



US Veterans Webinar Series

Session 2: Exploring Tech Career Options for Veterans

September 2018

Welcome to the 2nd
session of the
U.S. Veterans:
Navigating Your
Transition to a
Tech Career
webinar series

- Use the Q and A panel to ask questions.
- Use the Chat panel to communicate with attendees and panelists.
- A link to a recording of the session will be sent to all registered attendees.
- Please take the feedback survey at the end of the webinar.

U.S. Veterans Series: Navigating Your Transition to a Tech Career



- Session 1: Aligning Your Military Experience to Tech Careers
- Session 2: Exploring Tech Career Options for Veterans
- Session 3: Gaining Employment in the Tech Industry, 20 September

Access Series @ <http://bit.ly/transition2tech>

Today's Host

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Agenda

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Veteran Guest Speaker
- 3 Resources for Transitioning Vets
- 4 Next Steps
- 5 Q&A



Today's Goals

Inform



Inspire



Engage



An estimated 200,000+ service members transition out of the military each year.

Each transition is unique...

What's your journey?



Cisco Veterans Program

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Provide U.S. veterans globally with **technical training, career resources, and/or employment opportunities** through public/private partnerships that build trusted relationships and drive Cisco employee engagement in veterans initiatives.

Veteran Guest Speaker

**Jorge
Farinacci**
Project Manager
Cisco



Jorge Farinacci: About Me

Motto: “Live is too short, enjoy it!”

- Born and raised in Ponce, Puerto Rico
- Languages: English/Spanish
- My passions are Family, Travel, and Giving
- Married with 3 Kids (2 are college grads and 1 almost there)
- I enjoy outdoors and movies

Love to challenge the norm
Have traveled the world and back
I'd love the experience of living in different countries.



Career Journey



Interesting Fact: Joined the Army because I had no idea what I wanted in Life and then I found my passion!

My role: Continuous Improvement PM

Role/Responsibilities:

- Program and Portfolio Management with over 15 Active projects
- Belt certification support for a team over 20 people
- Drive Program Maturity and Org. Certification
- Facilitate project identification and selection
- CI training and mentoring

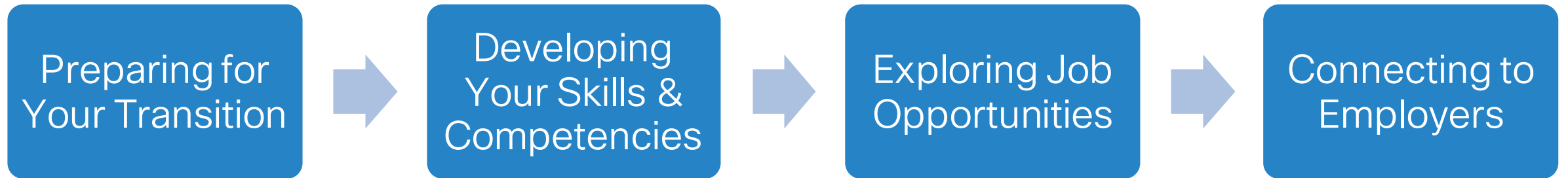
Key Take Always:

- Understand how your skills and MOS line up to Civilian Jobs
- Take advantage of the opportunities offered your during transition period
- Seek new training and certifications now (PMP, Six Sigma, Cisco Certifications, Microsoft Certifications, Oracle, etc.)
- Know that we are in a very competitive world and it will require help and understanding: **Find a mentor!**



Resources for Veterans

Transitioning from a Military to Civilian Career



Check out the Resource Guide for more info!

Cisco Networking Academy

Cisco Networking Academy

- Self-paced & instructor-led courses delivered through the cloud
- IT/networking skills training leading to industry-recognized certifications, including: CCENT, CCNA, CCNA Security, CCNA CyberOps, CCNP
- 73,000 service members trained through NetAcad (since 1997)
 - Military bases
 - Community Colleges/Universities
 - NGOs/VSOs



USA Impact

Since program inception in 1997



50
States +
Washington DC



135,247
Current students



1,754
Academies



3,261
Instructors



1,478,592
Students enrolled
since 1997



14%
Female
students

Locate an academy near you: www.netacad.com

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On Demand E-Learning

- All inclusive exam preparation
- Text and videos
- Step by step study path
- Just in time labs running real Cisco IOS
- Practice questions and quizzes
- Badges and leaderboards

The screenshot displays the Cisco Learning Network interface. On the left is a 'Table of Contents' sidebar with sections: 'Section 1: Exploring the Functions of Networking' (sub-sections 1.1-1.8), 'Section 2: Understanding the Host-to-Host Communications Model', 'Section 3: Introducing LANs', and 'Section 4: Operating Cisco IOS Software'. The main content area shows '1.3 Exploring the Functions of Networking' with the title 'Physical Components of a Network'. A video player is embedded, showing a blue screen with the Cisco logo and the title 'Physical Components of a Network' and a play button. Below the video is an 'Open Transcript' button and a paragraph of text: 'Many different types of devices can be part of a network. A network can be as simple as two PCs that are connected by a wire or as complex as several thousands of devices that are connected through many different types of media.'

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Cisco Certs

Explore Certification Overview Information

- Prerequisites
- Required Exams
- Learning Resource Recommendations

The screenshot shows the 'Certifications' page on the Cisco Learning Network. The page header includes the Cisco logo, 'The Cisco Learning Network', and user information for Matt Saunders (Community Manager, 6,707 points). The navigation bar includes Home, Certifications, Community, Learning Center, IT Careers, and Store. The main content area is titled 'Certifications' and includes a login prompt: 'Log in to follow, share, and participate in this community. Not a member? Join Now!'. Below this is a welcome message: 'Welcome to Certifications. The widely respected IT certification programs available through Cisco Career Certifications bring valuable, measurable rewards to networking professionals, to their managers, and to the organizations that employ them. Choose a career path below that meets your goals for professional and financial rewards.' The main content is a grid of certification options categorized by level (Entry, Associate, Professional, Expert) and specialization (Architect, Cloud, Collaboration, Cybersecurity Operations, Data Center, Design, Industrial / IoT, Routing & Switching, Security, Service Provider, Wireless, Other Certifications, Technical Specialists, Digital Transformation Specialists, AppDynamics). The grid shows various certification names like CCENT, CCNA Cloud, CCNP Cloud, CCIE Architect, etc. On the right side, there is a featured article titled 'Introducing Cisco Business Architecture Certifications' with a photo of a woman and a 'Learn More' link. Below the article is a 'Quick Links' section with buttons for 'Explore Certifications', 'View Exam Topics', 'Find Study Groups', 'Join or Start A Discussion', 'Access Study Materials', and 'Training Videos and Webinars'.

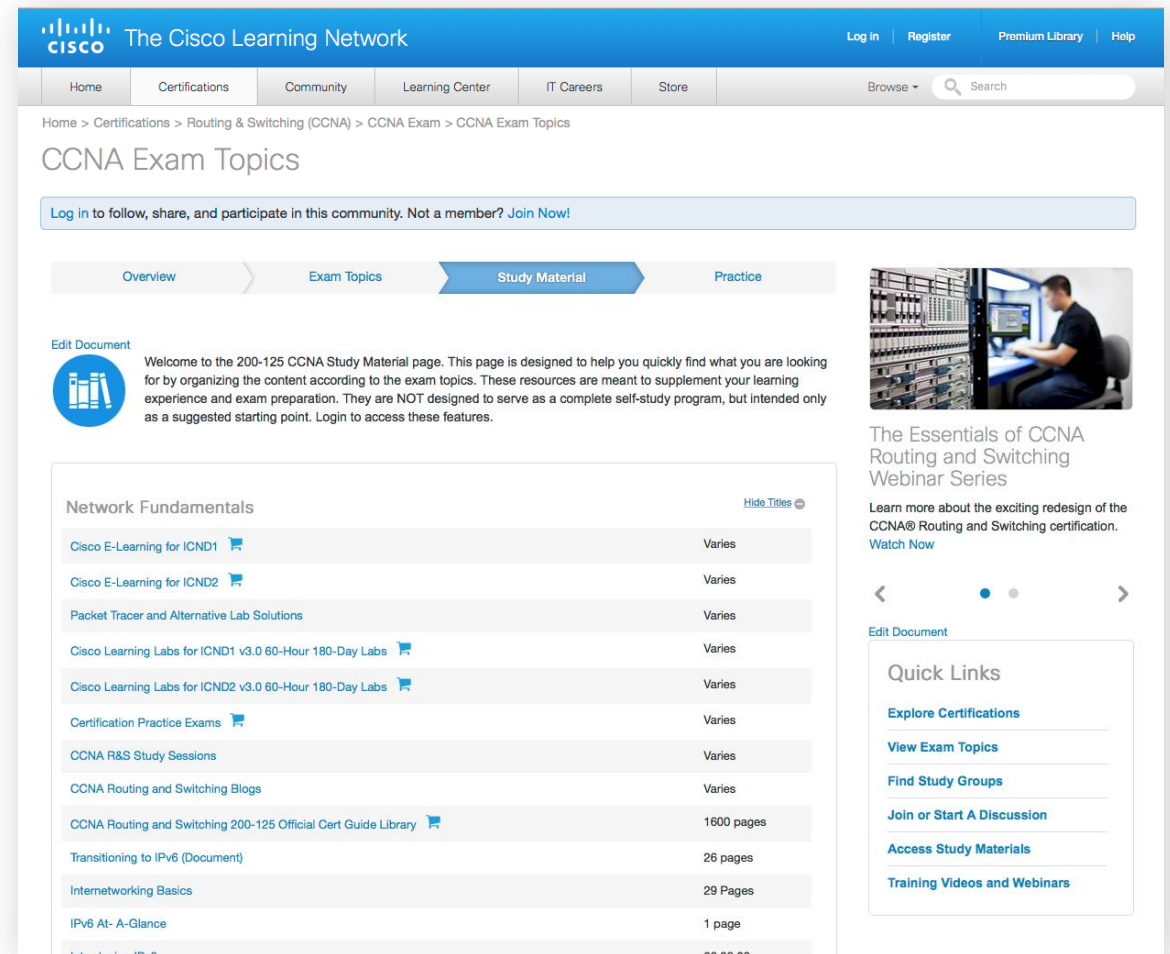
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Study Materials

Learning Resource Recommendations

- Digital Self-Study Courses
- Free Training Videos
- White Papers and Technical Documents
- Instructor Led Course Listings



The screenshot displays the Cisco Learning Network interface for the CCNA Exam Topics page. The page features a navigation menu with options like Home, Certifications, Community, Learning Center, IT Careers, and Store. The main content area is titled "CCNA Exam Topics" and includes a "Study Material" tab. A table lists various resources under the heading "Network Fundamentals", such as "Cisco E-Learning for ICND1" and "Cisco Learning Labs for ICND1 v3.0 60-Hour 180-Day Labs". A sidebar on the right contains a "Quick Links" section with links to "Explore Certifications", "View Exam Topics", "Find Study Groups", "Join or Start A Discussion", "Access Study Materials", and "Training Videos and Webinars".

Resource	Pages
Cisco E-Learning for ICND1	Varies
Cisco E-Learning for ICND2	Varies
Packet Tracer and Alternative Lab Solutions	Varies
Cisco Learning Labs for ICND1 v3.0 60-Hour 180-Day Labs	Varies
Cisco Learning Labs for ICND2 v3.0 60-Hour 180-Day Labs	Varies
Certification Practice Exams	Varies
CCNA R&S Study Sessions	Varies
CCNA Routing and Switching Blogs	Varies
CCNA Routing and Switching 200-125 Official Cert Guide Library	1600 pages
Transitioning to IPv6 (Document)	26 pages
Internetworking Basics	29 Pages
IPv6 At- A-Glance	1 page
Introduction IPv6	00-38-00

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Study Groups

Peer-to-Peer Support and Learning – Core of Community

- Absolutely Free
- Read tech threads, answer questions, earn points, participate and learn
- Over 1 Million Strong

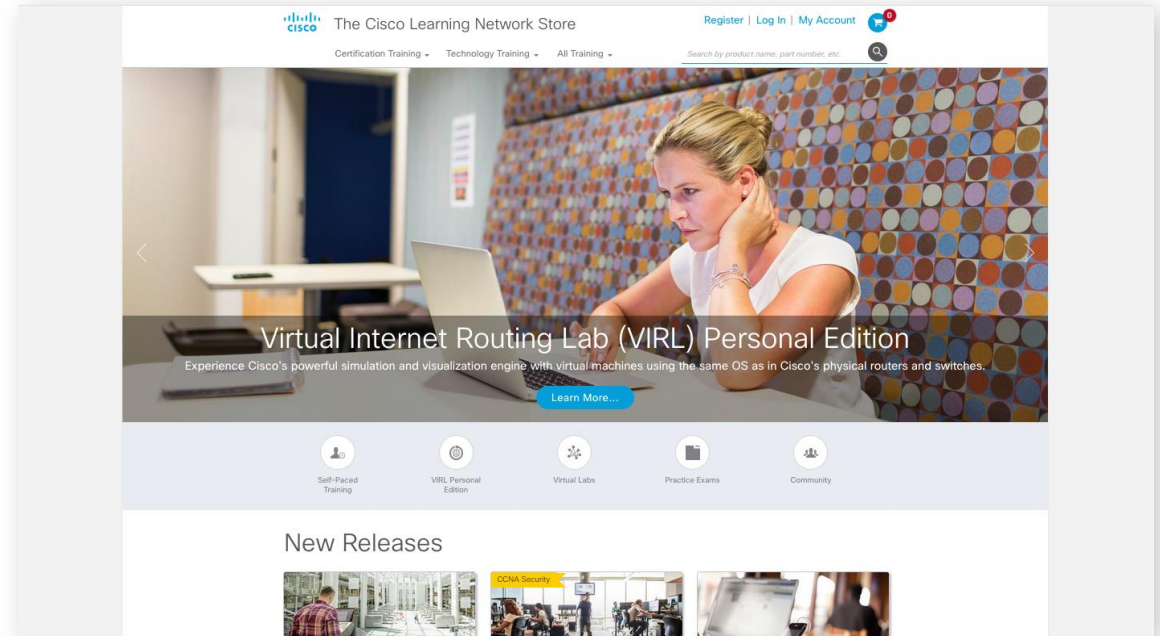
The screenshot shows the Cisco Learning Network interface for the CCENT/CCNA R&S Study Group. The page features a navigation bar with links for Home, Certifications, Community, Learning Center, IT Careers, and Store. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for Overview, Content, and People. A welcome message states: "Welcome to the CCENT/CCNA Routing & Switching Study Group, the place on the Cisco Learning Network where you can ask questions, share ideas and connect with other members as you prepare for your Certification exams." Three main action buttons are displayed: "Join the Discussion Participate Now", "Find People Connect Now", and "Member Created Documents View Now". A "Recent Content" section lists various questions and answers, such as "does physical interface use 802.1Q by default for inter-vlan routing?" and "Looking for job after getting CCENT". On the right side, there is a "Meet Your Community Managers" section featuring Karlo Bobiles, and a "Monthly Leaderboard" showing the top 10 members and their points.

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Self-study Resources

- Digital Self-Study On-Demand e-Learning Courses
 - All inclusive exam preparation: Text, videos, labs, practice questions and much more
- VIRL Personal Edition
 - Virtualized Cisco IOS software for router and switch simulation
- Virtual Labs
 - 24/7 hands-on labs running real Cisco IOS Software with a variety of topologies and guided exercises
- Certification Practice Exams



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Training Videos and Webinars

- Free IT training videos
- Across the technology spectrum
- Register for live events
- Examples:
 - Routing and Switching
 - Network Programmability and Automation
 - ACI and Data Center
 - And much more!

The screenshot shows the Cisco Learning Network interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Home, Certifications, Community, Learning Center, IT Careers, and Store. Below the navigation, the breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Learning Center > SDN Recorded Seminars > Documents. On the right side, there are social media icons for YouTube, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Facebook. The main content area features a document card for the video 'How to Be a Network Engineer in a Programmable Age with DevNet's Hank Preston: Lesson 1: The Network Engineer of Old'. The card includes a 'Version 4' badge and a 'Created by Keith Bosworth - Cisco Admin Team on Nov 6, 2017 11:32 AM. Last modified by Keith Bosworth - Cisco Admin Team on Apr 10, 2018 3:13 PM.' timestamp. Below the card is a video player with a large play button and a settings gear icon. The video title is 'The Network Engineer of Old'. Below the video player, there is a section titled 'Lesson 1: The Network Engineer of Old' with a small thumbnail of the video. The text below the thumbnail reads: 'In this free training video, DevNet's Hank Preston presents the Network Engineer of old. The following additional informational resources are provided in this lesson. [Hide Additional Information](#)'.

Onward to Opportunity (O2O)

Introducing: Onward to Opportunity



This career program is designed to connect you to careers in the private sector.

Who Is O2O For?

- Service members within **six months of separation** who have completed their Transition Readiness Seminar / TAP GPS courses
- **National Guard and Reserve Soldiers** regardless of transition Status
- Spouses of service members **regardless of spouse's transition status**
- **Veterans: Post-9/11** with honorable discharge.

What Can You Gain from O2O?

- Industry validated **training and credentials** aligned to three initial learning pathways, Business Management, Customer Excellence, and Information Technology
- **One-on-one** career counselling and interview coaching
- **Interview** with an O2O employer partner

What Does O2O Require?

- A signed **O2O Application** from your unit leadership (active duty only)
- Completion of **TAP GPS** program prior to cohort start date (active duty only)
- **Time and effort** committed to the program
- **Be responsive** to program advisors and coaches

IT/Networking/Cyber Certifications

- A+
- Linux+
- Security+
- SSCP
- CISSP
- CCNET
- CCNA
- Java
- SAS

FREE Online Courses Available



Interview Matching

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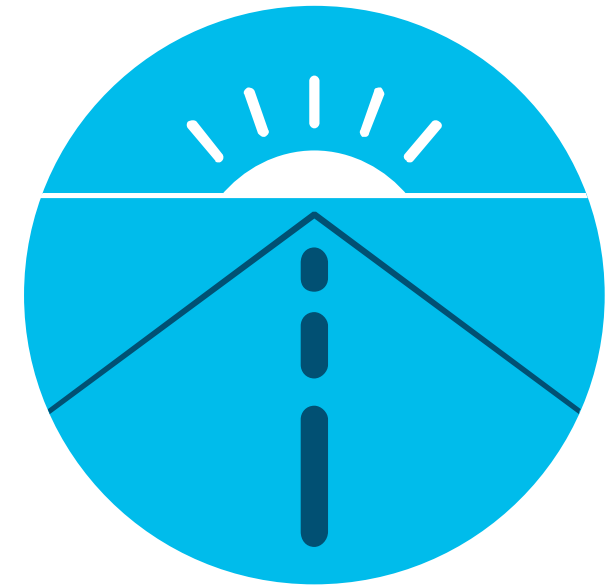
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:
VCTP
VETERANS CAREER
TRANSITION PROGRAM

Upon completion of your training, you will be matched with an interview at one of O2O's employer partners, which have a range of positions available.



Next Steps

- Attend Session 3 of Webinar Series (Recording from 1st session is also available)
- Check out Veteran Transition Resource Guide (to be sent to participants after the series)
- Coming Soon: Talent Bridge for Vets
- Questions? vet-connection@cisco.com



Questions?



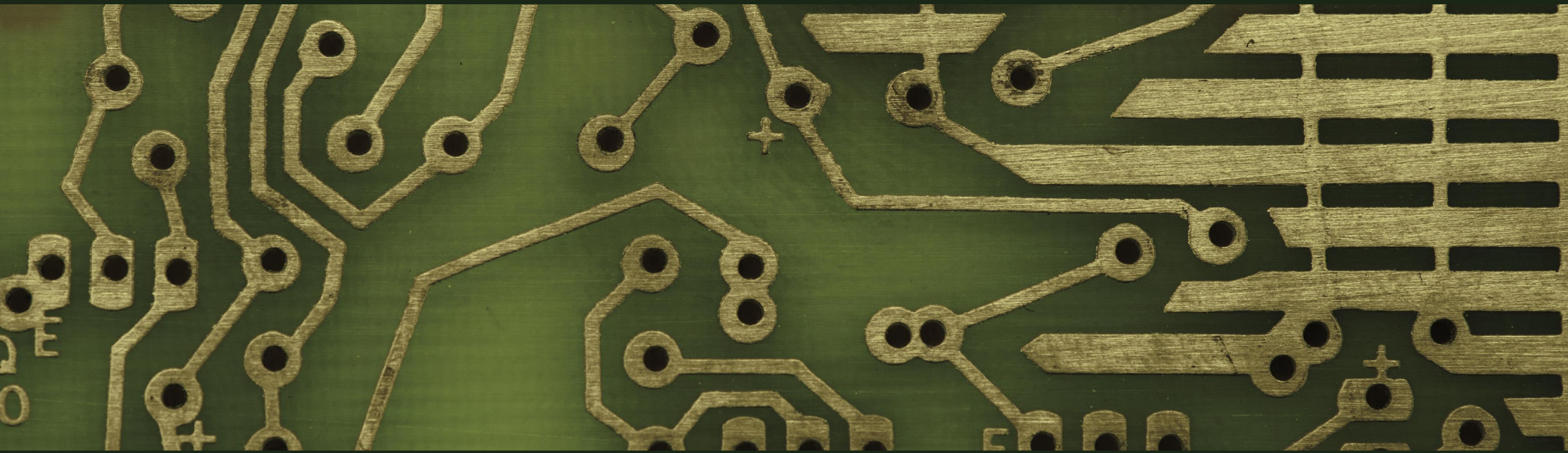
NEXT SESSION:

Gaining Employment in the Tech Industry,



20 September – 7:00 A.M. PT

Register at: <http://bit.ly/transition2tech>



Thank you.

