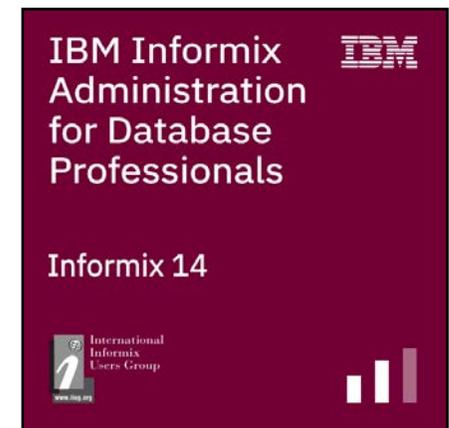


IBM Informix Certification Preview

Up to, but not including xC6

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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

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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%

How do I prepare for the exam?

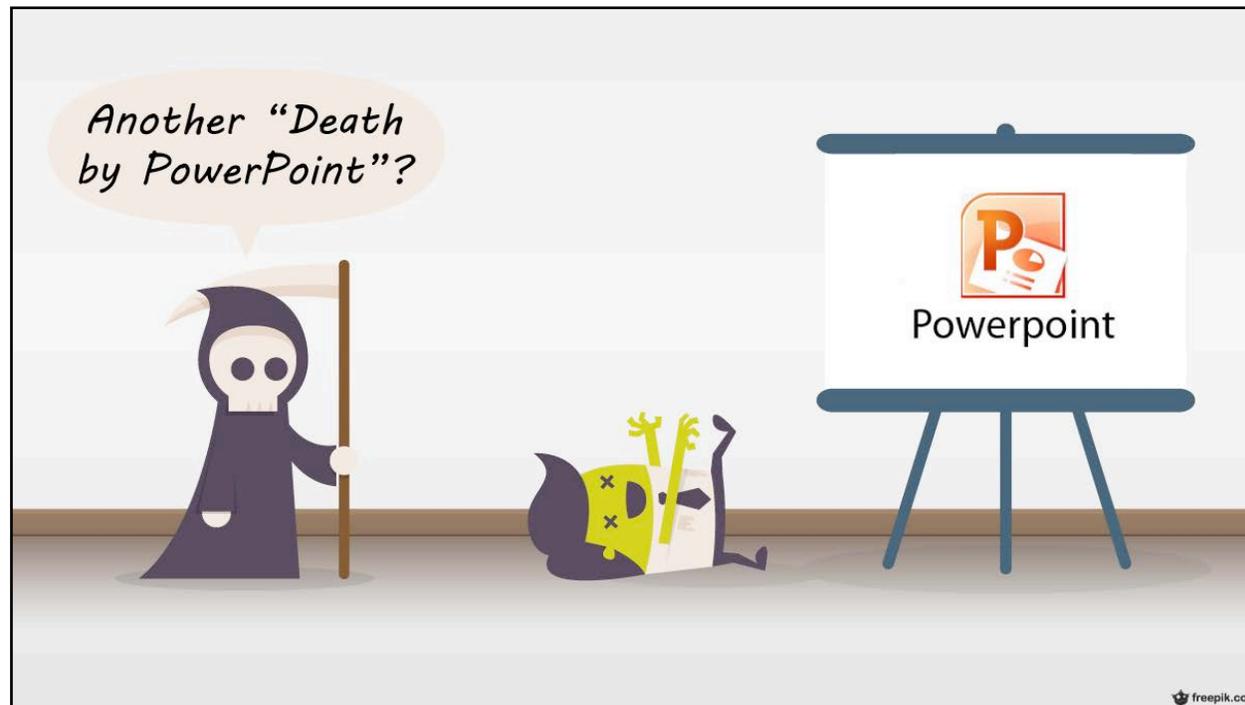


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- Continue being awesome Informix administrators!!!!
 - The test isn't that hard
 - It's not as all-encompassing as earlier Informix versions
- You do need to know your stuff though

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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?

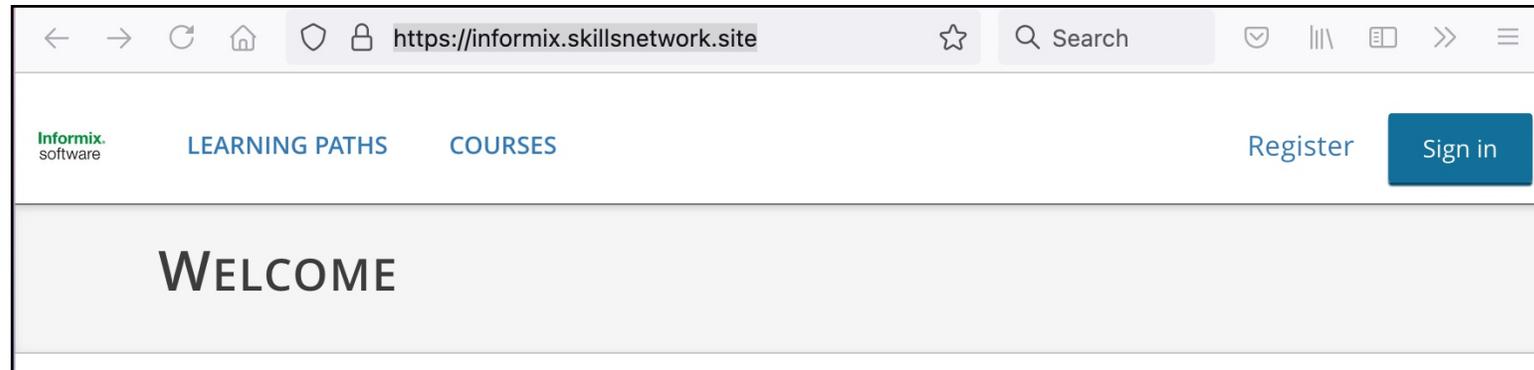
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- One of my favorite answers — it depends!!
- There are two methods to take the exam (aka “write the exam” in Canadian 😊)
 - Face-to-face
 - The preferred option
 - Covid-friendly remote
- Both methods require the nomination and acceptance of an exam 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

The screenshot shows the Informix Learning Paths website for the Informix Administration Exam. The page includes a search bar, a user profile for 'Carlton', and a 'Go to class' button. The main content area is titled 'IIUG Informix Administration Exam' and features the Informix Software logo. Below the logo is a 'Go to class' button. The 'ABOUT THIS EXAM' section describes the exam as a proctored exam designed to validate the skills of a database administrator. It lists various Informix concepts covered by the exam, such as Common Administration Tasks, Backup and Restore, Clustering, and SQL Admin API. The exam details include a duration of 90 minutes, an open book format, 60 multiple choice questions, and a passing mark of 72%.

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IIUG Informix Administration Exam

Go to class

ABOUT THIS EXAM

This exam is a **proctored exam** and is designed to validate that an individual data professional, primarily focused on the database administrator, has a solid understanding and competency of the following Informix concepts:

- Common Administration Tasks
- Backup and Restore
- Clustering
- Connection Manager
- dbspace Management
- HA Cluster
- Hybrid
- Import and Export
- Internationalization
- Objects
- ONCONFIG
- SQL Admin API
- SQLHosts
- Storage Management
- Utilities

This exam is current and updated to **Informix 14** and will continue to be updated as new capabilities are delivered. Here are some details of the exam:

- Duration: The exam is **90 minutes** long.
- Materials Available: This is an **open book** exam.
- Format: The exam has **60 multiple choice questions**.
- Passing Mark: You need a mark of **72% to pass** the exam

Course Number **INFXADM999**

Classes Start **March 1, 2020**

Estimated Effort
This is a 60 question, 90 minute, open book, proctored exam

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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
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Keep
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Thank You

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