

BSD Certification Group Newsletter

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1 BSDA Beta Exam

The following number of beta testers partipated at each beta location:

- BSDCan, Ottawa: 18
- Linuxtag, Berlin: 19
- Mohawk College, Hamilton: 11
- Bela Horizonte, Brazil: 12
- Sao Paulo, Brazil: 7

For a total of 67 participants. Once all of the exam packs have been returned to the BSDCG, the answer sheets will be sent to the psychometrician for her analysis. The beta results should be available sometime in August and will be used by the psychometrician and the SMEs (Subject Matter Experts) to finalize the BSDA exam questions and the passing score for the BSDA exam.

2 Beta at BSDCan

Eighteen candidates completed the beta at BSDCan on the 18th. About a third finished within an hour and about 75% were finished within 90 minutes. Two took the complete three hours – for one of these test takers, English was his third language. Two of the testing candidates teach sysadmin courses at the post-secondary level; the rest were a mix of working sysadmins and BSD users.

3 Beta in Belo Horizonte

Twelve examinees in Belo Horizonte: 11 subscribed from the website and one extra examinee just showed up. On average, the exam takers took 1 hour and 50 minutes to complete the exam.

4 Beta at Mohawk College

Eleven participated at the Mohawk College beta: nine students who were taught using our exam objectives and two of their instructors.

5 Beta at LinuxTag

The Group had two beta runs of the upcoming BSD associate (BSDA) certification, with 19 participants that were using some BSD for quite some time, or that had some Unix/Linux background. Fastest passed the exam in 45 minutes, slowest in 90 minutes. The general opinion was that the exam was hard, but fair – and that you will have to study. The BSD Certification Group would like to thank LPI for sharing their examination room and helping us.

6 BSD Certification at LinuxTag

In addition to the beta exams at LinuxTag, Group member Machtelt Garrels gave a presentation about our BSD Certification. She talked for about 40 minutes and answered a lot of questions. The full text and the presentation with notes are available in these OpenOffice documents:

- <http://tille.garrels.be/training/bsd/20070601-LinuxTag-BSDCert-MGarrels.odt>

- <http://tille.garrels.be/training/bsd/BSDCG-Status-200705.odp>

And Group member Axel S. Gruner said there was a big interest about the certification including from Linux users.

7 BSD Certification at OSCON

Dru Lavigne of the BSDCG will be presenting at the Emerging Topics track at OSCON 2007 regarding BSD Certification:

- http://conferences.oreillynet.com/cs/os2007/view/e_sess/12472

There will also be a *BSD booth at the Expo Hall on July 25 and 26. While the talk will only be for registered attendees, the Expo Hall is free. If you're in the Portland, Oregon area on those dates, come visit the *BSD booth.

8 Website Statistics

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

9 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 bsdcert list has around 746 members and the bsdcert-announce list has around 229 subscribers.

10 About this Newsletter

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

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