

VLabSource and Wireshark University (WSU) Team up to Provide Web-Based Certification Testing

With VLabSource's online virtual labs, Wireshark University can effectively validate a candidate's ability to troubleshoot network communications and perform network forensics.

SALT LAKE CITY, UT – March 20, 2007 – VLabSource, Inc. and Wireshark University announced today that VLabSource will provide interactive, web-based virtual labs for Wireshark Certification programs including the Wireshark Certified Instructor Program (WSCI) and the Wireshark Certified Network Analyst (WSCNA) Program. Using PC virtualization technology, VLabSource will allow Wireshark University to evaluate a candidate's ability to efficiently and effectively troubleshoot network communications and perform network forensics with Wireshark. Recognizing the benefits of performance-based certification testing over paper-based testing, VLabSource and Wireshark University are pioneering the use of web-based virtual labs as a method of evaluating a certification candidate's skill by asking them to demonstrate tasks on real networks.

"Wireshark University's goal is to ensure that every person certified under the Wireshark Certification Program has the skills they need to troubleshoot and analyze a real network," said Laura Chappell, principal founder of Wireshark University. "Our partnership with VLabSource will help us achieve that goal by providing web-based tests that provide real life network analysis tasks."

VLabSource will enable a Wireshark Certification Program candidate to log into a web-based interactive virtual lab environment and launch a real instance of Wireshark on a virtual network. The candidate will then demonstrate their ability to analyze a network by capturing network traffic and working on trace files captured in real-time. Using VLabSource's proprietary progress monitoring technology, Wireshark University will score a candidate's test based on the completion of numerous tasks that evaluate the candidate's ability to troubleshoot and analyze network performance and security.

"Learning new technologies requires realistic training opportunities. Given the complexities of today's technologies, paper tests and simulations simply cannot provide enough useful experience to ensure personnel are capable of dealing with dynamic environments," said David Nelson, Chief Technology Officer of VLabSource. "Through our online virtual labs, Wireshark University offers students the opportunity to demonstrate their skill set on virtual networks using only a browser and a broadband Internet connection."

"The partnership with Wireshark University brings us one step closer to realizing our vision of helping technologists solve real IT problems through the use of virtualization," said JD Marymee, CEO of VLabSource.

About VLabSource

VLabSource is a leading provider of online virtual labs for eLearning, sales and marketing demonstrations, and virtually hosted development and test environments. VLabSource's hosted

virtualization and virtualization management tools enable organizations to extend their infrastructure without the hardware, software license, installation and maintenance costs typically associated with IT expansion. For more information, visit www.vlabsource.com.

About Wireshark University

Wireshark University offers globally available education and certification programs on network analysis, troubleshooting, security and optimization using the world's most popular analyzer, Wireshark. This includes Wireshark Certified courses, the Wireshark Certified Instructor Program (WSCI) and the Wireshark Certified Network Analyst (WSCNA) program. To learn more, visit www.wiresharkU.com.

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