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IBM Test Numbers Are Changing

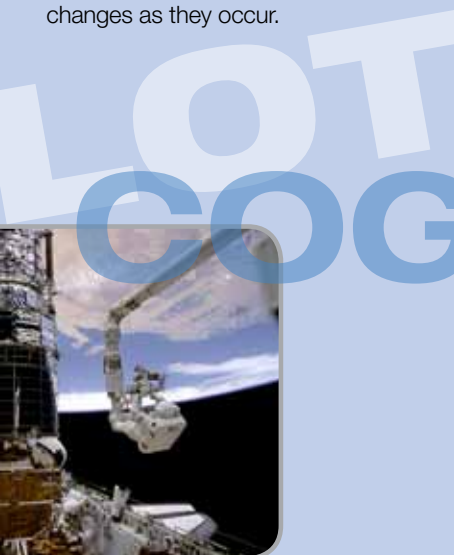
IBM is in the process of revising our certification test numbering scheme. Currently most of the IBM test numbers begin with 000, followed by a three digit number (i.e 000-123).

We are beginning to replace the leading 000 with three characters more representative of the IBM program the test is associated with.

Recently we have made the change for Lotus and Cognos.

- All Lotus tests now begin with: **LOT**
- All Cognos tests now begin with: **COG**

Slowly, over time, other test numbers will change. We will announce the changes as they occur.



Dynamic Infrastructure

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For information about each of these exciting new certifications, visit the **Dynamic Infrastructure Certification web pages.**

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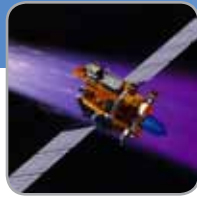
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To help you further enhance your skills, IBM is releasing three new exciting Information Management certifications in the second quarter of 2009:

- IBM Certified Solution Developer - QualityStage v8.0 (Exam 419)
- IBM Certified Specialist - IBM solidDB and IBM solidDB Universal Cache (Exam 550)
- IBM Certified Specialist - IBM Optim Implementation for Distributed Systems (Exam 551)

These certifications will allow you to expand your technical knowledge which can be used as a tool to drive business performance and competitiveness.

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Learn to be a DB2 expert at IDUG North America

The 2009 IDUG North America conference will feature three complimentary IBM certification exams for each registered attendees covering a variety of DB2 topic areas. Certification exams typically cost \$200 per test, however, through IDUG's partnership with IBM, certification testing to all registered IDUG attendees is provided at no cost to you! View the complete list of exams offered at IDUG 2009 and start preparing for success with study resources today!

Check it out!

Take the path to professional certification

To help you begin and prepare for professional certification, IBM has created a series of certification roadmaps to help you define and map out your certification path. We offer a variety of job-related certifications for our Information Management software products. Our roadmaps are designed to provide a comprehensive, concise view of all the exams and roles available as well as provide you with the most efficient path to achieve the various levels of certification. Once you earn one or more of these certifications, you earn the right to display the Information Management professional certification mark.

Certification roadmaps are available on the web.

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Certification is an investment in skill development. In today's marketplace it is not enough just to have skills... you need applicable, current and up-to-date skills. Your certification credential provides a proof-point for skills validation. Maintaining current certification can help you stay competitive and ahead of the curve.

The Lotus Certification Team is please to offer a new set of Lotus Notes and Domino 8.5 certification paths for Application Development and Systems Administration.

If you are already a Notes Domino V8 Lotus Certified Professional, you have invested time and money developing your skills to achieve the certification. Protect your investment in one quick step! By taking the recertification path, you can bring your certification up-to-date with a single 8.5 update exam.

Are you new to certification? Or, are you certified on one of the older Lotus products? There are several Lotus Notes and Domino 8.5 certification opportunities for you, too!

Stay Ahead. Check out all the new **Lotus 8.5 certification offerings** on the Web.

Big Certification Savings at Lotus Technical Conferences



The Lotus portfolio has many solutions which can help both individuals and companies collaborate and work smarter. Attending Lotus Tech conferences is another way to collaborate and learn how to work smarter, not harder. Last year, Lotus technical conferences were launched to compliment the pre-existing Portal conferences. In 2009, we are continuing these offerings. So far we have ten technical conferences scheduled. A key difference this year is that certification will be available at all of our conferences at a heavily discounted rate. For all conference attendees, regardless of the geography, the first test is free and the second test is 50% off. This means that if a conference attendee takes advantage of two testing opportunities, they can save the equivalent of \$300 USD. Not only is this a significant reduction in the cost of certification but it can also help defray the cost of the conference. Its like money back in your pocket to spend on training, additional certifications or other areas of professional development.

So take some time to view the list of Conferences and Events to see if there is a Lotus and/or Portal Technical Conference you can attend. Not only will you gain up to the minute information on our latest technologies and the opportunity to network with peers; but you will also be able to get more for less in terms of your professional investment... and that is working smarter!

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Be prepared for your next certification exam

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- IBM Certified Deployment Professional - Tivoli Service Request Manager V7.1
- IBM Certified Deployment Professional - Tivoli Network Manager IP Edition V3.8
- IBM Certified Deployment Professional - Tivoli Workload Scheduler V8.5
- IBM Certified Deployment Professional - Maximo Asset Management V6.2

Go to the **Tivoli Certification Web Pages** to check out these certifications and the full portfolio of certification offerings from Tivoli.

2009 Certifications



The WebSphere/SOA/XML certification team strives to meet market demands by

continuously introducing the most strategic and required certifications based on IBM's latest product versions and technology. In today's competitive environment, it is recommended to always maintain current certifications. Be sure to visit the web site to keep up-to-date

» **WebSphere**

http://www.ibm.com/certify/certs/ws_index.shtml

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» **XML**

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As you work towards earning new certification credentials, IBM discount offers and promotions can help you along the way. For complete details, select the desired promotion and plan ahead.

- **2009 Train and Certify Promotion**
- **2009 Assess and Save Promotion**
- **2009 Certification Testing @ IBM IMPACT**
- **2009 Academic Initiative Promotion**
- **IBM PartnerWorld Discounts/Reimbursements**

WebSphere Certifications to Retire

The following certifications are scheduled to be retired:

- **April 30, 2009:**
IBM Certified Solution Developer - WebSphere Bus. Monitor V6.0.2
- **June 30, 2009:**
IBM Certified System Administrator - WebSphere Application Server Network

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Start date	End date	Name	Location
03 May 2009	08 May 2009	Impact 2009	Las Vegas, NV
04 May 2009	08 May 2009	IBM System z Technical Conference	Brussels, Belgium
11 May 2009	14 May 2009	IBM Server Systems Technical Conference featuring Power Systems, System x, BladeCenter & System Storage	Vilnius, Lithuania
12 May 2009	15 May 2009	IBM Cognos Forum 2009	Orlando, FL
18 May 2009	21 May 2009	IBM System z and System Storage Technical Symposium	Chennai, India
18 May 2009	21 May 2009	IBM Systems Conference	Orlando, Florida
26 May 2009	28 May 2009	Tivoli University	Sydney, Australia
31 May 2009	04 Jun 2009	IBM Rational Software Development Conference 2009	Orlando, Florida, USA
03 Jun 2009	05 Jun 2009	IBM System x and BladeCenter Technical Symposium	Melbourne, Australia
24 Jun 2009	26 Jun 2009	IBM Lotus Technical Conference	Amsterdam, Netherlands
15 Jul 2009	17 Jul 2009	IBM System x and BladeCenter Technical Symposium	Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam
20 Jul 2009	22 Jul 2009	IBM System x and BladeCenter Technical Symposium	Delhi, India
22 Jul 2009	24 Jul 2009	2009 Lotus 技术大会	中国 · 北京
27 Jul 2009	31 Jul 2009	IBM System Storage and Storage Networking Symposium	Chicago, Illinois, USA
27 Jul 2009	31 Jul 2009	IBM System x and BladeCenter Technical Conference	Chicago, Illinois, USA

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