



Mountain Lion 101

OS X Support Essentials 10.8

OS X Support Essentials is a three-day, hands-on course that provides an in-depth exploration of troubleshooting on OS X Mountain Lion. This course is designed to give you a tour of the breadth of functionality of OS X Mountain Lion and the best methods for effectively supporting users of OS X Mountain Lion systems. The course is a combination of lectures and hands-on case study exercises that provide practical real-world experience.

Who Should Attend

- Help desk specialists, technical coordinators, service technicians, and others who support Mac users
- Technical support personnel in businesses that use Mac computers
- Technical coordinators or power users who manage networks of computers running OS X — such as teachers and technology specialists who manage networks or computer labs

What You Will Learn

- The troubleshooting process and how to become more efficient with available tools and resources
- Features and functionality of OS X Mountain Lion, including how to find additional information
- How to prepare for Apple Certified Support Professional (ACSP) 10.8 certification

Prerequisites

- Knowledge of OS X and basic computer navigation

Course Outline

Part 1: Installation

Prepare and partition the drive, install OS X Mountain Lion, use the installer log files to verify a successful installation, configure OS X Mountain Lion with the Setup Assistant, update software with Software Update and Installer, tips and techniques for troubleshooting an installation problem.

Part 2: User Accounts

Create and manage user accounts, create and manage administrator accounts, locate directory attributes, security, password selection, Keychain, and FileVault.

Part 3: File Systems

File systems supported by OS X Mountain Lion, file and directory ownership and permissions, Disk Utility and file repair, using the command line for file management.

Part 4: Data Management

The root volume, file system layout, preferences, frameworks, file types unique to OS X Mountain Lion (i.e., resource forks and packages), Spotlight, file archives, disk images, archiving and restoring data with Time Machine, managing backup data, how to access the data outside of Time Machine.

Part 5: Applications and Processes

Applications supported in OS X Mountain Lion, applications created with different developer APIs, the UNIX concept of a process, the relationship of processes and applications, tools to monitoring and managing processes, application preferences, troubleshooting, Boot Camp.

Part 6: Network Configuration

Basic networking configuration, TCP/IP networking, Ethernet, AirPort, multiple network connections, appropriate use of network locations, isolating and troubleshooting network elements.

Part 7: Network Services

Connecting to common network resources, Network Users accounts with Directory Services, AFP, SMB, SSH, FTP, and WebDAV connections, Bonjour, NetBIOS, the network browser, isolating client software issues from network issues.

Enabling network services on a OS X Mountain Lion client, peer-to-peer collaboration, sharing files between Macs and Windows, sharing web documents, screen sharing, firewall as well as techniques to isolate server issues from client and network issues.

Part 8: Peripherals and Printing

Connecting peripherals to a Mac, cabling, connections, device drivers for common peripherals, managing printers, print-job management, printer PPDs and PDF workflow, techniques for isolating cabling, driver, or application issues.

Part 9: System Startup

Troubleshooting boot issues with a Mac at startup, phases of the startup process, which part of the system is active during each phase, issues that can arise, automatic process launching with launchd and login window startup items.

Certification Exam

Students can take the OS X Support Essentials 10.8 Exam to earn [Apple Certified Support Professional](#) (ACSP) 10.8 certification.

How to Register

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Learning Options

The book for this course is [OS X Support Essentials: Supporting and Troubleshooting OS X Mountain Lion](#) by Kevin M. White and Gordon Davisson. Save 30% by using coupon code PP-APL-DISC.