

3.1.14 Lesson Review

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Question 1

Correct

A hardware technician is ordering power supply units (PSUs) for the organization's desktop computers. Most PSUs designed for use with desktop PCs are based on which form factor?

- PCIe
- ATX ✓ Correct
- Mini-ITX
- SFF

Explanation

The ATX form factor is the most common standard used for PSU designs. Mini-ITX is a less common, small-footprint motherboard design. PCIe is a connectivity standard for expansion cards. Small Form Factor (SFF) is a standardized small case design standard.

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Question 2

 Correct

Which of the following voltages are provided by an ATX power supply? (Select three.)

12 ✓ Correct

24

15

5 ✓ Correct

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Explanation

An ATX power supply provides 3.3, 5, and 12-volt DC power sources, but not 7, 9, 15, or 24 volts.

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Question 3

 Correct

Your company relocated you from the United States to their United Kingdom office in London. You brought your personal computer with you, and you are in the process of setting it up. Your computer was previously configured to receive 115 VAC, but the electricity in London uses 230 VAC.

Which of the following would allow your computer to run on 230 VAC?

Inspect the power supply unit for a manual voltage

- switch and move it to 230 VAC. Otherwise, no action is necessary. ✓ Correct

- Purchase a voltage converter and plug your computer into the converter box.

- Edit the BIOS and modify the voltage input setting.

- Purchase a new power supply that is compatible with 230 VAC.

Explanation

Most power supplies have the capacity to receive either 115 or 230 volts of power just by toggling a switch on the power supply case. However, modern power supplies generally support automatic voltage switching with no action required. You can use this switch when using the power supply in other countries. The 115-volt setting is used in the United States. 230 volts is used in Europe.

Because most power supplies support both 115 VAC and 230 VAC, you probably don't need to purchase an external voltage converter.

BIOS does not provide a voltage input setting to switch from 115 VAC to 230 VAC.

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Question 4

Correct

An employee submits a support ticket stating that their computer will not turn on.

Which of the following troubleshooting steps should you take first? (Select two.)

Make sure that the surge protector is turned on. ✓ Correct

Make sure that the keyboard and mouse are plugged in.

Open the computer and replace the power supply.

Make sure that the power cord is plugged into the wall. ✓ Correct

Use a multimeter to test the power supply.

Explanation

When troubleshooting the power supply, always check the following before opening up the computer:

- Make sure that the power cord is plugged into the wall.
- Verify that any surge protectors are plugged in and in the On position.
- Make sure that the power supply's switch is in the On position.

Only after you identify that the power supply is the problem should you replace it.

The keyboard and mouse being unplugged will not prevent the computer from powering on.

Test the power supply using a multimeter only after ruling out the obvious potential issues.

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Question 5

Correct

Which of the following will ensure optimal system cooling? (Select three.)

Keep the ambient temperature below 80 degrees F. ✓ Correct

Remove the side panel on the case.

Leave space between the case and any walls or obstructions. ✓ Correct

Stack hard drives next to each other.

Bundle cables together and secure unused cables to the case. ✓ Correct

Remove unused expansion slot covers to increase airflow.

Explanation

Consider the following recommendations to ensure optimal system cooling:

- Keep the case free of dust and debris. Excess dust can restrict airflow and prevent proper heat transfer.
- Reduce the number of airflow obstructions.
 - Employ proper cable management (bundle cables together and secure unused cables to the case).
 - Space out multiple hard disk drives instead of stacking them next to each other.
- Maintain appropriate ambient temperatures. Optimal ambient temperatures are between 60 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Ensure proper ventilation; leave space between the computer and any walls or desks.
- Preserve negative pressure inside the case by keeping all covers and shields installed (unused expansion cards, I/O shield, front drive bays).

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Question 6 **Correct**

You are testing the power supply in a PC system by measuring the voltage on the 12 V rail using a multimeter. The voltage is registering as +10.1 volts.

What should you do?

Replace the power supply. ✓ Correct

- Disconnect all devices drawing power from the power supply before testing it.
- Nothing. The power supply is working normally.
- Switch the voltage selector on the back from 220 VAC to 110 VAC.

Explanation

Voltage levels should be within +/- 5% of normal. In this case, the 12 V rail on the power supply should be between 11.4 and 12.6 volts. Because the voltage registers as +10.1 volts, the power supply is bad or failing and should be replaced.

Switching the voltage selector on the back from 220 VAC to 110 VAC will not resolve the voltage output.

Disconnecting all devices drawing power before testing would make the testing invalid. You need to test the load with the devices attached.

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Question 7 **Correct**

You need to replace the power supply in your home desktop computer.

Which of the following specifications are the MOST likely to affect your power supply choice? (Select three.)

An on/off power switch

Output wattage ✓ Correct

Output voltage selections

A fan that cools the unit

Form factor ✓ Correct

Type and number of connectors ✓ Correct

Input voltage selections

Explanation

When choosing a power supply:

- Select the power supply form factor that matches the motherboard and case form factor (ATX, Micro-ATX, Mini-ITX, etc.).
- Make sure that the power supply has the correct type and number of power connectors for all of your devices.
- Select a power supply with sufficient watts to power all devices. The higher the wattage, the more internal and external devices can be supported.

Nearly all power supplies can accept between 100 and 240 volts of AC input power. Use the switch on the back to specify the input power that is appropriate for the voltage used in your country.

All power supplies output +/-5 and +/-12 volts of DC output power.

In addition, most power supplies provide an on/off switch, and all power supplies provide some type of cooling (such as a fan).

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Question 8

 Correct

A hardware technician installed a new power supply unit (PSU) in a workstation and removed unnecessary power connector cables. What type of PSU did the technician install?

- ATX12V
- ATX
- Redundant

Modular ✓ Correct

Explanation

Modular PSU incorporates connectors on the PSU and component ends of the power cables. ATX12V, ATC, and Redundant PSU do not explicitly include an option to remove unnecessary connectors.

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Question 9

 Correct

What is the primary purpose of a 20+4-pin P1 adapter cable on an ATX power supply unit (PSU)?

- To allow the PSU to operate at higher wattage
- To increase the voltage output of the PSU
- To connect additional peripherals to the PSU
- To provide compatibility with both 20-pin and 24-pin motherboards

 Correct**Explanation**

The 20+4-pin P1 adapter cable allows compatibility with both 20-pin and 24-pin motherboard connectors, making the PSU adaptable for older and newer motherboard designs. This adapter does not increase voltage output or wattage capability, nor is it designed for connecting peripherals.

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Question 10

 Correct

Which of the following thermal solutions might you find on memory modules?

Passive heat sink ✓ Correct

- Surface area dissipation
- Liquid cooling
- Active heat sink

Explanation

Memory modules use passive heat sinks (also called heat spreaders). They do not have a fan because they rely on increased surface area and passive air movement to cool them.

Active heat sinks are used by components that generate more heat, such as CPUs, high-end video cards, and some motherboard chipsets with integrated graphics.

Surface area dissipation is a generic term for cooling used by both active and passive cooling systems.

Liquid cooling systems are used when air cooling is not sufficient. Liquid-based cooling systems are composed of tubes, cooling plates, a reservoir, and a radiator, primarily used for high-end gaming computers and high-performance systems.

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Question 11

 Correct

You have a desktop computer that you want to upgrade. You add several internal and external components. You realize that you need to ensure that your power supply can support these new components.

Which of the following power supply ratings BEST describes the rating you would use to determine this?

- AC voltage rating
- Watt rating ✓ Correct
- Resistance rating
- DC voltage rating

Explanation

The number of devices a power supply can support is directly related to the number of watts that the power supply is rated for. A power supply's watt rating determines its maximum power output.

AC and DC voltage are a measure of electrical pressure and are not directly related to the number of supportable devices. The voltage is dependent on the voltage of the wall outlet, and the voltage switch on the power supply should match the outlet's voltage. 115 is used in the United States, while 230 is typically used in Europe.

Resistance is a measure of how much an electrical device reduces the electrical current flowing through it.

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Question 12 **Correct**

Which of the following motherboard power connectors typically connect directly to the motherboard? (Select two.)

24-pin motherboard power ✓ Correct

6-pin PCIe power

Power on/off switch

4-pin CPU power ✓ Correct

SATA power

Explanation

The 4-pin CPU and 24-pin motherboard power connectors reside on the power supply that connects directly to the motherboard.

The power switch cable is connected to the system case and is connected to the motherboard.

PCIe power connectors (6-pin) connect to video cards.

SATA power cables connect to SATA devices.

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Question 13 **Correct**

Which component is responsible for transferring heat from the CPU to the liquid in a liquid cooling system?

- Pump
- Heat sink
- Radiator
- Water block ✓ Correct

Explanation

The water block is a crucial component of a liquid cooling system. It is attached directly to the CPU and transfers heat from the processor to the coolant (liquid) that circulates through the system. The liquid is then cooled down by passing through the radiator before it is recirculated.

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Question 14 **Correct**

You have a motherboard that uses a 24-pin ATX connector.

Which types of power supply could you use with this motherboard? (Select two.)

- A power supply with a 20-pin ATX connector only
- A power supply with a 24-pin ATX connector only **Correct**
- A power supply with a 20-pin ATX and a 6-pin connector
- A power supply with a 20-pin ATX and a Molex connector
- A power supply with a 20-pin ATX and a +4-pin connector **Correct**

Explanation

In this case, the motherboard needs either a 24-pin ATX connector or a 20-pin ATX and a +4-pin connector.

When selecting a power supply, make sure it includes the necessary connectors for your motherboard. Some motherboards and processors require an extra 4-pin and/or 8-pin connector in addition to the main 20- or 24-pin power connector.

A Molex connector is used by legacy components (such as IDE hard drives and PATA optical drives), case fans, and other accessory devices.

A 6-pin connector is used for video cards.

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Question 15

 Correct

You have a desktop computer that provides a 250-watt power supply. You recently added a four-disk RAID 10 array to the system, and now it spontaneously shuts down.

Which of the following would MOST likely solve this issue?

Upgrade to a power supply that provides more watts. ✓ Correct

Upgrade to a power supply that provides more volts.

Upgrade to smaller capacity hard drives.

Use the switch on the power supply to switch from 115 VAC to 230 VAC.

Explanation

The number of devices a power supply can support is directly related to the number of watts the power supply provides. In this situation, the new RAID array, along with all of the other components in the system, is drawing more watts than the power supply can provide. A watt is a rating for the amount of work that the power supply can perform.

Volts measure electrical pressure and are not directly related to the number of supportable devices. The voltage is dependent on the wall socket's voltage. The voltage switch on the power supply should match the voltage at the wall outlet. 115 is used in the United States, while 230 is typically used in Europe.

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