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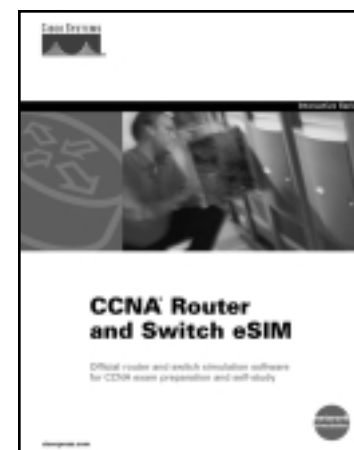
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More products in the Interactive Series are on the way!

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Included in the next edition of the *Cisco Press Connection* find out exciting news in the realm of certification, learn more about CP's series and suite of Certification products, and catch a glimpse of a new store merchandising program!

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Schedule of Events

Cisco Press continues a busy event calendar in 2002! Bringing the newest titles and tools to networking professionals, visit us on the road at these events:

Network+Interop, Spring 2002
May 6–10, 2002
Las Vegas, Nevada

Networkers
June 24–28, 2002
San Diego, California

Networkers
July 8–12, 2002
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Cisco Qualified Specialist Designation's Popularity Soars

In the summer of 2001 Cisco Systems introduced a new accreditation known as Cisco Qualified Specialist. Replacing the former CCNP® Specializations, these specialist titles qualify a networker's skills in a particular networking discipline like Internet Solutions or Cabling. Since their introduction, Cisco Press' related titles have soared in sales as networking professionals strive to prove their skills in these vital areas. Of particular growing interest is the Security specialization, which enjoys a broader appeal as it can also be applied to the elective requirement for the new CCIP™ certification.

Some of these specializations require either a CCNA/CCDA®-level certification, and some have no prerequisite at all, making them attainable by a larger number of networking professionals. The Cisco Qualified Specializations as of January 1, 2002 are

Cisco Security Specialist 1

Four exams are required, with four matching courses for preparation. CCNA certification is a prerequisite. Also fulfills the elective requirement of the CCIP certification.

MCNS: Managing Cisco Network Security	Cisco Press title: 1-58770-103-1
CSPFA: Cisco Secure PIX® Firewalls	Cisco Press title: 1-58705-035-8
CSIDS: Cisco Secure Intrusion Detection System	Cisco Press title: 1-58705-034-X
CSVPN: Cisco Secure Virtual Private Networks	Cisco Press title: 1-58705-033-1

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Three exams are required, with three matching courses for preparation. There are no prerequisites.

CISA: CISS-Architecture Essentials	Cisco Press title: 1-58705-044-7	June 2002
CISAE: CISS-Applications Essentials		
CISSS: CISS-Solutions	CISS Applications and Solutions Cisco Press title: 1-58705-066-8	Aug. 2002
	This book will cover both Application Essentials and Solutions courses!	

Cisco Cable Communications Specialist

One exam, with two recommended courses for preparation. CCNA or CCIE®—Routing and Switching certification is a prerequisite.

ICCR: Introduction to Cisco Cable Routers—DOCSIS
CNR: Introduction to Cisco Network Registrar

Cisco SNA/IP Design Specialist

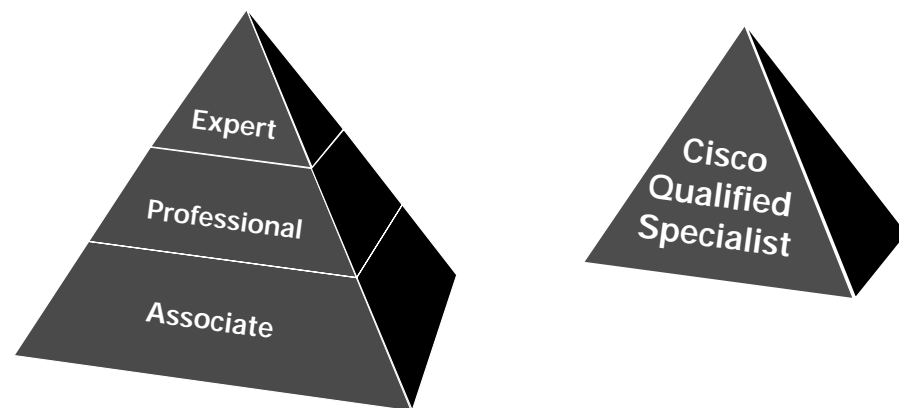
One exam is required, with one matching course for preparation. CCDA certification is a prerequisite.

SNAMI: SNA to IP Migration

Cisco SNA/IP Support Specialist

Two exams are required, with multiple matching courses for preparation. CCNA certification is a prerequisite.

SNAM: SNA Configuration for Multiprotocol Administrators
SNAIPF: Four courses: DLSW/FRAS/SNASw/CIP



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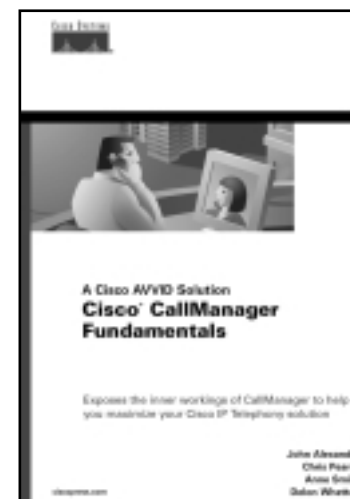
New Series from Cisco Press launched

Cisco Press has introduced its newest product line in the Certification and Training series—*Practical Studies!* This exciting new series of books launched in December 2001 with the arrival of *CCIE Practical Studies*, Volume I.

Early indicators suggest that this new series from Cisco Press is a winner as this title is hitting the Cisco Press top-sellers list across reselling partners. This new series allows a networker or student to master networking concepts through practical hands-on experience. Multiple lab scenarios and exercises are presented for the reader to apply on actual networking hardware or networking simulation software. The truer, deeper understanding that they gain provides an improved preparation for exam taking and makes their learning more valuable in the workplace. *Practical Studies* also provide blueprints for how to set up a home lab with real networking equipment in a manner that minimizes investment while maximizing flexibility of the environment.

Practical Studies titles play a crucial role in the Cisco Press learning track for networkers. Recent independent studies showed that 40% of Cisco certification seekers used home labs to study and prepare for their exams. As *Practical Studies* products provide IT professionals a guide to focus their learning on these labs, there is already an existing and quickly growing market demand for these resources. Titles available and soon to arrive from Cisco Press include

Title	ISBN	Publication Date
CCIE Practical Studies, Volume I	1-58720-002-3	Available now!
CCNA Practical Studies	1-58720-046-5	April 2002
CCNP Practical Studies: Routing	1-58720-054-6	April 2002
CCNP Practical Studies: Switching	1-58720-060-0	Fall 2002



CallManager Fundamentals Title Receives Top Honors

As the world's largest professional organization for people involved in technical communication, the Society for Technical Communications honored the authors of the Cisco Press title *Cisco CallManager Fundamentals: A Cisco AVVID Solution* with the award of merit from the Lone Star chapter 2001 annual competition.*

Presented on January 10 at the Harvey Hotel in Irving, Texas, awards were handed out in a variety of different categories including online books, print titles, and technical art. With the collaboration of four outstanding authors—John Alexander, Chris Pearce, Anne Smith, and Delon Whetten—the Cisco Press title received the merit award in the category of Technical Publications. As referenced by one judge, "This book is a very detailed presentation of a very complex technology. The authors have succeeded in breaking down the information into a logical sequence."

Congratulations to the authors on an exceptional job!

*The Lone Star chapter is one of the largest chapters in the U.S., drawing members from all over the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex area.

“ I have used several CCIE lab preps and books but have never come across anything as good as this one. I just wish it had come out a few months earlier, so I would have more time to practice the labs. The book is jam packed with numerous exercises and several CCIE day-one-type labs at the end of the book for practicing the real lab. There are diagrams for every exercise and scenario. ”

*Emmanuel Oppong
from Silicon Valley*

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Upcoming Titles from Cisco Press

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ISBN: 1-58770-220-8

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ISBN: 1-58720-059-7

Developing Cisco IP Phone Services: A Cisco AVVID Solution
ISBN: 1-58705-060-9

March:
CCNA Interactive Certification Kit
ISBN: 1-58713-069-6

Cisco WAN Switching Professional Reference
ISBN: 1-58705-055-2

April:
Cisco CCNA Flash Cards
ISBN: 1-58720-048-1

Cisco ISP Essentials
ISBN: 1-58705-041-2

CCNA Exam Certification Guide, Third Edition
ISBN: 1-58720-055-4

Troubleshooting IP Routing Protocols (CCIE Professional Development)
ISBN: 1-58705-019-6

CCNP Interactive Certification Kit
ISBN: 1-58713-068-8

CCNA Practical Studies
ISBN: 1-58720-046-5

CCNP Practical Studies: Routing
ISBN: 1-58720-054-6

Storage Area Network Fundamentals
ISBN: 1-58705-065-X

May:
Cisco OSPF Command and Configuration Handbook (CCIE Professional Development)
ISBN: 1-58705-071-4