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The *DCID - Designing Cisco Data Center Infrastructure v7.1* course helps you master design and deployment options focused on Cisco data center solutions and technologies across network, compute, virtualization, storage area networks, automation, and security.

This course is eligible for 40 Continuing Education Credits (ILT & ELT Modality).

What You'll Learn

You will learn design practices for the Cisco Unified Computing System (Cisco UCS) solution based on Cisco UCS B-Series and C-Series servers, Cisco UCS Manager, and Cisco Unified Fabric. You will also gain design experience with network management technologies including Cisco UCS Manager, Cisco Data Center Network Manager (DCNM), and Cisco UCS Director. You can expect theoretical content as well as design-oriented case studies in the form of activities.

This course helps you prepare to take the Designing Cisco Data Center Infrastructure (300-610 DCID) exam, which leads to the new CCNP Data Center and Cisco Certified Specialist - Data Center Design certifications.

After taking this course, you should be able to:

- Describe the Layer 2 and Layer 3 forwarding options and protocols used in a data center
- Describe the rack design options, traffic patterns, and data center switching layer access, aggregation, and core
- Describe the Cisco Overlay Transport Virtualization (OTV) technology that is used to interconnect data centers
- Describe Locator/ID separation protocol
- Design a solution that uses Virtual Extensible LAN (VXLAN) for traffic forwarding
- Describe hardware redundancy options; how to virtualize the network, compute, and storage functions; and virtual networking in the data center

- Describe solutions that use fabric extenders and compare Cisco Adapter Fabric Extender (FEX) with single root input/output virtualization (SR-IOV)
- Describe security threats and solutions in the data center
- Describe advanced data center security technologies and best practices
- Describe device management and orchestration in the data center
- Describe the storage options for compute function and different Redundant Array of Independent Disks (RAID) levels from a high-availability and performance perspective
- Describe Fibre Channel concepts, topologies, architecture, and industry terms
- Describe Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE)
- Describe security options in the storage network
- Describe management and automation options for storage networking infrastructure
- Describe Cisco UCS servers and use cases for various Cisco UCS platforms
- Explain the connectivity options for fabric interconnects for southbound and northbound connections
- Describe the hyperconverged solution and integrated systems
- Describe the systemwide parameters for setting up a Cisco UCS domain
- Describe role-based access control (RBAC) and integration with directory servers to control access rights on Cisco UCS Manager
- Describe the pools that may be used in service profiles or service profile templates on Cisco UCS Manager
- Describe the different policies in the service profile
- Describe the Ethernet and Fibre Channel interface policies and additional network technologies
- Describe the advantages of templates and the difference between initial and updated templates
- Describe data center automation tools

Who Needs to Attend

IT professionals with five to eight years of experience in these roles:

- Data center engineers
- Network designers
- Network administrators
- Network engineers
- Systems engineers
- Consulting systems engineers
- Technical solutions architects
- Server administrators
- Network managers
- Cisco integrators or partners



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CLASSROOM LIVE

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- Describing Basic Data Center Security

 - RBAC and Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting (AAA)
- Describing Cisco FEX Options

 - Access Layer with Cisco FEX
- Describing High Availability on Layer 2
 - Overview of Layer 2 High-Availability Mechanisms
- Designing Layer 3 Connectivity
 - ☐ First Hop Redundancy Protocols

 - Enhance Layer 3 Scalability and Robustness
- Designing Data Center Topologies

 - Access Layer
 - Aggregation Layer

- Spine-and-Leaf Topology
- Designing Data Center Interconnects with Cisco OTV

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- Describing VXLAN Overlay Networks
 - □ Describe VXLAN Benefits over VLAN
 - ∐ Layer 2 and Layer 3 VXLAN Overlay
 - Multiprotocol Border Gateway Protocol (MP-BGP) Ethernet VPN (EVPN) Control Plane Overview
- Describing Hardware and Device Virtualization

 - □ Device Virtualization

 - N-Port ID Virtualization
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 - ∏ Firewalling
 - Positioning the Firewall Within Data Center Networks

 - □ Design for Threat Mitigation
 - □ Describing Management and Orchestration
 - Network and License Management
- Describing Storage and RAID Options
 - Position DAS in Storage Technologies

- ∏ Fibre Channel, FCoE, and Internet Small Computer System Interface
 (iSCSI)
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 - ∏ Fibre Channel Connections, Layers, and Addresses
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- Describing FCoE
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- Describing SAN Management and Orchestration
 - ☐ Cisco DCNM for SAN
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- Describing Pools for Service Profiles

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- Design First Hop Redundancy Protocol (FHRP)
- Design Routing Protocols
- Design Data Center Topology for a Customer
- Design Data Center Interconnect Using Cisco OTV
- Design Your VXLAN Network
- Create a Cisco FEX Design
- Design Management and Orchestration in a Cisco UCS Solution
- Design a Fibre Channel Network
- Design and Integrate an FCoE Solution
- Design a Secure SAN
- Design Cisco UCS Director for Storage Networking
- Design a Cisco UCS Domain and Fabric Interconnect Cabling
- Design a Cisco UCS C-Series Server Implementation
- Design Cisco UCS Fabric Interconnect Network and Storage Connectivity
- Design Systemwide Parameters in a Cisco UCS Solution
- Design an LDAP Integration with a Cisco UCS Domain
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ON-DEMAND

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 - Attack and Countermeasure Examples

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