



LPI—where high demand creates great opportunity!

Program overview

The explosive growth of open source technologies is redefining traditional IT job roles in demand of competent Linux skills. These skills are certified by the Linux Professional Institute (LPI).

LPI Certification (LPIC) is a multi-level program comprising entry- to expert-level credentials. The structure of the program includes Linux Essentials, an introduction to Linux fundamentals, as well as a junior, advanced and senior level certification. Each level of certification typically requires certificants to pass two exams.

Linux Essentials is a great way for candidates to demonstrate to employers that they have the foundational skills required for their next job or promotion. It also serves as a stepping-stone to the more advanced LPIC Professional Certification track.

The LPIC series of professional certifications (LPIC-1, -2, -3) are designed for those interested in starting or advancing their career as a Linux Systems Administrator. This multi-level series is recognized around the world as the leading distribution-neutral Linux Professional Certification track.



Linux Essentials

The Linux Essentials Professional Development Certificate (PDC) covers the basic knowledge for those working and studying open source and various distributions of Linux.

- The Linux Essentials Professional Development Certificate (PDC) program comprises one 60-minute exam containing 40 questions.

Linux Essentials is a recommended, not required, pre-requisite for training in the LPIC professional program.

LPIC Systems Administrator Certification

The LPIC professional certification series is designed to evaluate the knowledge and skills of Linux Systems Administrators. To keep pace with evolving Linux technology, the LPIC exam objectives are updated every 30 months (2½ years) and each certification is valid for five years before the certificate holder must re-certify or certify at a higher level. Although the exams may be taken in any order, lower-level certifications must be achieved before higher-level certifications can be awarded.

LPI has three professional IT certification series that test different knowledge standards from entry-level to expert.

Did you know? IT professionals who hold LPIC-1 /CompTIA Linux+ certifications enjoy a 20% increase in bonus pay.



LPIC-1 – Linux Server Professional

LPIC-1 is a junior level certification for Linux Administrators. The LPIC-1 validates a candidate's ability to perform maintenance tasks with the command line, install & configure a computer running Linux and be able to configure basic networking.

- Pass LPI 101 & 102 exams; each exam is 60 multiple-choice and fill-in-the-blank questions in 90 minutes.
- Certification is valid for five years.

Did you know? IT professionals who earn LPIC-2 generally receive a 33% increase in bonus pay in only three months!



LPIC-2 – Linux Network Professional

LPIC-2 is aimed at advanced Linux professionals. The LPIC-2 validates a candidate's ability to administer small to medium-sized mixed networks. Candidates must have an active LPIC-1 Certification to receive LPIC-2 Certification, but the LPIC-1 and LPIC-2 exams may be taken in any order.

- Pass LPI 201 & 202 exams; each exam is 60 multiple-choice and fill in the blank questions in 90 minutes.
- Must also have active LPIC-1 Certification.
- Certification is valid for five years.

Did you know? IT professionals who hold LPIC-3 generally receive experience 25% growth in bonus pay over the last year.



LPIC-3 – Linux Enterprise Professional

LPIC-3 is designed for the senior enterprise-level Linux professional and represents the highest level of professional, distribution-neutral Linux Certification within the industry. Candidates should be able to concept, architect, install and troubleshoot LDAP (Lightweight Directory Access Protocol) software and integrate with Active Directory. The LPIC-3 is awarded after successful completion of one specialty exam.

- Pass one LPIC-3 specialty exam:
 - 300 – Mixed Environments
 - 303 – Security
 - 304 – High Availability & Virtualization
- Must also have active LPIC-1 and LPIC-2 Certifications.
- Certification is valid for five years.