

Exam Template Tips

This document reviews exam-specific tips. The goal is to reduce the time it takes to acclimate to the testing environment. The focus is in this order:

1. Copy / Paste Function
2. Weight: %
3. Flag button
4. Current Linux Machine
5. Time left



Figure 1 - Exam Environment

Copy / Paste Function:

Shift + Insert = Paste to Terminal

Most questions have you write to, read from, or configure directories/files in long and not the most human-readable locations. You will notice the text in the image above has a blueish tint which means you can copy by clicking on it and pasting it into the terminal to use (click into the terminal, Shift + Insert).

“/rpm/uniquelocation123/output/answer10213”

Using this function will save a ton of time regardless of how fast of a typer and how comfortable you are with tab completing while moving directories in your shell.

Weight: %

This portion of the test tells you how much the question will net you if you do every single step. There is partial credit, from what I understand. Don't spend all your time on low % questions, but if you can do some of the steps quickly, it is worth flagging the question to do some of the steps.

Flag Button:

This button is on the bottom left-hand corner. The standard recommendation is to use this in abundance. If a question is not worth much % and/or will take an extended amount of time to complete all of the steps, flag it and move on to a higher % question that you can complete quickly.

Current Linux Machine:

In the image above, you see " [user1@exam-box]\$"

This tells you that you're logged into the linux machine "exam-box" as the user "user1"

On the exam, you will have to SSH into other Linux machines. So be sure that you exit and return to the main Linux machine for the test when you complete those questions.

Time Left:

The bar in the top left starts green and slowly drains and will change colors as time progresses.

Unfortunately, I couldn't see the exact time on the clock, but my proctor would let me know when I had 30, 15, and 5 minutes left.