen on a network using Meraki or Cisco DNA Center

- 4.1 Describe benefits of edge computing
- 4.2 Identify attributes of different application deployment models (private cloud, public cloud, hybrid cloud, and edge)
- 4.3 Identify the attributes of these application deployment
  - 4.3.a Virtual machines
  - 4.3.b Bare metal
  - 4.3.c Containers
- 4.4 Describe components for a CI/CD pipeline in application deployments
- 4.5 Construct a Python unit test
- 4.6 Interpret contents of a Dockerfile
- 4.7 Utilize Docker images in local developer environment
- 4.8 Identify application security issues related to secret protection, encryption (storage and transport), and data
- 4.9 Explain how firewall, DNS, load balancers, and reverse proxy in application deployment
- 4.10 Describe top OWASP threats (such as XSS, SQL injections, and CSRF)
- 4.11 Utilize Bash commands (file management, directory navigation, and environmental variables)
- 4.12 Identify the principles of DevOps practices

- 5.1 Describe the value of model driven programmability for infrastructure automation
- 5.2 Compare controller-level to device-level management
- 5.3 Describe the use and roles of network simulation and test
- 5.4 Describe the components and benefits of CI/CD pipeline
- in infrastructure automation
- 5.5 Describe principles of infrastructure as code
- 5.6 Describe the capabilities of automation tools such as Ansible, Puppet, Chef, and Cisco NSO
- 5.7 Identify the workflow being automated by a Python script that uses Cisco APIs including ACI, Meraki, Cisco DNA Center. or RESTCONF
- 5.8 Identify the workflow being automated by an Ansible playbook (management packages, user management related to services, basic service configuration, and start/stop)
- 5.9 Identify the workflow being automated by a bash script (such as file management, app install, user management, directory navigation)
- 5.10 Interpret the results of a RESTCONF or NETCONF query
- 5.11 Interpret basic YANG models
- 5.12 Interpret a unified diff
- 5.13 Describe the principles and benefits of a code review process
- 5.14 Interpret sequence diagram that includes API calls

6.0 Network Fundamentals

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- 6.1 Describe the purpose and usage of MAC addresses and **VLANs**
- 6.2 Describe the purpose and usage of IP addresses, routes, subnet mask / prefix, and gateways
- 6.3 Describe the function of common networking components (such as switches, routers, firewalls, and load balancers)
- 6.4 Interpret a basic network topology diagram with elements such as switches, routers, firewalls, load balancers, and port values
- 6.5 Describe the function of management, data, and control planes in a network device
- 6.6 Describe the functionality of these IP Services: DHCP, DNS, NAT, SNMP, NTP
- 6.7 Recognize common protocol port values (such as, SSH, Telnet, HTTP, HTTPS, and NETCONF)
- 6.8 Identify cause of application connectivity issues (NAT problem, Transport Port blocked, proxy, and VPN) 6.9 Explain the impacts of network constraints on applications

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## **DevNet Core Exam Topics**

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1.1 Describe distributed applications related to the concepts of front-end, back-end, and load balancing

1.0 Software Development and Design

- 1.2 Evaluate an application design considering scalability and modularity
- 1.3 Evaluate an application design considering high-availability and resiliency (including on-premises, hybrid, and cloud)
- 1.4 Evaluate an application design considering latency and rate limiting
- 1.5 Evaluate an application design and implementation considering maintainability
- 1.6 Evaluate an application design and implementation considering observability
- 1.7 Diagnose problems with an application given logs related to an event
- 1.8 Evaluate choice of database types with respect to application requirements (such as relational, document, graph, columnar, and Time Series)
- 1.9 Explain architectural patterns (monolithic, services oriented, microservices, and event driven)
- 1.10 Utilize advanced version control operations with Git
  - 1.10.a Merge a branch
  - 1.10.b Resolve conflicts
  - 1.10.c git reset
- 1.10.d git checkout
- 1.10.e git revert
- 1.11 Explain the concepts of release packaging and dependency management
- 1.12 Construct a sequence diagram that includes API calls

2.0 Using APIs

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- 2.1 Implement robust REST API error handling for time outs and rate limits
- 2.2 Implement control flow of consumer code for unrecoverable REST API errors
- 2.3 Identify ways to optimize API usage through HTTP cache controls
- 2.4 Construct an application that consumes a REST API that supports pagination
- 2.5 Describe the steps in the OAuth2 three-legged authorization code grant flow

3.0 Cisco Platforms

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5.0 Infrastructure and Automation

20%

- 3.1 Construct API requests to implement chatops with Webex Teams API
- 3.2 Construct API requests to create and delete objects using Firepower device management (FDM)
- 3.3 Construct API requests using the Meraki platform to accomplish these tasks
  - 3.3.a Use Meraki Dashboard APIs to enable an SSID
  - 3.3.b Use Meraki location APIs to retrieve location data
- 3.4 Construct API calls to retrieve data from Intersight
- 3.5 Construct a Python script using the UCS APIs to provision a new UCS server given a template
- 3.6 Construct a Python script using the Cisco DNA center
- APIs to retrieve and display wireless health information 3.7 Describe the capabilities of AppDynamics when instrumenting an application
- 3.8 Describe steps to build a custom dashboard to present data collected from Cisco APIs
- 4.0 Application Deployment and Security

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- 4.1 Diagnose a CI/CD pipeline failure (such as missing dependency, incompatible versions of components, and failed tests)
- 4.2 Integrate an application into a prebuilt CD environment leveraging Docker and Kubernetes
- 4.3 Describe the benefits of continuous testing and static code analysis in a CI pipeline
- 4.4 Utilize Docker to containerize an application
- 4.5 Describe the tenets of the "12-factor app"
- 4.6 Describe an effective logging strategy for an application
- 4.7 Explain data privacy concerns related to storage and transmission of data
- 4.8 Identify the secret storage approach relevant to a given scenario
- 4.9 Configure application specific SSL certificates
- 4.10 Implement mitigation strategies for OWASP threats (such as XSS, CSRF, and SQL injection)
- 4.11 Describe how end-to-end encryption principles apply to  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{APIs}}$

- 5.1 Explain considerations of model-driven telemetry (including data consumption and data storage)
- 5.2 Utilize RESTCONF to configure a network device including interfaces, static routes, and VLANs (IOS XE only)
- 5.3 Construct a workflow to configure network parameters with:
  - 5.3.a Ansible playbook
  - 5.3.b Puppet manifest
- 5.4 Identify a configuration management solution to achieve technical and business requirements
- 5.5 Describe how to host an application on a network device (including Catalyst 9000 and Cisco IOx-enabled devices)

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## DevNet Certification Help Build Skills for Automation and Digital Transformation







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# Training for new job roles DevSecOps Engineer

#### Professional certification



#### **Technology concentrations**



Cisco Specialist: Security
Automate security operations



Cisco DevNet Specialist: DevOps Securely deploy applications



Cisco DevNet Specialist: Webex
Build chat bots for alerting and monitoring

Updates to Recertification and Continuing Education



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# How our recertification policies are changing

### **Previous Program**

Different recertification period depending on certification type

Continuing education for CCIEs only

Credits required for recertification:

**CCIE: 100** 

## New Program in Effect

- 3-year recertification period for all certified individuals, beginning at the recertifying event date
- Continuing education for all levels of certification
- Credits required for recertification:

• CCNA: 30

• Specialist: 40

• CCNP: 80

CCIE: 120

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# How our CE policies are changing

## Previous Program

CCIE CE credit requirquirement:100

Cisco Live activities: 70 points cap

Item writing activities: 20 points cap

Administrative Fee: \$300

## New Program in Effect

- CCIE CE credit requirement: 120
- Cisco Live activities: No points cap
- Item writing activities: No points cap
- Administrative Fee: \$0

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## Recertification policy as implemented on February 24, 2020

Certification level	Duration	Examination only	Examination and Continuing Education	Continuing Education only
Associate Recertification	3 years	<ul> <li>Pass any one Associate exam</li> <li>Pass any one professional concentration exam</li> <li>Pass one technology core exam</li> <li>Pass one CCIE lab exam</li> </ul>		Earn 30 CE credits
Specialist Certification	3 years	<ul> <li>Pass any one professional concentration exam</li> <li>Pass one technology core exam</li> <li>Pass one CCIE lab exam</li> </ul>		Earn 40 CE credits
Professional Recertification	3 years	Pass one technology core exam  Pass any two professional concentration exams  Pass one CCIE lab exam	Pass any one professional concentration exam and earn 40 CE credits	Earn 80 CE credits
CCIE Recertification	3 years	<ul> <li>Pass any one expert-level certification exam</li> <li>Pass any one CCIE lab exam</li> <li>Pass any three professional concentration exams</li> <li>Pass one technology core exam and pass any one professional concentration exam. (This is also a CCNP certification if done in the same track.)</li> </ul>	Pass one technology core exam and earn 40 CE credits  Pass any two professional concentration exams and earn 40 CE credits  Pass any one professional concentration exam and earn 80 CE credits	Earn 120 CE credits

Next Steps and New DevNet Training and Tools



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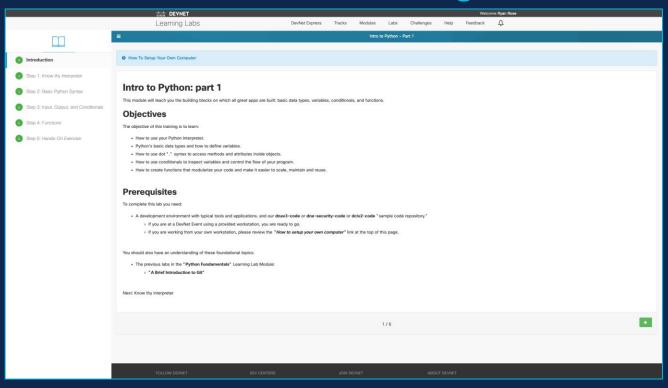
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## How the Free DevNet Learning Labs Look and Work





Intro to Python Course

**DevNet Sandboxes** 

## **DevNet Certification Training Materials**

Certification	Associated Exam	Course Name	Type	Availability Methods			
DevNet Associate	DEVASC	Developing Applications and Automating Workflows using Cisco Core Platforms	ILT/ELT	Cisco Learning Locator (ILT); CPLL & CLN Store (ELT)			
DevNet Professional and DevNet Core Specialist	DEVCOR	Developing Applications using Cisco Core Platforms and APIs	ILT/ELT	Cisco Learning Locator (ILT); CPLL & CLN Store (ELT)			
DevNet EN Automation Specialist	ENAUTO	Implementing Automation for Cisco Enterprise Solutions	ILT/ELT	Cisco Learning Locator (ILT); CPLL & CLN Store (ELT)			
DevNet Data Center Automation Specialist	DCAUTO	Implementing Automation for Cisco Data Center Solutions	ILT/ELT	Cisco Learning Locator (ILT); CPLL & CLN Store (ELT)			
DevNet Security Automation Specialist	SAUTO	Implementing Automation for Cisco Security Solutions	ILT/ELT	Cisco Learning Locator (ILT); CPLL & CLN Store (ELT)			
DevNet Collaboration Automation Specialist	CLAUTO	Implementing Cisco Collaboration Automation Solutions	ILT/ELT	Cisco Learning Locator (ILT); CPLL & CLN Store (ELT)			
DevNet Service Provider Automation Specialist	SPAUTO	Implementing Cisco Service Provider Automation Solutions	ILT/ELT	Cisco Learning Locator (ILT); CPLL & CLN Store (ELT)			
DevNet DevOps Automation Specialist	DEVOPS	Implementing DevOps Solutions and Practices using Cisco Platforms	ILT/ELT	Cisco Learning Locator (ILT); CPLL & CLN Store (ELT)			
DevNet IoT Specialist	DEVIOT	Developing Solutions Using Cisco IoT and Edge Platforms	ILT/ELT	Cisco Learning Locator (ILT); CPLL & CLN Store (ELT)			
DevNet Webex Specialist	DEVWBX	Developing WebEx Solutions	ELT	CPLL & CLN Store (ELT)			
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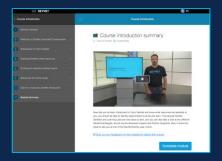
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## The 61 Cisco Training Courses Supporting the Updated Cisco Certification Program

Architecture	Course
Cloud / Automation	Deploying Cloud Connect Solutions with Cisco Cloud Services Router 1000V
Collaboration	Implementing and Operating Cisco Collaboration Core Technologies
Collaboration	Understanding Cisco Collaboration Foundations
Collaboration	Implementing Cisco Advanced Call Control and Mobility Services
Collaboration	Implementing Cisco Collaboration Cloud and Edge Solutions
Collaboration	Implementing Cisco Collaboration Applications
Data Center	Implementing Cisco Application Centric Infrastructure – Advanced
<b>Data Center / Compute</b>	Implementing Cisco Application Centric Infrastructure
<b>Data Center / Compute</b>	Understanding Cisco Data Center Foundations
<b>Data Center / Compute</b>	Configuring Cisco NX-OS Switches and Fabrics in the Data Center
<b>Data Center / Compute</b>	Introducing Cisco NX-OS Switches and Fabrics in the Data Center
<b>Data Center / Compute</b>	Implementing and Operating Cisco Data Center Core Technologies
Data Center / Compute	Configuring Cisco MDS 9000 Series Switches
<b>Data Center / Compute</b>	Designing Cisco Data Center Infrastructure
<b>Data Center / Compute</b>	Configuring Cisco Nexus 9000 Series Switches in ACI Mode
Data Center / Compute	Implementing Cisco HyperFlex
<b>Data Center / Compute</b>	Configuring Cisco MDS 9000 Series Switches
Data Center / Compute	Introducing Cisco Nexus 9000 Switches in NX-OS Mode

## **DevNet Training and Tools Supporting Certification**

## **DevNet Associate Fundamentals Training**



The DevNet Associate Fundamentals training course, built by DevNet team members, is a next generation learning experience, offering high-quality content and an interactive all-in-one learning experience with built-in integrated labs.

## New DevNet Study Groups



An online community platform allowing people to come together and learning Cisco technologies and certifications with curated learning material. The pricing for the DevNet Study Group offering is free for a limited time, while the program is in beta.

## Who is this for?



### Community-lead Group

Community-lead groups for Cisco Certification- anyone can discover these groups by topic/company/region etc and request to be part of the group



## Partner-lead Group

Partner can form internal study group on this platform and learn about Cisco technologies and certifications



### **SE-lead Group**

Systems Engineers can form and lead a study group to help their customers

## **Your Next Steps**

3 things you can do today to start getting ready



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