



CISCO CCIE Program

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- **Premiere certification program identifies and recognizes expert-level knowledge and skill in networking**
- **Develop and deliver relevant, valid and high-quality exams**
- **Deliver meaningful benefits to certified individuals and partners**



CCIE Industry Recognitions

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Highest Cisco Professional Salary
January 2005



Cisco Takes Top Honors for 4 Years Running
#1 Most Respected High-Level Certification
#1 Best Overall Certification Program
Hottest Certification for 2005
December 2005



#1 Overall Professional IT Certification
December 2004
#5 Most Important Certification
August 2004



CCIEs Among Top Salary Earners
December 2005

The CCIE Program

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- **Cisco's highest level certification**
- **Twelve+ years as industry's most rigorous program--copied by many**
- **Consistent winner of awards for desirability, reputation, quality of certification**
- **Constantly update and revise exams to evolve with industry**

CCIEs Worldwide

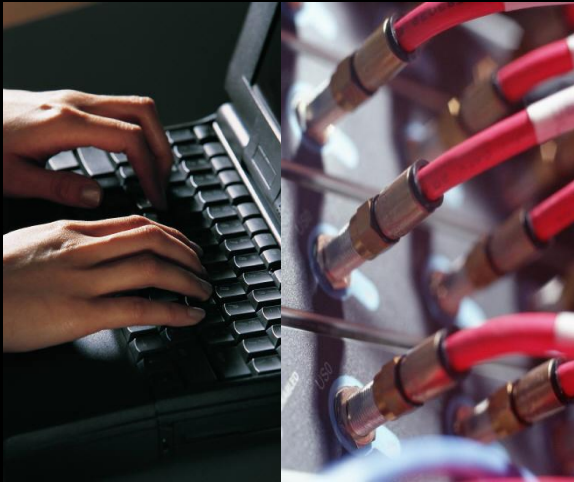
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- **Experts in the subtleties, intricacies and challenges of networking**
- **Less than 3% of all Cisco Certified Professionals**
- **Just under 13,000 worldwide**
- **Demonstrate a strong commitment to training, study, and education to maintain certification**

Achieving CCIE Certification

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- **CCIEs must pass two exams.**
- **The written qualification exam has 100 multiple-choice questions.**
- **The lab exam is what makes CCIE different; the full-day, hands-on exam tests ability to configure and troubleshoot equipment.**
- **Not all lab exams are offered at all lab locations.**

CCIE Tracks

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Routing & Switching

- Core networking cert
- 68% of all bookings
- Labs in all regions, all worldwide locations

Security

- Introduced 2002
- Fastest growing cert; 15% of bookings
- Labs in Beijing, Brussels, RTP, San Jose, Sydney

Voice over IP

- Introduced 2003
- 13% of bookings
- Labs in Brussels, RTP, San Jose and *coming soon in Asia*

Storage Networking

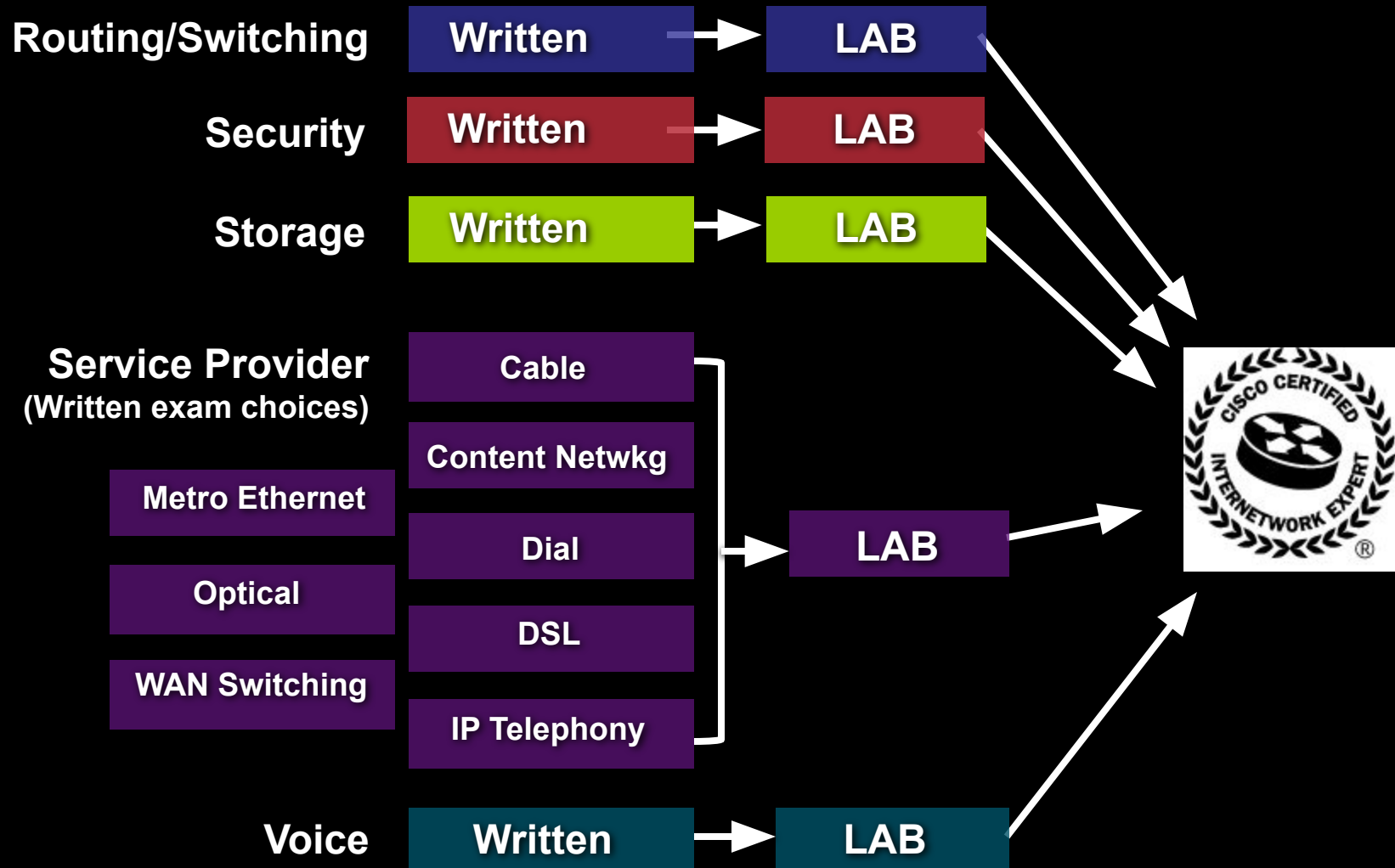
- Introduced Nov. 2004
- Lab opening Q4 2005
- Labs in Brussels, RTP, San Jose

Service Provider Networks

- Introduced 2002
- 3% of bookings
- Labs in Brussels, Hong Kong, RTP, Sao Paulo, Sydney

Process: Steps to CCIE Certification

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CCIE Assessor Lab

Dated:1.17.2006

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***Determine your
readiness for
the CCIE Lab
Exam***

[www.cisco.com/ccie/
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**Official. First CCIE lab preparation product
from Cisco**

**Preview. Exam-quality scenarios developed
by CCIE team**

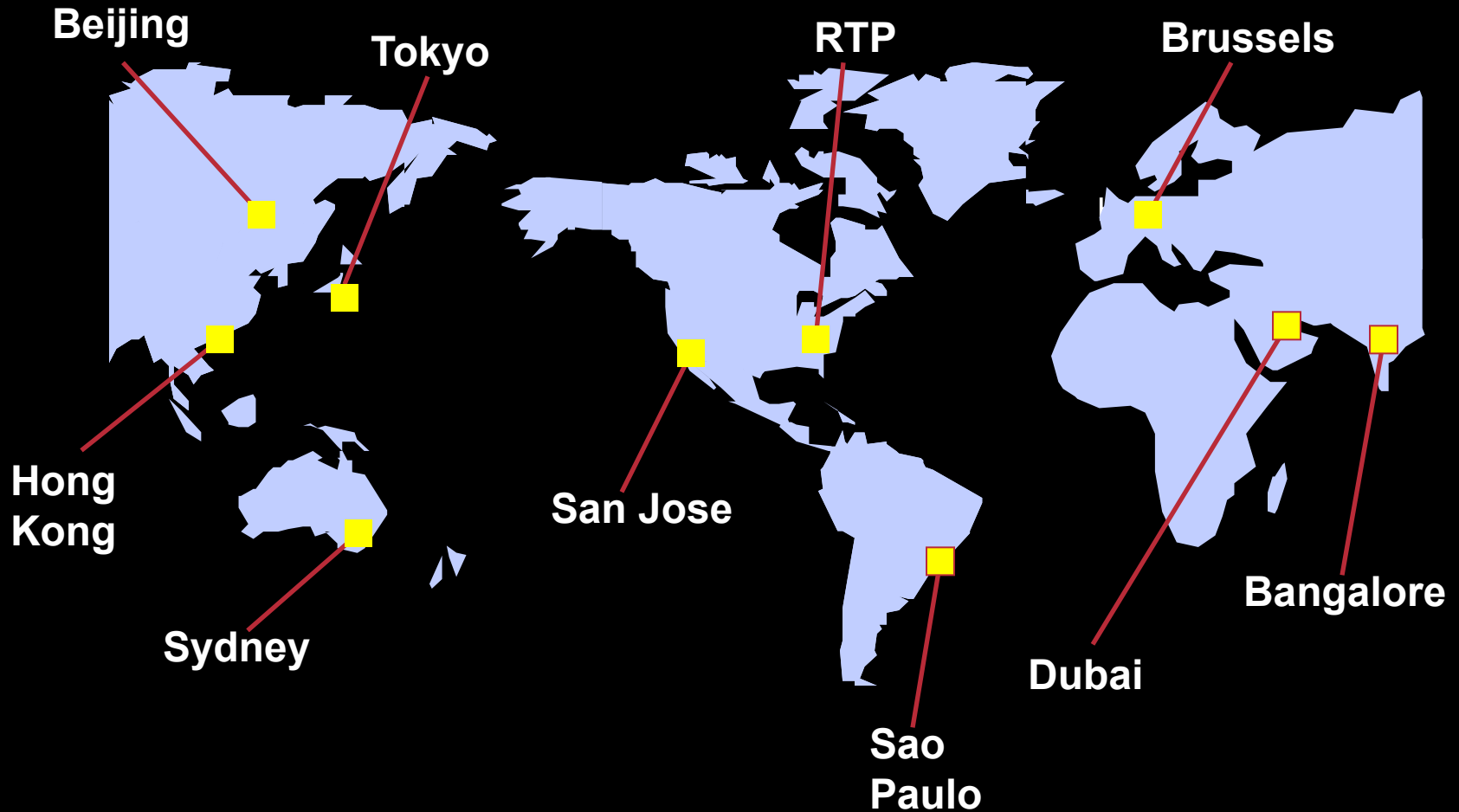
**Web-based. Configure live, remote
equipment from your laptop**

Economical. Less than 1/3 cost of lab exam

**Customized. Assessment provides score,
command line feedback and references for
further study**

CCIE Lab Locations

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Ten worldwide CCIE lab locations

Recertification

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- Ensures current level of technical expertise
- Three categories – Active, Suspended, and Inactive
- Must pass a CCIE written exam every two years; all CCIE written exams eligible
- Inactive CCIEs lose benefits and recognition
- More than 90% of all CCIEs are still active



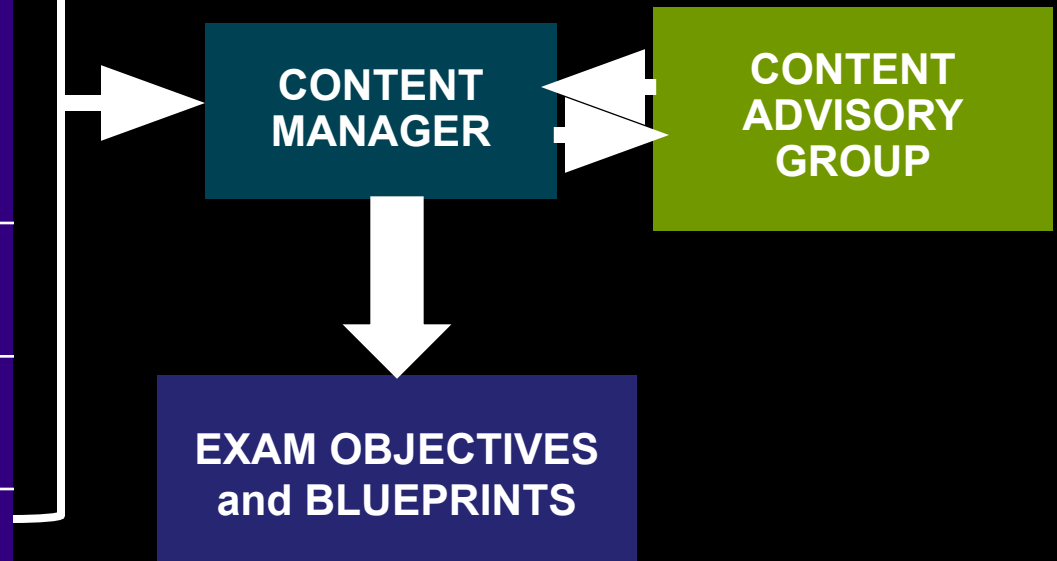
R&S Exam Content Development

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Input sought from:

- Cisco Business Units/
Technology Groups
 - Cisco Standard Architectures (AVVID, SAFE)
- Advisory Subject Matter Experts
- Technical Support
 - TAC Cases
 - Technical Bulletins, Best Practices, Whitepapers
- Enterprise Technical Advisory Board
- Focus Groups/ Customer Sessions
- CCIE Field Surveys

Reaching out to extended team ensures exam is realistic and relevant



What's New in CCIE

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- **January 2006: CCIEs allowed to initiate Severity 2 level service requests with Cisco Support online.**
- **December 2005: CCIE introduces first official practice lab and assessment—the CCIE Assessor Lab.**
- **October 2005: CCIE Voice labs opening in RTP and Sydney; CCIE SP lab available in Beijing.**
- **March 2005: CCIE in Storage Networking announced.**
- **March 2005: Metro Ethernet introduced as option for CCIE Service Provider.**
- **Dec. 2004: Cisco TAC begins sending service requests from CCIEs directly to core support team.**

Benefits of Earning Your CCIE

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- **Strengthen your personal qualifications**
- **Earn the respect of colleagues and employers**
- **Open new opportunities by expanding your technical knowledge**
- **Display official CCIE logo**
- **Network with other CCIEs**



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