

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

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REDMOND, WA – March 17, 2009 – VLabSource LLC and Wireshark University announced today the availability of the Wireshark University certification exam for the Wireshark Certified Network Analyst (WSCNA) program. Through interactive, web-based virtual labs hosted on the VLabSource platform, Wireshark University can now validate a candidate's ability to 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."

Wireshark Certification Program candidates log into VLabSource's web-based interactive virtual lab environment and launch real instances of Wireshark on a virtual network. The candidates 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 scores 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 as well as the candidate's responses to a series of multiple-choice questions.

"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 JD Marymee, President and CEO 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."

For more information about the Wireshark University courses, visit www.wiresharkU.com. Candidates who are ready to take the Wireshark certification exams can register at <http://wsu.vlabsource.com>.

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 in instructor-led and self-paced format and the Wireshark Certified Network Analyst (WSCNA) program. To learn more, visit www.wiresharkU.com.