

Fundamentals of Web Design Sponsorship Transition FAQs, v1.0

Overview

Adobe Systems, Inc. has advised Cisco that they will be terminating their sponsorship of the Cisco Networking Academy Program Fundamentals of Web Design curriculum effective June 30, 2004. Even though there will no longer be funding from Adobe for the implementation of this course, Cisco Systems will keep the **Fundamentals of Web Design 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 Web Design.

Key dates in the retirement of Fundamentals of Web Design

- June 1, 2004 - Adobe 35-seat software suite no longer available at special Academy discount price
- June 30, 2004 - Adobe sponsorship of Fundamentals of Web Design ends
- July 1, 2004 - Curriculum and Assessment support through the Helpdesk and Cisco field support for Web Design no longer available. CATC-SCs and Regional Academies continue to support Local Academies within their Web Design Academy hierarchies.
- April 1, 2006 – All Web Design instructor training classes must be completed.
- July 1, 2006 - Fundamentals of Web Design 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 Web Design 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 the Fundamentals of Web Design course, how will the end of program implementation support for this course affect my current or future classes?

If you already have the Adobe software suite, you will not be affected by this curriculum sponsorship termination until July 1, 2006.

Academies who have already purchased the Adobe software suite will continue to get updates from Adobe as part of the maintenance agreement for Photoshop, Illustrator, GoLive and Premiere (Premiere Pro and future versions will only be developed for Windows). Since the labs in Fundamentals of Web Design, v1.2

will not be changing, you will not need to use the updated versions you receive from Adobe. Also, there is no need for Academies to purchase renewed maintenance from Adobe in order to continue teaching this course.

Q2. If I am planning to offer the course, but have not purchased the Adobe software package, is it still available to purchase at the discounted price?

Yes. Adobe is still offering a software suite for a 35-seat non-concurrent license which includes the following until June 1, 2004:

Adobe Photoshop®
Adobe Illustrator®
Adobe GoLive®
Adobe Premiere® Pro (Windows platform only)

However, the latest labs included in v1.2 of Fundamentals of Web Design and the v1.3 lab update (available in Tools area within Academy Connection), are based on the following versions:

Adobe Photoshop® 7.0
Adobe Illustrator® 10.0
Adobe GoLive® 6.0
Adobe Premiere® 6.0

These labs will not be updated, so if you purchase the new software suite, and it includes more recent versions of these applications, the software will NOT match the course labs.

Also, the majority of the labs offered in the Fundamentals of Web Design course can be completed using the software that is available in the new Adobe Software Suite which may be purchased through the Academy Program until June 1, 2004. However, the Adobe Software Suite no longer includes LiveMotion and only includes Premiere Pro for Windows. There are only a few labs based on Premiere in the Fundamentals of Web Design course, however, there are seven labs for LiveMotion.

LiveMotion and Premiere Labs in Fundamentals of Web Design:

- 3.5.3a Exploring a Multimedia Application (LiveMotion)
- 3.5.3b Animating Basics (LiveMotion)
- 3.5.6a Exploring a Video Editing Application (Premiere)
- 3.5.6b Basic Video Editing (Premiere)
- 8.6.1a Drawing Basic Shapes (LiveMotion)
- 8.6.1b Creating Basic Animations (LiveMotion)
- 8.6.1c Exporting Optimized Files (LiveMotion)
- 8.7.14a Adding Transitions (Premiere)
- 8.7.14b Creating a Title (Premiere)
- 9.3.4a Creating Rollovers with Flash (LiveMotion)

- 9.3.4b Animating Masks (LiveMotion)

In order to give your students exposure using animation tools and techniques you may want to substitute the LiveMotion labs with labs using Macromedia Flash, which would have to be developed by either you or perhaps your support Academy.

Q3. After the Adobe sponsorship is terminated (June 30, 2004), how will I get support for the Fundamentals of Web Design, v1.2?

Still Available

Cisco Systems, Inc. will continue to make the following support available to Academies offering Fundamentals of Web Design, v1.2 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 Web Design 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 Web Design Discussion Boards.
6. Instructional support materials such as the Instructor Guide, Lab Media Assets, Instructor PowerPoint Presentations, Student Guide, 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 Web Design. 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.

No Longer Available

Due to the lack of a sponsorship funding for the Web Design course, the following support will no longer be available as of June 30, 2004:

1. Curriculum and Assessment support for Web Design will no longer be available through the Help Desk. However, 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 Web Design curriculum and assessment questions.
2. Curriculum and Assessments will no longer be updated.
3. Printed marketing material regarding Web Design will no longer be available through the Academy Marketplace. Academies may still download and print these documents from pdf files available on the Academy Connection.
4. Cisco staff will no longer facilitate the online Discussion Board for Web Design, however, you are encouraged to use the boards for peer support.

Q4. May I still attend instructor training for Fundamentals of Web Design after June 30, 2004?

Going forward, active CATCs and Regional Academies may still hold instructor training until April 1, 2006 for Local Academy instructors on Fundamentals of Web Design. Please go into the Learn section on your Instructor Home Page within Academy Connection to view available instructor classes for Web Design.

Q5. Will Cisco Press books continue to be available?

We have been advised by Cisco Press that they will continue to make the Design Journal/Course Project Workbook and Companion Guide available for Fundamentals of Web Design unless it is no longer feasible due demand levels required for publishing. If Cisco Press did stop production of the Fundamentals of Web Design 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.

Q6. If my Academy only offers the Fundamentals of Web Design course, but no other Academy curriculum, what is my status in the Academy Program after July 1, 2006?

If your Academy is offering only the Web Design 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 your 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.

Q7. Does Adobe's discontinuation of the sponsorship change the delivery of Web Design in any way?

No. Fundamentals of Web Design 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 Adobe 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.

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

No. Since the Fundamentals of Web Design 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.