CompTIA Linux+ Certification Exam 2 Objectives

EXAM NUMBER: LX0-104

About the Exam

Candidates are encouraged to use this document to prepare for the CompTIA Linux+ LX0-104 exam. In order to receive CompTIA Linux+ certification, a candidate must pass two exams. The CompTIA Linux+ certification offers a framework for acquiring working knowledge of Linux for IT professionals working as junior-level system administrators, as well as those working in Web and software development. Successful candidates will have the following skills:

• **Work at the Linux command line**

• **Perform easy maintenance tasks including assisting users, adding users to a larger system, executing backup & restore and shutdown & reboot**

• **Install and configure a workstation (including X) and connect it to a LAN, or a stand-alone PC via modem to the Internet in the design of capture solutions, while addressing security requirements**

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TEST DETAILS

Required exam	LX0-104
Number of questions	60
Type of questions	Multiple choice
Length of test	90 minutes
Recommended experience	A+, Network+ and at least 12 months of Linux administration experience
Passing score	500 (on a scale of 200–800)

EXAM OBJECTIVES (DOMAINS)

The table below lists the domains measured by this examination and the extent to which they are represented:

DOMAIN	PERCENTAGE OF EXAMINATION
105 Shells, Scripting and Data Management	17%
106 User Interfaces and Desktops	8%
107 Administrative Tasks	20%
108 Essential System Services	17%
109 Networking Fundamentals	23%
110 Security	15%
Total	**100%**

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105 Shells, Scripting and Data Management

105.1 Customize and use the shell environment.

- Set environment variables (e.g., PATH) at login or when spawning a new shell
- Write BASH functions for frequently used sequences of commands
- Maintain skeleton directories for new user accounts
- Set command search path with the proper directory

- The following is a partial list of the used files, terms and utilities:
  - Source
  - /etc/bash.bashrc
  - /etc/profile
  - env
  - export
  - set
  - unset

- ~/.bash_profile
- ~/.bash_login
- ~/.profile
- ~/.bashrc
- ~/.bash_logout
- function
- alias
- lists

105.2 Customize or write simple scripts.

- Use standard sh syntax (loops, tests)
- Use command substitution
- Test return values for success or failure or other information provided by a command
- Perform conditional mailing to the superuser

- Correctly select the script interpreter through the shebang (#!) line
- Manage the location, ownership, execution and SUID rights of scripts
- The following is a partial list of the used files, terms and utilities:
  - for

- while
- test
- if
- read
- seq
- exec

105.3 SQL data management.

- Use of basic SQL commands
- Perform basic data manipulation
- The following is a partial list of the used files, terms and utilities:
  - insert
  - update
  - select

- delete
- from
- where
- group by
- order by
- join

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106 User Interfaces and Desktops

106.1 Install and configure X11.

- Verify that the video card and monitor are supported by an X server
- Awareness of the X font server
- Basic understanding and knowledge of the X Window configuration file

- The following is a partial list of the used files, terms and utilities:
  - /etc/X11/xorg.conf
  - xhost
  - DISPLAY
  - xwininfo
  - xdpyinfo
  - X

106.2 Set up a display manager.

- Basic configuration of LightDM
- Turn the display manager on or off
- Change the display manager greeting
- Awareness of XDM, KDM and GDM

- The following is a partial list of the used files, terms and utilities:
  - lightdm
  - /etc/lightdm/

106.3 Accessibility.

- Basic knowledge of keyboard accessibility settings (AccessX)
- Basic knowledge of visual settings and themes
- Basic knowledge of assistive technology (AT)

- The following is a partial list of the used files, terms and utilities:
  - Sticky/repeat keys
  - Slow/bounce/toggle keys
  - Mouse keys
  - High contrast/large print desktop themes
  - Screen reader

  - Braille display
  - Screen magnifier
  - On-screen keyboard
  - Gestures (used at login, for example gdm)
  - Orca
  - GOK
  - Emacspeak

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107 Administrative Tasks

107.1 Manage user and group accounts and related system files.

- Add, modify and remove users and groups
- Manage user/group info in password/group databases
- Create and manage special purpose and limited accounts

- The following is a partial list of the used files, terms and utilities:
  - /etc/passwd
  - /etc/shadow
  - /etc/group
  - /etc/skel
  - chage
  - getent

  - groupadd
  - groupdel
  - groupmod
  - passwd
  - useradd
  - userdel
  - usermod

107.2 Automate system administration tasks by scheduling jobs.

- Manage cron and at jobs
- Configure user access to cron and at services
- Configure anacron
- The following is a partial list of the used files, terms and utilities:
  - /etc/cron.{d,daily,hourly,monthly,weekly}

  - /etc/at.deny
  - /etc/at.allow
  - /etc/crontab
  - /etc/cron.allow
  - /etc/cron.deny
  - /var/spool/cron/*
  - crontab
  - at

  - atq
  - atrm
  - anacron
  - /etc/anacrontab

107.3 Localization and internationalization.

- Configure local settings and environment variables
- Configure timezone settings and environment variables
- The following is a partial list of the used files, terms and utilities:
  - /etc/timezone
  - /etc/localtime
  - /usr/share/zoneinfo

  - Environment variables:
    - LC_*
    - LC_ALL
    - LANG
    - TZ
  - /usr/bin/locale
  - tzselect
  - tzconfig
  - date

  - iconv
  - UTF-8
  - ISO-8859
  - ASCII
  - Unicode

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108 Essential System Services

108.1 Maintain system time.

- Set the system date and time
- Set the hardware clock to the correct time in UTC
- Configure the correct timezone
- Basic NTP configuration
- Knowledge of using the pool.ntp.org service

- Awareness of the ntpq command
- The following is a partial list of the used files, terms and utilities:
  - /usr/share/zoneinfo
  - /etc/timezone
  - /etc/localtime
  - /etc/ntp.conf

- date
- hwclock
- ntpd
- ntpdate
- pool.ntp.org

108.2 System logging.

- Configuration of the syslog daemon
- Understanding of standard facilities, priorities and actions
- Configuration of logrotate
- Awareness of rsyslog and syslog-ng

- The following is a partial list of the used files, terms and utilities:
  - syslog.conf
  - syslogd
  - klogd
  - /var/log/
  - logger

- logrotate
- /etc/logrotate.conf
- /etc/logrotate.d/
- Journalctl
- /etc/systemd/journald.conf
- /var/log/journal/

108.3 Mail Transfer Agent (MTA) basics.

- Create email aliases
- Configure email forwarding
- Knowledge of commonly available MTA programs (postfix, sendmail, qmail, exim) (no configuration)

- The following is a partial list of the used files, terms and utilities:
  - ~/.forward
  - sendmail emulation layer commands
  - newaliases
  - mail

- mailq
- postfix
- sendmail
- exim
- qmail

108.4 Manage printers and printing.

- Basic CUPS configuration (for local and remote printers)
- Manage user print queues
- Troubleshoot general printing problems
- Add and remove jobs from configured printer queues

- The following is a partial list of the used files, terms and utilities:
  - CUPS configuration files, tools and utilities
  - /etc/cups
  - lpd legacy interface (lpr, lprm, lpq)

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109 Networking Fundamentals

109.1 Fundamentals of Internet protocols.

- Demonstrate an understanding of network masks and CIDR notation
- Knowledge of the differences between private and public "dotted quad" IP addresses
- Knowledge about common TCP and UDP ports (20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 53, 80, 110, 123, 139, 143, 161, 162, 389, 443, 465, 514, 636, 993, 995)

- Knowledge about the differences and major features of UDP, TCP and ICMP
- Knowledge of the major differences between IPv4 and IPv6
- Knowledge of the basic features of IPv6

- The following is a partial list of the used files, terms and utilities:
  - /etc/services
  - IPv4, IPv6
  - Subnetting
  - TCP, UDP, ICMP

109.2 Basic network configuration.

- Manually and automatically configure network interfaces
- Basic TCP/IP host configuration
- Setting a default route

- The following is a partial list of the used files, terms and utilities:
  - /etc/hostname
  - /etc/hosts
  - /etc/nsswitch.conf
  - ifconfig

  - ifup
  - ifdown
  - ip
  - route
  - ping

109.3 Basic network troubleshooting.

- Manually and automatically configure network interfaces and routing tables to include adding, starting, stopping, restarting, deleting or reconfiguring network interfaces
- Change, view or configure the routing table and correct an improperly set default route manually
- Debug problems associated with the network configuration

- The following is a partial list of the used files, terms and utilities:
  - ifconfig
  - ip
  - ifup
  - ifdown
  - route
  - host
  - hostname
  - dig

  - netstat
  - ping
  - ping6
  - traceroute
  - traceroute6
  - tracepath
  - tracepath6
  - netcat

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109.4 Configure client side DNS.

- Query remote DNS servers
- Configure local name resolution and use remote DNS servers
- Modify the order in which name resolution is done

- The following is a partial list of the used files, terms and utilities:
  - /etc/hosts
  - /etc/resolv.conf
  - /etc/nsswitch.conf
  - Host
  - Dig
  - getent

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110 Security

110.1 Perform security administration tasks.

- Audit a system to find files with the suid/sgid bit set
- Set or change user passwords and password aging information
- Being able to use nmap and netstat to discover open ports on a system
- Set up limits on user logins, processes and memory usage
- Determine which users have logged in to the system or are currently logged in
- Basic sudo configuration and usage

- The following is a partial list of the used files, terms and utilities:
  - find
  - passwd
  - fuser
  - lsof
  - nmap
  - chage
  - netstat
  - sudo
  - /etc/sudoers

- su
- usermod
- ulimit
- who, w, last

110.2 Set up host security.

- Awareness of shadow passwords and how they work
- Turn off network services not in use
- Understand the role of TCP wrappers

- The following is a partial list of the used files, terms and utilities:
  - /etc/nologin
  - /etc/passwd
  - /etc/shadow
  - /etc/xinetd.d/*
  - /etc/xinetd.conf

- /etc/inetd.d/*
- /etc/inetd.conf
- /etc/inittab
- /etc/init.d/*
- /etc/hosts.allow
- /etc/hosts.deny

110.3 Securing data with encryption.

- Perform basic OpenSSH 2 client configuration and usage
- Understand the role of OpenSSH 2 server host keys
- Perform basic GnuPG configuration, usage and revocation
- Understand SSH port tunnels (including X11 tunnels)

- The following is a partial list of the used files, terms and utilities:
  - ssh
  - ssh-keygen
  - ssh-agent
  - ssh-add
  - ~/.ssh/id_rsa and id_rsa.pub
  - ~/.ssh/id_dsa and id_dsa.pub
  - /etc/ssh/ssh_host_rsa_key

  and ssh_host_rsa_key.pub
- /etc/ssh/ssh_host_dsa_key
  and ssh_host_dsa_key.pub
- ~/.ssh/authorized_keys
- /etc/ssh_known_hosts
- gpg
- ~/.gnupg/*