



## Fundamentals of Java Programming Sponsorship Transition FAQs, v1.0

### Overview

Sun Microsystems, Inc. has advised Cisco that they will be terminating their sponsorship of the Cisco Networking Academy Program Fundamentals of Java Programming curriculum effective May 12, 2004. Even though there will no longer be funding from Sun for the implementation of this course, Cisco Systems will keep the **Fundamentals of Java Programming curriculum and assessments available to Academies until July 1, 2006**. Academies may continue offering this course until that time.

These FAQs were created to answer questions about the retirement of Fundamentals of Java Programming.

### Key Dates for Java Curriculum Retirement

- May 12, 2004 - Sun Sponsorship of the Fundamentals of Java Programming course ends.
- May 13, 2004 - Curriculum and Assessment (except for reporting bugs) support through the Helpdesk and Cisco field support for Java will no longer be available. CATC-SCs and Regional Academies may continue to support Local Academies within their Java Academy hierarchies.
- April 1, 2006 – All Java instructor training classes must be completed.
- July 1, 2006 - Fundamentals of Java Programming, v1.3 is retired – Classes may no longer be created (classes already in progress may finish after this date with complete use of assessments).
- July 1, 2006 – All rights provided to Academies by Cisco under the Course Material License for the Fundamentals of Java Programming curriculum will terminate for active Academies on July, 1, 2006. Academies must cease to use all versions of this course, as well as additional course materials, and remove all versions from their local servers.

Q1. If I am currently offering Fundamentals of Java Programming, how will the end of curriculum sponsorship for this course affect my current or future classes?

You will be able to create Fundamentals of Java Programming classes and activate exams through the Academy Connection site until July 1, 2006. (Also, (classes already in progress may finish after this date with complete use of assessments)

Q2. If I am planning to offer the course, but have not started yet, can I begin offering the course after May 12, 2004?

Yes. You may start offering Fundamentals of Java Programming after May 12, 2004. Please note that the curriculum will only be available through Academy Connection until July 1, 2006.

Q3. I heard that a new version of Fundamentals of Java Programming was due out in July/August 2004. Is that still happening?

Yes. Version 1.3 of Fundamentals of Java Programming is tentatively scheduled for release in the July/August 2004 timeframe. This version will bring the Java course in line with the latest objectives for the Sun Certified Java2 Programmer certification, as well as improve readability, formatting and labs. In addition, v1.3 will include an Instructor Guide for U.S. High School AP Instructors. Please note: There are no scheduled updates for this curriculum after v1.3.

Q4. After the Sun sponsorship is terminated (May 12, 2004), how will I get support for Fundamentals of Java Programming?

**The Following Support Will Remain Available:**

**Cisco Systems, Inc.** will continue to make the following support available to Academies offering Fundamentals of Java Programming until July 1, 2006:

1. Help Desk support on Academy Connection regarding functionality such as creating classes, grade book, etc.
2. Help Desk support for any program related issues
3. Full use of the knowledge base will be available through July 1, 2006. This database contains answers to frequently asked questions on program design, class management, instructor training, as well as curriculum and assessment. To access this knowledge base login to Academy Connection, select the "Help" link in the top hand navigation, select Program Support and then select "Find Answers".
4. Even though instructional support for Java is not available directly through Cisco, Regional and Local Academies may still be able to obtain support by going through their CATC or Regional Academy. Please check with your Support Academy to discuss continued assistance.
5. Instructors are encouraged to provide peer support through the Java Discussion Boards on Academy Connection.
6. Instructional support materials such as the Instructor Guide, Lab Solutions, Instructor PowerPoint Presentations, etc. will continue to be available in the Tools area of the Academy Connection until July 1, 2006.
7. The FTP center will still house and accept instructional support materials which have been developed and posted by Academy instructors for Fundamentals of Java Programming. These files typically consist of items

such as lesson plans, optional labs, and homework assignments. Instructors may download/upload these files through the Community FTP Center (right hand navigation) on Academy Connection until July 1, 2006.

8. Assessment issues may be reported through the Help Desk. If a valid issue with an assessment item is submitted, exams will still be refreshed until July 1, 2006.

### **The Following Support Will No Longer Remain Available**

Due to the lack of sponsorship funding for the Java course, the following support will no longer be available as of May 12, 2004:

1. Curriculum support for Java will no longer be available through the Help Desk. The assessment support link will no longer be available although instructors may report issues with module exam or final exam assessment items through the Help Desk. Information that is already stored in the knowledge base will continue to be accessible. Academy instructors are encouraged to go to their Support CATC or Regional Academy for assistance on Java curriculum and assessment questions.
2. Java curriculum and module quizzes will be updated in the v1.3 release. The final and module exams will be updated in the v1.3 release, and thereafter will only be updated if a valid issue is submitted through the Help Desk.
3. Printed marketing material regarding Java will no longer be available through the Academy Marketplace. Academies may still download and print these documents from pdf files available on Academy Connection.
4. Cisco staff will no longer facilitate the online Discussion Board for Java, however, you are encouraged to use the Discussion Board for peer support.

Q5. May I still attend instructor training for Fundamentals of Java Programming after May 12, 2004?

Moving forward, active CATCs and Regional Academies may still hold instructor training for Local Academy instructors on Fundamentals of Java Programming. However, instructor training classes must end by April 1, 2006. Please go into the Learn section on your Instructor Home Page within Academy Connection to view available instructor classes for Java.

Q6. Will Cisco Press books continue to be available?

We have been advised by Cisco Press that they will continue to make the Companion Guides, Engineering Journals and Lab Companions available for Fundamentals of Java Programming unless it is no longer feasible due to demand. If Cisco Press did stop production of the Fundamentals of Java Programming books, then they would make the electronic version available at no cost to the Academy Community.

We thank Cisco Press for their support during this curriculum transition process.

Q7. If my Academy **only** offers the Fundamentals of Java Programming course, but no other Academy curriculum, what is my status in the Academy Program after July 1, 2006?

If you are offering only the Java curriculum through the Academy Program, then your educational institution will cease to be a member of the Program after July 1, 2006. This will cause your institution's Academy Connection accounts to be cancelled after classes have ended and gradebooks are closed.

However, if you choose to add any other active Academy curriculum to your institution before July 1, 2006, your educational institution will remain in the Academy Program.

Q8. Am I allowed to use the Fundamentals of Java Programming curriculum or other course materials, previously downloaded from the Cisco Academy Connection site, after July 1, 2006?

No. Since the Java curriculum is copyrighted by Cisco Systems and will officially be retired from the Academy program, you must remove the curriculum and additional course materials from all your servers.

Q9. How long will the discount vouchers for the Sun Java certification exam be available for Academy Students?

Sun has advised us that they will continue to offer the Sun Java 2 Programmer certification exam discounts to Academy students until July 1, 2006 .

Q10. Does Sun's discontinuation of the sponsorship change the delivery of Java in any way?

Fundamentals of Java Programming is owned and copyrighted by Cisco Systems and is part of the Academy curriculum offerings. All guidelines for delivery and use as defined in the Cisco Quality Assurance Plan (QAP) remain the same.

We will be removing the Sun logo from the curriculum after their sponsorship termination date. We will send out a notice so that you may download this new version when it becomes available.