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20744: Securing Windows Server 2016®

Course length: 5 day(s)

Course Description

This five-day, instructor-led course teaches information technology (IT) professionals how they can enhance the security of the IT infrastructure that they administer. This course begins by emphasizing the importance of assuming that network breaches have occurred already, and then teaches you how to protect administrative credentials and rights to ensure that administrators can perform only the tasks that they need to, when they need to.

This course also details how you can mitigate malware threats, identify security issues by using auditing and the Advanced Threat Analysis feature in Windows Server 2016, secure your virtualization platform, and use new deployment options, such as Nano server and containers to enhance security. The course also explains how you can help protect access to files by using encryption and dynamic access control, and how you can enhance your network's security.

At Course Completion

After completing this course, students will be able to:

- Secure Windows Server.
- Protect credentials and implement privileged access workstations.
- Limit administrator rights with Just Enough Administration.
- Manage privileged access.
- Mitigate malware and threats.
- Analyze activity with advanced auditing and log analytics.
- Deploy and configure Advanced Threat Analytics and Microsoft Operations Management Suite.
- Configure Guarded Fabric virtual machines (VMs).
- Use the Security Compliance Toolkit (SCT) and containers to improve security.
- Plan and protect data.
- Optimize and secure file services.
- Secure network traffic with firewalls and encryption.
- Secure network traffic by using DNSSEC and Message Analyzer.

Prerequisites

Students should have at least two years of experience in the IT field and should have:

- Completed courses 740, 741, and 742, or the equivalent.
- A solid, practical understanding of networking fundamentals, including TCP/IP, User Datagram Protocol (UDP), and Domain Name System (DNS).
- A solid, practical understanding of Active Directory Domain Services (AD DS) principles.
- A solid, practical understanding of Microsoft Hyper-V virtualization fundamentals.
- An understanding of Windows Server security principles.

Course Content

Module 1: Attacks, breach detection, and Sysinternals tools
This module frames the course so that students are thinking about security in environments where the infrastructure's basis is predominantly Microsoft products. The module begins with teaching students about the "assume breach" philosophy and getting them to understand the different types of attacks that can occur, including attack timelines and vectors. Additionally, it gets students thinking about key resources, how they respond when they detect an incident, and how an organization's direct needs and legislative requirements dictate its security policy.

- Understanding attacks
- Detecting security breaches
- Examining activity with the Sysinternals tools

Module 2: Protecting credentials and privileged access
This module covers user accounts and rights, computer and service accounts, credentials, Privileged Access Workstations, and the Local Administrator Password Solution. In this module, students will learn about configuring user rights and security options, protecting credentials by using Credential Guard, implementing Privileged Access Workstations, and managing and deploying Local Administrator Password Solution to manage local administrator account passwords.

- Understanding user rights
- Computer and service accounts
- Protecting credentials
- Privileged Access Workstations and jump servers
- Local administrator password solution

Module 3: Limiting administrator rights with Just Enough Administration
This module explains how to deploy and configure Just Enough Administration (JEA), which is an administrative technology that allows students to apply role-based access control (RBAC) principles through Windows PowerShell remote sessions.

- Understanding JEA
- Verifying and deploying JEA

Module 4: Privileged access management and administrative forests
This module explains the concepts of Enhanced Security Administrative Environment (ESAE) forests, Microsoft Identity Manager (MIM), and Just In Time (JIT) Administration, or Privileged Access Management (PAM)

- ESAE forests
- Overview of Microsoft Identity Manager
- Overview of JIT administration and PAM

Module 5: Mitigating malware and threats
This module explains how to use tools such as Windows Defender, Windows AppLocker, Microsoft Device Guard, Windows Defender Application Guard, and Windows Defender Exploit Guard.

- Configuring and managing Windows Defender
- Restricting software
- Configuring and using the Device Guard feature

Module 6: Analyzing activity with advanced auditing and log analytics
This module provides an overview of auditing, and then goes into detail about how to configure advanced auditing and Windows PowerShell auditing and logging.

- Overview of auditing
- Advanced auditing
- Windows PowerShell auditing and logging

Module 7: Deploying and configuring Advanced Threat Analytics and Microsoft Operations Management Suite
This module explains the Microsoft Advanced Threat Analytics tool and the Microsoft Operations Management suite (OMS). It also explains how you can use them to monitor and analyse the security of a Windows Server deployment. You will also learn about Microsoft Azure Security Center, which allows you to manage and monitor the security configuration of workloads both on-premises and in the cloud.

- Understanding JEA
- Verifying and deploying JEA

Module 8: Secure Virtualization Infrastructure
This module explains how to configure Guarded Fabric VMs, including the requirements for shielded and encryption-supported VMs.

- Guarded fabric
- Shielded and encryption-supported virtual machines

Module 9: Securing application development and server-workload infrastructure
This module describes the SCT, which is a free, downloadable set of tools that you can use to create and apply security settings. You will also learn about improving platform security by reducing the size and scope of application and compute resources by containerizing workloads.

- Using SCT
- Understanding containers

Module 10: Planning and protecting data
This module explains how to configure Encrypting File System (EFS) and BitLocker drive encryption to protect data at rest. You will also learn about extending protection into the cloud by using Azure Information Protection.

- Planning and implementing encryption
- Planning and implementing BitLocker
- Protecting data by using Azure Information Protection

Module 11: Optimizing and securing file services
This module explains how to optimize file services by configuring File Server Resource Manager (FSRM) and Distributed File System (DFS). Students also will learn how to manage access to shared files by configuring Dynamic Access Control (DAC).

- File Server Resource Manager
- Implementing classification and file management tasks
- Dynamic Access Control

Module 12: Securing network traffic with firewalls and encryption
This module explains how you can use Windows Firewall as an important part of an organization's protection strategy. It explains the use of Internet Protocol security (IPsec) to encrypt network traffic and to establish security zones on your network. You will also learn about the Datacenter Firewall feature that you can use to help protect your on-premises virtual environments.

- Understanding network-related security threats
- Understanding Windows Firewall with Advanced Security
- Configuring IPsec
- Datacenter Firewall

Module 13: Securing network traffic
This module explores some of the Windows Server 2016 technologies that you can use to help mitigate network-security threats. It explains how you can configure DNSSEC to help protect network traffic, and use Microsoft Message Analyzer to monitor network traffic. The module also describes how to secure Server Message Block (SMB) traffic.

- Configuring advanced DNS settings
- Examining network traffic with Message Analyzer
- Securing and analyzing SMB traffic