

MOC 55341AC: Installation, Storage, and Compute with Windows Server

Course Summary

Description

This five-day course is designed primarily for IT professionals who have some experience with Windows Server. It is designed for professionals who will be responsible for managing storage and compute by using Windows Server, and who need to understand the scenarios, requirements, and storage and compute options that are available and applicable to Windows Server.

Although this course and the associated labs are written for Windows Server 2022, the skills taught will also be backwards compatible for Server 2016 and Server 2019.

The course and labs also focus on how to administer Windows Server using not only the traditional tools such as PowerShell and Server manager, but also Windows Admin Center.

Objectives

At the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Prepare and install Windows Server and plan a server upgrade and migration strategy.
- Describe the various storage options, including partition table formats, basic and dynamic disks, file systems, virtual hard disks, and drive hardware, and explain how to manage disks and volumes.
- Describe enterprise storage solutions, and select the appropriate solution for a given situation
- Implement and manage Storage Spaces and Data Deduplication.
- Install and configure Microsoft Hyper-V and configure virtual machines.
- Deploy, configure, and manage Windows and Hyper-V containers
- Describe the high availability and disaster recovery technologies in Windows Server.
- Plan, create, and manage a failover cluster.
- Implement failover clustering for Hyper-V virtual machines.
- Configure a Network Load Balancing (NLB) cluster, and plan for an NLB implementation.
- Create and manage deployment images.
- Manage, monitor, and maintain virtual machine installations.

Topics

- Installing, upgrading, and migrating servers and workloads
- Configuring local storage
- Implementing enterprise storage solutions
- Implementing Storage Spaces and Data Deduplication
- Installing and configuring Hyper-V and virtual machines
- Deploying and managing containers
- High availability and disaster recovery
- Implementing failover clustering
- Implementing failover clustering with Windows Server Hyper-V
- Implementing Network Load Balancing
- Creating and managing deployment images
- Managing, monitoring, and maintaining virtual machine installations

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Audience

This course is intended for IT professionals who have some experience working with Windows Server, and who are looking for a single five-day course that covers storage and compute technologies in Windows Server. This course will help them update their knowledge and skills related to storage and compute for Windows Server.

Candidates suitable for this course would be:

- Windows Server administrators who are relatively new to Windows Server administration and related technologies, and who want to learn more about the storage and compute features in Windows Server.
- IT professionals with general IT knowledge who are looking to gain knowledge about Windows Server especially around storage and compute technologies in Windows Server.

Prerequisites

Students for this course should possess:

- A basic understanding of networking fundamentals.
- An awareness and understanding of security best practices.
- An understanding of basic Active Directory concepts.
- Basic knowledge of server hardware.
- Experience supporting and configuring Windows client operating systems such as Windows 10 or Windows 11.

Duration

Five days

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Course Outline

- I. *Installing Windows 11*
 This module describes the new features of Windows Server and explains how to prepare for and install Server Core. This module also describes how to plan a server upgrade and migration strategy and explains how to perform a migration of server roles and workloads within and across domains. Finally, this module explains how to choose an activation model based on your environment characteristics.
 - A. Introducing Windows Server
 - B. Preparing and installing Server Core
 - C. Preparing for upgrades and migrations
 - D. Migrating server roles and workloads
 - E. Windows Server activation models
 - F. Lab: Installing and configuring Windows Server
- II. *Configuring Local Storage*
 This module explains how to name, declare, assign values to, and use variables. It also describes how to store data in an array. (e.g., This module explains how to install, upgrade, and migrate to Windows 7. It also describes the key features, editions, and hardware requirements of Windows 7.
 - A. Managing disks in Windows Server
 - B. Managing volumes in Windows Server
 - C. Lab: Configuring Local Storage
 - a. Creating and managing volumes
 - b. Resizing volumes
 - c. Managing virtual hard disks
- III. *Implementing enterprise storage solutions*
 This module discusses direct-attached storage (DAS), network-attached storage (NAS), and storage area networks (SANs). It also explains the purpose of Microsoft Internet Storage Name Service (iSNS) Server, data center bridging (DCB), and Multipath I/O (MPIO). Additionally, this module compares Fibre Channel, Internet Small Computer Interface (iSCSI), and Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE), and describes how to configure sharing in Windows Server.
 - A. Overview of DAS, NAS, and SANs.
 - B. Comparing Fibre Channel, iSCSI, and Fibre Channel over Ethernet
 - C. Understanding iSNS, DCB, and MPIO
 - D. Configuring sharing in Windows Server
 - E. Lab: Planning and configuring storage technologies and components
 - a. Planning storage requirements
 - b. Configuring iSCSI storage
 - c. Configuring and managing the share infrastructure
- IV. *Implementing Storage Spaces and Data Deduplication*
 This module explains how to implement and manage Storage Spaces. This module also explains how to implement Data Deduplication.
 - A. Implementing Storage Spaces
 - B. Managing Storage Spaces
 - C. Implementing Data Deduplication
 - D. Lab: Implementing Storage Spaces
 - a. Creating a Storage Space
 - E. Lab: Implementing Data Deduplication
 - a. Installing Data Deduplication
 - b. Configuring Data Deduplication
- V. *Installing and configuring Hyper-V and virtual machines*
 This module provides an overview of Hyper-V and virtualization. It explains how to install Hyper-V and how to configure storage and networking on Hyper-V host servers. Additionally, it explains how to configure and manage Hyper-V virtual machines.
 - A. Overview of Hyper-V
 - B. Installing Hyper-V
 - C. Configuring storage on Hyper-V host servers
 - D. Configuring Hyper-V virtual machines
 - E. Managing virtual machines
 - F. Lab: Installing and configuring Hyper-V
 - a. Verify installation of the Hyper-V server role
 - b. Configuring Hyper-V networks
 - c. Creating and configuring virtual machines
 - d. Enable nested virtualization for a virtual machine

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- VI. *Deploying and Managing containers***
This module provides an overview of containers in Windows Server. Additionally, this module explains how to deploy Windows Server and Hyper-V containers. It also explains how to install, configure, and manage containers by using Docker.
- A. Overview of containers in Windows Server
 - B. Deploying Windows Server and Hyper-V containers
 - C. Installing, configuring, and managing containers by using Docker
 - D. Lab: Installing and configuring containers
 - a. Installing and configuring Windows Server containers by using Windows PowerShell
 - b. Deploy containers using Docker
- VII. *High availability and disaster recovery***
This module provides an overview of high availability and high availability with failover clustering in Windows Server. It further explains how to plan high availability and disaster recovery solutions with Hyper-V virtual machines. Additionally, this module explains how to back up and restore the Windows Server operating system and data by using Windows Server Backup.
- A. Defining levels of availability
 - B. Planning high availability and disaster recovery solutions with Hyper-V virtual machines
 - C. Backing up and restoring by using Windows Server Backup
 - D. High availability with failover clustering in Windows Server
 - E. Lab: Planning and implementing a high availability and disaster recovery solution
 - a. Determining the appropriate high availability and disaster recovery solution
 - b. Implementing storage migration
 - c. Configuring Hyper-V replicas
- VIII. *Implementing failover clustering***
This module explains how to plan for failover clustering. It also explains how to create, manage, and troubleshoot a failover cluster.
- A. Planning a failover cluster
 - B. Creating and configuring a new failover cluster
 - C. Maintaining a failover cluster
 - D. Troubleshooting a failover cluster
 - E. Implementing site high availability with stretch clustering
 - F. Lab: Implementing failover clustering
 - a. Creating a failover cluster
 - b. Verifying quorum settings and adding a node
 - G. Lab: Managing a failover cluster
 - a. Evicting a node and verifying quorum settings
 - b. Changing the quorum from disk witness to file-share witness and defining node voting
 - c. Verifying high availability
- IX. *Implementing failover clustering with Windows Server Hyper-V***
This module describes how Hyper-V integrates with failover clustering. It also explains how to implement Hyper-V virtual machines (VMs) in failover clusters.
- A. Overview of the integration of Hyper-V with failover clustering
 - B. Implementing Hyper-V VMs on failover clusters
 - C. Key features for VMs in a clustered environment
 - D. Lab: Implementing failover clustering with Windows Server Hyper-V
 - a. Configure iSCSI storage
 - b. Configuring a failover cluster for Hyper-V
 - c. Configuring a highly available VM
- X. *Implementing Network Load Balancing***
This module provides an overview of NLB clusters. It also explains how to plan and configure an NLB cluster implementation.
- A. Overview of NLB
 - B. Configuring an NLB cluster
 - C. Planning an NLB implementation
 - D. Lab: Implementing NLB
 - a. Implementing a Network Load Balancing (NLB) cluster
 - b. Configuring and managing the NLB cluster
 - c. Validating high availability for the NLB cluster

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- XI. Creating and managing deployment images*
This module provides an overview of the Windows Server image deployment process. It also explains how to create and manage deployment images by using the Microsoft Deployment Toolkit (MDT). Additionally, it describes different workloads in the virtual machine environment.
- A. Introduction to deployment images
 - B. Creating and managing deployment images by using MDT
 - C. Virtual machine environments for different workloads
 - D. Lab: Using MDT to deploy Windows Server
 - a. Configuring MDT
 - b. Creating and deploying an image
- XII. Managing, monitoring, and maintaining virtual machine installations*
This module provides an overview on Windows Server Update Services (WSUS) and the requirements to implement WSUS. It explains how to manage the update process with WSUS. Additionally, this module provides an overview of Windows PowerShell Desired State configuration (DSC) and Windows Server monitoring tools. Finally, this module describes how to use Performance Monitor, and how to manage event logs.
- A. WSUS overview and deployment options
 - B. Update management process with WSUS
 - C. Overview of Windows PowerShell DSC
 - D. Overview of Windows Server monitoring tools
 - E. Using Performance Monitor
 - F. Monitoring event logs
 - G. Lab: Implementing WSUS and deploying updates
 - a. Implementing WSUS
 - b. Configuring update settings
 - c. Approving and deploying an update by using WSUS
 - H. Lab: Monitoring and troubleshooting Windows Server
 - a. Establishing a performance baseline
 - b. Identifying the source of a performance problem
 - c. Viewing and configuring centralized event logs