



EXAM SPECIFICATIONS

Security+ SY0-401 Exam Specs per CompTIA and CertBlaster Practice Test

The CompTIA Security+ SY0-401 exam covers: The ability to identify risk and participate in risk mitigation activities. Additionally you should be able to provide information, infrastructure, application, and operational security. The successful candidate will also be able to apply security controls to maintain confidentiality, integrity, as well as availability. Finally the candidate knows how to identify appropriate technologies and products, troubleshoot security events and incidents, and be aware of and operate within applicable policies, laws, and regulations. This is very summarized as the full CompTIA Security+ exam objectives document is 23 pages long. [You can find it here](#). According to CompTIA the recommended levels of knowledge and experience are: A minimum of two years of experience in IT administration with a focus on security as well as day to day professional information security experience and a broad knowledge of security concerns and implementation.

	CompTIA	Security+ CertBlaster
Exam focus	Cyber security with a focus on the ability to identify risk and participate in risk mitigation activities.	Same but being practice tests here you do get to see the answers and explanations.
Exam launch date by CompTIA	December 31, 2014	Same
Number of questions	Max 90 (recent tests seem to be just a bit over 80 questions).	90 in all CertBlaster Exams
Max time allowed	90 min.	90 min.
Type of questions	Multiple choice and performance based.	Multiple choice and performance based.
Cut score	750 on a scale of 100-900 this loosely translates to 85%.	85% with 95% recommended to account for a less anxiety ridden experience.
How many are Security+ certified?	Over 250,000 have passed the Security+ Certification exam	
Where do I sign up?	https://home.pearsonvue.com/	www.certblaster.com

Security+ SY0-401 Exam Main Domains (exam objectives) as per CompTIA:

Domain	Percentage of Examination
1.0 Network Security	20%
2.0 Compliance and Operational Security	18%
3.0 Threats and Vulnerabilities	20%
4.0 Application, Data and Host Security	15%
5.0 Access Control and Identity Management	15%
6.0 Cryptography	12%
Total	100%

Security+ Exam SY0-401 approximate number of questions per Main Domain

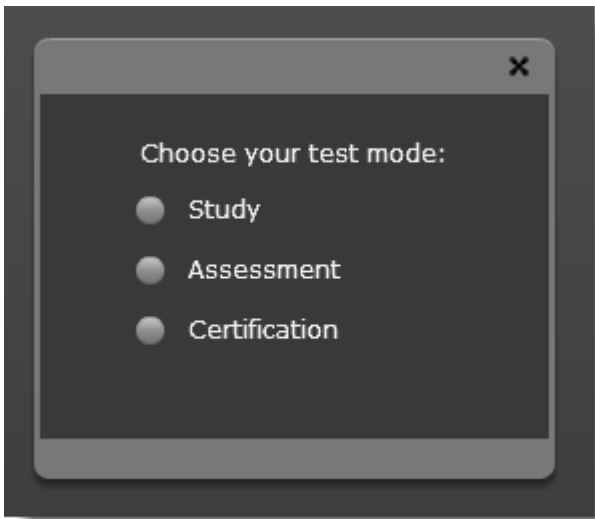
Domain	Approximate# of questions
1.0 Network Security	18
2.0 Compliance and Operational Security	16
3.0 Threats and Vulnerabilities	18
4.0 Application, Data and Host Security	14
5.0 Access Control and Identity Management	13
6.0 Cryptography	11
Total	90

Below are screen shots taken from the CertBlaster for Security+ SY0-401

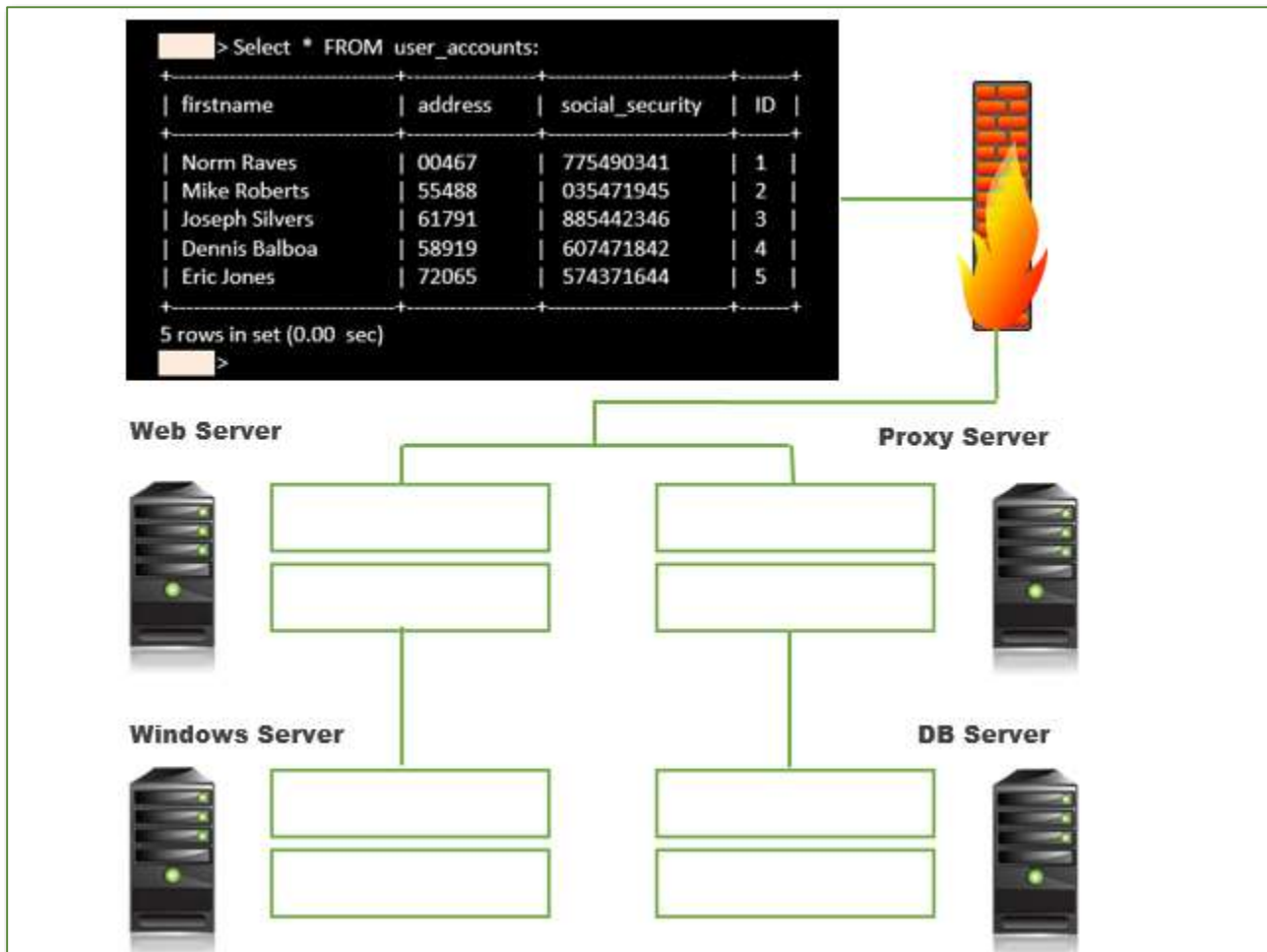
The CertBlaster Security+ SY0-401 practice test suite include all the exam objectives seen above as well as all the Performance Based Question types you would encounter on the actual CompTIA exam. Below is the Exam vs Drill selection page. Exams 1 – 4 are full exam simulations. The Drills are one per CompTIA Main Domain (see above) so five Drills for Security+. This means that all questions in a Drill belong to the same CompTIA Main Domain (exam objective) enabling you to focus your studies on areas of need.



When you select an exam you have a choice of one of three different test modes. In Study Mode you will have answers and explanations and feedback. In Assessment Mode you do not have access to answers but do get the type of feedback that will offer you guidance as to what you should focus on. Certification Mode are full exam simulations you “take the exam from the comfort of your home”.



This is an example of a CertBlaster performance based question taken from the CertBlaster for Security+ SY0-401. In this example you analyze a hacker script and have to figure out which server is under attack, what type of attack is in progress and what the best defense would be.



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