COURSE OVERVIEW

Course Name:
(AZ-800) Administering Windows Server Hybrid Core Infrastructure

COURSE DURATION: 5 Days

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INTRODUCTION

This course teaches IT Professionals how to manage core Windows Server workloads and services using on-premises, hybrid, and cloud technologies. The course teaches IT Professionals how to implement and manage on-premises and hybrid solutions such as identity, management, compute, networking, and storage in a Windows Server hybrid environment.

DELIVERY METHOD

Our courses have flexible delivery options:

- In-person classroom training at the Impactful training facilities
  - Johannesburg, Durban, Cape Town
- Virtual instructor-led training
- Nationally: on-site at the client

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INTENDED AUDIENCE

This four-day course is intended for Windows Server Hybrid Administrators who have experience working with Windows Server and want to extend the capabilities of their on-premises environments by combining on-premises and hybrid technologies. Windows Server Hybrid Administrators implement and manage on-premises and hybrid solutions such as identity, management, compute, networking, and storage in a Windows Server hybrid environment.

PREREQUISITES

Before attending this course, students must have:

- Experience with managing Windows Server operating system and Windows Server workloads in on-premises scenarios, including AD DS, DNS, DFS, Hyper-V, and File and Storage Services.
- Experience with common Windows Server management tools (implied in the first prerequisite).
- Basic knowledge of core Microsoft compute, storage, networking, and virtualization technologies (implied in the first prerequisite).
- Experience and an understanding of core networking technologies such as IP addressing, name resolution, and Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP).
- Experience working with and an understanding of Microsoft Hyper-V and basic server virtualization concepts.
- Basic experience with implementing and managing IaaS services in Microsoft Azure.
- Basic knowledge of Azure Active Directory.
- Experience working hands-on with Windows client operating systems such as Windows 10 or Windows 11.
- Basic experience with Windows PowerShell.

COURSE CONTENT

Module 1: Identity services in Windows Server
This module introduces identity services and describes Active Directory Domain Services (AD DS) in a Windows Server environment. The module describes how to deploy domain controllers in AD DS, as well as Azure Active Directory (AD) and the benefits of integrating Azure AD with AD DS. The module also covers Group Policy basics and how to configure group policy objects (GPOs) in a domain environment.
Lessons
Introduction to AD DS
Manage AD DS domain controllers and FSMO roles
Implement Group Policy Objects
Manage advanced features of AD DS
Lab : Implementing identity services and Group Policy
Deploying a new domain controller on Server Core
Configuring Group Policy

Module 2: Implementing identity in hybrid scenarios
This module discusses how to configure an Azure environment so that Windows IaaS workloads requiring Active Directory are supported. The module also covers integration of on-premises Active Directory Domain Services (AD DS) environment into Azure. Finally, the module explains how to extend an existing Active Directory environment into Azure by placing IaaS VMs configured as domain controllers onto a specially configured Azure virtual network subnet.
Lessons
Implement hybrid identity with Windows Server
Deploy and manage Azure IaaS Active Directory domain controllers in Azure
Lab : Implementing integration between AD DS and Azure AD
Preparing Azure AD for AD DS integration
Preparing on-premises AD DS for Azure AD integration
Downloading, installing, and configuring Azure AD Connect
Verifying integration between AD DS and Azure AD
Implementing Azure AD integration features in AD DS

Module 3: Windows Server administration
This module describes how to implement the principle of least privilege through Privileged Access Workstation (PAW) and Just Enough Administration (JEA). The module also highlights several common Windows Server administration tools, such as Windows Admin Center, Server Manager, and PowerShell. This module also describes the post-installation configuration process and tools available to use for this process, such as sconfig and Desired State Configuration (DSC).
Lessons
Perform Windows Server secure administration
Describe Windows Server administration tools
Perform post-installation configuration of Windows Server
Just Enough Administration in Windows Server
Lab : Managing Windows Server
Implementing and using remote server administration

Module 4: Facilitating hybrid management
This module covers tools that facilitate managing Windows IaaS VMs remotely. The module also covers how to use Azure Arc with on-premises server instances, how to deploy Azure policies with Azure Arc, and how to use role-based access control (RBAC) to restrict access to Log Analytics data.
Lessons
Administer and manage Windows Server IaaS virtual machines remotely
Manage hybrid workloads with Azure Arc
Lab : Using Windows Admin Center in hybrid scenarios
Provisioning Azure VMs running Windows Server
Implementing hybrid connectivity by using the Azure Network Adapter
Deploying Windows Admin Center gateway in Azure
Verifying functionality of the Windows Admin Center gateway in Azure

Module 5: Hyper-V virtualization in Windows Server
This module describes how to implement and configure Hyper-V VMs and containers. The module covers key features of Hyper-V in Windows Server, describes VM settings, and how to configure VMs in Hyper-V. The module also covers security technologies used with virtualization, such as shielded VMs, Host Guardian Service, admin-trusted and TPM-trusted attestation, and Key Protection Service (KPS). Finally, this module covers how to run containers and container workloads, and how to orchestrate container workloads on Windows Server using Kubernetes.
Lessons
Configure and manage Hyper-V
Configure and manage Hyper-V virtual machines
Secure Hyper-V workloads
Run containers on Windows Server
Orchestrate containers on Windows Server using Kubernetes
Lab : Implementing and configuring virtualization in Windows Server
Creating and configuring VMs
Installing and configuring containers

Module 6: Deploying and configuring Azure VMs
This module describes Azure compute and storage in relation to Azure VMs, and how to deploy Azure VMs by using the Azure portal, Azure CLI, or templates. The module also explains how to create new VMs from generalized images and use Azure Image Builder templates to create and manage images in Azure. Finally, this module describes how to deploy Desired State Configuration (DSC) extensions, mplement those extensions to remediate noncompliant servers, and use custom script extensions.
Lessons
Plan and deploy Windows Server IaaS virtual machines
Customize Windows Server IaaS virtual machine images
Automate the configuration of Windows Server IaaS virtual machines
Lab : Deploying and configuring Windows Server on Azure VMs
Authoring Azure Resource Manager (ARM) templates for Azure VM deployment
Modifying ARM templates to include VM extension-based configuration
Deploying Azure VMs running Windows Server by using ARM templates
Configuring administrative access to Azure VMs running Windows Server
Configuring Windows Server security in Azure VMs

Module 7: Network infrastructure services in Windows Server

This module describes how to implement core network infrastructure services in Windows Server, such as DHCP and DNS. This module also covers how to implement IP address management and how to use Remote Access Services.

Lessons
Deploy and manage DHCP
Implement Windows Server DNS
Implement IP address management
Implement remote access
Lab : Implementing and configuring network infrastructure services in Windows Server
Deploying and configuring DHCP
Deploying and configuring DNS

Module 8: Implementing hybrid networking infrastructure

This module describes how to connect an on-premises environment to Azure and how to configure DNS for Windows Server IaaS virtual machines. The module covers how to choose the appropriate DNS solution for your organization's need and run a DNS server in a Windows Server Azure IaaS VM. Finally, this module covers how to manage Microsoft Azure virtual networks and IP address configuration for Windows Server infrastructure as a service (IaaS) virtual machines.

Lessons
Implement hybrid network infrastructure
Implement DNS for Windows Server IaaS VMs
Implement Windows Server IaaS VM IP addressing and routing
Lab : Implementing Windows Server IaaS VM networking
Implementing virtual network routing in Azure
Implementing DNS name resolution in Azure

Module 9: File servers and storage management in Windows Server

This module covers the core functionality and use cases of file server and storage management technologies in Windows Server. The module discusses how to configure and manage the Windows File Server role, and how to use Storage Spaces and Storage Spaces Direct. This module also covers replication of volumes between servers or clusters using Storage Replica.

Lessons
Manage Windows Server file servers
Implement Storage Spaces and Storage Spaces Direct
Implement Windows Server Data Deduplication
Implement Windows Server iSCSI
Implement Windows Server Storage Replica
Lab : Implementing storage solutions in Windows Server
Implementing Data Deduplication
Configuring iSCSI storage
Configuring redundant Storage Spaces
Implementing Storage Spaces Direct

Module 10: Implementing a hybrid file server infrastructure

This module introduces Azure file services and how to configure connectivity to Azure Files. The module also covers how to deploy and implement Azure File Sync to cache Azure file shares on an on-premises Windows Server file server. This module also describes how to manage cloud tiering and how to migrate from DFSR to Azure File Sync.

Lessons
Overview of Azure file services
Implementing Azure File Sync
Lab : Implementing Azure File Sync
Implementing DFS Replication in your on-premises environment
Creating and configuring a sync group
Replacing DFS Replication with File Sync-based replication
Verifying replication and enabling cloud tiering
Troubleshooting replication issues