

## Specialist - Platform Engineer, XtremIO Version 2.0

### Certification Description



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#### Overview

This certification focuses on the knowledge and activities involved in installing, maintaining, expanding and upgrading second generation of XtremIO products called X2. This includes physical installation, initial configuration, verifying health status, FRU replacement procedures, and Non-disruptive Upgrade procedures.

#### Certification Requirements

To complete the requirements for this certification you must:

1. Achieve one of the following Associate level certifications\*
  - Associate - Information Storage and Management Version 1.0
  - Associate - Information Storage and Management Version 2.0
  - Associate - Information Storage and Management Version 3.0
  - Associate - Information Storage and Management Version 4.0
  - Associate - Information Storage and Management Version 5.0
2. Pass the following Specialist level exam on or after June 14, 2019:
  - [E20-668 XtremIO Specialist Exam for Platform Engineers](#)

Note: These details reflect certification requirements as of **June 14, 2019**.

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## E20-668 Specialist - Platform Engineer, XtremIO Exam

### Exam Description



#### Duration

90 Minutes  
(~ 68 Questions)

Pass Score: 63

#### Practice Test

Exam – [E20-668](#)

#### [Schedule Exam](#)

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Dell Technologies provides free practice tests to assess your knowledge in preparation for the exam. Practice tests allow you to become familiar with the topics and question types you will find on the proctored exam. Your results on a practice test offer one indication of how prepared you are for the proctored exam and can highlight topics on which you need to study and train further. A passing score on the practice test does not guarantee a passing score on the certification exam.

#### Products

Products likely to be referred to on this exam include but are not limited to:

- XtremIO and X2 6.2

#### Exam Topics

Topics likely to be covered on this exam include:

##### **Overview of XtremIO and X2 Features (8.1%)**

- Compare and contrast capabilities of XtremIO and X2
- Compare and contrast XtremIO and X2 GUIs, focusing on updates for X2
- Identify XtremIO and X2 models

##### **XtremIO and X2 Hardware Fundamentals (13.5%)**

- Describe hardware designs
- Identify IB switch options
- Describe BBU options including SuperCap
- Describe DAE capacities
- XtremIO X2 configurations and port management

##### **XtremIO and X2 Installation (21.6%)**

- Installation resource requirements
- Component racking – single rack
- Dispersed cluster requirements and component racking
- Component cabling – single X-Brick cluster
- Multi X-Brick cluster component cabling, including space between IB switches
- Component cabling for site facilities
- Power and Storage Controller IP assignment

### **XtremIO and X2 Initial Configuration (16.2%)**

- XtremIO management Server (XMS) deployment
- XMS support and deployment options and related warnings and precautions
- Easy-CLI install options
- XtremApp installation
- Cluster installation and verification
- ESRS and ESRS VE configuration

### **XtremIO and X2 Maintenance (27%)**

- Resource identification
- Power procedures
- Determining cluster health state and failure tolerances for components
- Cluster IP address modification
- Storage Controller FRU
- DAE FRU
- BBU FRU
- InfiniBand FRU
- Technician Advisor – installation and operations, including running HealthCheck

### **XtremIO Online Cluster Expansion (13.4%)**

- Online cluster expansion resources
- Preparing for online cluster expansion, including prerequisites
- Online cluster expansion process – single X-Brick to dual X-Brick
- Online cluster expansion process – multi X-Brick to multi X-Brick

The percentages after each topic above reflects the approximate distribution of the total question set across the exam.

### **Recommended Training**

The following curriculum is recommended for candidates preparing to take this exam.

#### **All audiences:**

#### **Please complete all of the following courses**

<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Mode</b>	<b>Available</b>
XtremIO Fundamentals	MR-1WP-XIOFUND	eLearning	4/4/16
XtremIO X2 Concepts	ES132STG00573	eLearning	5/02/19
XtremIO X2 Architecture	ES132STG00572	eLearning	5/02/19
XtremIO X2 Features	ES132STG00574	eLearning	5/02/19
XtremIO X2 Integration	ES132STG00575	eLearning	5/02/19
XtremIO X2 Administration	ES132STG00576	eLearning	5/02/19
XtremIO Hardware Fundamentals	MR-7WP-XIOHWFUN	eLearning	4/4/16
XtremIO X2 Hardware Concepts and Features	MR-7WP-XIO2HWFUN	eLearning	5/02/19
XtremIO Installation	MR-7WP-XIOINSTL	eLearning	4/4/16
XtremIO X2 Installation	MR-7WP-XIO2INSTL	eLearning	8/30/17
XtremIO Initial Configuration	MR-7WP-XIOINITC	eLearning	4/4/16



XtremIO X2 Initial Configuration	MR-7WN-XIO2MAINT	eLearning	8/30/17
XtremIO Maintenance	MR-7WN-XIOMAIN	eLearning	4/4/16
XtremIO X2 Maintenance	MR-7WN-XIO2MAINT	eLearning	8/30/17
XtremIO Online Cluster Expansion	MR-1WP-XTRMOCE	eLearning	5/23/16

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