

Study Strategies



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Topics in this module:

Strategies for IT administrators

Strategies for exam candidates



Strategies for IT Administrators





Even though the Pluralsight learning tracks cover the Microsoft exam outlines...

...these courses are NOT just for test-takers! IT administrators, tech support staff, planners, and engineers can all benefit.



Current Knowledge Level



If you're new to Windows 10, start with the 70-698 learning track

- Then use the 70-697 track as needed for specific subjects, and to reinforce

If you're an old hand, start with the 70-697 learning track

- Presumes more background & experience
- You may not need the 70-698 courses



Environment You're Supporting



Small business: start with the 70-698 learning track

- More focus on local settings & configuration

Enterprise environment: start with the 70-697 learning track

- More focus on cloud computing, virtualization, enterprise management tools



Tasks You Must Perform



Forget about the learning tracks!

Take courses and modules by topic

- Use the outlines given in this introduction
- Use Pluralsight's keyword search facility
- Don't be afraid to take some server courses/modules as appropriate

As You Take the Courses...



Think about how any given feature can help you in your organization.

- How could you use Dynamic Access Control to improve security?
- Would Windows To Go make sense for temps or contractors?
- Should you consider differentiating Windows Firewall settings by OU or site?
- Could event subscriptions be useful in a rollout?



Knowledge is good.
APPLIED knowledge is *great*.



Strategies for Exam Candidates



Quickest Way to Get a Cert – Any Cert?



The 70-697 exam gets you one; the 70-698 does not

- The '697 confers the “Microsoft Product Specialist” designation
- However, it's the harder of the two exams

Best Path for Most Candidates



Start with the 70-698

- It's a little easier
- Fewer courses to take
- Get familiar with exam structure

Move to the 70-697

- Study the less-familiar topics
- Spend more time with PowerShell, Group Policy, and server-side topics

The Windows 10 MCSA requires BOTH





Don't be discouraged if you don't
pass your first exam the first try.
MANY people don't. These are hard
tests.



Best Tip for Exam Success



Practice with VM's!

- Build your own virtual domain – we give you tips!
- Get free eval VM's from Microsoft
- Replicate (at least loosely) the demos in the courses
- Strike out on your own
- Focus especially on things you *don't* work with daily



Taking *both* learning tracks, even with the topic overlap, could help you reinforce your knowledge and ensure that all gaps are filled.





That's it for our introduction to the
Windows 10 learning tracks.

Have fun learning Windows 10 –
whichever path(s) you take!

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