



Ignite your career in cybersecurity operations

Cisco's CyberOps Associate Certification



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Job Opportunities Outpace the Number of Qualified Candidates

3.5M cybersecurity job openings by 2021



Agenda

- Introduction
- Certification Overview
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Cisco Certifications

Professional Level **Expert Level** Associate Level CISCO CERTIFIED Engineering CISCO CERTIFIED CERTIFIED **DEVNET DEVNE** Software **DEVNE** Associate Professional Future Offering Expert CISCO CISCO CISCO CERTIFIED CyberOps CyberOps CyberOps CyberOps Professional



World of **Infrastructure Engineers**

World of Software Developers

World of Cybersecurity Operations



Automation

Software-defined infrastructure programmability



Application Economy

Speed of development, shift from IT to LOB, cloud offers quick and easy



Threat management

Monitoring, analysis, and response, before, during, and after attacks



Multi-Cloud

New expectations for speed, scale, and security



Internet of Things

Connectivity increases value, edge computing and analytics



Security Orchestration and Automation Response (SOAR)

Aligns threat management, response, and automation



AI/ML and Business Insights

For increased performance, reliability, and security



DevOps and Cloud

Powerful developer tools, APIs and open source, CI/CD and DevOps are enablers



Security Incident Event Management (SIEM)

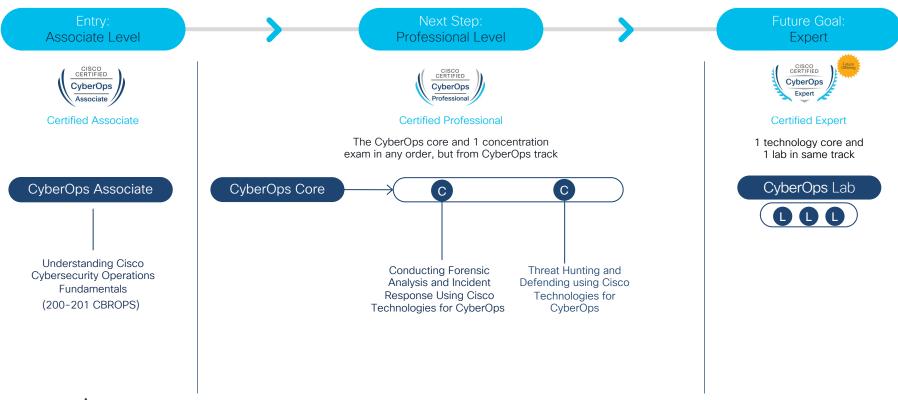
Real-time visibility and automatic notifications



Cisco's Associate Certifications

	Associate Level	Knowledge Domains
Engineering	CISCO CERTIFIED CONA	 Network fundamentals Network access IP connectivity and services Security fundamentals Automation and programmability
Software	CISCO CERTIFIED DEVNET Associate	 Understanding and Using APIs Software Development and Design Application Deployment and Security Infrastructure and Automation Network Fundamentals
CyberOps	CISCO CERTIFIED CyberOps Associate	 Security Concepts Security Monitoring Host-Based Analysis Network Intrusion Analysis Security Policies and Procedures

Cisco CyberOps Certification Track





Recertification Options



1 Take an exam

- Complete continuing education activities, such as:
 - Attend Cisco Live sessions
 - Complete online training courses
 - Complete instructor-led training
 - Within 3 years of cert date

Or a mix of both!

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How to prepare for the exam



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Exam Blueprint:

CyberOps Associate Exam (200-201)

https://learningnetwork.cisco.c om/s/cbrops-exam-topics



Understanding Cisco Cybersecurity Operations Fundamentals v1.0 (200-201)

Exam Description: The Understanding Cisco Cybersecurity Operations Fundamentals (200-201 CBROPS) exam is a 120-minute assessment that is associated with the Cisco Certified CyberOps Associate certification. The CBROPS exam tests a candidate's knowledge and skills related to security concepts, security monitoring, host-based analysis, network intrusion analysis, and security policies and procedures. The course, Understanding Cisco Cybersecurity Operations Fundamentals, helps candidates to prepare for this exam.

The following topics are general guidelines for the content likely to be included on the exam. However, other related topics may also appear on any specific delivery of the exam. To better reflect the contents of the exam and for clarity purposes, the guidelines below may change at any time without notice.

20% 1.0 Security Concepts

- 1.1 Describe the CIA triad
- 1.2 Compare security deployments
 - 1.2.a Network, endpoint, and application security systems
 - 1.2.b Agentless and agent-based protections
 - 1.2.c Legacy antivirus and antimalware
 - 1.2.d SIEM, SOAR, and log management

L.3 Describe security terms

- .3.a Threat intelligence (TI)
- 1.3.b Threat hunting
- 1.3.c Malware analysis
- 1.3.d Threat actor
- 1.3.e Run book automation (RBA)
- 1.3.f Reverse engineering
- 1.3.g Sliding window anomaly detection
- 1.3.h Principle of least privilege
- 1.3.i Zero trust
- 1.3.j Threat intelligence platform (TIP)



Blueprint Verbs

What level is each task - depth of knowledge

Design

Troubleshoot

Configure

Describe



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Exam preparation on the Cisco Learning Network

https://learningnetwork.cisco.com/s/cyberops-associate

Cisco Certified CyberOps Associate Certification and Training

The new Cisco Certified CyberOps Associate program focuses on the latest operational skills and knowledge you need for real-world jobs in security operations centers (SOCs). SOC analysts serve as the front line of defense against cybersecurity threats – preventing and detecting threats to defend your organization. Certification as a cybersecurity operations associate validates your skills in this vital function.

Exam

Discussions

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Additional Resources

Required Exams

200-201 CBROPS: Understanding Cisco Cybersecurity Operations Fundamentals

The Understanding Cisco Cybersecurity Operations Fundamentals (200–201 CBROPS) exam is a 120-minute assessment for the Cisco Certified CyberOps Associate certification and is aligned with the associate-level cybersecurity operations analyst job role. The CBROPS exam tests a candidate's knowledge and skills related to security concepts, security monitoring, host-based analysis, network intrusion analysis, and security policies and procedures. The course, Understanding Cisco Cybersecurity Operations Fundamentals (CBROPS), helps candidates to prepare for this exam.

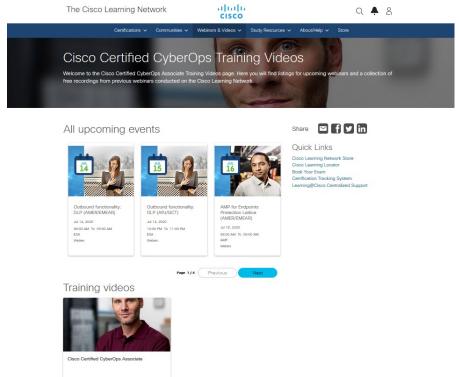
Exam Topics

Study Material

More Details



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Understanding Cisco Cybersecurity Operations Fundamentals (CBROPS) v1.0 www.cisco.com/go/vILT

What you'll learn in this course

The Understanding Cisco Cybersecurity Operations Fundamentals (CBROPS) v1.0 course teaches you security concepts, common network and application operations and attacks, and the types of data needed to investigate security incidents. This course teaches you how to monitor alerts and breaches, and how to understand and follow established procedures for response to alerts converted to incidents. Through a combination of lecture, hands-on labs, and self-study, you will learn the essential skills, concepts, and technologies to be a contributing member of a cybersecurity operations center (SOC) including understanding the IT infrastructure, operations, and vulnerabilities. This course helps you prepare for the Cisco Certified CyberOps Associate certification and the role of a Junior or Entry-level cybersecurity operations analyst in a SOC.



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- Single
- 120-minute exam tests entry level developer skills

Domains

- Security Concepts
- Security Monitoring
- Host-Based Analysis
- Network Intrusion Analysis
- Security Policies and Procedures



CyberOps Associate

Domain Tasks Describe the CIA triad Compare security deployments Describe security terms 1.4 Compare security concepts Describe the principles of the defense-in-depth strategy Security Concepts 1.6 Compare access control models 1.7 Describe terms as defined in CVSS 1.8 Identify the challenges of data visibility (network, host, and cloud) in detection 1.9 Identify potential data loss from provided traffic profiles 1.10 Interpret the 5-tuple approach to isolate a compromised host in a grouped set of logs Compare rule-based detection vs. behavioral and statistical detection



1.4 - Compare Security Concepts







THREAT STOLEN CREDENTIAL



VULNERABILITY
SYSTEM ACCESS USING
STOLEN CREDENTIALS



EXPLOIT DICTIONARY ATTACK



Let's see what we learned

Drag and drop the security concept on the left onto the example of that concept on the right.

Threat

Password enforcement policy

Weak passwords

Vulnerability

user account is accessed

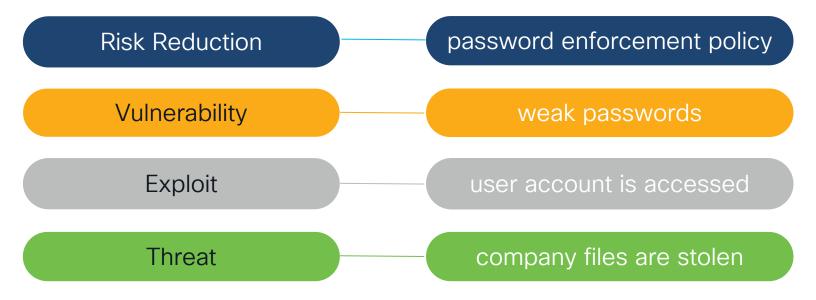
Exploit

company files are stolen



Let's see what we learned

Drag and drop the security concept on the left onto the example of that concept on the right.





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1.5 - Describe the principles of the defense-in-depth strategy



A business realizes an attack has occurred and the business needs to secure their network.



1.5 - Describe the principles of the defense-in-depth strategy



Think first, then execute



Enact emergency response plan



Start containment



Turn on defense-in-depth tools



Enforcement



Recovery



What is the principle of defense-in-depth?

1

using tools to recover infected devices

2

using multiple layers of protection with alerting

3

using firewalls to alert and secure the network 4

using security policies to maintain strong passwords



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1.8 - Identify the challenges of data visibility in detection







TRUSTING 3RD PARTIES
BUT LACK VISIBILITY



HAVE YOUR TOOLS INSIDE TO PROTECT



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Domain

Security Monitoring

Tasks

- 2.1 Compare attack surface and vulnerability
- 2.2 Identify the types of data provided by these technologies
- 2.3 Describe the impact of these technologies on data visibility
- 2.4 Describe the uses of these data types in security monitoring
- 2.5 Describe network attacks, such as protocol-based, denial of service, distributed denial of service, and man-in-the-middle
- 2.6 Describe web application attacks, such as SQL injection, command injections, and cross-site scripting
- 2.7 Describe social engineering attacks
- 2.8 Describe endpoint-based attacks, such as buffer overflows, command and control (C2), malware, and rannsomware
- 2.9 Describe evasion and obfuscation techniques, such as tunneling, encryption, and proxies
- 2.10 Describe the impact of certificates on security (includes PKI, public/private crossing the network, asymmetric/symmetric)
- 2.11 Identify the certificate components in a given scenario



2.1 Compare attack surface and vulnerability





Attack surface

Vulnerability



2.6 Describe Web Application Attacks



SQL Injection

Command Injections

Cross-Site Scripting

SQL Injection

This HTML form solicits login information from an application user:

```
<form action="/cgi-bin/login" method=post>
```

Username: <input type=text name=username>

Password: <input type=password name=password>

<input type=submit value=Login>

User enters information and browser submits a strong: username=submittedUser&password=submittedPassword

If an application accepts user-supplied data without any validation, an attacker could submit a maliciously crafted username and password:

```
username=admin%27%29+--+&password=+
```

Once this string is received and URL-decoded, the app will attempt to build a SQL: select * from Users where (username = 'admin') -- and password = ' ')



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Command Injection

```
int main(char* argc, char** argv) {
          char cmd[CMD_MAX] = "/usr/bin/cat ";
          strcat(cmd, argv[1]);
          system(cmd);
    }
```



Cross-Site Scripting





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Domain

Host-Based Analysis

Tasks

- 3.1 Describe the functionality of these endpoint technologies in regard to security monitoring
- 3.2 Identify components of an operating system (such as Windows and Linux) in a given scenario
- 3.3 Describe the role of attribution in an investigation
- 3.4 Identify type of evidence used based on provided logs
- 3.5 Compare tampered and untampered disk image
- 3.6 Interpret operating system, application, or command line logs to identify an event
- 3.7 Interpret the output report of a malware analysis tool (such as a detonation chamber or sandbox)



3.1 Endpoint Technologies



Host-based intrusion detection



Antimalware & Antivirus



Host-based firewall



Application-level allow listing and block listing



Systems-based sandboxing



Host-based Intrusion Detection



Intrusion detection is the ability to detect attacks against a network . The network can be made up of network devices such as routers, printers, firewalls, and servers. Intrusion protection should provide the following active defense mechanisms:

- Detection Identifies malicious attacks
- Prevention Stops the detected attack from executing.
- Reaction Immunizes the system from future attacks.

Host-based intrusion detection system (HIDS) A host-based intrusion detection system (HIDS) audits host log files and host file systems and resources. An advantage of HIDS is that it can monitor operating system processes and protect critical system resources. This means it can notify network managers when some external process tries to modify a system file in a way that may include a hidden back door program.

Anti-malware



One of the largest threats to an endpoint is malware. Malware can come from many sources, but often it gets onto a device when users click a link from an email or the web. Once inside your environment, malware seeks to infect as much data and as many processes as it can. Viruses, ransomware, spyware, worms are examples of common malware.

Endpoint technologies protect endpoints by preventing malware from getting onto the environment. Anti-malware capabilities include"

- Machine learning leveraging large-scale data to determine the malicious nature of files.
- Threat intelligence leveraging both historical and real-time data from threats to automatically block known malefactors.
- Sandboxing isolating suspect files into a safe environment.

Host-based Firewalls



Firewalls monitor incoming and outgoing network traffic and decide whether to allow or block specific traffic based on a defined set of security rules.

Firewalls have been a first line of defense in network security for over 25 years. They establish a barrier between secured and controlled internal networks that can be trusted and untrusted outside networks, such as the Internet. A firewall can be hardware, software, or both.

3.3 Describe the role of attribution in an investigation

- Assets
- Threat actor
- Indicators of compromise
- Indicators of attack
- Chain of custody

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Network Intrusion Analysis

Tasks

- 4.1 Map the provided events to source technologies
- 4.2 Compare impact and no impact for these items
- 4.3 Compare deep packet inspection with packet filtering and stateful firewall operation
- 4.4 Compare inline traffic interrogation and taps or traffic monitoring
- 4.5 Compare the characteristics of data obtained from taps or traffic monitoring and transactional data (NetFlow) in the analysis of network traffic
- 4.6 Extract files from a TCP stream when given a PCAP file and Wireshark
- 4.7 Identify key elements in an intrusion from a given PCAP file
- 4.8 Interpret the fields in protocol headers as related to intrusion analysis
- 4.9 Interpret common artifact elements from an event to identify an alert
- 4.10 Interpret basic regular expressions



4.1 Map the provided events to source technologies

Event Sources:

- Firewalls
- IPS
- AAA Servers
- DNS
- DHCP
- Netflow



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Firewall

Firepower Management Center

CISCO Analysis / Connections / Security Intelligence Events

Overview

Analysis

Policies

Devices

Objects

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Intelligence

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Security Intelligence Events (switch workflow)

2020-09-14 14:40:00 - 2020-09-15 15:46:00

Static

No Search Constraints (Edit Search)

Security Intelligence with Application Details

Table View of Security Intelligence Events

Jump to...

(♦ First Packet	Last Packet	Action	Reason	Initiator IP	Initiator Country	Responder IP	Responder Country	Security Intelligence Category	Ingress Security Zone	Egress Security Zone	Source Port / ICMP Type	Destination Port / ICMP Code	Application Protocol	Client
▼ [2020-09-14 19:23:17	2020-09-14 19:23:20	Allow	IP Monitor	翌 192.168.1.194		193.29.15.129	RUS	TID IPv4 Monitor			8 (Echo Request) / icmp	0 (No Code) / icmp	ICMP	ICMP c
▼ [2020-09-14 19:23:03	2020-09-14 19:23:08	Allow	IP Monitor	翌 192.168.1.150		193.29.15.129	RUS	TID IPv4 Monitor			8 (Echo Request) / icmp	0 (No Code) / icmp	CMP	☐ ICMP c
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▼ [2020-09-14 19:19:00		Allow	DNS Monitor	雲 192.168.1.150		翌 10.83.48.30		TID Domain Name Monitor			41503 / udp	53 (domain) / udp	DNS	DNS cli
▼ [2020-09-14 19:18:37		Allow	DNS Monitor	= 192.168.1.194		翌 10.83.48.30		TID Domain Name Monitor			53529 / udp	53 (domain) / udp	DNS	DNS cli
▼ [2020-09-14 19:06:50		Allow	DNS Monitor	= 192.168.1.150		= 10.83.48.30		TID Domain Name Monitor			60791 / udp	53 (domain) / udp	DNS	DNS cli
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Netflow

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op Conve	rsations - 12 records								1 2
# 💠	% of Bytes 💠	Host 💠	Host Role	Peer	Port 💠	Average Traffic (bps) 💠	Bytes 💠	Flows 💠	Host Bytes Ratio
1	98.83%	10.3.1.120	Server	10.3.2.202	80/tcp (http)	3.42M	24.48M	1	27.86%
2	0.57%	10.3.1.110	Server	241.88.180.189	443/tcp (https)	19.91k	145,86k	1	0%
3	0.57%	10.3.1.110	Server	135.234.152.130	443/tcp (https)	19.75k	144.69k	1	0%
4	0.02%	10.3.1.150	Server	10.100.12.22	8000/tcp (VMware-vMotion)	755	5.53k	1	48.83%
5	<0.01%	10.3.1.201	Server	10.100.12.22	3389/tcp (remote-desktop)	75	567	1	63.37%
6	<0.01%	10.3.1.201	Server	10.1.1.4	icmp	67	504	1	0%
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9	0%	10.3.1.201	Client	qj-in-f139.1e100.net (173.194.206.139)	80/tcp (http)			1	100%



4.2 Compare impact and no impact for these items

- False positive
- False negative
- True positive
- True negative



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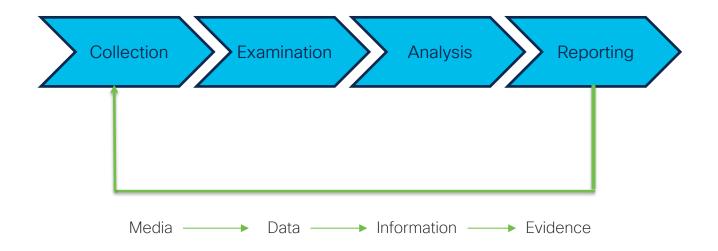
Security
Policies and
Procedures

Tasks

- 5.1 Describe management concepts
- 5.2 Describe the elements in an incident response plan as stated in NIST.SP800-61
- 5.3 Apply the incident handling process to an event
- 5.4 Map elements to these steps of analysis based on the NIST.SP800-61Compare controller-level to device-level management
- 5.5 Map the organization stakeholders against the NIST IR categories
- 5.6 Describe concepts as documented in NIST.SP800-86
- 5.7 Identify these elements used for network profiling
- 5.8 Identify these elements used for server profiling
- 5.9 Identify protected data in a network
- 5.10 Classify intrusion events into categories as defined by security models, such as Cyber Kill Chain Model and Diamond Model of Intrusion
- 5.11 Describe the relationship of SOC metrics to scope analysis (time to detect, time to contain, time to respond, time to control)



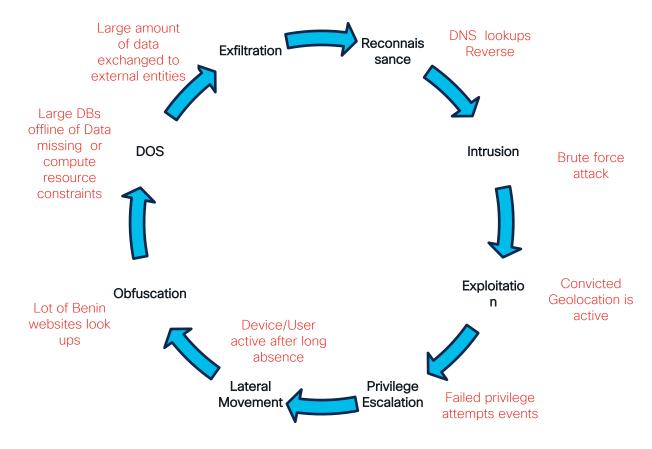
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5.10 Classify intrusion events into categories





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Thank you



