

VTSP Foundation Updates

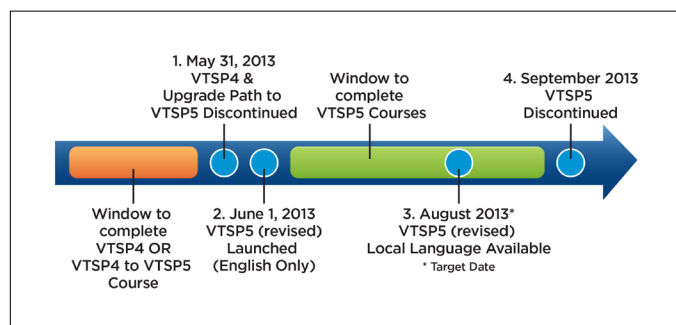
Partner Network FAQ

Q. What's taking place?

A. VMware is constantly looking to provide the latest content and training to partners in the most effective manner. To that end VMware is going to be launching a fully updated VTSP Foundation course in June 2013 that refocuses the accreditation on the design aspects of VMware vSphere® and vCenter™ and less on the implementation aspects. The new course is updated to the current vSphere 5.1 content and provides more scenario-based training, white boarding, and design considerations than previous versions of VTSP.

Q. When is this happening?

A. See the timeline below:



Q. Will this be a new accreditation (ie. VTSP 5.1) or will it remain VTSP5?

A. Individuals who have completed their VTSP 5 will maintain that current accreditation but VMware highly recommends going through some of the new VTSP 5 (revised) courses for product and feature updates and to take part in the new design focus. **There will NOT be a VTSP 5.1 accreditation.** All individuals who complete the new VTSP 5 (revised) course will still receive their VTSP 5 badge.

Benefits for new VTSP 5 (revised) Accreditation:

- Design focused – VTSP 5 (revised) has removed most of the previous implementation content and focused the accreditation on how to architect and design vSphere solutions.
- White boarding examples – VTSP 5 (revised) provides several white board examples of how to explain and diagram the overall solution as well as specific portions of it.

- Scenario-based learning and questions – We take what you have learned and provide examples of customer discussions and key listening objectives to understand a client's environment and design the appropriate solution.
- Increased course modularity – Your time is precious so we've made each module shorter and more focused so you can get through each piece as your schedule permits.

Q. What does this mean to me?

A. The impact of the VTSP Updates will depend on where you are in your accreditation journey.

I have my VTSP 4:

Individuals who have completed their VTSP 4 will continue to be compliant. However, VMware highly recommends taking the new VTSP 5 (revised) courses for updates and understanding the new design focus.

I am working to complete VTSP 4:

As a part of this update, VMware will be dropping the VTSP 4 as of June 1, 2013. If you wish to finish the VTSP 4 training, please complete by May 31, 2013. VMware will not make these courses available or provide credit for partially completed courses after May 31, 2013.

I am working to complete my VTSP 5 through the VTSP 4 Upgrade Path:

As a part of this update, VMware will be removing the VTSP 4 to VTSP 5 Upgrade Path as of June 1, 2013. If you have a VTSP 4 accreditation and wish to upgrade to VTSP 5, please complete by May 31, 2013. VMware will not make these courses available or provide credit for partially completed courses after May 31, 2013.

I am working to complete VTSP5:

VMware will be removing the VTSP 5.0 courses as of September 1, 2013. Any individual with partially completed courses must complete the accreditation by August 31, 2013 in order to receive their VTSP 5 badge.

With the new course material and focus, courses completed in the VTSP5.0 courses will NOT be given credit within the VTSP 5 (revised) courses. Any individual who has not completed the VTSP 5.0 will need to recomplete any modules (either through test out or through completing the module again) as of September 1, 2013.

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I have my VTSP 5:

Individuals who have completed their VTSP 5 will continue to be compliant. However, VMware highly recommends taking the new VTSP 5 (revised) courses for updates and understanding the new design focus. Although the accreditation material has been updated to 5.1, there will NOT be a VTSP 5.1 accreditation.

I need content in my local language to complete:

VTSP 5 is currently available in local content. VTSP 5 (revised) content will be localized and released prior to VTSP 5 being discontinued.

Q. Will there be an upgrade from VTSP 5 to VTSP 5 (revised)?

- A. Available today, the “What’s New 5.1” training is located in Partner University with localized content to learn about new features that were released in VTSP 5 (revised).



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