Diploma in Routing (111) – IP Routing Technology

**Prerequisites:** Knowledge in Windows operating system.

**Corequisites:** A pass or higher in Certificate in Networking or equivalence.

**Aim:** The aim of this course is to provide candidates with in-depth routing terminology knowledge that will increase understanding. Most candidates only learn routing terminology when implementing Cisco routers. This gives them a lot of pressure (from setting up the equipment they are not familiar with to learning terms they have never heard of before – all this becomes too much). The IP Routing Technology course introduces routing on a platform most comfortable and familiar to many – Windows; and introduce all routing terms in advance before the Connecting Routing Devices course.

This course breaks IP routing technologies into two fundamental pieces: an in depth study of Interior and then Exterior Gateway Protocols (IGPs and EGPs). The IGPs investigation focuses on the study of early versions of Distance Vector Protocols and then the technical details of the modern Link State Protocols such as Open Shortest Path First (OSFP). The EGP investigation focuses on the current version of the Border Gateway Protocol (BGP4) and its use on the Internet. This course is a map through the jungle of IP Routing technology, focusing particularly on the theory of routing to give candidates an insight understand before embarking on the practical course (Connecting Routing Devices). The course analyzes routing from both a functional and an operational perspective, helping the candidate make an informed assessment of the merits of routing as an enabling technology.

According to various Internet Statistics gathered by several resources like Network Wizards, the number of hosts in the Information Highway, "The Internet", grows exponentially every year! Moreover, new high-bandwidth applications arise (like "Web-TV") or will arise, imposing high "Quality of Service" demands on ISPs (Internet Service Providers). Therefore, current and future strong demands for high baud/throughput rates per user, as Internet usage increases, require network technology to adapt quickly to the new needs. In this course, we will examine the factors which restrict or will restrict future required capacity of the network. Those restrictions are based primarily on the bounded capability of future IP (Internet Protocol) routers, to forward "quickly enough" incoming packets to the proper destinations, due to several physical limitations, like finite (not zero) memory access time (needed for searching in the routing table the proper destination port) or switch time (needed to connect input and output ports) of the router. The course describes the current and future "bottlenecks" of IP routing technology and using fundamental quantum mechanical principles. Bandwidth limitations are also considered. However, they are not so critical as the routing ones, as the course will prove!

**Required Materials:** Windows Server Operating System

**Supplementary Materials:** Lecture notes and tutor extra reading recommendations.

**Special Requirements:** The course requires a combination of lectures, demonstrations, discussions, and hands-on labs using Windows.

**Intended Learning Outcomes:**

1. Describe the OSI model concept and how networks and network application communicate.

2. Describe the Internet Protocol (IP) suite of communications protocols and the principal communications protocol used for relaying datagrams (also known as network packets) across an internetwork.

**Assessment Criteria:**

1. Outline the seven layers of the ISO model
2. Analyse how the OSI model works
3. Define Internet Protocol (IP)
4. Define IP network
5. Distinguish the IP hosts (servers and clients)
6. Define an IP address
7. Distinguish classful and classless IP addressing
8. Distinguish public and private IP addressing

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3. Describe the several basic concepts that surround the routing process and the concept of a route.

4. Describe the basic functionality of a routing table, how routers work and what happens when data is transmitted from one router to another.

5. Demonstrate how algorithms aid the process of path determination and differences between algorithms that use static routes and dynamic routes.

6. Describe the term routing and analyse routing in both Windows and Cisco routing environments.

7. Describe how Routing Information...
**Protocol (RIP) provides the standard IGP protocol for local area networks, and provides great network stability.**

8. Demonstrate how Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (IGRP) supports multiple metrics

9. Describe Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (EIGRP) characteristics and improvements over IGRP.

10. Describe the characteristics of Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) routing protocol compared to EIGRP.

11. Describe Intermediate System to Intermediate System (IS-IS) routing technology

12. Describe Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) routing protocol characteristics and implementations.

**Recommended Learning Resources: Internetwork Infrastructure**

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| **Study Manuals** | BCE produced study packs |
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