

CompTIA[®] Partner Summit

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A photograph of the Caribe Royale hotel in Orlando, Florida, taken at dusk. The building is a large, multi-story structure with a central entrance featuring a prominent archway and a dark roof. The sky is a deep blue, and the building's lights are on, creating a warm glow. In the foreground, there is a pool area with a white fence and some palm trees.

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CompTIA Project+ “20 day challenge” ... your guide to an accelerated study plan!



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Who we are!

Faculty / course mentor at Western Governor's University (WGU)

- WGU has a competency-based model of education
- The principal mission of Western Governors University is to improve quality and expand access to post-secondary educational opportunities by providing a means for individuals to learn *independent of time or place* and to earn competency-based degrees and other credentials that are credible to both academic institutions and employers.

Who are our students?

College of Business – all areas of emphasis

- Marketing Management
- HR Management
- IT Management
- Healthcare Management
- Accounting

College of IT – all areas of emphasis

- Software development
- Security
- Network Administration
- Data Management/Data Analytics
- Health Informatics

What is our Learning Resource?

- uCertify prep course for CompTIA Project+!



Our course, Business of IT – Project Management on the uCertify learning platform, is the recipient of the 2016 SIIA CODiE Award for Best Learning Relationship Management Solution category!

Why the “20 day challenge?”



The 20 Day Challenge Schedule

- Days 1-10 – Chapter Reading Phase
- Days 11-12 – Practice Test A
- Days 13-14 – Practice Test B
- Days 15-16 – Practice Test C
- Days 17-20 – Post Assessment and Final Review

A Consistent Review/Study Plan

Reading Phase

- Read a chapter a day (10 chapters, so completed with reading in 10 days)
- Don't take a lot of notes – the uCertify chapter summaries and exam essentials are great review tools
- Work through the 20 questions at the end of each chapter

Practice Tests

- 3 practice tests, each with an item bank of 100 questions
- Work on them in LEARN mode – provides a great explanation after answering the question
- Using testing feature to “retest wrong” to narrow focus to specific content areas

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Post Assessment

- Work through the 100 question post assessment in TEST mode (timed), to simulate the exam experience, targeting a score of at least 80%



Pre-Assessment

Identify areas for improvement with this 100 question assessment before you begin the course.



Chapters & Lessons

Study lessons, watch videos and work through flashcards, exercises and quizzes.



Practice Tests

Prepare for your exam in this 300 question simulated test environment.



Post Assessment

Gauge your certification exam readiness.

Prep Engine

- New uCertify testing feature – adaptive
- Not part of the 20 day plan, but an extra tool that students can use to boost readiness and confidence



Tips On the Post Assessment

- Target a score of 80% at least 2 times as a good indicator of readiness.
- Taking the Post Assessment in TEST mode serves 2 purposes:
 - 1) measures progress with the content
 - 2) offers opportunity to practice in the timed environment, similar to the actual exam experience. The actual exam has 100 questions, with a 90 minute time allocation, so pacing yourself to have sufficient time to answer each question is critical!

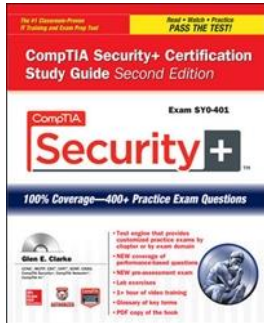
How to Make This Idea Work for Other Exams

- Examine the current learning resource
 - How many modules or chapters?
 - How much study time should a student devote each day?
- Break it down
 - Manageable daily tasks
 - Students can see:
 - A clear path to exam readiness
 - Their progress



How to Make This Idea Work for Other Exams

- Example: Security+
 - CompTIA Security+ Certification Study Guide, McGraw Hill
 - 19 chapters
- Break it down
 - 25 day challenge?
 - 19 days of reading
 - 6 days of practice with the 400 practice questions



How to Make This Idea Work for Other Exams

- Example: A+
 - CompTIA A+ Certification All-in-One Exam Guide, McGraw Hill
 - 28 chapters
- Break it down
 - 35 day challenge?
 - 28 days of reading
 - 7 days of practice with the practice questions and simulations





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