

Lab 9.6.6.1 Preparing for the ICND1 Exam

Objectives:

- Determine what activities you can give up or cut back to make time to prepare for the exam.
- Create a schedule to guide your exam preparation.
- Schedule the exam and visit the testing center.

Background / Preparation

In this lab, you determine how much time you have available to dedicate to preparing for the ICND1 exam, prioritize your activities, and schedule your preparation and exam.

Note: The CCENT exam is the same as the ICND1 exam. The ICND1 and ICND2 exams together equal the CCNA exam.

Task 1: Use the checklist to begin your exam preparation.

Step 1: Prioritize your activities.

Complete? _____

Task 2 in this lab can help you record how you spend your time each week. Once your activities are known, prioritize them in order to determine what activities you can give up or cut back to make time for exam preparation.

Step 2: Create an Exam Preparation Schedule

Complete? _____

Task 3 in this lab describes how to create a schedule for your exam preparation.

Step 2: Determine your study space.

Complete? _____

Decide where you will study for the exam. If you plan on preparing at home, ensure that you have a quiet, uncluttered place to work where you will not be distracted by noise or household activity.

Step 3: Obtain necessary resources.

Complete? _____

If you decide to use additional material, such as Cisco Press Books or sample exams, be sure that you obtain them before beginning your preparation. Also make sure you have access to the online curriculum and have Packet Tracer loaded on your computer.

Step 4: Inform your friends and family.

Complete? _____

Friends and family can be helpful during your exam preparation. They can assist you in your studies, or help ensure that you have ample uninterrupted study time to prepare.

Task 2: Record how you spend your time for one week.

Step 1: Using the calendar worksheet included in this lab, record how much time you spend each day on the listed activities.

- The worksheet lists activities and responsibilities that are normally performed during the week. On each day, record the amount of time you spend on each activity. Blank lines are provided for activities that are not listed.
- At the end of the week, total up the time you spent on each activity.

Example:

Activity	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
General Living (eating, sleeping, personal hygiene)	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	84
Attend School	7	7	7	7	7			35
Homework	1	1	1	1	1	1		6
Sports	2		2		2			6
Work/Chores	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	13
Social Activities (attending church, clubs, meetings, etc.)						2	2	4
Entertainment (watching TV, reading, attending sporting events, etc.)	1	1	1	1	1	5	6	16

Step 2: Prioritize your activities.

- Use the chart to assign a priority to each of your listed activities. Priorities are high, medium, and low. If an activity is very important to you, or is a required activity (such as attending school), assign it a high priority. Medium priority activities are those that you feel improve your quality of life. Low priority activities are those activities that you do when there is nothing else to do.
- Determine what priority preparing for the ICND1 exam has in your life. There is no right or wrong answer, think about this question and answer honestly.
- Once you have assigned priorities to the activities, total the hours that you spend doing low and medium priority activities. Determine how many of these hours each week you can dedicate to preparing for the exam.

Example:

Activity	Hours per Week	Priority		
Attend School	35	High	Medium	Low
Part-time Job	10	High	Medium	Low
Sports	6	High	Medium	Low
Work/Chores	13	High	Medium	Low
Social Activities	4	High	Medium	Low
Entertainment	16	High	Medium	Low
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In the example, the student assigns a low priority to the time spent on Entertainment Activities. Some of this time each week can be devoted to preparing for the ICND1 Exam. The amount of time depends on the priority that passing the exam has in relation to the other activities. The example student decides to spend 6 hours a week on studying for the exam, 1 hour on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and 3 hours on Saturday morning. If the preparation had a high priority, the student might schedule 10 or more hours a week to prepare.

What activity or activities can you give up in order to devote time to preparing to take the ICND1 exam?

How much time can you schedule each week to prepare? On which days can you dedicate time?

Task 3: Plan your CCENT Preparation Time.

Step 1: Use the CCENT study guides included with this chapter, or the 31 Days to the CCENT Cisco Press Book to organize your study.

- a. Discuss with your instructor ways to complete your lab review. It may be possible to reserve time in the school lab, or to access equipment remotely. Consider equipment availability when you make your exam preparation schedule.
- b. Use a calendar to record the study times. On each day that you schedule time for study, list the topic or topics that you want to review on that day. If you plan to review labs or Packet Tracer activities, ensure that you have enough time available to complete the activity. Continue until all of the topics are scheduled for review.
- c. As you complete the review of each topic, make a note of how confident you feel with the material. During the last week before your exam, review the topics that you were unsure of during your preparation.

Step 2: Schedule your exam and visit the testing center.

- a. Schedule the exam for the week after you complete your review.
- b. Visit the testing center and learn about the testing procedures.

Reflection:

Why do you think it is important to list and prioritize your weekly activities before scheduling your exam?

What is the benefit of creating a schedule to organize your study activities?

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Activity Worksheet

Activity	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
General Living (eating, sleeping, personal hygiene)								
Attend School								
Homework								
Sports								
Work/Chores								
Social Activities (attending church, clubs, meetings, etc.)								
Entertainment (watching TV, reading, attending sporting events, etc.)								

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Priority Worksheet

Activity	Hours per Week	Priority		
		High	Medium	Low
		High	Medium	Low
		High	Medium	Low
		High	Medium	Low
		High	Medium	Low
		High	Medium	Low
		High	Medium	Low
		High	Medium	Low
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Calendar Worksheet (Print at least two copies.)

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