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The **TechCertRegistry** provides you with the ability to create a Universal ID that allows you to manage your IT certifications, for multiple vendors, using a single account. This makes it easy to aggregate your multiple IT certifications in a single secure report.

An official TechCertRegistry transcript offers an additional degree of professionalism to your portfolio, or to an application package. Did you know that over 25% of job applicants claim they have a certification that they simply do not have? You can alleviate any doubt of your certification credentials with a formal transcript, and differentiate yourself in the IT marketplace with an added level of credibility.

The TechCertRegistry is an initiative of the Information Technology Certification Council (**ITCC**). The ITCC is a council of industry leaders, who have come together to promote the value and benefits of IT certification. As a founding member of the ITCC, IBM is pleased to be a Credential Sponsor participating in the TechCertRegistry. Other Credential Sponsors participating in the registry include: HP, Microsoft, Citrix, Novell, and others.

Why IT Certify? See the Value!

- Does being Certified help you make more money and move up the career ladder faster?
- Does having Certified Employees help Your Business?
- Does Certification help in bringing faster quality solutions to market?

Check the Stats!

In a joint endeavour, Prometric and IBM have created a **web-based resource** designed to give you information on the value of IT certification. This one-of-a-kind website is chocked-full of data, articles of interest, certification information, and links to other resources.

Check out the new **Why IT Certify Website** and **See The Value!**

To get started:

1. Go to the **TechCertRegistry Website** to create a secure account, with a unique ID. (This new ID is your Universal ID to be used with Credential Sponsors and Testing Providers)
2. Register you Universal ID with IBM, on the **Certification Member Site**
3. Lastly, affiliate your IBM Certifications to your TechCertRegistry account (on the TechCertRegistry site)

There is no charge to create an account. Go to the **TechCertRegistry Website** to learn more, and get started today!

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New Certification Paths for Lotus Notes Domino 8.5

The IBM Certification Program for Lotus Software is restructuring the Lotus Notes Domino 8.5 Certification paths for both Application Developers and System Administrators.

The number of core tests will be reduced from three, down to a requirement of two core tests. This decision was based on feedback from the certified community and reexamination of the requirements of both roles.

The material from the current three test structure will be reorganized and combined into a two test structure. This is a restructure of V8.5 only. Lotus Notes Domino 8 remains unchanged.

The new structure of the paths will be as follows:

IBM Certified Application Developer - Lotus Notes and Domino 8.5

- LOT985 Developing IBM Lotus Notes and Domino 8.5 Applications
- LOT986 Creating IBM Lotus Notes and Domino 8.5 Applications with Xpages and Advanced Techniques

IBM Certified System Administrator - Lotus Notes and Domino 8.5

- LOT925 Installing and Configuring IBM Lotus Notes and Domino 8.5
- LOT926 Managing and Maintaining IBM Lotus Notes and Domino 8.5 Environments

Please note the following:

Assessment Tests will be available: Assessment Test will be published for all four new core exams, giving candidates an opportunity to assess their state of preparedness to take the actual certification test.

Recertification paths will remain unchanged: If you have certified on Lotus Notes Domino 8 as an administrator and/or developer, passing the applicable update test you will be awarded certification for release 8.5

Associate level certifications will be withdrawn: Once the restructuring has been complete, the associate level certifications will be sunset. (NOTE: The Associate-level Certifications will continue to count toward PartnerWorld points until year-end 2011.

The Lotus certification program recognizes the need to give candidates who have started down the current path an opportunity to finish. Though the old paths and tests will be removed from IBM websites, the tests will still be available via Prometric until the end of the year. On December 31st, 2011, they will be withdrawn.

See below for a list of possible scenarios and advice from the program:

Scenario 1: A professional has achieved associate level certification in ND8.5 in either stream (they have passed the first core exam) **Best Option:** Take the second and third core test before the end of the year

Scenario 2: A professional has passed the first two core tests in either stream **Best Option:** Take the third core test before the end of the year

Scenario 3: A professional has achieved certification in Lotus Notes 8 in either stream **Best Option:** Take the applicable update exam for 8.5

Scenario 4: A professional has achieved certification in Lotus Notes 7 in either stream **Best Option:** Take the applicable update exam for release 8, then take the applicable update exam for release 8.5

Any questions regarding the above alterations to the Lotus Notes Domino 8.5 Certification paths should be sent to certify@us.ibm.com.

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BP Value Package: Sales Master Test Vouchers

IBM Business Partners who purchase the Value Package are eligible for no charge test vouchers to cover the cost of IBM Software sales mastery tests. These tests are used to validate your sales skills, one of the requirements to participate in Software Value Incentive and achieve authorization to resell authorized IBM products. These vouchers are in addition to the reimbursement amounts received with the You Pass, We Pay benefit.

New Opportunity - Available for Purchase: Vouchers for Sales Mastery Tests & Assessment Tests

Beginning in October, Prometric (IBM's Test Delivery Vendor) will offer the opportunity to purchase vouchers for:

- 1) IBM Sales Mastery Tests (for PW sales skills), and
- 2) Assessment Tests (for evaluating preparedness to take the certification exam).

The vouchers may be purchased using Prometric's Voucher Express, for Easy Serve **Voucher Orders**. The availability of vouchers for these tests will benefit BP Firms interested in providing employee's the ability to take the tests without the need to use their own credit card for payment.

The Sales Mastery Tests and Assessment Tests are both non-proctored exams delivered on Prime, the Prometric Internet Based **Testing System**. These tests can be taken any time at the convenience of the tester.

Note: Certification test vouchers continue to be available for **purchase** from Prometric.

Attention BPs with SPSS Skills

NEW IBM SPSS Modeler exams - Business Partner Data Analyst Associate (SPS-201) and Business Partner Data Mining Associate (SPS-202) - are now available to help IBM Partners qualify for the SPSS Enterprise Software ValuePlus Program. For more information, go to

SPSS Enterprise page on PartnerWorld.



System z has published a new set of Mastery Tests

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Tivoli Testing Promotions for Expiring Certifications

There are replacement exams available for 7 Tivoli certifications set to expire in September & October 2011. Check out the **Tivoli News Web Page** for the complete list of certification expiration dates and the replacement exams,

To help you maintain PW points and continue to be certified, Tivoli is offering a special promotion for the replacement exams of the expiring certifications.

- \$5 assessment exams on the listed replacement exams using the promotion code: **assessq4**
- 50% off on the listed replacement certification exams at any Prometric Testing Center worldwide using the promotion code: **q4certify**
- Offer expires on December 31, 2011

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Upcoming Tivoli Workshops

Are your skills cutting edge? Help Tivoli software build the next generation of certification exams by participating in upcoming certification exam development workshops. Workshops are conducted via VoIP and Web meetings so travel is not required.

IBM Tivoli Netcool/Impact V6.1 Implementation

Job Task Analysis Workshop - October 3-6, 2011
Item Writing Workshop - October 17-20, 2011
Technical Review Workshop - October 31-Nov. 2, 2011
Angoff/Scoring Workshop - November 14, 2011

IBM Tivoli Workload Scheduler V8.6 Implementation

Job Task Analysis Workshop - October 3-6, 2011
Item Writing Workshop - October 17-20, 2011
Technical Review Workshop - October 27-29, 2011
Angoff/Scoring Workshop - November 14, 2011

IBM Tivoli Business Service Manager V6.1 Implementation

Job Task Analysis Workshop - October 10-13, 2011
Item Writing Workshop - October 24-27, 2011
Technical Review Workshop - October 26-28, 2011
Angoff/Scoring Workshop - November 16, 2011

IBM Tivoli Monitoring V6.2.3 Administration

Job Task Analysis Workshop - October 10-13, 2011
Item Writing Workshop - October 18-21, 2011
Technical Review Workshop - November 9-11, 2011
Angoff/Scoring Workshop - November 16, 2011

IBM Maximo Asset Management V7.5 Implementation

Job Task Analysis Workshop - October 11-14, 2011
Item Writing Workshop - October 24-27, 2011
Technical Review Workshop - November 8-10, 2011
Angoff/Scoring Workshop - November 16, 2011

Contact Tivoli Certification for more information or to participate as a Subject Matter Expert

(tivcert@us.ibm.com).

New Tivoli Study Guides

The most common question we are asked is "how do I prepare for a Tivoli certification exam?" Well, the first question we ask is do you have real world experience with the product? If the answer is yes, then we ask have you reviewed the exam objectives? Our item writers write their exam questions based on the exam objectives. Now, we know that they are difficult to read on our Web site. So, we developed new Tivoli Study Guides for our new and most popular exams. These study guides include all of the exam objectives PLUS how you should use those objectives to prepare for the exam.

Check them out.

Latest Tivoli Certifications:

IBM Certified Deployment Professional - Tivoli Composite Application Manager for Application Diagnostics V7.1

IBM Certified Deployment Professional - Tivoli Network Manager IP Edition V3.9 Implementation

IBM Certified Solution Advisor - Tivoli Storage Solutions V3

IBM Certified Solution Advisor - Cloud Computing Architecture V2

IBM Certified Deployment Professional - Tivoli Provisioning Manager V7.2.1 Implementation

Go to the IBM Certification Web site for all **Tivoli Certifications** currently available.

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New Power Systems Certification: Virtualization Technical Support for AIX and Linux -v2



The **IBM Certified Systems Expert - Virtualization Technical Support for**

AIX and Linux -v2 provides technical support for IBM Virtualization technologies. This Certified Systems Expert provides technical expertise to internal or external customers in the design, implementation and management of virtualized environments. The successful candidate can plan a virtualized environment from the beginning stages through installation and on-going support, and can determine which virtualization technology is appropriate to a given solution. This person is skilled in various implementation, migration, and mobility tasks. They can determine which environments are suitable to given requirements and are aware of software licensing requirements related to a virtualized environment.

Price Policy for Certification Tests

The test price structure of the IBM Professional Certification Program is based on two price-points per exam.

- 1) Standard test price, and
- 2) Reduced test price for lower economic countries *

* **Country eligibility for reduced pricing is based on the country economic designation by the World Bank.**

This test price policy can be found on the IBM Professional Certification Program

Policy web page. As documented, the Certification Program annually updates country eligibility for the reduced price, based on the World Bank economic designations in place on January 1st.

Current prices, by country, are available on the **Test Information** web page. During the fourth quarter a notice will be posted on the Test Information page indicating the countries that will change price categories effective January 1, 2012.

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Program Manager,
Business Analytics / Cognos & SPSS Certification
- Kathy Powers**
Program Manager, System Storage Certification
- Helene Untch**
Program Manager, WebSphere, SOA, & XLM Certification
- Susan Weaver**
Program Manager, Information Management Certification



New Certifications now available for IBM Business Analytics

- IBM Certified Developer - Cognos Real-time Monitoring
- IBM Certified Advanced Solution Expert - Cognos TM1
- IBM Certified Developer - Cognos Financial Statement Reporting
- IBM Certified Developer - Cognos 8 Analytic Applications
- IBM Certified Associate - SPSS Modeler Data Analyst
- IBM Certified Associate - SPSS Modeler Data Mining

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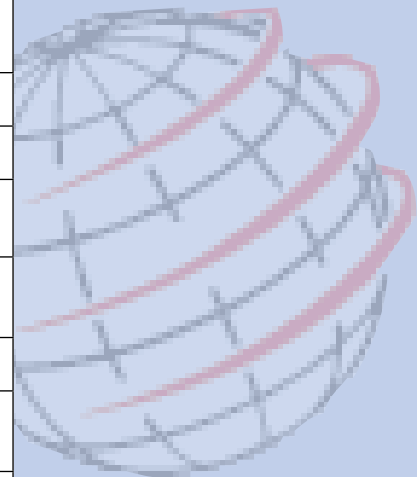


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Upcoming Conferences & Certification Testing Events

Start date	End date	Name	Location
03 Oct 2011	07 Oct 2011	2011 IBM System z Technical University	Miami, FL
10 Oct 2011	14 Oct 2011	2011 European Smarter Commerce Solutions	Berlin, Germany
10 Oct 2011	14 Oct 2011	2011 IBM Exceptional Web Experience Europe	Berlin, Germany
10 Oct 2011	14 Oct 2011	2011 IBM Power Systems Technical University	Miami, FL
10 Oct 2011	14 Oct 2011	IBM European WebSphere Technical Conference	Berlin, Germany
10 Oct 2011	14 Oct 2011	IBM System Storage Technical University	Lisbon, Portugal
10 Oct 2011	14 Oct 2011	IBM System x Technical University	Lisbon, Portugal
23 Oct 2011	27 Oct 2011	Information On Demand 2011	Las Vegas, NV
24 Oct 2011	28 Oct 2011	IBM Power Systems Technical University 2011	Copenhagen, Denmark
24 Oct 2011	26 Oct 2011	IBM Systems Technical Conference - Brazil	Campinas/ São Paulo - Brazil
25 Oct 2011	26 Oct 2011	IBM Exceptional Web Experience Conference 2011	Sydney, Australia
25 Oct 2011	26 Oct 2011	IBM WebSphere Technical Conference	Sydney, Australia
08 Nov 2011	09 Nov 2011	IBM System x and BladeCenter Technical Symposium	Bangkok, Thailand
09 Nov 2011	11 Nov 2011	IBM System x[®] and System Storage[®] Technical Symposium	Auckland, New Zealand
14 Nov 2011	17 Nov 2011	IBM IMS Technical Symposium 2011	Königstein, Germany
15 Nov 2011	17 Nov 2011	IBM System Storage[®] Technical Symposium	Melbourne, Australia
28 Nov 2011	30 Nov 2011	2011 IBM Cloud Technical Symposium	Darmstadt, Germany



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