
LPIC 2-201 - Linux Network Professional (part 1)

Duration: 5 Days **Course Code: LIN201** **Delivery Method: Company Event**

Overview:

LPIC-2 is the second certification in the multi-level professional certification program of the Linux Professional Institute (LPI). The LPIC-2 will validate the candidate's ability to administer small to medium-sized mixed networks.

LPIC-2 exam 201 topics Capacity Planning Linux Kernel System Startup Filesystem and Devices Advanced Storage Device Administration Networking Configuration System Maintenance

Company Events

These events can be delivered exclusively for your company at our locations or yours, specifically for your delegates and your needs. The Company Events can be tailored or standard course deliveries.

Target Audience:

Linux Professionals who want to prepare for the LPIC 201 exam.

Objectives:

- **To become LPIC-2 certified the candidate must be able to:**
 - perform advanced system administration, including common tasks regarding the Linux kernel, system startup and maintenance;
 - perform advanced Management of block storage and file systems as well as advanced networking and authentication and system security, including firewall and VPN;
 - install and configure fundamental network services, including DHCP, DNS, SSH, Web servers, file servers using FTP, NFS and Samba, email delivery; and
 - supervise assistants and advise management on automation and purchases.
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Prerequisites:

- LIN101
- LIN102

Testing and Certification

This course prepares for the LPIC-2 (201-450) exam.

Follow-on-Courses:

LIN202

Content:

Topic 200: Capacity Planning

200.1 Measure and Troubleshoot Resource Usage

Description: Candidates should be able to measure hardware resource and network bandwidth, identify and troubleshoot resource problems.

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Topic 205: Network Configuration

205.1 Basic networking configuration

Description: Candidates should be able to configure a network device to be able to connect to a local, wired or wireless, and a wide-area network. This objective includes being able to communicate between various subnets within a single network including both IPv4 and IPv6 networks.

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Topic 201: Linux Kernel

201.1 Kernel Components

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- Use command-line utilities to get information about the currently running kernel and kernel modules
- Manually load and unload kernel modules
- Determine when modules can be unloaded
- Determine what parameters a module accepts
- Configure the system to load modules by names other than their file name.
- /proc filesystem
- Content of /, /boot/ , and /lib/modules/
- Tools and utilities to analyze information

BackupPC

- Knowledge of the benefits and drawbacks of tapes, CDR, disk or other backup media
- Perform partial and manual backups.
- Verify the integrity of backup files.
- Partially or fully restore backups.
- ?Automate communication with users through logon messages
- Inform active users of system maintenance

Topic 203: Filesystem and Devices

203.1 Operating the Linux filesystem

Description: Candidates should be able to properly configure and navigate the standard Linux filesystem. This objective includes configuring and mounting various filesystem types.

Key Knowledge Areas:

- Measure CPU usage
- Measure memory usage
- Measure disk I/O
- Measure network I/O
- Measure firewalling and routing throughput
- Map client bandwidth usage
- Match / correlate system symptoms with likely problems
- Estimate throughput and identify bottlenecks in a system including networking
- Use monitoring and measurement tools to monitor IT infrastructure usage.
- Predict capacity break point of a configuration
- Observe growth rate of capacity usage
- Graph the trend of capacity usage
- Awareness of monitoring solutions such as Icinga2, Nagios, collectd, MRTG and Cacti
- Kernel 2.6.x, 3.x and 4.x documentation
- /usr/src/linux/
- Kernel Makefiles
- Kernel 2.6.x/3.x make targets
- Customize the current kernel configuration.
- Build a new kernel and appropriate kernel modules.
- Install a new kernel and any modules.
- Ensure that the boot manager can locate the new kernel and associated files.
- Module configuration files
- Use DKMS to compile kernel modules.
- Awareness of dracut
- Use command-line utilities to get information about the currently running kernel and kernel modules

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205.2 Advanced Network Configuration and Troubleshooting

Description: Candidates should be able to configure a network device to implement various network authentication schemes. This objective includes configuring a multi-homed network device and resolving communication problems.

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- Measure CPU usage
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- Measure network I/O
- Measure firewalling and routing throughput
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- Install a new kernel and any modules.
- Ensure that the boot manager can locate the new kernel and associated files.
- Module configuration files
- Use DKMS to compile kernel modules.
- Awareness of dracut
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- /proc filesystem
- Content of /, /boot/ , and /lib/modules/
- Tools and utilities to analyze information about the available hardware
- udev rules
- Systemd

- Configuring basic access to wireless networks
- Utilities to manipulate routing tables
- Utilities to configure and manipulate ethernet network interfaces
- Utilities to analyze the status of the network devices
- Utilities to monitor and analyze the TCP/IP traffic
- Location and content of access restriction files
- Utilities to configure and manipulate ethernet network interfaces
- Utilities to manage routing tables
- Utilities to list network states.
- Utilities to gain information about the network configuration
- Methods of information about the recognized and used hardware devices
- System initialization files and their contents (SysV init process)
- Awareness of NetworkManager and its impact on network configuration
- Unpack source code using common compression and archive utilities
- Understand basics of invoking make to compile programs
- Apply parameters to a configure script
- Know where sources are stored by default
- Knowledge about directories that have to be include in backups
- Awareness of network backup solutions such as Amanda, Bacula, Bareos and BackupPC
- Knowledge of the benefits and drawbacks of tapes, CDR, disk or other backup media
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201.2 Compiling a kernel

Description: Candidates should be able to properly configure a kernel to include or disable specific features of the Linux kernel as necessary. This objective includes compiling and recompiling the Linux kernel as needed, updating and noting changes in a new kernel, creating an initrd image and installing new kernels.

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- Tools and utilities for iSCSI
- Awareness of SAN, including relevant protocols (AoE, FCoE)
- Tools in the LVM suite
- Resizing, renaming, creating, and removing logical volumes, volume groups, and physical volumes
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203.2 Maintaining a Linux filesystem?

Description: Candidates should be able to properly maintain a Linux filesystem using system utilities. This objective includes

networks

- Utilities to manipulate routing tables
- Utilities to configure and manipulate ethernet network interfaces
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205.3 Troubleshooting Network Issues

Description: Candidates should be able to identify and correct common network setup issues, to include knowledge of locations for basic configuration files and commands.

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- Estimate throughput and identify bottlenecks in a system including networking
- Use monitoring and measurement tools to monitor IT infrastructure usage.
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- Ensure that the boot manager can locate the new kernel and associated files.
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- Tools and utilities to analyze information about the available hardware
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- Systemd
- SysV init
- Linux Standard Base Specification (LSB)
- BIOS and UEFI
- NVMe booting
- GRUB version 2 and Legacy
- grub shell
- boot loader start and hand off to kernel
- kernel loading
- hardware initialisation and setup
- daemon/service initialisation and setup
- Know the different boot loader install locations on a hard disk or removable device.
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manipulating standard filesystems and monitoring SMART devices.

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- Basic feature knowledge of data encryption (dm-crypt / LUKS)
- Software raid configuration files and utilities
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- Awareness of sdparm command and its uses
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201.3 Kernel runtime management and troubleshooting

Description: Candidates should be able to manage and/or query a 2.6.x, 3.x or 4.x kernel and its loadable modules. Candidates should be able to identify and correct common boot and run time issues. Candidates should understand device detection and management using udev. This objective includes troubleshooting udev rules.

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- Customize the current kernel configuration.
- Build a new kernel and appropriate kernel modules.
- Install a new kernel and any modules.
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203.3 Creating and configuring filesystem options

Description: Candidates should be able to configure automount filesystems using AutoFS. This objective includes configuring automount for network and device filesystems. Also included is creating filesystems for devices such as CD-ROMs and a basic feature knowledge of encrypted filesystems.

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Topic 206: System Maintenance

206.1 Make and install programs from source

Description: Candidates should be able to build and install an executable program from source. This objective includes being able to unpack a file of sources.

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Topic 202: System Startup

202.1 Customizing SysV-init system startup

Description: Candidates should be able to query and modify the behaviour of system services at various targets / run levels. A thorough understanding of the systemd, SysV Init and the Linux boot process is required. This objective includes interacting with systemd targets and SysV init run levels.

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206.2 Backup operations

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- Measure memory usage
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- Kernel Makefiles
- Kernel 2.6.x/3.x make targets
- Customize the current kernel configuration.
- Build a new kernel and appropriate kernel modules.
- Install a new kernel and any modules.
- Ensure that the boot manager can locate the new kernel and associated files.
- Module configuration files
- Use DKMS to compile kernel modules.
- Awareness of dracut
- Use command-line utilities to get information about the currently running kernel and kernel modules
- Manually load and unload kernel modules
- Determine when modules can be unloaded
- Determine what parameters a module accepts
- Configure the system to load modules by names other than their file name.
- /proc filesystem
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- Tools and utilities to analyze information about the available hardware
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- Linux Standard Base Specification (LSB)
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- hardware initialisation and setup
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- Know the different boot loader install locations on a hard disk or removable device.
- Overwrite standard boot loader options and using boot loader shells.
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Topic 204: Advanced Storage Device Administration

204.1 Configuring RAID

Description: Candidates should be able to configure and implement software RAID. This objective includes using and configuring RAID 0, 1 and 5.

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202.2 System Recovery

Description: Candidates should be able to properly manipulate a Linux system during both the boot process and during recovery mode. This objective includes using both the init utility and init-related kernel options. Candidates should be able to determine the cause of errors in loading and usage of bootloaders. GRUB version 2 and GRUB Legacy are the bootloaders of interest. Both BIOS and UEFI systems are covered.

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206.3 Notify users on system-related issues

Description: Candidates should be able to notify the users about current issues related to the system.

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- Use DKMS to compile kernel modules.
- Awareness of dracut
- Use command-line utilities to get information about the currently running kernel and kernel modules
- Manually load and unload kernel modules

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204.2 Adjusting Storage Device Access

Description: Candidates should be able to configure kernel options to support various drives. This objective includes software tools to view ; modify hard disk settings including iSCSI devices.

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204.3 Logical Volume Manager

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