Kubernetes and Cloud Native Associate (KCNA) Exam Curriculum

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This document provides the curriculum outline of the Knowledge, Skills and Abilities that a Kubernetes and Cloud Native Associate (KCNA) can be expected to demonstrate.

KCNA Curriculum

46% - Kubernetes Fundamentals

- Kubernetes Resources
- Kubernetes Architecture
- Kubernetes API
- Containers
- Scheduling

22% - Container Orchestration

- Container Orchestration Fundamentals
- Runtime
- Security
- Networking
- Service Mesh
- Storage

16% - Cloud Native Architecture

- Cloud Native Architecture Fundamentals
- Autoscaling
- Serverless
- Community and Governance
- Personas
- Open Standards

8% - Cloud Native Observability

- Telemetry & Observability
- Prometheus
- Cost Management

8% - Cloud Native Application Delivery

- Application Delivery Fundamentals
- GitOps
- CI/CD

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