Implementing and Operating Cisco Enterprise Network Core Technologies (ENCOR) v1.2

What you’ll learn in this course
The Implementing and Operating Cisco Enterprise Network Core Technologies (ENCOR) v1.2 course gives you the knowledge and skills needed to configure, troubleshoot, and manage enterprise wired and wireless networks. You’ll also learn to implement security principles, implement automation and programmability within an enterprise network, and how to overlay network design by using SD-Access and SD-WAN solutions.

This course helps you prepare to take the 350-401 Implementing Cisco® Enterprise Network Core Technologies (ENCOR) exam, which is part of four new certifications:

- CCNP® Enterprise
- CCIE® Enterprise Infrastructure
- CCIE Enterprise Wireless
- Cisco Certified Specialist – Enterprise Core

This course also earns you 64 Continuing Education (CE) credits towards recertification.

Course duration

- Instructor-led training: 5 days in the classroom with hands-on lab practice, plus the equivalent of 3 days of self-study material
- Virtual instructor-led training: 5 days of web-based classes with hands-on lab practice, plus the equivalent of 3 days of self-study material
- E-learning: Equivalent of 8 days of content with videos, practice, and challenges

How you’ll benefit

This course will help you:

- Configure, troubleshoot, and manage enterprise wired and wireless networks
- Implement security principles within an enterprise network
- Earn 64 CE credits toward recertification

Who should enroll

- Mid-level network engineers
- Network administrators
- Network support technicians
- Help desk technicians
How to enroll

E-learning

- To buy a single e-learning license, visit the Cisco Learning Network Store.
- For more than one license, or a learning library subscription, contact us at learning-bdm@cisco.com.

Instructor-led training

- Find a class at the Cisco Learning Locator.
- Arrange training at your location through Cisco Private Group Training.

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Technology areas

- Enterprise networking
- Routing and switching

Course details

Objectives

After taking this course, you should be able to:

- Illustrate the hierarchical network design model and architecture using the access, distribution, and core layers
- Compare and contrast the various hardware and software switching mechanisms and operation, while defining the Ternary Content Addressable Memory (TCAM) and Content Addressable Memory (CAM), along with process switching, fast switching, and Cisco Express Forwarding concepts
- Troubleshoot Layer 2 connectivity using VLANs and trunking
- Implementation of redundant switched networks using Spanning Tree Protocol
- Troubleshooting link aggregation using Etherchannel
- Describe the features, metrics, and path selection concepts of Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (EIGRP)
- Implementation and optimization of Open Shortest Path First (OSPF)v2 and OSPFv3, including adjacencies, packet types, and areas, summarization, and route filtering for IPv4 and IPv6
- Implementing External Border Gateway Protocol (EBGP) interdomain routing, path selection, and single and dual-homed networking
- Implementing network redundancy using protocols including Hot Standby Routing Protocol (HSRP) and Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol (VRRP)
- Implementing internet connectivity within Enterprise using static and dynamic Network Address Translation (NAT)
- Describe the virtualization technology of servers, switches, and the various network devices and components
- Implementing overlay technologies such as Virtual Routing and Forwarding (VRF), Generic Routing Encapsulation (GRE), VPN, and Location Identifier Separation Protocol (LISP)
Describe the components and concepts of wireless networking including Radio Frequency (RF) and antenna characteristics, and define the specific wireless standards

Describe the various wireless deployment models available, including autonomous Access Point (AP) deployments and cloud-based designs within the centralized Cisco Wireless LAN Controller (WLC) architecture

Describe wireless roaming and location services

Describe how APs communicate with WLCs to obtain software, configurations, and centralized management

Configure and verify Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP), WebAuth, and Pre-Shared Key (PSK) wireless client authentication on a WLC

Troubleshoot wireless client connectivity issues using various available tools

Troubleshooting Enterprise networks using services such as Network Time Protocol (NTP), Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), Cisco Internetwork Operating System (Cisco IOS®) IP Service Level Agreements (SLAs), NetFlow, and Cisco IOS Embedded Event Manager

Explain the use of available network analysis and troubleshooting tools, which include show and debug commands, as well as best practices in troubleshooting

Configure secure administrative access for Cisco IOS devices using the Command-Line Interface (CLI) access, Role-Based Access Control (RBAC), Access Control List (ACL), and Secure Shell (SSH), and explore device hardening concepts to secure devices from less secure applications, such as Telnet and HTTP

Implement scalable administration using Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting (AAA) and the local database, while exploring the features and benefits

Describe the enterprise network security architecture, including the purpose and function of VPNs, content security, logging, endpoint security, personal firewalls, and other security features

Explain the purpose, function, features, and workflow of Cisco DNA Center™ Assurance for Intent-Based Networking, for network visibility, proactive monitoring, and application experience

Describe the components and features of the Cisco SD-Access solution, including the nodes, fabric control plane, and data plane, while illustrating the purpose and function of the Virtual Extensible LAN (VXLAN) gateways

Define the components and features of Cisco SD-WAN solutions, including the orchestration plane, management plane, control plane, and data plane

Describe the concepts, purpose, and features of multicast protocols, including Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) v2/v3, Protocol-Independent Multicast (PIM) dense mode/sparse mode, and rendezvous points

Describe the concepts and features of Quality of Service (QoS), and describe the need within the enterprise network

Explain basic Python components and conditionals with script writing and analysis

Describe network programmability protocols such as Network Configuration Protocol (NETCONF) and RESTCONF

Describe APIs in Cisco DNA Center and vManage
Prerequisites
Knowledge and skills you should have before attending this course:
- Implementation of Enterprise LAN networks
- Basic understanding of Enterprise routing and wireless connectivity
- Basic understanding of Python scripting

Outline
- Examining Cisco Enterprise Network Architecture
- Understanding Cisco Switching Paths
- Implementing Campus LAN Connectivity
- Building Redundant Switched Topology
- Implementing Layer 2 Port Aggregation
- Understanding EIGRP
- Implementing OSPF
- Optimizing OSPF
- Exploring EBGP
- Implementing Network Redundancy
- Implementing NAT
- Introducing Virtualization Protocols and Techniques
- Understanding Virtual Private Networks and Interfaces
- Understanding Wireless Principles
- Examining Wireless Deployment Options
- Understanding Wireless Roaming and Location Services
- Examining Wireless AP Operation
- Understanding Wireless Client Authentication
- Troubleshooting Wireless Client Connectivity
- Introducing Multicast Protocols
- Introducing QoS
- Implementing Network Services
- Using Network Analysis Tools
- Implementing Infrastructure Security
- Implementing Secure Access Control
- Understanding Enterprise Network Security Architecture
- Exploring Automation and Assurance Using Cisco DNA Center
- Examining the Cisco SD-Access Solution
- Understanding the Working Principles of the Cisco SD-WAN Solution
- Understanding the Basics of Python Programming
- Introducing Network Programmability Protocols
- Introducing APIs in Cisco DNA Center and vManage
Lab outline

- Investigate the CAM
- Analyze Cisco Express Forwarding
- Troubleshoot VLAN and Trunk Issues
- Tuning Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) and Configuring Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol (RSTP)
- Configure Multiple Spanning Tree Protocol
- Troubleshoot EtherChannel
- Implement Multi-area OSPF
- Implement OSPF Tuning
- Apply OSPF Optimization
- Implement OSPFv3
- Configure and Verify Single-Homed EBGP
- Implementing Hot Standby Routing Protocol (HSRP)
- Configure Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol (VRRP)
- Implement NAT
- Configure and Verify Virtual Routing and Forwarding (VRF)
- Configure and Verify a Generic Routing Encapsulation (GRE) Tunnel
- Configure Static Virtual Tunnel Interface (VTI) Point-to-Point Tunnels
- Implement Wireless Client Authentication in a Centralized Deployment
- Troubleshoot Wireless Client Connectivity Issues
- Configure Syslog
- Configure and Verify Flexible Netflow
- Configuring Cisco IOS Embedded Event Manager (EEM)
- Troubleshoot Connectivity and Analyze Traffic with Ping, Traceroute, and Debug
- Configure and Verify Cisco IP SLAs
- Configure Standard and Extended ACLs
- Configure Control Plane Policing
- Implement Local and Server-Based AAA
- Writing and Troubleshooting Python Scripts
- Explore JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) Objects and Scripts in Python
- Use NETCONF Via SSH
- Use RESTCONF with Cisco IOS XE Software