



HP First to Deliver Comprehensive Cloud Certification Portfolio

Company offers IT professionals worldwide standard and customized learning solutions

VIENNA, Nov. 30, 2011 – HP today introduced the first comprehensive certification portfolio for IT professionals, encompassing the design and deployment of [HP Cloud Solutions](#) including business alignment, infrastructure, software and provisioning skills.

IT professionals need to extend their skills on both a technical and business level. Other industry certification programs that focus solely on specific IT segments, such as networking or storage, fall short of meeting IT's current requirements to implement broad, multifaceted cloud or virtualization projects.

The expanded [HP ExpertONE Converged Infrastructure](#) certification portfolio enables IT professionals to gain hands-on experience and knowledge across the cloud technology spectrum. Further, the certifications develop business skills to align cloud projects with organizational goals, reducing operational risks that can result from oversights in architecture design and project execution.

With the unique combination of business and technical training, HP certifications ensure that organizations can tap the right experts for their IT projects, removing a critical barrier to enterprise innovation, and enabling better return on IT investments.

In addition, HP ExpertONE has extended its global delivery options to include an expanded learning partner channel, a new academic program with certification curriculum, and an HP-branded line of self-study guides. Customers, partners and IT professionals worldwide can now maximize investments to develop cloud and Converged Infrastructure skills through standard or customized training, delivered where they need it, in the format they choose.

“Customers need IT resources with the skills and experience to implement cloud computing for enterprise innovation,” said Susan Underhill, vice president, Global Certification and Learning, HP. “ExpertONE closes the

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IT skills gap with the first certifications to span the enterprise as well as technical issues, developing professionals with deep, broad expertise for designing and deploying cloud solutions.”

HP ExpertONE cloud certifications

HP ExpertONE cloud certifications enable IT staff to deliver and execute solid strategies and comprehensive designs to maximize technology investments. With HP-certified cloud experts on their staff, IT organizations can easily transform their legacy data centers for cloud computing to speed alignment with business goals.

The new certifications added to the HP ExpertONE [Converged Infrastructure](#) program focus on [HP CloudSystem](#). HP CloudSystem is an integrated and open platform for building and managing services across private, public and hybrid cloud environments.

- [HP Accredited Solutions Expert \(ASE\) Cloud Architect](#) certification allows professionals to identify, position and tailor customer solutions based on HP CloudSystem.
- [HP ASE Cloud Integrator](#) certification enables professionals to build, install and integrate IT-focused cloud solutions based on [HP Cloud Service Automation for Matrix](#) and provisioning software for cloud services.
- [HP Master ASE – Cloud Integrator](#) certification enables professionals to build, install and integrate hybrid enterprise and service provider cloud solutions based on HP CloudSystem and HP Converged Infrastructure.

Global delivery through partners

HP also is enabling IT professionals to access standard and customized learning solutions through a network of global partners. The first HP ExpertONE Learning Solutions Partners are [CompetenC Solutions](#), [Global Knowledge](#), [INDC](#), [Next Step Learning](#) and [Training Partners](#) – five of the industry’s largest independent commercial training organizations.

In addition, [Connect](#), HP’s global business technology user community, is offering member benefit rates for HP training available through HP



ExpertONE partners CompetenC Solutions and Next Step Learning.

Global delivery through academic institutions and self-study guides

[HP Institute](#) offers two- and four-year academic programs an HP ExpertONE certification curriculum that combines business acumen with a solid understanding of HP and multivendor technology solutions delivered in a familiar semester format.

[HP Press program](#) enables individuals to pursue self-directed learning to gain knowledge and expertise for certifications. HP ExpertONE certification courses will be available through traditional and online bookstores as well as the [HP Press Marketplace](#).

More information about HP ExpertONE is available at <http://www.hp.com/go/expertone>.

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