

Installation, Storage and Compute with Windows Server

Course: 55341

Length: 5 Day

About this Course

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. 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. Legacy MOC Code: MOC 20740 C.

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.

Audience profile

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.

Course Objectives

- Configure and install Windows Server
- Manage Server Core, server upgrade and migration strategy
- Understand storage options
- Manage partition table formats
- Manage basic and dynamic disks, file systems
- Manage virtual hard disks, and drive hardware
- Manage disks and volumes
- Select and manage proper storage solutions for a specific scenario
- Storage Spaces and Data Deduplication implementation
- Configure and Manage Microsoft Hyper-V, virtual machines and Hyper-V containers
- Configure disaster recovery technologies
- Manage and Configure failover clustering for Hyper-V virtual machines
- Configure, plan and implement a Network Load Balancing (NLB)
- Work with deployment images

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Course outline

Module 1: Installing, upgrading, and migrating servers and workloads

This module explains how to prepare for and install Windows Server, including Server Core. This module also explains how to plan a server upgrade and migration strategy. Also this module explain to 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 environment characteristics

Lessons

- Introducing Windows Server
- Preparing and installing Server Core
- Preparing for upgrades and migrations
- Migrating server roles and workloads
- Windows Server activation models

Lab 1: Installing and configuring Server Core

- Installing Server Core
- Completing post-installation tasks on Windows Server Core
- Performing remote management

After completing this module, students will be able to:

- Understand concepts of Windows Server including preparation and installation of Server Core
- Manage upgrades and migration of server roles and workloads
- Manage Windows Server activation models

Module 2: Configuring local storage

This module explains how to manage disks and volumes in Windows Server.

Lessons

- Managing disks in Windows Server
- Managing volumes in Windows Server

Lab 1: Configuring local storage

- Creating and managing volumes
- Resizing volumes
- Managing virtual hard disks

After completing this module, students will be able to:

- Manage disks including configuring and resizing volumes
- Manage virtual hard disks

Module 3: Implementing enterprise storage solutions

This module explains how to understand 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, and Multipath I/O (MPIO). Additionally, this module compares Fibre Channel, Internet Small Computer System Interface (iSCSI), and Fibre Channel Over Ethernet (FCoE), and describes how to configure sharing in Windows Server.

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- Overview of DAS, NAS, and SANs
- Comparing Fibre Channel, iSCSI, and Fibre Channel over Ethernet
- Understanding iSNS, DCB, and MPIO
- Configuring sharing in Windows Server

Lab 1: Planning and configuring storage technologies and components

- Planning storage requirements
- Configuring iSCSI storage
- Configuring and managing the share infrastructure

After completing this module, students will be able to:

- Understand DAS, NAS and SAN also iSNS, DCB and MPIO
- Plan and configure storage requirement for iSCSI
- Configure and manage share infrastructure

Module 4: Implementing Storage Spaces and Data Deduplication

This module explains how to implement and manage Storage Spaces and Data Deduplication.

Lessons

- Implementing Storage Spaces
- Managing Storage Spaces
- Implementing Data Deduplication

Lab 1: Implementing Storage Spaces

- Creating a Storage Space
- Enabling and configuring storage tiering

Lab 2: Implementing Data Deduplication

- Installing Data Deduplication
- Configuring Data Deduplication

After completing this module, students will be able to:

- Manage and implement storage space and data deduplication

Module 5: Installing and configuring Hyper-V and virtual machines

This module explains how to install Hyper-V, and configure storage and networking on Hyper-V host servers. Additionally, it explains how to configure and manage Hyper-V virtual machines

Lessons

- Overview of Hyper-V
- Installing Hyper-V
- Configuring storage on Hyper-V host servers
- Configuring networking on Hyper-V host servers
- Configuring Hyper-V virtual machines
- Managing virtual machines

Lab 1: Installing and configuring Hyper-V

- Verifying installation of the Hyper-V server role
- Configuring Hyper-V networks
- Creating and configuring virtual machines
- Enabling nested virtualization for a virtual machine

After completing this module, students will be able to:

- Understand Hyper-V
- Configure storage, networking and virtual machines on Hyper-V host servers
- Manage virtual machines

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Module 6: Deploying and managing Windows and Hyper-V containers

This module explains how to deploy Windows Server and Hyper-V containers. It also explains how to install, configure, and manage containers by using Windows PowerShell and Docker.

Lessons

- Overview of containers in Windows Server
- Preparing for containers
- Installing, configuring, and managing containers by using Docker

Lab 1: Installing and configuring containers

- Installing Docker Enterprise Edition for Windows Server
- Installing and configuring an IIS container

After completing this module, students will be able to:

- Understand containers and also installing docker container
- Install and configure IIS container

Module 7: Overview of high availability and disaster recovery

This module 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 the Windows Server Backup feature.

Lessons

- Defining levels of availability
- Planning high availability and disaster recovery solutions with Hyper-V virtual machines
- Backing up and restoring by using Windows Server Backup
- High Availability with failover clustering in Windows Server

Lab 1: Planning and implementing a high availability and disaster recovery solution

- Determine the appropriate high availability and disaster recovery solution
- Implementing storage migration
- Configuring Hyper-V Replicas

After completing this module, students will be able to:

- Define and plan availability levels and disaster recovery
- Backup and restore using Windows Server Backup
- Manage failover cluster for high availability

Module 8: Implementing failover clustering

This module explains how to create and manage a failover cluster. Additionally, it explains how to implement high availability and stretch clustering for a site.

Lessons

- Planning a failover cluster
- Creating and configuring a new failover cluster
- Maintaining a failover cluster
- Troubleshooting a failover cluster
- Implementing site high availability with stretch clustering

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Lab 1: Implementing failover clustering

- Creating a failover cluster
- Verifying quorum settings and adding a node

Lab 2: Managing a failover cluster

- Evicting a node and verifying quorum settings
- Changing the quorum from disk witness to file-share witness and defining node voting
- Verifying high availability

After completing this module, students will be able to:

- Understand, plan, create and configure a failover cluster including maintenance
- Troubleshoot failover cluster
- Implement stretch clustering

Module 9: Implementing failover clustering with Windows Server Hyper-V

This module explains how to implement Hyper-V virtual machines in failover clusters. Additionally, it describes the key features for virtual machines in a clustered environment.

Lessons

- Overview of the integration of Hyper-V Server with failover clustering
- Implementing Hyper-V VMs on failover clusters
- Key features for VMs in a clustered environment

Lab 1: Implementing failover clustering with Windows Server Hyper-V

- Configuring virtual environment
- Configuring a failover cluster for Hyper-V
- Configuring a highly available VM

After completing this module, students will be able to:

- Integrate and implement Hyper-V Server with failover cluster
- Configure virtual environment including failover cluster for Hyper-V
- Understand and implement highly available VMS

Module 10: Implementing Network Load Balancing

This module explains how to plan and configure an NLB cluster implementation. It also provides an overview of Network Load Balancing (NLB) and NLB clusters.

Lessons

- Overview of NLB
- Configuring an NLB cluster
- Planning an NLB implementation

Lab 1: Implementing NLB

- Implementing a Network Load Balancing (NLB) cluster
- Configuring and managing the NLB cluster
- Validating high availability for the NLB cluster

After completing this module, students will be able to:

- Understand, configure and implement a Network Load Balancer (NLB)

Module 11: Creating and managing deployment images

This module 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

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Lessons

- Introduction to deployment images
- Creating and managing deployment images by using MDT
- Virtual machine environments for different workloads

Lab 1: Using MDT to deploy Windows Server

- Configuring MDT
- Creating and deploying an image

After completing this module, students will be able to:

- Understand the Microsoft Deployment Toolkit (MDT)
- Create and manage deployment images

Module 12: Managing, monitoring, and maintaining virtual machine installations

This module 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.

Lessons

- WSUS overview and deployment options
- Update management process with WSUS
- Overview of Windows PowerShell DSC
- Overview of Windows Server monitoring tools
- Using Performance Monitor
- Monitoring event logs

Lab 1: Implementing WSUS and deploying updates

- Implementing WSUS
- Configuring update settings
- Approving and deploying an update by using WSUS

Lab 2: Monitoring and troubleshooting Windows Server

- Establishing a performance baseline
- Identifying the source of a performance problem
- Viewing and configuring centralized event logs

After completing this module, students will be able to:

- Implement WSUS and configure update settings
- Approve and deploy an update using WSUS
- Establish, identify performance baseline
- View and configure event logs