

Innovations in Testing 2024

Reconsidering the Firewall:

Translating Domain Analyses into Training Frameworks

BETTER TOGETHER

Embrace change. Share solutions.



Veeam Certs programs – overview

- Veeam Certified Engineer
- Veeam Certified Architect



Challenges

- Legacy of course prioritization maintain standards
- Interpreting exam documentation
- Managing stakeholder expectations
- Accountability and approval
- Educate and reinforce firewall



What?

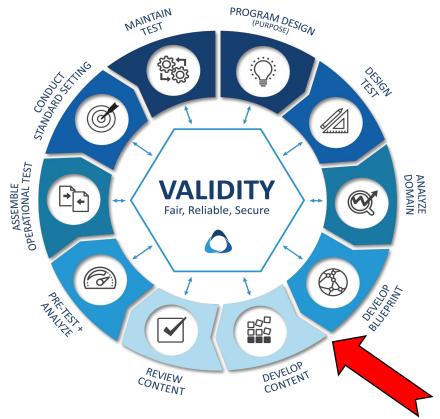
Training Domain Analysis

- * Create training course framework related to recently defined job task or role domain
- * Broaden scope within the domain from certification exam focus
 - © Can extend domain definition to KSAs outside of direct influence of the program sponsor
 - © Can be geared towards multiple audiences with differing expectations for competence

* Prioritize training content topics

- Determine what is critical, important, and appropriate to teach towards within the defined domain
- Proportion of certain topics covered will and should differ from coverage on the tangential certification exam

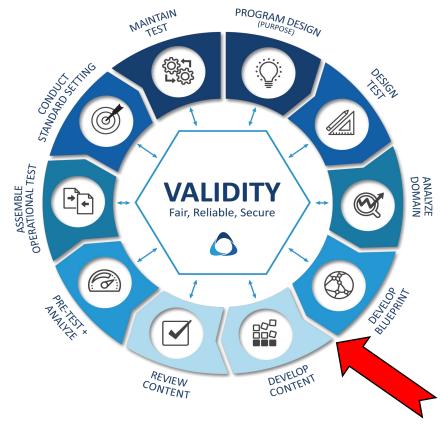
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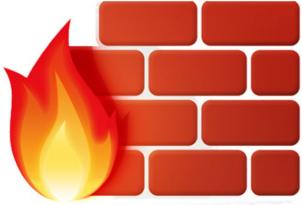
- Appropriate to jointly define the target domain with curriculum developers in conjunction with SMEs
 - * Creates buy-in and joint understanding across different modalities of both critical KSAs and expected competence levels



When?



- Following domain analysis, curriculum developers and SMEs will "part ways"
 - * Ensure that the implementation and translation of the defined domain into resulting curriculum materials and exam specifications remain independent

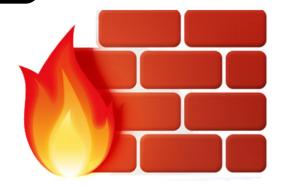




Why?

Training Design

- Syllabus definition
- Learning objectives
- Module development



Certification Development

- Exam specifications
- Blueprint objectives
- Item development

Experience

- Passing of the certification should be due to requisite level of competence and appropriate past experience to demonstrate adequate ability
 - * More than sum of direct training paths' parts
 - * Relies on on-the-job experience in addition to education interventions (such as training)

How?

- Define Training Design Document
 - * Draft training course purpose, goals, and desired outcomes
 - * Identify and document the target learning audience
 - * Identify and document what the learner will be able to understand and do by the end of the training course
- Prioritize content from defined domain to be utilized in training course(s)
- Discuss training course format and modalities
- Draft training content story boards

Positives

- Achieved what we wanted: clear course direction while maintaining the firewall
- Process in the room is spot on
- Third party authority
- Structured approach
- Stakeholder approval
- Stakeholders have finally approved longer course



Improvements

- Objectives
- Content weightings confusion
- Decision making clarity
- APJ have last word

