

Netriders Africa, 2017

NetRiders, a Cisco Inc. initiative, are competitions which provide students with hands-on practice and experience in a competitive environment. This gives the students a chance to test their skills and recognize their weaknesses, showcase their knowledge, and create interactive networking skills. It also is a great opportunity for instructors to lead students and showcase their teaching skills. The competitions are offered for students who are currently or recently enrolled in a Cisco Networking Academy course. The completions are held within the various Cisco regions namely; Africa, Asia Pacific & Japan, Europe, Russian Federation, Greater China & Mongolia, Latin America & the Caribbean Middle East, and USA & Canada. Each region offers three levels of competitions: CCNA, CCENT, and IT Essentials.

NetRiders competitions utilize Cisco's Web technologies to create an interactive networking skills contest that enhances classroom learning, unites students from across the world, and promotes further technology education and training. The NetRiders competition has three stages; round 1, round 2 and round 3. The round one qualifier which took place on Wednesday 3rd May 2017 comprises of two virtual exams (60 minutes each) where students have to attain a minimum score of 60% to qualify for round 2. Round two qualifier which was held on Wednesday 7th June, 2017 also comprises of two virtual exams (one 60 minutes and the other 90 minutes). For students to advance to round 3, they have to score a minimum of 70%. Round three of the netriders competition, also the final round was held on Wednesday 19th July 2017. It comprises of two exams (one virtual and a 15 minute WebEx session).

KU Cisco Networking academy this year presented 12 students for CCENT and 3 students for the CCNA competitions respectively. Out of these, 10 students proceeded to round 2 of CCENT and all the 3 students were able to proceed to round 2 of CCNA. During the third and final round of the competition, we were able to present one student by the name Nzioka Charles Mutua who was not only the best student in the academy but also the best student in Kenya and the 2nd best student in Africa. Morocco managed to snub the best student position in Africa. Due to his exemplary performance, Nzioka won himself a week study trip to the Cisco headquarters in San Jose, USA come January 2018.

KU Cisco Networking Academy wishes to congratulate all the students who took part in this year's NetRiders competition for their effort and hard work. We would also like to congratulate Charles Mutua for not only making the academy proud but for making Kenyatta University and Kenya proud!!!

Round 3 Finale Results

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Cisco Networking Academy NetRiders Africa 2017 CCNA Competition

Below are the NetRiders CCNA Round 3 Rankings of the top competitors who completed Round 3 on 19 July 2017 with a 100 question exam and a 15 minute WebEx session where they presented problems/solutions and answered questions from a panel of judges.

Congratulations to all Round 3 competitors. We were very impressed with the presentations and soft skills exhibited during the WebEx sessions. All Round 3 competitors should feel very good about their accomplishment in Round 3. As a reminder, our global NetRiders policy is to only share rankings. We do not share scores with competitors or instructors.

According to the rules, the top two rankings in Round 3 win a Study Trip Prize to Cisco Headquarters for a week in January 2018 and the top 5 will win their choice between a CCNA Routing & Switching or CCNA Security certification voucher.

For more details on all the rules for this competition, as well as the frequently asked questions, please visit the Africa regional page on <http://www.AcademyNetRiders.com>.

This list is rank order for all Round 3 competitors

Rank	Country	Name	Academy
1	Morocco	Hamza Jebbour	Institut spécialisé dans les métiers de l'offshoring de Tetouan
2	Kenya	Nzioka Charles Mutua	KENYATTA UNIVERSITY
3	Nigeria	Kamaludeen Abubakar Hampeto	American University of Nigeria
4	Madagascar	Tsiriniaina Miandrisoa Randriamampianina	Academy InATA

Fig1 A cutout from the released CCNA NetRiders competition results, Africa region, Cisco Inc.



Fig2 Charles Mutua (center) at the Kenya Cisco headquarters in Hurlingham, Nairobi joined by other students during the final round of the competition.



Fig3 Starting far left: Geoffrey Kitoto (KU Cisco instructor), George Olayo (KU Cisco instructor) and Charles Mutua during a WebEx session at the Kenya Cisco headquarters in Hurlingham, Nairobi.