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Welcome!






Welcome to the CertBlaster 5.1 Exam Simulator! Below is a step by step description of the features and settings available in CertBlaster.

If you have not been there yet, then go to <https://study.certblaster.com/> to register your activation code. If you have not received your confirmation email, then look in your “junk’ folder. For registration and product activation instructions, [click here](#).

Features

The test preparation structure consists of “Exams” which are simulated certification exams and “Drills” that are practice questions focused on each of the certification’s Main Domains. Below example is for A+ certification exam 220-1001 – Core 1 and shows the four Exam simulations plus one drill per CompTIA Main Domain. To get to below view you will need to click the “+” sign to expand the Exams and/or Drills.

+ A+ Certification Exam 220-1001
+ EXAMS
 Exam 1
 Exam 2
 Exam 3
 Exam 4

+ DRILLS
 Domain 1.0 Mobile Devices
 Domain 2.0 Networking
 Domain 3.0 Hardware
 Domain 4.0 Virtualization and Cloud Computing
 Domain 5.0 Hardware and Network Troubleshooting

When you click on an **Exam** you will be prompted to choose one of three test modes. The choice of CertBlaster modes is available for the Exams only. The Drills are always in Study Mode because no meaningful certification simulation can be performed here as there is no mixing of questions between Main Domains as there will be at the actual exam. In any Exam, the modes available are the following:

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Assessment mode: this mode is used to determine your baseline knowledge level. Here the timer is on, and you can't look up the answers. The most salient reports will be the list of questions answered incorrectly and your Personal Testing Plan.

Study mode: Answers and explanations are available, timer is per your choice, and you will get both a list of questions answered incorrectly and a Personal Testing Plan.

Certification mode: This is a simulation of the actual exam environment. Timer and number of questions are set as per the exam at the testing center.

Whichever mode you use, the results (grades and reports) will be saved in the History feature.

The screenshot shows a configuration window for a test. At the top, it says "CompTIA A+ Exam 220-1001 (CBT) Exam 1". Below that, it states "This exam has a total of 90 questions." There are three sections for configuration:

- Choose your test mode:** Three radio buttons are present: "Study" (selected), "Assessment", and "Certification".
- How many questions do you want?:** Three radio buttons are present: "I want all of the questions." (selected), "I want a range of questions. Include question numbers [input] to [input]", and "I want a random selection of questions. Number of questions: [input]".
- Do you want a timed test?:** Two radio buttons are present: "Yes" and "No" (selected). Below this is a "Number of minutes:" label followed by an input field.

At the bottom of the window, there are two green buttons: "Start my test" and "Cancel".

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When you click on a **Drill** you will be prompted to choose the number of questions you want to use for the current session. If you want to set a timer, click Yes. If you want the timer set to get a sense of the exam conditions, then do about one min. per question for CompTIA tests and about three min. per question for Microsoft. These are approximations but they are in the ballpark.

NOTE: Drills consist of question all from one exam objective so you can drill where you are weaker. They are therefore set to Study Mode as no meaningful exam simulations can be done without the proper mix of questions coming from the various Main Domains.

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Navigation

The CertBlaster exam screen includes a navigation bar on top and some more navigation options in the left pane. The center pane includes a question in the text box and the space below it is where you answer.

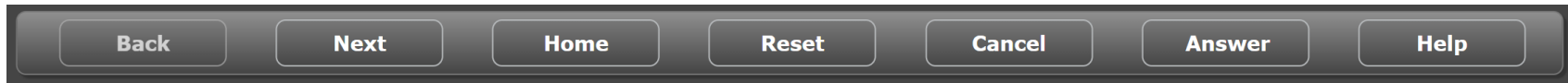
The screenshot displays the CertBlaster exam interface. At the top, a navigation bar contains buttons for Back, Next, Home, Reset, Cancel, Answer, and Help. The left sidebar shows the CertBlaster logo, the current question number (28 of 90), a checkbox to mark the question for later, and a time remaining timer set at 43:19. Below the timer are navigation controls for Question No., Next Marked, and Next Unanswered, each with a right-pointing arrow button. The main content area displays the exam title 'CompTIA A+ Exam 220-1001 (CBT) - Exam 2' and the question number '2.3'. The question text reads: 'Given a scenario, install and configure a basic wired/wireless SOHO network. You have implemented a permanent connection to the Internet for your home network that consists of three workstations. You are concerned about the threat of hackers gaining access from the Internet. You have set up filtering on your DSL router. Now, you are unable to access Internet sites by their domain names, though you can access them by their IP addresses. Which of the following is most likely the cause of this problem?'. Below the question text is a list of four multiple-choice options, each in a rounded rectangular box:

- Your DSL router is blocking port 21.
- Your DSL router is blocking port 53.
- Your DSL router is not logged in to the ISP.
- You do not have IP configured on your clients.

The navigation bar offers forward and back question by question navigation. The “Home” button leaves the exam unfinished, if applicable, and takes you back to the Certification simulation page. The “Reset” button is used for the interactive questions and allows you to erase your answer in those and reset the question to the state you found it when you saw it first. “Cancel” allows you to exit the exam. “Answer” shows you the correct answer and an explanation (only available in Study mode). Being that you are here, you clearly know what “Help” is for...

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Below items can all be relevant to your test preparation.

- A) Enables you to **mark this question for later** which means that, would you forget to get back to it, CertBlaster would remind you that you need to answer it before grading the test. This is a feature that is also available on the actual exam so try to get used to make the most of it.
- B) shows you which exam is being simulated as well as the Exam or Drill number you have selected.
- C) is the sub-objective the question belongs to. The Personal Testing Plan (PTP) is generated at the end of a test based on how you did on that test. It will list your areas of weakness by exam objective and sub-objective.

A screenshot of the CertBlaster interface. At the top, the CertBlaster logo and tagline "be ready!" are on the left, and a navigation bar with buttons for Back, Next, Home, Reset, Cancel, Answer, and Help is on the right. Below the navigation bar, the interface is split into two columns. The left column shows a question card with a green letter 'A', the text "Question: 1 of 90", and a checkbox labeled "Mark this question for later". The right column shows a question card with a green letter 'C', the text "CompTIA A+ Exam 220-1001 (CBT) - Exam 1", and a sub-objective "3.4 Given a scenario, select, install and configure storage devices." Below this, a text box contains the question: "You need to create new PC with a mirrored 2 hard drive configuration from the choices. Your primary concern is redundancy with a secondary requirement of 1TB fast data access. Write speed is not an issue. You may use a drive more than once or not at all. Choose two disks that meet your requirements."

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The left pane shows you what question number you are on out of the total questions for this test and the time remaining. Additionally it allows you to navigate to the question of your choice by entering a question number in the box and clicking the arrow.

Next Marked will take you to the next question you marked for later.
Next Unanswered will take you to the next question you have not yet answered or skipped.

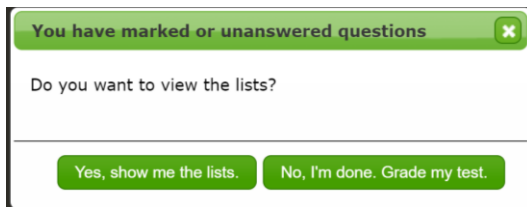


The screenshot shows a dark grey navigation panel with the following elements:

- Time remaining:** A light grey box containing the text "59:40".
- Navigate to:** A label above three rows of controls.
- Question No:** A text input field followed by a right-pointing arrow button.
- Next Marked:** A right-pointing arrow button.
- Next Unanswered:** A right-pointing arrow button.

Grading & Reports

If you have skipped a question or more or if you have marked one or more questions for later, you will see below pop-up.



If you click **Yes** on above pop-up, you will be presented a list of incorrectly answered questions. Clicking on any of the questions shown, will take you back into the test to that very question.

Clicking **No** on prior pop-up will take you to the grading page. Once you have obtained a grade, the Back button will no longer be operational. The grading page, which is the first tab, includes Exam number, date, grade, your username, and the mode you obtained the grade in.

A+ Certification Exam 220-1001

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1/29/2020 10:01:03 AM
Study mode

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You answered 14 correct out of 20 questions
Your final score is: 70%.

Score broken down by domain:

Domain	Score
2.0 Networking (4/5)	80%
3.0 Hardware (6/10)	60%
4.0 Virtualization and Cloud Computing (1/1)	100%
5.0 Hardware and Network Troubleshooting (3/4)	75%

[Print](#)

[Close](#)

The grading page is printable. The print button is at the bottom of the page to the left.

The second tab will list all questions you answered incorrectly:

1/29/2020 10:01:03 AM

Study mode

Scores

Incorrect Answers

Personal Testing Plan

You answered the following questions incorrectly:

Close

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6. What are the three types of filtering that can be performed on a wireless LAN?

Correct answer: SSID filtering

MAC address filtering

Protocol filtering

11. An error message on an older system reads 'parity error'. What is the cause?

Correct answer: There is a RAM problem.

The third and last tab is the Personal Testing Plan. This document will list the sub-objectives you need to focus on in order to improve your chances of success at the exam. This document can also be printed.

CertBlaster Personal Testing Plan (PTP) Close

CertBlaster recommends the following study plan:

2.0 Networking

2.3 Given a scenario, install and configure a basic wired/wireless SOHO network.

3.0 Hardware

3.3 Given a scenario, install RAM types.

3.8 Given a scenario, select and configure appropriate components for a custom PC configuration to meet customer specifications or needs.

3.9 Given a scenario, install and configure common devices.

5.0 Hardware and Network Troubleshooting

5.7 Given a scenario, troubleshoot common wired and wireless network problems.

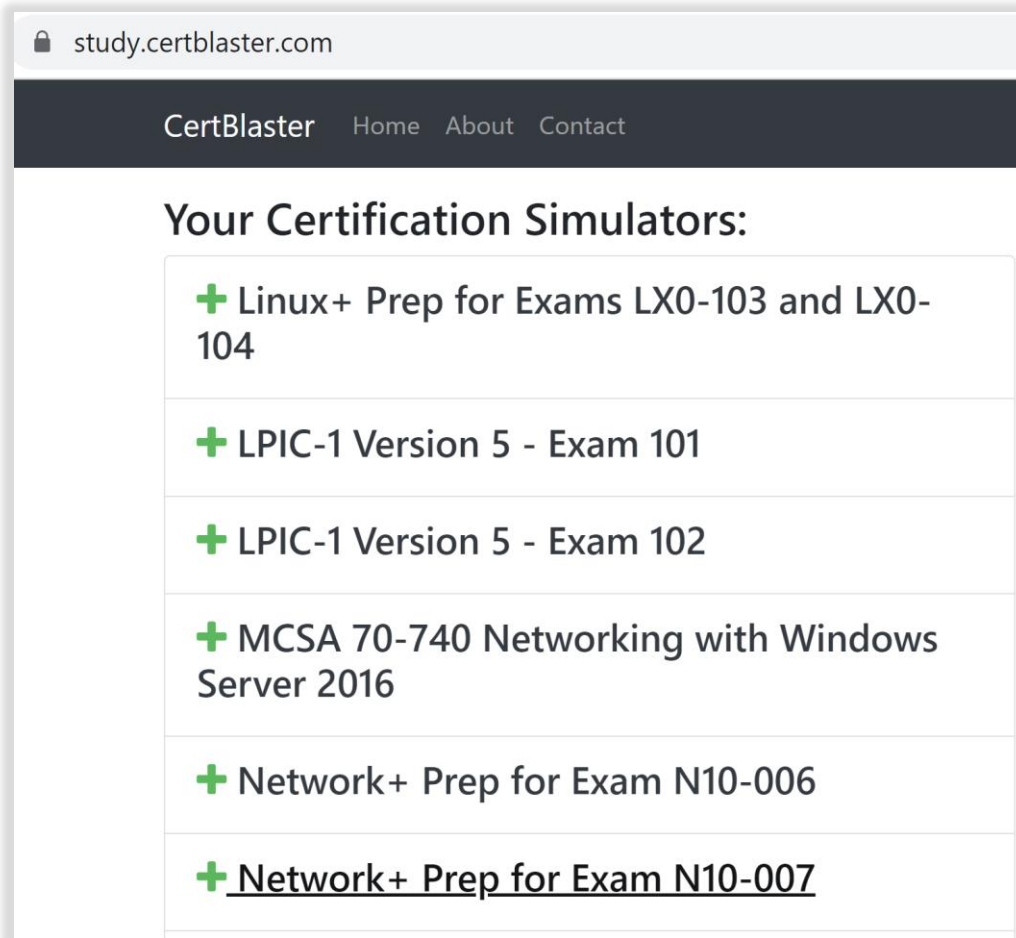
CertBlaster can create a custom examination composed of only the questions you missed. This will allow you to focus on those questions you got wrong. Use this button to start a focused exam.

Create Focused Exam

Print

The blue **Print** button will print the Personal Testing Plan. At the bottom of the Personal Testing Plan, you will be offered to create a custom exam based solely on the questions you missed. Click on the “**Create Focused Exam**” button and you will be tested exclusively on the questions you missed in the test you just did.

Clicking **Home** will exit the exam and take you back to the Certification Simulations page where you can select your next test. That list will show the titles you have bought. Below list shows several titles and yours will be different.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying 'study.certblaster.com'. The website has a dark navigation bar with 'CertBlaster' and links for 'Home', 'About', and 'Contact'. Below the navigation bar, the heading 'Your Certification Simulators:' is followed by a list of six items, each with a green plus icon:

- + Linux+ Prep for Exams LX0-103 and LX0-104
- + LPIC-1 Version 5 - Exam 101
- + LPIC-1 Version 5 - Exam 102
- + MCSA 70-740 Networking with Windows Server 2016
- + Network+ Prep for Exam N10-006
- + Network+ Prep for Exam N10-007



Support

If you need any help with registration or the usage of CertBlaster, you can email us at support@dtipublishing.com or call us at 801 443 4973.

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Your login page is <https://study.certblaster.com/>

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