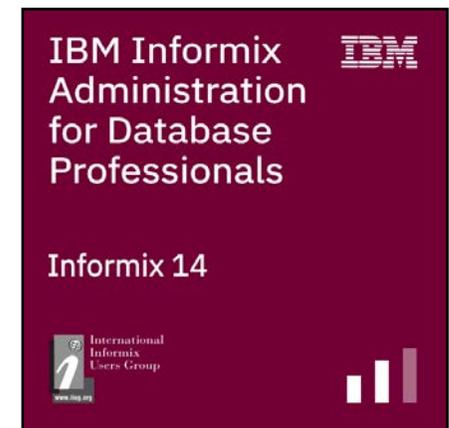# IBM Informix Certification Preview
Up to, but not including xC6

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Version 1

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- IBM no longer has a "certification" program
  - They are using "badges"

- The older certification exams (for other Informix versions) have been removed from circulation
  - Why?
    - Various reasons, not all of which I've been able to verify as "true"

- Beginning soon, the Informix v.14.10 badge exam will be rolled out for people to take
  - There are a couple of logistical questions to solve first
    - Including cost and payment
      - I think it's $150
        - The IIUG conference fee includes a certificate to take the exam
        - Must be redeemed within 90 days

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• The exam itself will draw on these specific areas of Informix functionality

Informix Administration - Administration
IIUG / IADMADMIN

Informix Administration - Backup and Restore
IIUG / IADMBR

Informix Administration - Clustering
IIUG / IADMCLUS

Informix Administration - Connection Manager
IIUG / IADMCM

Informix Administration - Dbspace Mgmt
IIUG / IADMDBS

Informix Administration - HA Cluster
IIUG / IADMHAC

Informix Administration - Hybrid
IIUG / IADMHYB

Informix Administration - Import Export
IIUG / IADMIMEX

Informix Administration - Internationalization
IIUG / IADMINT

Informix Administration - Objects
IIUG / IADMOBJ

Informix Administration - ONCONFIG
IIUG / IADMONC

Informix Administration - SQL admin API
IIUG / IADMSQLA

Informix Administration - SQLhosts
IIUG / IADMSQLH

Informix Administration - Storage Mgmt
IIUG / IADMSTO

Informix Administration - Utilities
IIUG / IADMUTIL

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- The exam creation team tried to create questions that represent general, expected usage and understanding in each area
  - Not critical, minutia syntax flags
    - Though there are syntax questions to test your understanding

- Most of the questions are multiple choice though there are some True / False questions
  - Whether one or multiple answers are expected is clearly delineated in the question itself

- You have 90 minutes to answer 60 questions chosen randomly from the topics shown earlier
  - The exam is proctored (local or remote)
  - The exam is open book
    - You won't have time to look up each answer though
    - No lifelines!!

- Pass criteria is 72%

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How do I prepare for the exam?

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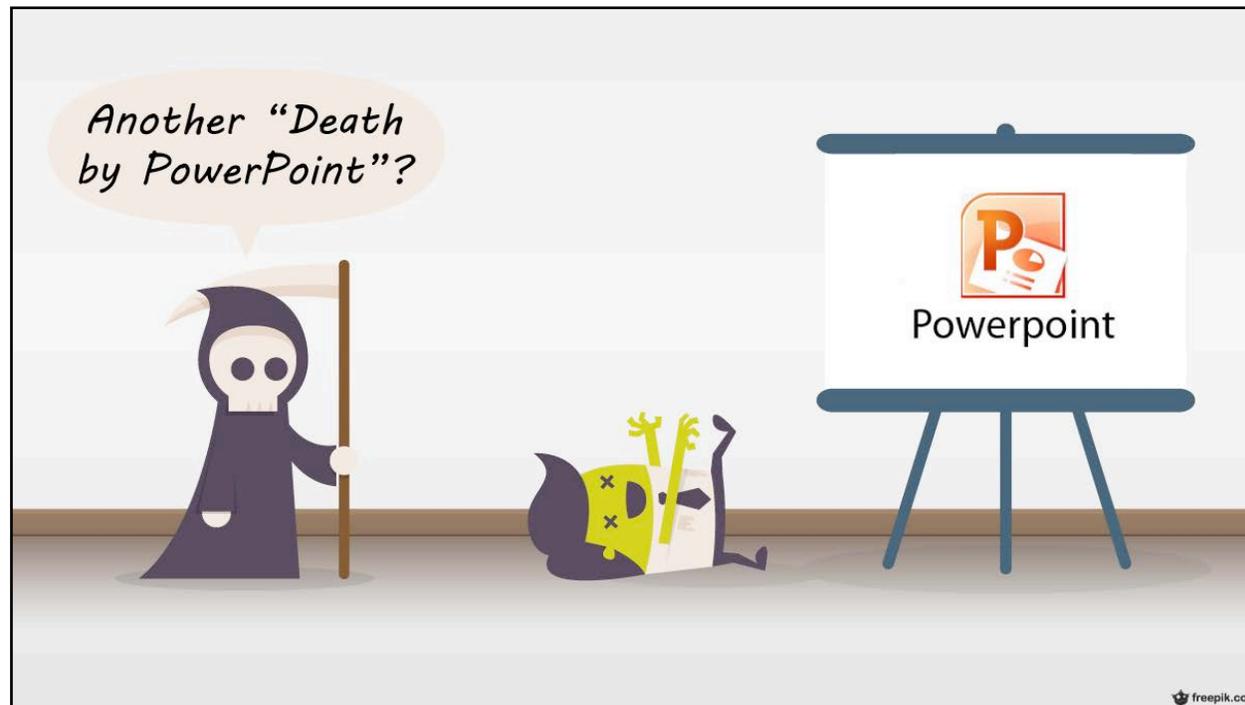Professionals

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- Continue being awesome Informix administrators!!!!
  - The test isn't that hard
  - It's not as all-encompassing as earlier Informix versions

  - You do need to know your stuff though

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- Scott Pickett and I are conducting 1/2 day tutorials for the exam at the IIUG conference
  - He has some topics, I have others
  - Split over two days after the "regular" conference sessions
    - Tutorials are included in conference registration

  - We cover the technology you need to know with the exam answers buried within
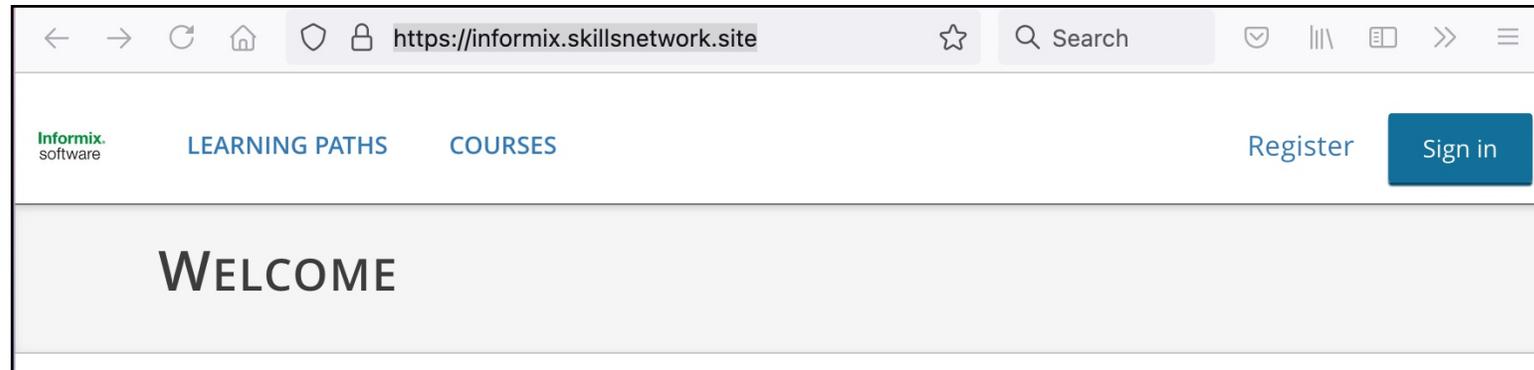   - My session has over 300 slides!!

How do I take the exam?

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- One of my favorite answers — it depends!!

- There are two methods to take the exam (aka "write the exam" in Canadian 😇)

  - Face-to-face
    - The preferred option

  - Covid-friendly remote

- Both methods require the nomination and acceptance of an exam proctor
  - More on that in a moment

- Stuart Litel is the exam "administrator"
  - Any questions on procedures, format, proctors, price, etc. go to him (slitel@ibm.com)

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• Register then login at https://informix.skillsnetwork.site

• Once logged in, select the **Courses** option

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- Select the **Informix Administration** exam

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- Information about the exam is presented along with the option to purchase the exam
  - Or use a certificate
    - Future functionality

- There are instructions on nominating a proctor as well as how the test will be administered

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- Before you can take the exam, you must nominate a proctor
  - This will not be necessary at face-to-face events such as IIUG or other conferences
    - Once they resume

- The proctor nomination process is explained on the exam page
  - Send an email to Stuart with the following information
    - Exam name (Informix Administration Exam)
    - Tester's name
    - The address where the exam will be taken
    - Proctor's name
    - Proctor's title
    - Proctor's email

- The proctor's credentials will be verified via LinkedIn or other mechanisms
  - A copy of a business card, employment letter or some other form of authentication may be requested

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• After verification, instructions on administering the exam are sent to the proctor

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- Covid-friendly, remote option

  - Day of test:
    - Must take test with a webcam / audio enabled
    - Must provide government-issued identity verification to proctor
    - Must follow "clean room" protocols
      - One person, one computer
      - No one else in the exam space
      - No other wifi / Bluetooth etc. enabled devices allowed
      - No communication with others during the exam

    - Log into the exam website and take the exam while connected to the proctor

    - The exam is scored immediately after completion

    - The proctor submits a certification that the exam was conducted correctly
      - Once accepted, the results are released and if passed, you are directed to your new badge

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- Face-to-face
  - Day of test:
    - Arrive at test site
    - Must provide government-issued identity verification to proctor
    - Must follow "clean room" protocols
      - One person, one computer
      - No one else in the exam space
      - No other wifi / Bluetooth etc. enabled devices allowed
      - No communication with others during the exam

    - Log into the exam website and take the exam
      - Proctor monitors the room

    - The exam is scored immediately after completion

    - The proctor submits a certification that the exam was conducted correctly
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