CCNA 2: Router and Routing Basics

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Target Audience

The target audience is anyone who desires a practical and technical introduction to the field of networking. This includes high school, community college, and lifelong-learning students interested in careers as network technicians, network engineers, network administrators, and network help-desk staff.

Prerequisites

The successful completion of this course requires the following:

- Reading Age Level (RAL) of 13
- Successful completion of CCNA 1

The following prerequisites are beneficial, but not required:

- Prior experience with computer hardware and command line computer interfaces
- Background in computer programming

Course Description

CCNA 2: Routers and Routing Basics is the second of four CCNA courses leading to the Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) designation. CCNA 2 focuses on initial router configuration, Cisco IOS Software management, routing protocol configuration, TCP/IP, and access control lists (ACLs). Students will develop skills on how to configure a router, manage Cisco IOS Software, configure routing protocol on routers, and set the access lists to control the access to routers.

Course Objectives

The CCNA certification indicates knowledge of networking for the small office, home office (SOHO) market and the ability to work in small businesses or organizations with networks that have fewer than 100 nodes. A CCNA certified individual can perform the following tasks:

- Install and configure Cisco switches and routers in multiprotocol internetworks using LAN and WAN interfaces
- Provide Level 1 troubleshooting service
- Improve network performance and security
- Perform entry-level tasks in the planning, design, installation, operation, and troubleshooting of Ethernet and TCP/IP Networks

CCNA 2 is a necessary step toward achieving CCNA certification.

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to perform tasks related to the following:

- Routers and their roles in WANs
Cisco IOS
Router configuration
Router file management
RIP and IGRP routing protocols
TCP/IP error and control messages
Router troubleshooting
Intermediate TCP
Access control lists

Lab Requirements

Please refer to CCNA Equipment Bundle Spreadsheets on Academy Connection.

Certification Alignment

The curriculum is aligned with the Cisco Internet Learning Solution Group (ILSG) INTRO and ICND courses.

Course Overview

The course has been designed for 70 contact hours. Approximately 35 hours will be designated to lab activities and 35 hours will be designated to curriculum content. A case study on structured cabling is required, but format and timing should be determined by the Local Academy.

The following changes have taken place since CCNA version 2.x:

- More emphasis on router configuration early in semester
- More efficient presentation and practice of IOS
- IGRP moved from CCNA 3 to CCNA 2
- Access lists moved from CCNA 3 to CCNA 2
- Revisions to TCP/IP coverage
- More focus on understanding routing tables
- Case study is required with format and timing determined by the Local Academy
- More interactive flash activities
- Sequence of over 40 e-labs
- Lab focus on 2-router labs
The following changes have taken place since CCNA version 3.0:

- Technical updates
- Improved readability
Course Outline

Module 1. WANs and Routers

Overview

1.1 WANs
   1.1.1 Introduction to WANs
   1.1.2 Introduction to routers in a WAN
   1.1.3 Router LANs and WANs
   1.1.4 Role of routers in a WAN
   1.1.5 Academy approach to hands-on labs

1.2 Routers
   1.2.1 Introduction to WANs
   1.2.2 Router physical characteristics
   1.2.3 Router external connections
   1.2.4 Management port connections
   1.2.5 Connecting console interfaces
   1.2.6 Connecting LAN interfaces
   1.2.7 Connecting WAN interfaces

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Module 2. Introduction to Routers

Overview

2.1 Operating Cisco IOS Software
   2.1.1 The purpose of Cisco IOS software
   2.1.2 Router user interface
   2.1.3 Router user interface modes
   2.1.4 Cisco IOS software features
   2.1.5 Operation of Cisco IOS software

2.2 Starting a Router
   2.2.1 Initial startup of Cisco routers
   2.2.2 Router LED indicators
   2.2.3 The initial router bootup
   2.2.4 Establish a console session
   2.2.5 Router login
   2.2.6 Keyboard help in the router CLI
Module 3. Configuring a Router

Overview

3.1 Configuring a Router

3.1.1 CLI command modes
3.1.2 Configuring a router name
3.1.3 Configuring router passwords
3.1.4 Examining the show commands
3.1.5 Configuring a serial interface
3.1.6 Making configuration changes
3.1.7 Configuring an Ethernet interface

3.2 Finishing the Configuration

3.2.1 Importance of configuration standards
3.2.2 Interface descriptions
3.2.3 Configuring interface description
3.2.4 Login banners
3.2.5 Configuring message-of-the-day (MOTD)
3.2.6 Host name resolution
3.2.7 Configuring host tables
3.2.8 Configuration backup and documentation
3.2.9 Backing up configuration files

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Module 4. Learning about Other Devices

Overview

4.1 Discovering and Connecting to Neighbors

4.1.1 Introduction to CDP
4.1.2 Information obtained with CDP
4.1.3 Implementation, monitoring, and maintenance of CDP
4.1.4 Creating a network map of the environment
Module 5. Managing Cisco IOS Software

Overview
5.1 Router Boot Sequence and Verification
   5.1.1 Stages of the router power-on boot sequence
   5.1.2 How a Cisco device locates and loads IOS
   5.1.3 Using the `boot system` command
   5.1.4 Configuration register
   5.1.5 Troubleshooting IOS boot failure
5.2 Managing the Cisco File System
   5.2.1 IOS file system overview
   5.2.2 IOS naming conventions
   5.2.3 Managing configuration files using TFTP
   5.2.4 Managing configuration file using copy-and-paste
   5.2.5 Managing IOS images using TFTP
   5.2.6 Managing IOS images using Xmodem
   5.2.7 Environmental variables
   5.2.8 File system verification

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Module 6. Routing and Routing Protocols

Overview
6.1 Introduction to Static Routing
   6.1.1 Introducing routing
   6.1.2 Static route operation
6.1.3 Configuring static routes
6.1.4 Configuring default route forwarding
6.1.5 Verifying static route configuration
6.1.6 Troubleshooting static route configuration

6.2 Dynamic Routing Overview
6.2.1 Introduction to routing protocols
6.2.2 Autonomous systems
6.2.3 Purpose of a routing protocol and autonomous systems
6.2.4 Identifying the classes of routing protocols
6.2.5 Distance vector routing protocol features and examples
6.2.6 Link-state routing protocol features and examples

6.3 Routing Protocols Overview
6.3.1 Path determination
6.3.2 Routing configuration
6.3.3 Routing protocols
6.3.4 IGP versus EGP

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Module 7. Distance Vector Routing Protocols
Overview

7.1 Distance Vector Routing
7.1.1 Distance vector routing updates
7.1.2 Distance vector routing loop issues
7.1.3 Defining a maximum count
7.1.4 Eliminating routing loops through split horizon
7.1.5 Route poisoning
7.1.6 Avoiding routing loops with triggered updates
7.1.7 Preventing routing loops with hold-down timers

7.2 RIP
7.2.1 RIP routing process
7.2.2 Configuring RIP
7.2.3 Using the `ip classless` command
7.2.4 Common RIP configuration issues
7.2.5 Verifying RIP configuration
7.2.6 Troubleshooting RIP update issues
| 7.2.7 | Preventing routing updates through an interface |
| 7.2.8 | Load balancing with RIP |
| 7.2.9 | Load balancing across multiple paths |
| 7.2.10 | Integrating static routes with RIP |

### 7.3 IGRP
- **7.3.1** IGRP features
- **7.3.2** IGRP metrics
- **7.3.3** IGRP routes
- **7.3.4** IGRP stability features
- **7.3.5** Configuring IGRP
- **7.3.6** Migrating RIP to IGRP
- **7.3.7** Verifying IGRP configuration
- **7.3.8** Troubleshooting IGRP

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**Module 8. TCP/IP Suite Error and Control Messages**

**Overview**

8.1 Overview of TCP/IP Error Message
- **8.1.1** ICMP
- **8.1.2** Error reporting and error correction
- **8.1.3** ICMP message delivery
- **8.1.4** Unreachable networks
- **8.1.5** Using ping to test destination reachability
- **8.1.6** Detecting excessively long routes
- **8.1.7** Echo messages
- **8.1.8** Destination unreachable message
- **8.1.9** Miscellaneous error reporting

8.2 TCP/IP Suite Control Messages
- **8.2.1** Introduction to control messages
- **8.2.2** ICMP redirect/change requests
- **8.2.3** Clock synchronization and transit time estimation
- **8.2.4** Information requests and reply message formats
- **8.2.5** Address mask requirements
- **8.2.6** Router discovery message
- **8.2.7** Router solicitation message
Module 9. Basic Router Troubleshooting

Overview

9.1 Examining the Routing Table
- 9.1.1 The `show ip route` command
- 9.1.2 Determining the gateway of last resort
- 9.1.3 Determining the route source and destination
- 9.1.4 Determining L2 and L3 addresses
- 9.1.5 Determining the route administrative distance
- 9.1.6 Determining the route metric
- 9.1.7 Determining the route next hop
- 9.1.8 Determining the last route update
- 9.1.9 Observe multiple paths to destination

9.2 Network Testing
- 9.2.1 Introduction to network testing
- 9.2.2 Using a structured approach to troubleshooting
- 9.2.3 Testing by OSI layers
- 9.2.4 Layer 1 troubleshooting using indicators
- 9.2.5 Layer 3 troubleshooting using ping
- 9.2.6 Layer 7 troubleshooting using Telnet

9.3 Troubleshooting Router Issues Overview
- 9.3.1 Troubleshooting Layer 1 using `show interface`
- 9.3.2 Troubleshooting Layer 2 using `show interface`
- 9.3.3 Troubleshooting using `show cdp`
- 9.3.4 Troubleshooting using `traceroute`
- 9.3.5 Troubleshooting routing issues
- 9.3.6 Troubleshooting using `show controllers serial`
- 9.3.7 Introduction to `debug`

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Module 10. Intermediate TCP/IP

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10.1 TCP Operation
10.1.1 TCP operation
10.1.2 Synchronization process or 3-way handshake
10.1.3 Denial-of-service attacks
10.1.4 Windowing and window size
10.1.5 Sequencing numbers
10.1.6 Positive ACK
10.1.7 UDP operation
10.2 Overview of Transport Layer Ports
   10.2.1 Multiple conversations between hosts
   10.2.2 Ports for services
   10.2.3 Ports for clients
   10.2.4 Port numbering and well known ports numbers
   10.2.5 Example of multiple sessions between hosts
   10.2.6 Comparison of MAC addresses, IP addresses, and port numbers

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Module 11. Access Control Lists (ACLs)
Overview
11.1 Access Control List Fundamentals
   11.1.1 Introduction ACLs
   11.1.2 How ACLs work
   11.1.3 Creating ACLs
   11.1.4 The function of a wildcard mask
   11.1.5 Verifying ACLs
11.2 Access Control Lists (ACLs)
   11.2.1 Standard ACLs
   11.2.2 Extended ACLs
   11.2.3 Named ACLs
   11.2.4 Placing ACLs
   11.2.5 Firewalls
   11.2.6 Restricting virtual terminal access

Summary

Case Study: Routing