

# ITpreneurs and Open Networking Foundation Partner to Launch Entry-Level SDN Certification Testing

*ONF-Certified SDN Associate Certification Now Available Through ITpreneurs*

ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS, January 12, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- ITpreneurs, the leading provider of IT training content and services, and the Open Networking Foundation (ONF), a non-profit organization dedicated to accelerating the adoption of open Software-Defined Networking (SDN), today announced a partnership to offer exam testing for the ONF-Certified SDN Associate (OCSA) certificate, developed as part of the ONF-Certified SDN Professional (OCSP) Program.



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"We are delighted to work with ONF to develop and market the ground-breaking OCSP Program," said Arjan Woertman, vice president of research and development, ITpreneurs. "ITpreneurs has expertise in developing and marketing learning and certification products, delivering such products – rolling out such programs internationally – creating instructor capability, and offering certification exam services especially

for various frameworks and standards."

With the rapid adoption of SDN into enterprise infrastructures, the demand for trained engineers, developers, and sales and marketing professionals in this space has increased significantly. To meet this increased demand, ONF developed the OCSP Program, providing a strong foundation of vendor-neutral knowledge and skills validation of foundational concepts and advanced technical components, complementing vendor-specific certifications in SDN.

"ONF's development of the OCSP Program is in response to the ever-growing need for those within the open SDN industry to validate their knowledge, skills, and abilities within this changing field," said Rick Bauer, director of technical programs, Open Networking Foundation. "Today's networks are constantly evolving and practitioners at all levels need to keep their skills up-to-date. The OCSP Program provides an industry-recognized standard by which individual knowledge and skills can be evaluated at varied levels within the networking space."

The OCSA certification, the first certification of the OCSP Program, is available as of today. The entry-level certification verifies concept-level skills of new entrants and individuals working in the SDN ecosystem such as entry-level engineers, product marketing professionals, technical sales, and support personnel. The OCSA certification exam is available at a cost of \$150 for non-members and \$134 for ONF members.

The second certification, available in mid-2016, is targeted at SDN professionals who are actively

engaged in the technical components of networking and/or SDN ecosystems. The ONF-Certified SDN Engineer (OCSE) certification will validate technical skills, knowledge and advanced concepts required for developers in this environment. The certification exam is available at a cost of \$239 for non-members and \$179 for ONF members.

Certification exams can be taken online (webcam proctored) or with training providers who offer SDN training.

For more information about the OCSP Program, please visit the [ONF Skills page](#).

For training providers interested to offer SDN Associate exams, please visit the [ITpreneurs website](#).

If you are an end-user wanting to take the OCSA certification exam, you can find [more information here](#).

#### About ITpreneurs

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#### About ONF

Launched in 2011 by Deutsche Telekom, Facebook, Google, Microsoft, Verizon, and Yahoo!, the Open Networking Foundation (ONF) is a growing nonprofit organization with more than 130 members whose mission is to accelerate the adoption of open SDN. ONF promotes open SDN and OpenFlow technologies and standards while fostering a vibrant market of products, services, applications, customers, and users. For further details visit [www.opennetworking.org](http://www.opennetworking.org).

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