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**Installation Steps for Cisco Packet Tracer**

1. **Visit Cisco NetAcad Website**
   * Go to Cisco Networking Academy and log in or create an account.
2. **Download Packet Tracer**
   * After logging in, navigate to **Resources** → **Download Packet Tracer**.
   * Choose the version compatible with your operating system (Windows, macOS, or Linux).
3. **Extract the Installer**
   * The downloaded file is usually in .zip format.
   * Extract it to a folder using built-in tools or software.
4. **Run the Installer**
   * Double-click the .exe file to launch the installation wizard.
5. **Accept License Agreement**
   * Read and accept the terms of the Cisco license agreement.
6. **Choose Installation Location**
   * Select a folder with enough space for installation.
7. **Create Shortcuts** 
   * You can opt to create a desktop shortcut for easier access.
8. **Install the Software**
   * Click **Install** and wait for the process to complete.
9. **Finish Setup**
   * Click **Finish** once installation is done.
   * Launch Packet Tracer from the desktop or Start menu.
10. **Log In to Activate**

* On first launch, you’ll be prompted to log in with your Cisco NetAcad credentials.