



# CCNA Data Center

## Course Guide

Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) Data Center exam tests a candidate's knowledge of networking concepts for the Data Center environment, based on Nexus-OS.



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## CCNA Data Center Course Objectives

The CCNA Data Center builds the knowledge & capacity for the Data Center environment, based on Nexus-OS.

### Cisco Data Center Networking (640-911)

#### Describe How a Network Works

*Describe the purpose and functions of various network devices*

- Interpret a network diagram
- Define physical network topologies

*Select the components required to meet a network specification*

- Switches
- Describe and identify Nexus hardware specifications
- Describe and identify Nexus licensing requirements

*Use the OSI and TCP/IP models and their associated protocols to explain how data flows in a network*

- IP
- TCP
- UDP

*Describe the purpose and basic operation of the protocols in the OSI and TCP*

- TCP/IP
- OSI layers

#### Configure, Verify and Troubleshoot a Switch with VLANs and Interswitch Communications Using Nexus

*Explain the technology and media access control method for Ethernet*

- IEEE 802 protocols
- CSMA/CD

*Explain basic switching concepts and the operation of Cisco switches*

- Layer 2 addressing
- MAC table
- Flooding

*Describe and configure enhanced switching technologies*

- VTP
- VLAN
- 802.1q

- STP

#### Implement an IP Addressing Scheme and IP Services to Meet Network Requirements in a Medium-Size Enterprise Branch Office Network Using Nexus

*Describe the operation and benefits of using private and public IP addressing*

- Classfull IP addressing
- RFC 1918
- RFC 4193

*Describe the difference between IPv4 and IPv6 addressing schemes*

- Comparative address space
- Host addressing

#### Configure, Verify, and Troubleshoot Basic Router Operation and Routing on Cisco Devices Using Nexus

*Describe and configure basic routing concepts*

- Packet forwarding
- Router look-up process (Exec mode, Exec commands, Configuration mode)

*Describe the operation of Cisco routers*

- Router boot-up process
- POST
- Router components

### Cisco Data Center Technologies (640-916)

#### Cisco Data Center Fundamentals Concepts

- Describe network architectures for the Data Center describe the purpose and functions of various network devices i.e. LAN, SAN
- Describe the Modular Approach in Network Design
- Describe the data center core layer
- Describe the data center aggregation layer
- Describe the data center access layer
- Describe the collapse core model
- Describe FabricPath
- Identify key differentiator between DCI and network interconnectivity
- Describe, configure, and verify vPC
- Describe the functionality of and configuration of port channels
- Describe and configure virtual device context (VDC)
- Describe the edge/core layers of the SAN
- Describe the Cisco Nexus product family
- Configure and verify network connectivity
- Identify control and data plane traffic

- Perform initial set up  
*Data Center Unified Fabric*

- Describe FCoE
- Describe FCoE multihop
- Describe VIFs
- Describe FEX products
- Perform initial set up

#### Storage Networking

- Describe initiator target
- Verify SAN switch operations
- Describe basic SAN connectivity
- Describe the different storage array connectivity
- Verify name server login
- Describe, configure, and verify zoning
- Perform initial set up
- Describe, configure, and verify VSAN

#### DC Virtualization

- Describe device Virtualization
- Describe Server Virtualization
- Describe Nexus 1000v
- Verify initial set up and operation for Nexus 1k

#### Unified Computing

- Describe and verify discovery operation
- Describe, configure, and verify connectivity
- Perform initial set up
- Describe the key features of UCSM

#### Data Center Network Services

- Describe standard ACE features for load balancing
- Describe server load balancing virtual context and HA
- Describe server load balancing management options
- Describe the benefits of Cisco Global Load Balancing Solution
- Describe how the Cisco global load balancing solution integrates with local Cisco load balancers
- Describe Cisco WAAS needs and advantages in the Data Center.

#### Practical Approach

A real-time example will be given throughout the lectures, starting from design, analysis, implementation and maintenance of network.

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