

Foreword

Authorized Self-Study Guide: Building Scalable Cisco Internetworks (BSCI), Third Edition, is an excellent self-study resource for the CCNP BSCI exam. Whether you are studying to become CCNP certified or are just seeking to gain a better understanding of switching technology, implementation and operation, planning and design, and troubleshooting, you will benefit from the information presented in this book.

Cisco Press Self-Study Guide titles are designed to help educate, develop, and grow the community of Cisco networking professionals. As an early-stage exam-preparation product, this book presents a detailed and comprehensive introduction to the technologies used to build scalable routed networks. Developed in conjunction with the Cisco certifications team, Cisco Press books are the only self-study books authorized by Cisco Systems.

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I hope and expect that you will find this guide to be an essential part of your exam preparation and a valuable addition to your personal library.

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