

Exam Report: 4.3.7 Practice Questions

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▼ Question 1: Correct

You have a systemd Linux system that is configured to boot into the `graphical.target` by default. The system seems to be running much slower than normal.

You need to reboot the system, but you want it to boot into a single-user target unit with no network access so you can perform troubleshooting tasks and get the system running normally again.

What should you do before you reboot?

- ➡ ☒ Set the default boot target to `rescue.target`.
- ☐ Change the CMOS boot order.
- ☐ Configure the `/etc/inittab` file.
- ☐ Provide the kernel boot option `systemctl=rescue.target`.

Explanation

In this case, you should configure the default boot target to `rescue.target`. The `rescue.target` unit runs in single-user mode and does not support networking. You make this the default boot target by entering **`systemctl set-default rescue.target`**.

The `/etc/inittab` is no longer used to configure how the system boots. Use the CMOS settings to specify the boot sector containing the Master Boot Record (MBR).

References

Linux Pro - 4.3 systemd Boot Targets
[e_targ_lp5.exam.xml Q_BOOTTARG_LP5_01]

▼ Question 2: Incorrect

You are experiencing a problem with one particular server. Each time it boots, it goes into single-user mode even though no warnings or errors are reported. You want to verify that it is configured to boot to the multi-user.target unit, just as all your other servers are. This system is running systemd.

Which command would you use to see which boot target is set as the default?

- ☒ ~~`systemctl get default boot.target`~~
- ➡ ☐ `systemctl get-default`
- ☐ `systemctl set-default multi-user.target`
- ☐ `systemctl isolate multi-user.target`

Explanation

To see which boot target is currently set as the default target, enter **`systemctl get-default`**.

The **set-default** option is used to set the default boot target.

The **isolate** option is used to change from the current target unit to another target unit.

References

Linux Pro - 4.3 systemd Boot Targets

[e_targ_lp5.exam.xml Q_BOOTTARG_LP5_02]

▼ Question 3: Incorrect

If a systemd system is configured to use multi-user.target as the default boot target, which file has a symbolic link (symlink) to the multi-user.target file?

☒ /usr/lib/systemd/system/multi-user.target

☐ /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target

☐ /etc/inittab

➡ ☐ /etc/systemd/system/default.target

Explanation

The default boot target is configured by creating a symbolic link, or symlink, from the /etc/systemd/system/default.target file to the desired target file. The target files are all found in the /usr/lib/systemd/system directory.

For example, when you enter the command **systemctl set-default graphical.target**, the system creates a symlink from the /etc/systemd/system/default.target file to the /usr/lib/systemd/system/graphical.target file.

References

Linux Pro - 4.3 systemd Boot Targets

[e_targ_lp5.exam.xml Q_BOOTTARG_LP5_03]

▼ Question 4: Incorrect

The current default boot target is a multi-user.target, but you want to use this system as a desktop workstation. You need a boot target that supports multiple users, supports networking, and has a graphical display. This is a systemd system.

What command should you enter to change the default boot target to one that meets these needs?

systemctl set-default graphical.target

Explanation

The command **systemctl isolate graphical.target** changes the target unit to one that supports multiple users, networking, and a graphical interface.

References

Linux Pro - 4.3 systemd Boot Targets

[e_targ_lp5.exam.xml Q_BOOTTARG_LP5_04]

▼ Question 5: Incorrect

You are on a systemd system. Without rebooting the system, you want to change from the currently running target unit to a target that supports networking, supports multiple users, and displays a graphical interface.

What command should you enter to accomplish this task?

systemctl isolate graphical.target

Explanation

The command **systemctl isolate graphical.target** changes the target unit to one that supports multiple users, supports networking, and displays a graphical interface.

References

Linux Pro - 4.3 systemd Boot Targets
[e_targ_lp5.exam.xml Q_BOOTTARG_LP5_05]

▼ Question 6: Incorrect

Which of the following is responsible for bringing up other units and services when boot targets are changed?

- ☐ service
- ☐ init
- ☒ ~~systemctl~~
- ➡ ☐ systemd

Explanation

The systemd daemon is the first daemon to start during boot-up and the last one to terminate during a system shutdown. systemd manages all daemons, processes, targets, and services (including itself) as units. Each target is defined by specific units, and systemd monitors the start and stop of each unit for each target.

The init daemon serves a similar purpose on SysV init systems, but init manages services for runlevels. The terms *unit* and *target* are used with systemd systems.

The **systemctl** command is used on systemd systems to manage processes and change target units.

The **service** command is used to manage processes on SysV init systems.

References

Linux Pro - 4.3 systemd Boot Targets
[e_targ_lp5.exam.xml Q_BOOTTARG_LP5_06]

▼ Question 7: Incorrect

You are experiencing a problem with a network server. You want to bring the system down and try reseating the cards within it before restarting it.

Which command runs poweroff.target to shut down the system in an orderly manner?

systemctl isolate poweroff.target

Explanation

On a systemd Linux system, you can run the poweroff.target with any of the following commands:

- **systemctl isolate poweroff.target**
- **systemctl isolate poweroff**
- **systemctl poweroff**
- **poweroff**

References

Linux Pro - 4.3 systemd Boot Targets
[e_targ_lp5.exam.xml Q_BOOTTARG_LP5_07]

▼ Question 8: Incorrect

You need to perform some system maintenance on a systemd system, and you want to prevent users from logging on while you do so.

Which command should you run?

- ☒ ~~systemctl isolate maint.target~~
- ☐ runlevel0

➡ ☐ `systemctl isolate rescue.target`

☐ `init 1`

Explanation

Run **systemctl isolate rescue.target** to put the system into single-user mode and prevent additional logins.

init 1 and **runlevel0** are commands used on SysV init systems. There is no **maint.target**.

References

Linux Pro - 4.3 systemd Boot Targets
[e_targ_lp5.exam.xml Q_BOOTTARG_LP5_08]

▼ Question 9: Correct

You are working on a Linux distribution that uses systemd.

Which non-symlink file in the `/usr/lib/systemd/system/` directory is used to start the services necessary for multiple users, networking, and a graphical display?

☐ `default.target`

➡ ☒ `graphical.target`

☐ `rc-sysinit.conf`

☐ `multi-user.target`

☐ `runlevel5.target`

Explanation

The `/usr/lib/systemd/system/graphical.target` file is used to start the services necessary for multiple users, networking, and a graphical display on a system running systemd.

The `multi-user.target` file in the `/usr/lib/systemd/system/` directory is used to start the services necessary for multiple users and networking, but not for a graphical display, on a system running systemd. The `default.target` file is in the `/etc/systemd/system` directory and is a symlink to the target file in the `/usr/lib/systemd/system/` directory, which is the default boot target. The `rc-sysinit.conf` file is used to set the default runlevel on a system running Upstart. The `runlevel5.target` file is a symlink to the `graphical.target` file.

References

Linux Pro - 4.3 systemd Boot Targets
[e_targ_lp5.exam.xml Q_BOOTTARG_LP5_09]

▼ Question 10: Correct

Which of the following systemd unit-specific sections describes how to manage services or applications on the server?

☐ Socket

➡ ☒ Service

☐ Automount

☐ Mount

Explanation

Service describes how to manage a service or application on the server.

Socket describes a network or IPC socket or a FIFO buffer that systemd uses for socket-based activation.

Mount defines a mountpoint on the system to be managed by systemd.

Automount configures a mountpoint that will be automatically mounted.

References

Linux Pro - 4.3 systemd Boot Targets

[e_targ_lp5.exam.xml Q_UNIT_FILES_LP5_TYPES]