The CompTIA Cloud+ certification is an internationally recognized validation of the knowledge required of IT practitioners working in cloud computing environments. The CompTIA Cloud+ CV0-002 exam will certify the successful candidate has the knowledge and skills required to:

- Understand standard cloud methodologies
- Implement, maintain and deliver cloud technologies (e.g., network, storage and virtualization technologies)
- Understand aspects of IT security and use industry best practices related to cloud implementations

It is recommended that CompTIA Cloud+ candidates have the following:

- CompTIA Network+ certification and/or CompTIA Server+ certification, although CompTIA certifications are not required
- At least 24–36 months of work experience in IT networking, network storage or datacenter administration
- Familiarity with any major hypervisor technologies for server virtualization, although vendor-specific certifications in virtualization are not required
- Knowledge of cloud service model (IaaS, Paas, Saas) definitions
- Knowledge of common cloud deployment model (private, public, hybrid) definitions
- Hands-on experience with at least one public cloud IaaS platform

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TEST DETAILS

Required exam CV0-002
Number of questions Maximum of 90
Type of questions Multiple choice and performance-based
Length of test 90 minutes
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Passing score 750 (on a scale of 100–900)

EXAM OBJECTIVES (DOMAINS)
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1.0 Configuration and Deployment

1.1 Given a scenario, analyze system requirements to ensure successful system deployment.

- Appropriate commands, structure, tools, and automation/orchestration as needed
- Platforms and applications
- Interaction of cloud components and services
  - Network components
- Application components
- Storage components
- Compute components
- Security components
- Interaction of non-cloud components and services
- Baselines
- Target hosts
- Existing systems
- Cloud architecture
- Cloud elements/target objects

1.2 Given a scenario, execute a provided deployment plan.

- Apply the change management process
  - Approvals
  - Scheduling
- Refer to documentation and follow standard operating procedures
- Execute workflow
- Configure automation and orchestration, where appropriate, for the system being deployed
- Use commands and tools as needed
- Document results

1.3 Given a scenario, analyze system requirements to determine if a given testing plan is appropriate.

- Underlying environmental considerations included in the testing plan
  - Shared components
  - Storage
  - Compute
  - Network
  - Production vs. development vs. QA
  - Sizing
- Performance
- High availability
- Connectivity
- Data integrity
- Proper function
- Replication
- Load balancing
- Automation/orchestration
- Testing techniques
  - Vulnerability testing
  - Penetration testing
  - Load testing
Given a scenario, analyze testing results to determine if the testing was successful in relation to given system requirements.

- Consider success factor indicators of the testing environment
  - Sizing
  - Performance
  - Availability
  - Connectivity
  - Data integrity
  - Proper functionality

- Document results
  - Baseline comparisons
  - SLA comparisons
  - Cloud performance fluctuation variables

Given a scenario, analyze sizing, subnetting, and basic routing for a provided deployment of the virtual network.

- Cloud deployment models
  - Public
  - Private
  - Hybrid
  - Community

- Network components
  - Applicable port and protocol considerations when extending to the cloud

- Determine configuration for the applicable platform as it applies to the network
  - VPN
  - IDS/IPS
  - DMZ
  - VXLAN
  - Address space required

- Network segmentation and microsegmentation

- Determine if cloud resources are consistent with the SLA and/or change management requirements

Given a scenario, analyze CPU and memory sizing for a provided deployment.

- Available vs. proposed resources
  - CPU
  - RAM

- Memory technologies
  - Bursting and ballooning
  - Overcommitment ratio

- CPU technologies
  - Hyperthreading
  - VT-x
  - Overcommitment ratio

- Effect to HA/DR
- Performance considerations
- Cost considerations
- Energy savings
- Dedicated compute environment vs. shared compute environment
Given a scenario, analyze the appropriate storage type and protection capability for a provided deployment.

- Requested IOPS and read/write throughput
- Protection capabilities
  - High availability
  - Failover zones
  - Storage replication
    - Regional
    - Multiregional
    - Synchronous and asynchronous
  - Storage mirroring
  - Cloning
  - Redundancy level/factor

- Storage types
  - NAS
  - DAS
  - SAN
  - Object storage

- Access protocols

- Management differences

- Provisioning model
  - Thick provisioned
  - Thin provisioned
  - Encryption requirements
  - Tokenization

- Storage technologies
  - Deduplication technologies
  - Compression technologies

- Storage tiers

- Overcommitting storage

- Security configurations for applicable platforms
  - ACLs
  - Obfuscation
  - Zoning
  - User/host authentication and authorization

Given a scenario, analyze characteristics of the workload (storage, network, compute) to ensure a successful migration.

- Migration types
  - P2V
  - V2V
  - V2P
  - P2P
  - Storage migrations
  - Online vs. offline migrations

- Source and destination format of the workload
  - Virtualization format
  - Application and data portability

- Network connections and data transfer methodologies

- Standard operating procedures for the workload migration

- Environmental constraints
  - Bandwidth
  - Working hour restrictions
  - Downtime impact
  - Peak timeframes
  - Legal restrictions
  - Follow-the-sun constraints/time zones

Given a scenario, apply elements required to extend the infrastructure into a given cloud solution.

- Identity management elements
  - Identification
  - Authentication
  - Authorization
    - Approvals
    - Access policy
    - Federation
    - Single sign-on

- Appropriate protocols given requirements

- Element considerations to deploy infrastructure services such as:
  - DNS
  - DHCP
  - Certificate services
  - Local agents
  - Antivirus
  - Load balancer
  - Multifactor authentication
  - Firewall
  - IPS/IDS
2.0 Security

2.1 Given a scenario, apply security configurations and compliance controls to meet given cloud infrastructure requirements.

- Company security policies
- Apply security standards for the selected platform
- Compliance and audit requirements governing the environment
  - Laws and regulations as they apply to the data
- Encryption technologies
  - IPSec
  - SSL/TLS
- Other ciphers
- Key and certificate management
  - PKI
- Tunneling protocols
  - L2TP
  - PPTP
  - GRE
- Implement automation and orchestration processes as applicable
- Appropriate configuration for the applicable platform as it applies to compute
  - Disabling unneeded ports and services
  - Account management policies
  - Host-based/software firewalls
  - Antivirus/anti-malware software
  - Patching
  - Deactivating default accounts

2.2 Given a scenario, apply the appropriate ACL to the target objects to meet access requirements according to a security template.

- Authorization to objects in the cloud
  - Processes
  - Resources
    - Users
    - Groups
    - System
    - Compute
    - Networks
- Storage
  - Services
- Effect of cloud service models on security implementations
- Effect of cloud deployment models on security implementations
- Access control methods
  - Role-based administration
  - Mandatory access controls
  - Discretionary access controls
  - Non-discretionary access controls
  - Multifactor authentication
  - Single sign-on

2.3 Given a cloud service model, implement defined security technologies to meet given security requirements.

- Data classification
- Concepts of segmentation and microsegmentation
  - Network
  - Storage
  - Compute
- Use encryption as defined
- Use multifactor authentication as defined
- Apply defined audit/compliance requirements

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Given a cloud service model, apply the appropriate security automation technique to the target system.

- **Tools**
  - APIs
  - Vendor applications
  - CLI
  - Web GUI
  - Cloud portal

- **Techniques**
  - Orchestration
  - Scripting
  - Custom programming

- **Security services**
  - Firewall
  - Antivirus/anti-malware
  - IPS/IDS
  - HIPS

- **Impact of security tools to systems and services**
  - Scope of impact

- **Impact of security automation techniques as they relate to the criticality of systems**
  - Scope of impact
3.0 Maintenance

3.1 Given a cloud service model, determine the appropriate methodology to apply given patches.

- Scope of cloud elements to be patched
  - Hypervisors
  - Virtual machines
  - Virtual appliances
  - Networking components
  - Applications
  - Storage components
  - Clusters

- Patching methodologies and standard operating procedures
  - Production vs. development vs. QA
  - Rolling update
  - Blue-green deployment
  - Failover cluster

- Use order of operations as it pertains to elements that will be patched
- Dependency considerations

3.2 Given a scenario, apply the appropriate automation tools to update cloud elements.

- Types of updates
  - Hotfix
  - Patch
  - Version update
  - Rollback

- Automation workflow
  - Runbook management
    - Single node
  - Orchestration
    - Multiple nodes
    - Multiple runbooks

- Activities to be performed by automation tools
  - Snapshot
  - Cloning
  - Patching

- Restarting
- Shut down
- Maintenance mode
- Enable/disable alerts

3.3 Given a scenario, apply an appropriate backup or restore method.

- Backup types
  - Snapshot/redirect-on-write
  - Clone
  - Full
  - Differential
  - Incremental
  - Change block/delta tracking

- Backup targets
  - Replicas
  - Local
  - Remote

- Other considerations
  - SLAs
  - Backup schedule
  - Configurations
  - Objects
  - Dependencies
  - Online/offline

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## 3.0 Maintenance

### 3.4 Given a cloud-based scenario, apply appropriate disaster recovery methods.

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### 3.6 Given a scenario, apply the appropriate maintenance automation technique to the target objects.

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4.0 Management

4.1 Given a scenario, analyze defined metrics to determine the presence of an abnormality and/or forecast future needed cloud resources.

- Monitoring
  - Target object baselines
  - Target object anomalies
  - Common alert methods/messaging
  - Alerting based on deviation from baseline
  - Event collection

- Event correlation
- Forecasting resource capacity
  - Upsize/increase
  - Downsize/decrease
- Policies in support of event collection
- Policies to communicate alerts appropriately

4.2 Given a scenario, determine the appropriate allocation of cloud resources.

- Resources needed based on cloud deployment models
  - Hybrid
  - Community
  - Public
  - Private
- Capacity/elasticity of cloud environment

- Support agreements
  - Cloud service model maintenance responsibility
- Configuration management tool
- Resource balancing techniques
- Change management
  - Advisory board

- Approval process
- Document actions taken
- CMDB
- Spreadsheet

4.3 Given a scenario, determine when to provision/deprovision cloud resources.

- Usage patterns
- Cloud bursting
  - Auto-scaling technology
- Cloud provider migrations
- Extending cloud scope
- Application life cycle
  - Application deployment

- Application upgrade
- Application retirement
- Application replacement
- Application migration
- Application feature use
  - Increase/decrease

- Business need change
  - Mergers/acquisitions/divestitures
  - Cloud service requirement changes
  - Impact of regulation and law changes
4.0 Management

4.4 Given a scenario, implement account provisioning techniques in a cloud environment to meet security and policy requirements.

- Identification
  - Authentication methods
    - Federation
    - Single sign-on
  - Authorization methods
    - ACLs
    - Permissions
- Account life cycle
- Account management policy
  - Lockout
  - Password complexity rules
- Automation and orchestration activities
  - User account creation
  - Permission settings
  - Resource access
- User account removal
- User account disablement

4.5 Given a scenario, analyze deployment results to confirm they meet the baseline.

- Procedures to confirm results
  - CPU usage
  - RAM usage
  - Storage utilization
  - Patch versions
- Network utilization
- Application version
- Auditing enable
- Management tool compliance

4.6 Given a specific environment and related data (e.g., performance, capacity, trends), apply appropriate changes to meet expected criteria.

- Analyze performance trends
- Refer to baselines
- Refer to SLAs
- Tuning of cloud target objects
  - Compute
  - Network
  - Storage
  - Service/application resources
- Recommend changes to meet expected performance/capacity
  - Scale up/down (vertically)
  - Scale in/out (horizontally)

4.7 Given SLA requirements, determine the appropriate metrics to report.

- Chargeback/showback models
  - Reporting based on company policies
  - Reporting based on SLAs
- Dashboard and reporting
  - Elasticity usage
  - Connectivity
- Latency
- Capacity
- Overall utilization
- Cost
- Incidents
- Health
- System availability
  - Uptime
  - Downtime
5.0 Troubleshooting

5.1 Given a scenario, troubleshoot a deployment issue.

- **Common issues in the deployments**
  - Breakdowns in the workflow
  - Integration issues related to different cloud platforms
- **Resource contention**
- **Connectivity issues**
- **Cloud service provider outage**
- **Licensing issues**
- **Template misconfiguration**
- **Time synchronization issues**
- **Language support**
- **Automation issues**

5.2 Given a scenario, troubleshoot common capacity issues.

- **Exceeded cloud capacity boundaries**
  - Compute
  - Storage
  - Networking
    - IP address limitations
    - Bandwidth limitations
- **Licensing**
- **Variance in number of users**
- **API request limit**
- **Batch job scheduling issues**
- **Deviation from original baseline**
- **Unplanned expansions**

5.3 Given a scenario, troubleshoot automation/orchestration issues.

- **Breakdowns in the workflow**
  - Account mismatch issues
  - Change management failure
  - Server name changes
  - IP address changes
- **Location changes**
- **Version/feature mismatch**
- **Automation tool incompatibility**
- **Job validation issue**

5.4 Given a scenario, troubleshoot connectivity issues.

- **Common networking issues**
  - Incorrect subnet
  - Incorrect IP address
  - Incorrect gateway
  - Incorrect routing
  - DNS errors
  - QoS issues
  - Misconfigured VLAN or VXLAN
  - Misconfigured firewall rule
- **Insufficient bandwidth**
- **Latency**
- **Misconfigured MTU/MSS**
- **Misconfigured proxy**
- **Network tool outputs**
- **Network connectivity tools**
  - ping
  - tracert/traceroute
  - telnet
- **Remote access tools for troubleshooting**
  - netstat
  - nslookup/dig
  - ipconfig/ifconfig
  - route
  - arp
  - ssh
  - tcpdump
5.0 Troubleshooting

5.5 Given a scenario, troubleshoot security issues.

- Authentication issues
  - Account lockout/expiration
- Authorization issues
- Federation and single sign-on issues
- Certificate expiration
- Certification misconfiguration
- External attacks
- Internal attacks
  - Privilege escalation
  - Internal role change
  - External role change
  - Security device failure
  - Incorrect hardening settings
  - Unencrypted communication
- Unauthorized physical access
- Unencrypted data
- Weak or obsolete security technologies
- Insufficient security controls and processes
- Tunneling or encryption issues

5.6 Given a scenario, explain the troubleshooting methodology.

1. Identify the problem
   - Question the user and identify user changes to computer and perform backups before making changes

2. Establish a theory of probable cause (question the obvious)
   - If necessary, conduct internal or external research based on symptoms

3. Test the theory to determine cause
   - Once theory is confirmed, determine the next steps to resolve the problem
   - If the theory is not confirmed, reestablish a new theory or escalate

4. Establish a plan of action to resolve the problem and implement the solution

5. Verify full system functionality and, if applicable, implement preventive measures

6. Document findings, actions and outcomes
# CompTIA Cloud+ Acronyms

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Cloud+ Proposed Hardware and Software List

CompTIA has included this sample list of hardware and software to assist candidates as they prepare for the Cloud+ exam. This list may also be helpful for training companies that wish to create a lab component for their training offering. The bulleted lists below each topic are sample lists and not exhaustive.

**EQUIPMENT**
- Hyperconverged infrastructure or system
  - Shared storage/hard drives
  - SAN switches
  - Backup service
  - Replication to cloud services
  - Virtual firewall
  - Compute (CPU, RAM, etc.)
- Switch for client PCs
- Router
- Access to SaaS, PaaS, IaaS environments
- Client PCs (laptops/desktops)

**SOFTWARE**
- Automation tools
- Hypervisor (Type 1, Type 2)
- Client and server OS
- Various Internet browsers
- Hypervisor management software
- Cloud management software
- Database software
- Network management software

**SPARE PARTS/HARDWARE**
- Keyboard, mouse, monitors
- Cat 6

**OTHER**
- Internet access
- Remote access to cloud service providers (free services)
- Administrative tools (Admin pack)
- Self-service provisioning portal

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