

BSD Certification Group Newsletter

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1 New Sponsors

We're pleased to announce two new bronze sponsors: The FreeBSD Foundation and Marketbridge Technologies.

The FreeBSD Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is committed to supporting and building the FreeBSD Project and community worldwide. The Foundation gratefully accepts donations from individuals and businesses to help fund various activities to support the project like managing intellectual property issues and funding development projects, to supporting technical conferences and developer collaboration. The Foundation board is comprised of volunteers that are actively involved in FreeBSD and also respected researchers in their areas of expertise.

Marketbridge Technologies is an advanced technology firm specializing in network, security consulting and training. Marketbridge provides strong expertise in open source and industry/vendor specific technologies. Marketbridge performs onsite and local instruction, including consulting services, throughout North America.

Keep an eye on the Sponsors page of the website as several other sponsors will be added over the next few weeks. If your company is interested in sponsorship, please use the contact form on the website to request details.

2 New Webmaster

Randi Harper has accepted the position as the BSDCG web developer. Many thanks to those who applied for this volunteer position and to the retiring webmaster, genoverly, for all of his great work in the past.

3 New BSDCG Member

Axel Gruner, a member of the BSDCG German translation team since its formation, has recently joined the BSDCG as a voting member. His updated bio is in the BSDCG section of the Meet Us page of the website.

4 Exam Weightings

The exam weightings for the seven BSDA Study Domains have been determined from our psychometrician's analysis and will be added to the Certification page of the website. They are:

13% Installing & Upgrading the OS and Software

11% Securing the Operating System

15% Files, Filesystems and Disks

16% Users and Accounts Management

12% Basic System Administration

15% Network Administration

17% Basic Unix Skills

Detailed exam objectives for the Study Domains can be found in the BSDA Certification Requirements PDF which is available for download from the Certification page of the website. The initial BSDA exam will contain 100 questions, meaning you can expect 13 questions assessing the objectives listed under the Installing domain, 11 questions assessing the objectives listed under the Securing domain, and so on.

Details regarding the type of questions, including sample questions, will be published once the test delivery solution is finalized. The required passing score will be published once the initial psychometric analysis of the exam questions is complete.

5 Update on Test Delivery

Due to the high costs associated with commercial online test delivery solutions, the BSDCG has assembled a development team to create a custom solution. Sponsorship will definitely speed up development time; if your company is interested in providing either developers or financial assistance, please contact the Chair using the contact page of the website.

We should have more details regarding test delivery, test availability, and test cost by the end of the year.

6 Website Statistics

Online webstats are available at <http://webstats.bsdcertification.org/>.

7 Mailing Lists

If you are not on the announcements list, please sign up at <http://lists.nycbug.org/mailman/listinfo/bsdcert-announce/>. It is a closed list for announcements from the BSD Certification Group.

The general discussion list is at <http://lists.nycbug.org/mailman/listinfo/bsdcert/>.

The announcements list had 191 subscribers and the general discussion list had 748 members this month.

8 About this Newsletter

The BSD Certification Group newsletter is published every month, near the middle of the month.

Thank you to Dru Lavigne for contributing to this newsletter. The editor is Jeremy C. Reed.

If you have any news items related to the BSD Certification, please let us know by submitting via the contact form on the website or by sending an email to newsletter@BSDCertificationGroup.org. Or if you would like to volunteer for the translation team please send a note with the subject "translation" on the website's contact form.

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