

Microsoft 6430

Managing and Maintaining Windows Server 2008 Servers

Length: 5 days

Introduction

Elements of this syllabus are subject to change.

This five-day instructor-led course provides students with the knowledge and skills to implement, monitor, and maintain Windows Server 2008 servers.

Audience

This course is intended for entry level server administrators or IT professionals who are interested in becoming server administrators as the next step in their career path.

At Course Completion

After completing this course, students will be able to:

- Plan a Windows Server 2008 Deployment.
- Plan and implement server commissioning and decommissioning for Windows Server 2008.
- Plan the installation of server roles for Windows Server 2008.
- Create a configuration change plan for Windows Server 2008.
- Plan and implement Windows Server 2008 security.
- Manage application versioning in Windows Server 2008.
- Plan for a high-availability Windows Server 2008 deployment.
- Plan a server update maintenance schedule for Windows Server 2008.
- Maintain Distributed File System (DFS) in Windows Server 2008.
- Define server backup requirements and policies for Windows Server 2008 backup.
- Plan and implement a Windows Server 2008 restore.
- Plan Windows Server 2008 monitoring.
- Troubleshoot hardware issues.
- Troubleshoot software issues.
- Troubleshoot network issues.

Prerequisites

Before attending this course, students should have up to 1 year experience implementing server plans although have probably not yet had full responsibility for planning. This course requires that students meet the following prerequisites: • A strong familiarity with Windows deployment technologies and implementation. • A strong familiarity with Windows networking technologies and implementation. • A strong familiarity with Active Directory technologies and implementation. Recommended Courses • 6418 - Deploying Windows Server 2008 • 6420 - Fundamentals of Windows Server 2008 Network and Applications Infrastructure • 6421 - Configuring and Troubleshooting a Windows Server 2008 Network Infrastructure • 6424 - Fundamentals of Windows Server 2008 Active Directory • 6425 - Configuring Windows Server 2008 Active Directory Domain Services

Outline

Module 1: Planning for Windows Server 2008 Deployment

- This module explains how to deploy Windows Server 2008
- Overview of Windows Server 2008 Deployment
- Identifying Windows Server 2008 Compatibility Issues
- Developing a Windows Server 2008 Deployment Plan
- Lab: Planning for a Windows Server 2008 Server Deployment
- Reviewing the Existing Server Environment

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- Reviewing Business Requirements and SLAs
- Creating a Deployment Plan
- Discussion – Reviewing the Deployment Plans

Module 2: Managing Server Migration

- This module explains how to commission and decommission Windows Server 2008
- Creating a Windows Server 2008 Deployment Plan
- Planning the Server Decommissioning Process
- Commissioning a Windows Server 2008 File Server
- Lab: Migrating a File Server to Windows Server 2008
- Reviewing the Existing Server Environment
- Planning for the Windows Server 2008 File Server
- Deploying a Windows Server 2008 File Server
- Verifying the Windows Server 2008 File Server Deployment

Module 3: Planning Windows Server 2008 Server Roles

- This module explains how to plan the installation of server roles in Windows Server 2008
- Planning for Windows Server 2008 Hardware
- Planning for Windows Server 2008 Server Roles
- Planning for Windows Server 2008 File Servers
- Planning for Windows Server 2008 Core
- Lab: Planning Windows Server 2008 Servers
- Planning a Windows Server 2008 Server Configuration
- Planning a Windows Server 2008 File Server
- Implementing Windows Server 2008 File Servers

Module 4: Creating a Configuration Change Plan for Windows Server 2008

- This module explains how to create a configuration change plan in Windows Server 2008
- Developing a change control process
- Planning configuration changes
- Evaluating configuration changes
- Lab: Creating a Configuration Change Plan
- Plan a Windows Server 2008 server configuration
- Discussion – Sharing best practice

Module 5: Managing Windows Server 2008 Security

- This module explains how to plan and implement security in Windows Server 2008
- Planning a defense-in-depth strategy
- Implementing host level security for Windows Server 2008
- Implementing server security by using Group Policies
- Implementing network security for Windows Server 2008
- Lab: Managing Windows Server 2008 Security
- Planning a Windows Server 2008 security configuration
- Implementing file server security

Module 6: Planning for the Application Server Role

- This module explains how to manage versioning and related frameworks in Windows Server 2008
- Determining application server role requirements
- Overview of the application server role components
- Supporting the .NET framework
- Lab: Planning for the Application Server Role
- Identifying the server roles required to support a LOB application
- Identifying .NET framework requirements
- Planning security requirements for the application

Module 7: Planning for Windows Server 2008 High Availability

- This module explains how to plan for high availability in Windows Server 2008
- Planning for Network Load Balancing
- Overview of failover clustering support in Windows Server 2008
- Creating clusters in Windows Server 2008
- Lab: Planning for Failover Clusters in Windows Server 2008
- Planning hardware requirements for Windows Server 2008 failover clusters
- Planning for Network Load Balancing
- Planning for a high availability LOB application

Module 8: Maintaining Windows Server 2008

- This module explains how to plan a server update maintenance schedule in Windows Server 2008
- Overview of Windows Server 2008 management tasks
- Planning for security update management
- Automating Windows Server 2008 maintenance
- Lab: Developing a Maintenance Plan for Windows Server 2008
- Evaluating log files and reports
- Planning the maintenance schedule
- Automating maintenance tasks
- Reviewing the maintenance plan

Module 9: Maintaining a Distributed File System on Windows Server 2008

- This module explains how to maintain a Distributed File System (DFS) on Windows Server 2008
- Planning components required for DFS
- Planning for fault tolerance in DFS
- Tools for managing DFS
- Lab: Planning for DFS
- Evaluating the existing server environment
- Deployment considerations for DFS
- Designing a fault tolerant DFS solution

Module 10: Planning Windows Server 2008 Backup

- This module explains how to define backup requirements and policies for administering Windows Server 2008
- Plan Backups by Using the Windows Server 2008 Backup Feature
- Plan a backup policy for Windows Server 2008
- Lab: Managing Windows Server 2008 Backup
- Evaluating the existing backup plan
- Updating the backup policy
- Reviewing backup policy and plans
- Backing up a server

Module 11: Managing a Windows Server 2008 Restore

- This module explains how to plan and implement a Windows Server 2008 restore
- Planning a server restore policy
- Planning an EFS restore policy
- Verifying restored data
- Lab: Planning Windows Server 2008 Restore
- Evaluating the backup data
- Planning a restore including System State Data
- Investigating a failed restore

Module 12: Monitoring Microsoft Windows Server 2008 Servers

- This module explains how to plan for monitoring Windows Server 2008

- Planning monitoring tasks
- Calculating a server baseline
- Measuring performance objects
- Selecting appropriate monitoring tools
- Planning notification methods
- Lab: Identifying Windows Server 2008 Monitoring Requirements
- Evaluating performance metrics
- Monitoring performance metrics
- Configuring Data Collector sets
- Evaluating trends
- Remote monitoring extension

Module 13: Troubleshooting Microsoft Windows Server 2008 Hardware

- This module explains how to troubleshoot hardware issues in Windows Server 2008
- Identifying hardware support issues
- Dealing with physical failures
- Dealing with device driver failures
- Lab: Troubleshooting Hardware Issues
- Evaluating disk issues
- Planning for server availability
- Planning for future capacity requirements
- Discussion – Server Hardware Issues

Module 14: Troubleshooting Microsoft Windows Server 2008 Software

- This module explains how to troubleshoot software issues in Windows Server 2008
- Planning for business continuity
- Reviewing log files
- Reviewing core OS components
- Evaluating security issues
- Lab: Troubleshooting Software Issues
- Resolving driver update issues
- Rolling back a patch
- Fixing version incompatibilities
- Reconfiguring software settings

Module 15: Troubleshooting Microsoft Windows Server 2008 Networks

- This module explains how to troubleshoot network issues in Windows Server 2008
- Analyzing the scale of network issues
- Correcting IP connectivity issues
- Resolving names in Windows Server 2008
- Lab 15: Troubleshooting Network Problems
- Resolving high network usage issues
- Resolving server connectivity problems
- Resolving name resolution problems
- Resolving slow server response times