

## SkillSoft and Pearson Partner to Offer Cisco Press Books

Cisco Press Titles Now Available through SkillSoft's Books24x7

NASHUA, N.H. & INDIANAPOLIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- SkillSoft PLC, a leading SaaS provider of e-learning and performance support solutions for global enterprises, government, education and small to medium-sized businesses, today announced a new agreement with Pearson Technology Group (PTG), a division of Pearson PLC (NYSE:PSO), publisher of Cisco Press, to deliver selected Cisco Press titles to Books24x7(R) customers, within the ITPro(TM) collection. The agreement provides SkillSoft clients additional resources for training and development and IT certification, and adds a third type of Cisco(R) authorized self-study content to SkillSoft's overall solution, which already includes Cisco-related e-learning and Live Learning courses.

"Cisco is dedicated to collaborating with educational leaders such as SkillSoft and Pearson to support the development of technical talent so that our customers and partners have the best possible experience with Cisco technology," said Erik Ullanderson, manager of global certifications, Learning@Cisco. "We're confident that as a result of these new training options, Cisco certifications will continue to be highly regarded and relevant to employers across the globe."

SkillSoft's Books24x7 offers one of the largest on-demand e-reference services, with a collection of over 25,000 professional <u>digital book</u> titles that allows users to quickly search, browse, read, organize, recommend and share information. ITPro is the Books24x7 flagship collection, providing technology professionals access to over 9,000 IT resources. Select Cisco Press books now available live in ITPro include popular books such as, Interconnecting Cisco Network Devices, Part 1, Implementing Cisco IOS Network Security and Troubleshooting and Maintaining Cisco IP Networks.

"Cisco Press titles are often requested by our customers," said John Ambrose, SkillSoft's senior vice president of strategy, corporate development and emerging business. "They are clearly a leading resource for networking and IT professionals. Adding Cisco Press to ITPro supports our objective to continue providing the industry with the most powerful on-demand e-reference resources for the enterprise IT market."

ITPro has assisted hundreds of thousands of technology professionals in building their technical skills, passing certification exams, enhancing learning, providing on demand answers to challenges and developing their careers. Books24x7 is also mobile accessible, deeply integrated into the learning programs of thousands of organizations, including contributions from hundreds of publishers such as McGraw-Hill Professional, John Wiley & Sons, and Microsoft Press.

SkillSoft PLC is a leading SaaS provider of on-demand e-learning and performance support solutions for global enterprises, government, education and small to medium-sized businesses. SkillSoft enables business organizations to maximize business performance through a combination of comprehensive e- learning content, online information resources, flexible learning technologies and support services. SkillSoft is on the web at <a href="http://www.skillsoft.com">http://www.skillsoft.com</a>.

Content offerings include business, IT, desktop, compliance and consumer/SMB courseware collections, as well as complementary content assets such as Leadership Development Channel video products, KnowledgeCenter(TM) portals, virtual instructor-led training services and online mentoring services. SkillSoft's Books24x7(R) product offering includes access to more than 25,000 digitized IT and business books, as well as book summaries and executive reports. Technology offerings include the SkillPort(R) learning management system, Search-and-Learn(R), SkillSoft(R) Dialogue(TM), inGenius(TM) and virtual classroom.

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