5 Tips for Passing Your Security+ Exam

Why should you get Security+ certified?
Cybersecurity professionals in the U.S. report an average annual wage of $153,655. Security+ validates your fundamental security skills, is a launching point into further and higher certifications, and meets DoD 8140/8570 training requirements.

TIP #1
Know What Information is Covered in the Security+ Exam

Here is a list of the domains included in the Security+ exam:

- 35% - Implementation
- 24% - Attacks, Threats, and Vulnerabilities
- 21% - Architecture and Design
- 16% - Operations and Incidents Response
- 14% - Governance, Risk, and Compliance
- 0% - Fundamentals

You can download the full list of objectives from CompTIA here.

TIP #2
Determine Your Strengths & Weaknesses

• Take a practice test - see what areas you know and what areas could use more review.
• Performance-based questions (PBQs) confirm your proficiency in applying the knowledge that you have learned.
• Taking a practice test will also help you know what to expect and become familiar with the format.

TIP #3
Fill Your Knowledge Gaps

Get professional training from a CompTIA Platinum Partner like Global Knowledge.

Choose a Security+ course taught by an expert instructor with experience in the field.

Visit an official CompTIA courseware.

TIP #4
Prepare for the Exam

- Baseline review.
- Baseline the key terms and go through all of the labs included with the course.
- Schedule the exam.
- On the night before the exam, be sure to get plenty of rest.

TIP #5
Take the Exam

- Skip and return to any questions you choose.
- Review your answers to ensure that they are correct.
- A score of 750 or higher (on a scale of 100-900) is needed to pass.
- After your exam is scored and you have passed, you will receive an immediate confirmation of your accomplishment.

As a Security+ certified professional, your IT career is well on its way. You have the hands-on practical skills to prepare, protect, and defend your system and have a strong baseline certification on which other certifications can be stacked. With security an ever-growing concern for virtually every organization, you are well-positioned to advance and soar as a cybersecurity expert.

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