

NetRiders Student Skills Competitions Europe, Russian Federation and CIS



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Why should students participate in NetRiders?

Here are some things the students who have participated in the competitions say:



- I am more interested in furthering my education in and/or pursuing a career in IT/Networking
- I have more confidence in my skills
- I feel better prepared to present myself to potential employers
- It was a good, challenging experience
- I was able to identify areas I needed to work on to pass my certification exam
- I got a job in the IT/Networking field

NetRiders Impact on Trip Winners

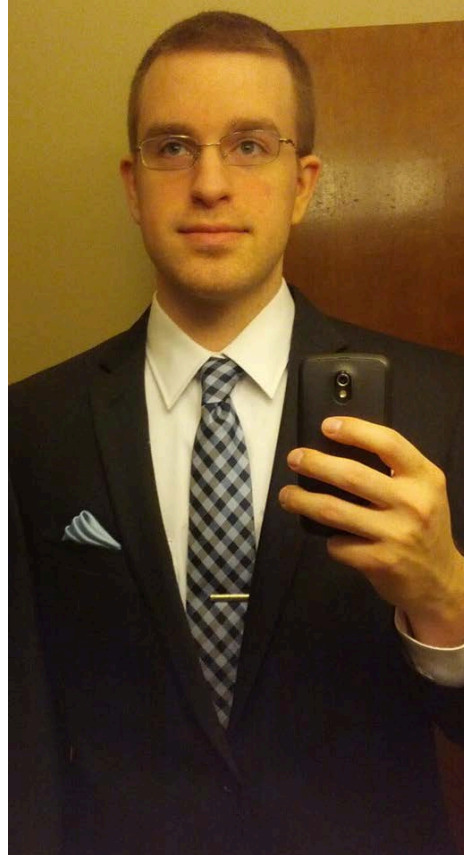


Timothy Grabrian
USA Winner in 2011

What is your job today?

November 2014 - My current position is a **Network Consulting Engineer at CDW**.

CDW is one of the largest online suppliers of IT and business products. They also have a significant engineering team, providing consulting services to businesses needing design, upgrade, or implementation support for Cisco and Microsoft technologies. As a member of this team, my focus is in the Route/Switch and Data Center sphere of Cisco technologies and I work with clients throughout all phases of their networking projects.



Impact NetRiders had on your career?

The recognition gained by **winning the NetRiders competition is what initially got me an interview at CDW**. It has been a way to legitimize my skills and knowledge, above and beyond what certifications can provide, at least in the eyes of others. Certainly, it **provided a real confidence booster and helped jump start my career**.

I can honestly say I would not be where I am today without NetRiders. As I alluded to before, winning the competition is what helped me enter this career path and gain employment, even before graduation.

NetRiders and in turn the Networking Academy is the student's view into the world of Cisco. Without NetAcad, students might not gain a comprehensive understanding of networking, **but without NetRiders, students would not see the worldwide impact that Cisco has and the opportunities it provides**.

To put it succinctly, **Cisco did not have an impact or influence in my life until I was introduced to the NetRiders competition**.

NetRiders Trip Winners from Europe

Currently working at Cisco



Tim Heckmann (2012 winner)
Engineer, Network Consulting
Cisco Germany



Lilia Rosioru (2012 winner)
Engineer, Customer Support
Cisco Poland



Ryan Chetcuti (2013 winner)
Engineer, Software Engineering
Cisco UK



Tatyana Krylosova (2013 winner)
Engineer, Software Engineering
Cisco Poland

In addition to these 4 trip winners, there are other NetRiders competitors who have also gotten jobs at Cisco.

Impact the NetRiders competition had



“For me it was a great experience, the experience of a lifetime. My life changed after the contest: employers came to hire me, that meant a better job, better pay, I managed to buy a house and assure the financial stability of my family.” - Liviu Bleotu (Romania)



“The NetRiders competition helped me have a better status among my CCNA students and my university students to whom I now teach a networking lab. This is to say that I can be more confident, persuasive and respected as a female instructor due to my competition results..”
– Lucia Roșculete (Romania)

NetRiders 2015 Schedule for Europe, Russia/CIS

Registration is open Monday, 23 February through Friday, 3 April

	CCNA	CCENT	IT Essentials
Round 1	Thursday, 23 April	Wednesday, 22 April	Tuesday, 21 April
Round 2	Wednesday, 13 May	Tuesday, 12 May	Monday, 11 May
Round 1 & 2 Times	5:00-10:00 pm GMT+5 4:00-9:00 pm GMT+4 3:00-8:00 pm GMT+3 2:00-7:00 pm GMT+2 1:00-6:00 pm GMT+1	5:00-9:00 pm GMT+5 4:00-8:00 pm GMT+4 3:00-7:00 pm GMT+3 2:00-6:00 pm GMT+2 1:00-5:00 pm GMT+1	5:00-9:00 pm GMT+5 4:00-8:00 pm GMT+4 3:00-7:00 pm GMT+3 2:00-6:00 pm GMT+2 1:00-5:00 pm GMT+1
Round 3	Tuesday, 2 June	Exact times for Round 3 CCNA – To be determined	

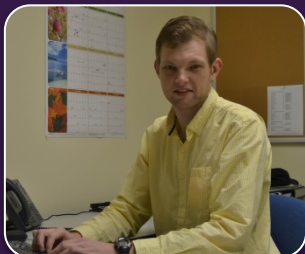
Goals for the global NetRiders program



Engage NetAcad students



Identify top talent



Showcase students

2015 Global Changes:

We have moved to a Regional Model where we will have **7 regions** and **all countries within the region** will compete on the same dates and times.

Each region will hold 3 levels of competitions:

CCNA
CCENT
IT Essentials

NetRiders Changes for 2015

1. There will be a regional CCNA, CCENT and IT Essentials competition (students choose one based on eligible courses currently taking or recently completed).
2. CCNA will be 3 rounds, CCENT and IT Essentials will be 2 rounds.
3. Rounds 1 and 2 are not proctored, so not dependent on school calendars.
4. Competitors login at a specific date and time (4 hour block).
5. Competitions will be held in English, French and Russian for all levels plus Italian and Polish at the IT Essentials level.
6. Beginning with 2015, students may only compete once at each level.

What does this mean for Europe, Russian Federation and CIS?

1. No more individual country competitions. All countries compete on the same dates and times. Opportunities for three levels of students (students may compete in one competition only each year).
2. Structure of round 3 CCNA is different. After 16 February, the FAQ will be posted with details.
3. Students can take the exams anywhere as long as they login during the 4 – 5 hour window.
4. Each level will login on a different day of the same week. Our staff will be available via email.
5. French is added. The other languages were available in 2014.
6. Students need to be strategic on which year is the best one for them to compete based on courses completed and all other eligibility requirements.

Competition Content and Course Eligibility

CCNA

- Content is **CCNA certification skills, soft skills, and IoE**
- Students must be currently enrolled in **CCNA 3 or 4** or have completed CCNA 3 or 4 with a course end date in the past 10 months (from the date Registration opens)
- **Eligible courses**
 - CCNA R&S: Scaling Networks
 - CCNA R&S: Connecting Networks
 - CCNA D: Introducing Routing and Switching in the Enterprise
 - CCNA D: Designing and Supporting Computer Networks
 - CCNA E: LAN Switching and Wireless
 - CCNA E: Accessing the WAN

CCENT

- Content is **CCENT certification skills, soft skills, and IoE**
- Students must be currently enrolled in **CCNA 1 or 2** or have completed CCNA 1 or 2 with a course end date in the past 10 months (from the date Registration opens)
- **Eligible courses**
 - CCNA R&S: Introduction to Networks
 - CCNA R&S: Routing and Switching Essentials
 - CCNA D: Networking for Home and Small Businesses
 - CCNA D: Working at a Small-to-Medium Business or ISP
 - CCNA E: Network Fundamentals
 - CCNA E: Routing Protocols and Concepts

IT Essentials

- Content is **IT Essentials course skills, soft skills, and IoE**
- Students must be currently enrolled in an **IT Essentials** course or have completed IT Essentials with a course end date in the past 10 months (from the date Registration opens)
- **Eligible courses**
 - IT Essentials

Competitors who meet course eligibility for two or all three competitions must only select one (CCNA, CCENT or IT Essentials) to compete in. If students have completed CCNA 3 and 4, they must compete in CCNA. CCENT is not an option for them. Beginning with 2015, Competitors are eligible to compete in CCNA, CCENT and IT Essentials one time so be strategic on which year is best.

Competition Model (CCNA, CCENT, and IT Essentials)

Registration

- Open 6 weeks
- Practice Site open

Round 1

- Competitors not proctored, compete during a single 4-5 hour date/time window (Each level a different day of the same week)
- Exams (**Technical, IoE & Career Skills**)
 - **CCNA:** 60 minute, 90 question theoretical exam and 60 minute, 15 question PT exam
 - **CCENT:** 60 minute, 80 question theoretical exam and 30 minute, 10 question PT exam
 - **IT ESSENTIALS:** 60 minute, 60 question exam
- At each level, top 5 scores (minimum 60% score) per academy advance to Round 2

Round 2

- Competitors not proctored but only compete during a 3-4 hour window date/time (similar to Round 1)
- Exams (**Technical, IoE & Career Skills**)
 - **CCNA:** 60 minute, 100 question theoretical exam and 90 minute, 20 question PT exam
 - **CCENT:** 60 minute, 100 question theoretical exam and 60 minute, 20 question PT exam
 - **IT ESSENTIALS:** 60 minute, 75 question theoretical exam and 30 minute, 10 question PT exam
- For CCENT, top 5 scores receive a CCNA certification voucher
- For IT Essentials, top 5 scores receive a CompTIA A+ certification voucher (tentative)
- **Top 20 per region (minimum 70% score) in CCNA only advance to Round 3 (for Trip Prize)**

Round 3

- **Technical Skills Exam** (60 minutes, 100 questions)
 - **TAC – Technical Assistance Call Questions** (5 minutes per person)
 - They are given the rules, a Packet Tracer file and the scoring rubric one day ahead of time
 - They will call into a WebEx session and must be on video before a panel of judges
 - The judges will ask 3 technical questions based on the Packet Tracer file
 - Demonstrates technical skills, troubleshooting and soft skills
 - Scoring rubric with both objective and subjective scoring
 - Objective on Technical: specific things they ask for or answer, solve issue
 - Subjective on Soft Skills: friendliness, confidence, speech, etc
- Top 2 win Study Trip and top 5 select between CCNA or CCNA Security certification voucher**

More Questions?

Please read the FAQ which will be posted by end of day, Monday, 16 February

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select the Europe, Russian Federation and CIS Regional page

If you still cannot find your answers after reading the FAQ, please email NetRiders_EUR@external.cisco.com.

Allow our team up to **3 business days to respond**. (Response times will be faster during exam periods as staff will be monitoring emails if there are issues.)

Please include your name and the **email address associated with your NetSpace account** or your **NetSpace username**.

Replies will be in English. We will use Google Translate to understand emails that come to us in other languages but our replies will be in English.

Thank you.



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