

# [Introduction to OpenStack on Pluralsight is live!](#)

There are many celebrations happening today with Canada Day being one of them. It is with lots of joy as a Canadian that I also get to have my own proud moment because of the launch of my recently authored [Introduction to OpenStack on Pluralsight!](#)



## Introduction to OpenStack

The course is designed to target those who are new to OpenStack or those who need a refresher on the OpenStack ecosystem. It was a lot of fun creating the course content and I put a little bit of everything in there to make sure that you will come out with a good overall understanding of how OpenStack works, how it was created and maintained, and the features of the different projects within OpenStack.

Designed by, and for community, this course is the beginning of much more that I plan to produce to help people along their journey with OpenStack and much more thanks to the great team at Pluralsight.



Thank you, because you made this happen!

In fact, I want to be sure that you get to share this experience with me because I will be looking for lots of feedback on what kind of content you would like to see as we move into the next courses. This is an exciting way for me to ensure that I am building for the needs of the community which is the real reason that I'm putting this together.

## Want to Try Pluralsight?

If you aren't already a member of Pluralsight, don't worry because thanks to the team there I have been given [20 free 30-day passes](#) for newcomers to the Pluralsight platform.

**Winning is easy** because all you have to do is **write a comment below and share this post on one or more of your social media channels** (Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, Google+) and add the hashtag #IHeartPluralsight similar to this:



I hope that you like the course, and if you do, please make sure to rate it and let me know what the cool parts are that you enjoyed. Your feedback (yes, even the non-positive stuff) is what makes me better at creating the next content.

Thank you! and Thank you to Pluralsight who made this happen for me. I have to also say a big thanks to David Davis and Chris Wahl who both helped me along the way with this, plus they are both wickedly good authors for Pluralsight. So while you're rocking your 30-day trial, make sure that

you have a listen to the great content that they have created at [Pluralsight.com](https://Pluralsight.com).

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## [Coming soon: Introduction to OpenStack on Pluralsight](#)

☒ This year just keeps getting more and more exciting for me, and I am proud to announce today that I am working with the team at Pluralsight to bring more content to my audience in a new way!

First, I need to thank all of you for what you've done to bring this opportunity. As readers and community members, your feedback and support have been the driving force to inspire me to do more to give back.

At this time I have my first Pluralsight course in the QA process which is titled **Introduction to OpenStack**. This course is an introductory look at the OpenStack projects and general concepts around the OpenStack ecosystem.

This is especially fun to be able to grow the number of ways that I can spread the word on great technologies like OpenStack, and with my upcoming trip to be a part of the vBrownBag team at the [OpenStack Summit in Atlanta May 12-16](#), I hope to have some Pluralsight goodies to share as well as some of my new DiscoPosse.com stickers to swag up your laptop!

### **But wait, there's more!**

I know that many of my readers may already be at or beyond the point where they need an introduction to OpenStack, so I can happily say that my next goal is to continue to create and share course content through Pluralsight as well as my continued commitment to open community content sharing through my site.

As more details are available about the course release date and other information, I will be sure to share with all of you. Thank you again for making it so fun to share content, and I look forward to the release of Introduction to OpenStack with Pluralsight.com and to being able to create and share much more!

Keep watching here for more news and if you aren't already using [Pluralsight.com](https://Pluralsight.com), make sure to head on over and take a look at the great library of offerings they have for you.

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# VMware Network Virtualization Free eLearning - VCA-NV prep course (hopefully)

Well, I should be careful what I put here in saying that it is a VCA-NV (VMware Certified Associate - Network Virtualization) prep course, but I am guessing the release of this 3-hour self-paced learning module is a sign of the pending availability of the VCA-NV certification.



This is a high level course, much like the other VCA oriented self-paced courseware that was presented for the other 3 certifications (VCA-Datacenter Virtualization, VCA-Workforce Mobility, VCA-Cloud). For those who are already familiar with network virtualization and VMware products, you will find a lot of the content to be familiar, but this is a great way to get a little refresher for how VMware is envisioning the way that network virtualization will fit into the overall product portfolio.

For those who are getting started with VMware tools and products, this is a great way to familiarize yourself with the new features and concepts that will become standard practice in many organizations in the coming months and years.

The layout of the course is a very consistent flow of how VMware products evolved and how they map against business practices. This is a key feature for NV and cloud methodologies which are coming to us. These are technologies that are being presented to attend to a business need. Not just technology for the sake of technology. It is pretty fun and exciting technology at the same time though ☐

The VMware Education blog has a post here with links to register for the free course, so get on over there and get your learning underway! <http://blogs.vmware.com/education/2013/12/new-free-elearning-vmware-network-virtualization-fundamentals.html?sf21043398=1>

The VCA-NV certification will be available soon, so if you want to get notified of when it is released, you can go to the VMware Education site here to sign up: [http://mylearn.vmware.com/mgrReg/plan.cfm?plan=41166&ui=www\\_cert](http://mylearn.vmware.com/mgrReg/plan.cfm?plan=41166&ui=www_cert)



And just in case you didn't already go for your other three VCA certifications, make sure to visit Eric Sloof's blog here to get your free exam voucher code which is valid up to January 31, 2014! <http://www.ntpro.nl/blog/archives/2471-Free-VMware-Certified-Associate-Certification-Extended.html>

More learning is always good!