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Announcing E20-526 Specialist – Technology Architect, XtremIO Solutions and Design Retirement

The Specialist – Technology Architect, XtremIO Solutions and Design certification (E20-526) will be retired on February 2, 2024 and transition from a Certification Exam to an Achievement Assessment. The new Achievement credential is **Dell XtremIO Design (**D-XTR-DS-A-24)

This Achievement credential is focused on knowledge of key concepts, strategies and solutions.

How will this impact you?

If you have already taken the aligned training or previously attempted the exam for the Specialist – Technology Architect, XtremIO Solutions and Design certification, plan to take the E20-526 exam by **January 31, 2024.**

- View the E20-526 exam description and practice test **»** Once achieved, your

 credential, Specialist – Technology Architect, XtremIO Solutions and Design will not expire.

If you're just beginning your credential journey after February 3, 2024, please choose this Assessment that aligns closest with the knowledge you're looking to develop.

- **Dell XtremIO Design (**D-XTR-DS-A-24)

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Specialist – Technology Architect, XtremIO Solutions Version 2.0
Certification Description

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Overview
This training and certification enable and qualify professionals to position, demonstrate, and architect solutions using XtremIO and X2 storage systems. The certification is supported by a core curriculum describing the critical components of the XtremIO and X2 systems, their features and best practices to design solutions for customers' environments.

Certification Requirements
To complete the requirements for this certification you must:

1. Achieve one of the following Associate level certifications*
   - Associate - Information Storage and Management Version 1.0
   - Associate - Information Storage and Management Version 2.0
   - Associate - Information Storage and Management Version 3.0
   - Associate - Information Storage and Management Version 4.0
   - Associate - Information Storage and Management Version 5.0

2. Pass the following Specialist exam on or after July 13, 2018:
   - [E20-526 Specialist – Technology Architect, XtremIO Solutions and Design Exam](#)

*The Proven Professional Program periodically updates certification requirements. Please check the [Proven Professional CertTracker](#) website regularly for the latest information and for other options to meet the Associate level requirement.

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E20-526 Specialist – Technology Architect, XtremIO Solutions and Design Exam

Exam Description

Duration
90 Minutes
(~60 Questions)

Pass Score: 63

Practice Test
Exam - E20-526

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Overview

This exam is a qualifying exam for the **Specialist - Technology Architect, XtremIO Solutions** track.

This exam focuses on the knowledge and activities needed for the positioning, designing, and demonstrating of XtremIO and X2 solutions in a customer environment. This includes a detailed understanding of XtremIO families of product features, functionality, use cases, and configurations. It also includes designing an XtremIO and X2 storage solutions for applications that require high performance and high availability.

Dell Technologies Education Services provides free practice tests to assess your knowledge in preparation for the exam. Practice tests allow you to become familiar with the topics and question types you will find on the proctored exam. Your results on a practice test offer one indication of how prepared you are for the proctored exam and can highlight topics on which you need to study and train further. A passing score on the practice test does not guarantee a passing score on the certification exam.

Products
Products likely to be referred to on this exam include but are not limited to:

- XtremIO and X2, XIO/XMS v6.0. v6.0.1
- RecoverPoint
- VPLEX
- WMware ESXi

Exam Topics
Topics likely to be covered on this exam include:

XtremIO and X2 Operations and Management (20%)
- Identify and describe XtremIO X2 hardware and software components
- Describe architectural differences between XtremIO and X2
- Describe the XtremIO X2 Management Server
- Manage XtremIO X2 with the GUI and with the CLI
- Data in NVRAM - protection, operation
- Describe multi-cluster XtremIO X2 management

Host Configurations in XtremIO and X2 Environments (15%)
- Describe common host configurations; such as HBAs, multipathing, etc.
- Describe the unique configuration associated with the ESXi operating system
- Describe other OS configurations such as Microsoft Windows, Linux, Sun Solaris, IBM AIX, and HP-UX

XtremIO X2 Data Replication (7%)
- Describe the operation and management of XtremIO X2 snapshots
- Describe the operation and management of RecoverPoint for local and remote replication with XtremIO X2

XtremIO X2 Optimization and Performance Management (6%)
- Performance overview, XtremIO X2 architecture, and describe the environmental/host tools as well as the available benchmarking tools
- List the components of Technical Support page, matrixes, documentation, E-Lab and other pieces of XtremIO Support structure
- Explain how an XtremIO X2 Proof of Concept (PoC) is managed

Positioning XtremIO and X2 (12%)
- Describe the benefits of All-Flash arrays and XtremIO
- Describe usage of XMS Simulator - what to demo, when to use it
- Explain the benefits of post-processing operations
- Demonstrate the value of XDP – performance
- Describe the XtremIO X2 features such as deduplication, compression, encryption, etc.

Data Gathering and Analysis (13%)
- Identify and capture the customer requirements and document the environment
- Identify and describe the data gathering tools and practices
- Identify the data analysis tools and how they are used to analyze the data
- Position an XtremIO X2 solution to meet the customer's requirements

Designing an XtremIO X2 Solution (27%)
- Performance Design Considerations
- Design an XtremIO X2 solution to include features such as deduplication, compression, encryption, etc.; including replication
- Design an XtremIO X2 solution for VDI environments
- Design an XtremIO X2 solution for database environments
- Design for scalability
- Describe the Cloud and Platform 3 (P3) design considerations in an XtremIO X2 solution

The percentages after each topic above reflects the approximate distribution of the total question set across the exam.

Recommended Training
The following curriculum is recommended for candidates preparing to take this exam.

Please complete all of the following courses

Course Title	Course Number	Mode	Available
XtremIO Fundamentals	MR-1WP-XIOFUND	On-Demand Course	6/14/16
XtremIO X2 Fundamentals	MR-1WP-XIO2FUND	On-Demand Course	8/16/17

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XtremIO Infrastructure Solutions	MR-7TP-XIO2INFSOL	On-Demand Video	6/12/18
XtremIO Solutions Design	MR-7TP-XIO2SD	On-Demand Video	6/12/18
XtremIO and X2 Integration with Oracle Best Practices	MR-1WN-XIOINBPORC	On-Demand Course	1/16/18
XtremIO and X2 Integration with VDI Best Practices	MR-1WN-XIOVDIBP	On-Demand Course	1/16/18

Note: These exam description details reflect contents as of **June 13, 2018**.

The Proven Professional Program periodically updates exams to reflect technical currency and relevance. Please check the Proven Professional website regularly for the latest information.