

220-1101-02: CompTIA A+ Certification: Part 1 of 9: Fundamentals

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Prerequisites: This course assumes the user has little to experience with computer hardware or software.

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Course description: In this course for the CompTIA A+ 1101-1102 exam, we will cover an introduction to computing concepts, how the certification works, and anatomy of the computer.

Course outline:

Personal Computer Concepts

- Introduction
- Hardware vs. Software
- Pc Communication
- Hardware Requirements
- Binary Numbering System
- Comparing Numbering Systems
- Demo: Numbering Systems
- Personal Computer Concepts
- Summary

Becoming an IT Professional

- Introduction
- Becoming an IT Professional
- Advancing Your Skillset
- Soft Skills
- Working with End Users
- Dealing with Difficult Customers
- End User Communication
- Summary

Certification Basics

- Introduction
- Certification 101
- Creating a Plan
- Certification Exam
- Summary

Motherboards

- Introduction
- Motherboards
- Data Communication
- Chipsets
- North Bridge
- South Bridge

- Connector Types
- Form Factors
- Installing a Motherboard
- Replacing Motherboards
- Motherboard Compatability
- Summary

Firmware

- Introduction
- BIOS and CMOS
- UEFI
- POST
- Configuring BIOS
- Fan Speed Considerations
- Security Settings
- Secure Boot
- Demo: Firmware Settings
- Summary

Power Supplies

- Introduction
- Power Supplies
- Installation Considerations
- Powering Drives
- Motherboard Power
- Choosing Power Supplies
- Replacing Power Supplies
- Demo: Power Supplies
- Summary

Central Processing Unit

- Introduction
- Central Processing Unit
- CPU Architecture
- Cooling

- Liquid Cooling
- Demo: CPU
- Summary

Memory

- Introduction
- Memory
- Memory Units
- DDR RAM
- Error Recovery
- RAM Configurations
- Installing RAM
- Demo: Examining Memory
- Summary

Storage

- Introduction
- Storage Overview
- Drive Architecture
- Drive Speeds
- SATA
- eSATA
- Demo: Hard drives
- Magnetic Drives
- Hard Drive Geometry
- Hot Swappable
- SSD Overview
- Flash Drives
- Memory Cards
- Optical Drives
- Drive Components
- DVD
- Blu-Ray

- Installing Optical Drives
- RAID Technologies
- RAID Levels
- Demo: Configure RAID
- Summary

Cables and Connectors

- Introduction
- Expansion Technologies
- Serial and Parallel
- Universal Serial Bus
- USB Versions
- USB Classes
- USB Connectors and Cables
- Demo: USB Cables
- Video Cards
- Summary