



Exam Preparation Guide

HPO-M97: Advanced ALM Quality Center 11 Software Exam

This guide is to set expectations about the context of the certification exam and to help candidates prepare. Recommended training to prepare for this exam can be found at The Learning Center and at the HP Software Education website. It is important to note that although training is recommended for exam preparation, successful completion of the training alone does not guarantee that you will pass the exam. In addition to training, exam items are based on knowledge gained from on-the-job experience and application as well as other supplemental reference material that may be specified in this guide.

HP certification

The HP ExpertONE community is a network of qualified HP channel partners, customers, and employees. These individuals have passed certification exams that validate skills and competencies for credentials offered through the HP ExpertONE program.

Audience

This exam is for HP Software technical professionals who consult on, teach or implement Application Lifecycle Management solutions. Examples of job roles include:

- HP Software certified instructor
- HP Software partners
- HP Software employees e.g. professional services, managed services, customer support, pre-sales

Minimum qualifications

To pass this exam, you should have at least six months field experience in Quality Center, application lifecycle, and the software testing lifecycle. Exams are based on an assumed level of industry-standard knowledge that may be gained from the training, hands-on experience, or other pre-requisite events. You should also be knowledgeable about:

- Web interfaces, HTML, software testing fundamentals
- VBScript
- Basic SQL

Relevant certifications

After passing this exam, your achievement may be applied toward more than one certification. To determine which certifications will be credited with this achievement, log into The Learning Center and view the certifications listed on the exam More Details tab. You may be on your way to achieving additional HP certifications.

Exam details

The following are details about this exam:

- Number of items: 100
- Item types: Multiple choice and performance-based



- Exam time: 3 hours
- Passing score: 70%
- Reference material: This is a performance-based test. The candidate will be provided with an ALM environment to perform tasks directed during the exam. No other on-line or hard copy reference material will be allowed at the testing site.

Comments on the exam

During the exam, participants can make specific comments about the items (i.e. accuracy, appropriateness to audience, etc). HP welcomes these comments as part of our continuous improvement process.

Exam content

The following testing objectives represent the specific areas of content covered in the exam. Use this outline to guide your study and to check your readiness for the exam. The exam measures your understanding of these areas.

HP0-M97	Sections/Objectives
15%	Planning for a Quality Center installation
5%	Upgrade from previous versions
5%	Configure admin settings
5%	Customize the QC Project
10%	Core ALM: Releases, Requirements, Test Plans, Test Lab and Defects Modules
5%	ALM Reporting Tools
5%	Versioning, baselines and libraries
5%	Use of template projects
5%	HP Sprinter
5%	ALM implementation practices
15%	Troubleshooting
20%	Performance-based activity

Training

Recommended training to help prepare for this exam is accessible in The Learning Center.

You are not required to take the recommended, supported courses; and completion of training does not guarantee that you will pass the exam. HP strongly recommends a combination of training, thorough review of courseware and additional study references, and sufficient on-the-job experience prior to taking the exam.



Additional study references

This section lists additional courses and documents that can help you prepare for the exam and acquire the knowledge necessary to achieve the associated credential. You must also gain the practical experience outlined in this guide.

Please note: The following materials were available when this document was published. Reference materials are continually updated.

Reference type/title	Source
ALM 11 Installation guide ALM 11 Administration guide HP Sprinter 11 manual ALM 11 Client Side User Guide	http://support.openview.hp.com/selfsolve/manuals Requires HP Passport login
ALM online help and document library	ALM product install

Exam registration

To register for this exam, please go to the exam tab in The Learning Center and click on "Access more information". Visit <http://www.hp.com/go/ExpertONE> for access.

Conclusion

HP wishes you success in passing the exam and joining the HP ExpertONE program.

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