



Enhance your technical team's IT security skills

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Your IT work force is your single biggest investment. In today's fast paced corporate environment, it is not enough to provide a breadth of learning resources and have employees use them as they can. Time is too valuable and resources are stretched too thin. It is imperative that your team gets the information it requires in a way that matches the urgency of the need.

At the same time, your IT workers sit in varying places on the IT security learning curve. Meeting the needs of your entire team is therefore complex. SkillSoft's IT Security KnowledgeCenter introduces an array of resources designed and chosen to challenge and motivate every learner on your team.

This one stop portal allows learners to gain knowledge through articles, courses and online books, but more than that, the KnowledgeCenter includes hands-on Practice Labs allowing your IT professionals to learn and use IT security skills in a real-time environment. The IT Security KnowledgeCenter provides resources for:

- General IT Security
- IT Security Certification
- Specific Security Technologies

A Focus On Performance

What is a KnowledgeCenter?

A SkillSoft KnowledgeCenter is a single, focused interface where your IT security professionals can receive instant and ongoing skill development and performance support. The KnowledgeCenter offers a breadth of targeted learning resources including formal learning paths; informal, on-the-job learning; and a range of other resources. These tools and resources are carefully selected by SkillSoft subject matter experts and presented in a user-friendly environment that allows the learner instant access to trusted content.

Reference Area

The Reference Area of the IT Security KnowledgeCenter includes:

- View selected or all Books24x7® titles that pertain to IT security
- Search access to other relevant titles within the Books24x7 library

Practice Zone

The Practice Area of the IT Security KnowledgeCenter has Practice Labs, providing an opportunity to test IT security skills. Each lab is delivered as a course containing simulations.

Whether you are new to IT security or well on your way to certification, there is a structured learning roadmap for you.

The screenshot shows the SkillSoft KnowledgeCenter interface. At the top, it says "Welcome Oct 9 2008, Logged In: 9:07 am". Below that is a navigation bar with "Home | Practice Labs | Roadmaps | Support | About | Log Out". The main heading is "Check Point NGX VPN-1/Firewall-1 Administration". Below this, it says "Complete each course in the recommended order to create a comprehensive learning experience. Alternatively, you can intersperse coursework with targeted reading or complete the courses and refer to the reading list afterwards." The "Learning Path" section lists several courses: "Check Point NGX: Architecture, Operation, and Installation", "Check Point NGX: Security Policies", "Check Point NGX: Network Address Translation and Traffic Monitoring", "Check Point NGX: SmartDefense and Content Security", "Check Point NGX: Authentication and LDAP User Management", and "Check Point NGX: VPN Configuration and Disaster Recovery". There is also a "Related Material" section with "Configuring Check Point NGX VPN-1/FireWall-1". At the bottom, it says "Copyright © 2008 SkillSoft - All Rights Reserved Version 2.19.0".

The screenshot shows the SkillSoft KnowledgeCenter interface with a structured learning roadmap. At the top, it says "Welcome Oct 9 2008, Logged In: 9:07 am". Below that is a navigation bar with "Home | Practice Labs | Roadmaps | Support | About | Log Out". The main heading is "Whether you are new to IT security, want to enhance your current skills, or plan to get certified, there's a structured learning roadmap to meet your needs. To access a roadmap and get straight to your training program, select a link in one of the three collections below." The roadmap is divided into three columns: "To learn about general IT security principles, start here", "To learn to use specific security technologies, start here", and "To prepare for IT security certifications, start here". Each column has a corresponding image and a list of resources. The first column includes "Information Security Best Practice for Business Users", "Learn the basic concepts and practices that underpin system security today.", "Introduction to Information System Security", "Make better managerial decisions by familiarizing yourself with IT security best practice methodologies.", "Information System Security for Security Managers", "Learn about standards and regulations, certification and accreditation, information assurance, and technical management.", and "Information Systems Security Engineering". The second column includes "Check Point", "Cisco", and "Microsoft". The third column includes "ISC(2)", "Certified Information System Security Professional (CISSP)", "Information Systems Security Engineering Professional (ISSEP)", "Microsoft Certifications", and "Exam 70-298".



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How SSL VPNs Work

VPN Tutorial – An Introduction to VPN Hardware and Technology

The CTDV Virtual Private Networking Reference Version 0.1.0 January 1, 2001

Course Spotlight

Use SkillSoft training to learn about using VPN technologies to securely access business resources through the Internet.

Information Security and the Internet

Monthly Challenge

You're considering implementing a VPN to keep your company's data communications secure. See if you can answer some general questions about implementing VPN solutions.

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Challenge Series products are designed to enhance your solution-analysis and decision-making skills. Use these media-rich, interactive case studies to practice solving critical problems while balancing multiple options and solutions.



Learning Sparks



How can you keep your organization secure? Engaging, puzzling, and fun, Learning Sparks are rich interactivities that explore the problem-solving aspect of many IT solutions.

Connect with the Experts



Need expert advice or exam tips? E-mail or chat directly to the professionals in our expert center

Learning Roadmaps



Use targeted skills-improvement and certification roadmaps to achieve your training goals

Related Resources

NIST Computer Security Resource Center

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Featured Topic

- **Suggested Reading**—Recommended reading on IT security
- **Course Spotlight**—Spotlight on a specific instructional topic within IT security within a SkillSoft course
- **Challenge**—Access to exercises and expert feedback on the solution

Learning Roadmaps

Learning maps based on user's proficiency within IT, targeting those needing introduction through those seeking IT security certifications. Maps include courses, exercises, books, etc.

Connect with Experts

Access to experts on IT via chat or e-mail.

External Links

Links to certification Web sites including Cisco and Microsoft as well as other relevant resources such as The NIST Computer Security Resource Center and The SANS Institute.

Learning Sparks

Learning Sparks are innovative, instructional products that engage learners in dynamic, highly interactive scenarios. Utilizing learning techniques such as first-person video narration, drag-and-drop network simulations, and multiple choice questions with feedback, Sparks are a concise new learning mode that provide opportunities to practice and reinforce key targeted IT skills.

A solution for everyone

An inherent challenge of training your work force is the need to train people of many skill levels and varied levels of proficiency. SkillSoft's IT Security KnowledgeCenter was created to address the various needs of your entire IT work force, from the novice through to the advanced IT professional. Your learners can enter the KnowledgeCenter looking for general IT security principles or intermediate information on specific security technologies or to prepare for a wide range of certifications.



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