

Cognos Certification

A Cognos Certification Study Guide for

Cognos 8 Planning Technical Specialist

The Cognos 8 Planning Technical Specialist Exam covers key concepts, technologies, and functionality of the Cognos products. In preparation for the exam, we recommend a combination of training and hands-on experience, and a detailed review of product documentation.

A Cognos 8 Planning Technical Specialist is responsible for the installation and configuration of Cognos 8 Planning applications. Candidates that achieve this level of certification are expected to be able to participate as an effective team member on a Cognos product installation engagement.

Earning the COGNOS 8 PLANNING TECHNICAL SPECIALIST certification requires passing one (1) exam: Cognos 8 Planning Technical Specialist. The materials supporting this certification are:

- Cognos 8 Planning Installation and Configuration Guide (8.3)
- Cognos 8 Planning Architecture and Deployment Guide (8.3)
- Cognos 8 Planning Contributor Administration Guide (8.3)
- Cognos Planning Database Administrator (DBA) Guide (7.3)
- Deploying Cognos Planning Contributor on Windows 2003 Servers
- Cognos 8.3 Software Environments

With regard to experience, it is strongly recommended that you have at least 15-20 implementations in various environments prior to attempting this exam.

The following information will provide you with targeted areas of study to help you prepare for the exam. We have also provided sample questions that represent the format and content of the Cognos 8 Planning Technical Specialist exam. Answering these questions correctly does not guarantee that you will pass the actual exam.

EXAM INFORMATION

Exam Number	CP0-150
Exam Title	Cognos 8 Planning Technical Specialist
Number of questions	40
Format	Multiple choice – single response
Passing score	80%
Time	60 minutes
Cost	\$ 200 USD
Registration	http://www.prometric.com/Cognos



KEY TOPICS

- Architecture
- Conformance
- Installation and Configuration
- Troubleshooting
- Tuning

Architecture

- Describe purpose and function of the Cognos 8 Planning architecture
- Describe inter-component communications for Cognos 8 and Planning

Conformance

- Identify Planning environmental requirements
- Identify supported Cognos Planning databases and their requirements providers

Installation and Configuration

- Identify the function of various Cognos 8 and Planning components
- Describe installation and configuration process for Cognos 8 Planning
- Describe security options and settings available for Cognos 8 Planning
- Identify the databases used with Cognos 8 Planning, their settings and requirements
- Describe the upgrade process for Cognos 8 Planning

Troubleshooting

- Describe troubleshooting techniques used when installing Cognos 8 Planning

Tuning

- Describe tuning techniques and settings for Cognos 8 Planning

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

1. What best describes the BIBus architecture?
 - A. It is the report engine.
 - B. It is a Service.
 - C. It is a software component like Content Manager.
 - D. It is a set of protocols that govern communication.
2. What happens when a Cognos 8 Gateway receives a request?
 - A. It encrypts passwords to ensure security, and passes requests to the Content Manager for Access Manager authentication.
 - B. It extracts information needed to submit the request, encrypts passwords and passes the request to the Dispatcher.
 - C. It passes the request to the next Dispatcher in line.
 - D. It sends the request to the Round Robin service.

3. After installing Analyst, Cognos Configuration provides the ability to change the default Workspace size setting. Where else can this be changed?
 - A. Cogstartup.xml
 - B. Content Data Store
 - C. Analyst.ini
 - D. Windows System Variables

4. When securing an Oracle environment for Cognos 8 Planning, to what level are the Lockdown user's privileges restricted?
 - A. Instance
 - B. Schema
 - C. Object
 - D. Table

5. When troubleshooting an Administration link failure that appears to have timed out and is listed as Cancelled in the Administration Console, what would be used to resolve the problem?
 - A. Increase the default timeout in IIS.
 - B. Increase the TEMP file size.
 - C. Move the Admin link to the client machine.
 - D. Modify the timeout property in the epJobExecutorResources.xml.

ANSWERS: 1-D; 2-B; 3-A; 4-C; 5-D

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