

HPE Digital Learner MSA Content Pack

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HPE MSA hybrid storage solutions provide the entry-point for SAN storage supported by HPE ProLiant servers. HPE MSA storage offers a portfolio of arrays, drives, and options that deliver a common set of features enabling flash-ready hybrid storage systems designed to deliver hands-free, affordable application acceleration for demanding SMB workloads. This eLearning course provides in-depth knowledge about HPE MSA storage virtualization capabilities and is perfectly set to equip storage administrators with the tools to optimize management, implementation, monitoring and maintenance functions on the HPE MSA storage solution.

NOTE: Implementing HPE MSA Storage Solutions eLearning has two components:

- 1. Web-based training available online
- 2. Hands-on practice, available through HPE Virtual Labs (HPE vLabs)

With this self-paced eLearning, you have options normally unavailable with an instructor-led course. You will enjoy access to the web-based portion of the training as part of your subscription service so that you may repeat sections for reinforcement. Take this training at your own pace and on your own schedule. In addition, you have two sequential days of access to the HPE Virtual Labs to run the labs associated with this course.

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Audience

Customers, administrators and channel partners (sales or technical sales)

Prerequisites

- Basic knowledge of Storage Area Networks (SAN) is recommended.
- Familiarity with Microsoft Windows Server 2012 or higher is an added benefit.

Content Pack objectives

After completing this course, you should be able to:

- Explain positioning, benefits, and features of the HPE MSA family of products
- Implement HPE MSA virtual storage provisioning
- Navigate and utilize the HPE MSA Storage Management Utility (SMU)
- Use HPE MSA virtualized storage features
- Execute operations via the HPE MSA command line interface (CLI)
- Perform maintenance and support tasks on MSA systems

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Detailed Content Pack outline

Module 1: MSA Product Overview	 List the current HPE MSA array generations and models Explain the use cases for implementing HPE MSA storage solutions Describe the controller architecture and features that are included with HPE MSA 	 Categorize the various HPE MSA controller models and list their supported configurations Identify the connectivity options for various MSA controllers
Module 2: MSA Virtual Storage	Explain the management/monitoring capabilities built into the Storage Management Utility (SMU) version 3 and version 4 Discuss MSA virtual storage terminology that is part of storage provisioning Page Disk group Tier Pool Read cache	 Recall the benefits of MSA-DP+ RAID Describe MSA virtual storage automated tiering mechanism Implement MSA virtual storage tier affinity
Module 3: Data Protection on MSA Storage	Explain how MSA fault tolerance is implemented for disk or controller failures Discuss the MSA snapshot feature and illustrate the Redirect on Write (RoW) mechanism	Explain the volume copy feature and its implementation specifics List the capabilities that are available through the MSA Remote Snapshot Replication feature
Module 4: MSA Maintenance and Support	Describe the maintenance tasks to be performed on disk groups and volumes List the ways to track activities and monitor the health status of the MSA Explain the procedure to save log files for troubleshooting complex issues	 Get the URL for the MSA Health Check tool Discuss the options to set up notifications from MSA Explain the firmware update process on MSA

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Detailed lab outline

Lab 0: Accessing the Lab Environment		
Lab 1: Configure MSA Virtual Storage with SMU v3	 Task 1: Verify the management IP address of the HPE MSA storage systems Task 2: Launch HPE Storage Management Utility (SMU) v3 Task 3: Create disk groups using SMU v3 	 Task 4: Create volumes and map to hosts using SMU v3 Task 5: Install MPIO and initialize the disks in Windows Disk Management Task 6: Map volumes to iSCSI hosts
Lab 2: Configure MSA Virtual Storage with SMU v4	Task 1: Initialize the MSA Gen6 via Out of Box Experience (OOBE) Task 2: Storage Management Utility (SMU) V4	 Task 3: Configure pools and disk groups in SMU v4 Task 4: Provision volumes and attach to hosts in SMU v4
Lab 3: Data Protection	 Task 1: Create snapshots for data protection using SMU v3 Task 2: Use snapshots for data recovery in SMU v3 Task 3: Create snapshots for data protection using SMU v4 	 Task 4: Use snapshots for data recovery in SMU v4 Task 5: Copy volumes or snapshots for data protection
Lab 4: MSA Maintenance and Support	 Task 1: General system health and event logs Task 2: Set up alert notifications 	 Task 3: Download system logs for troubleshooting Task 4: Perform a firmware upgrade

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