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*Sample Workbook*

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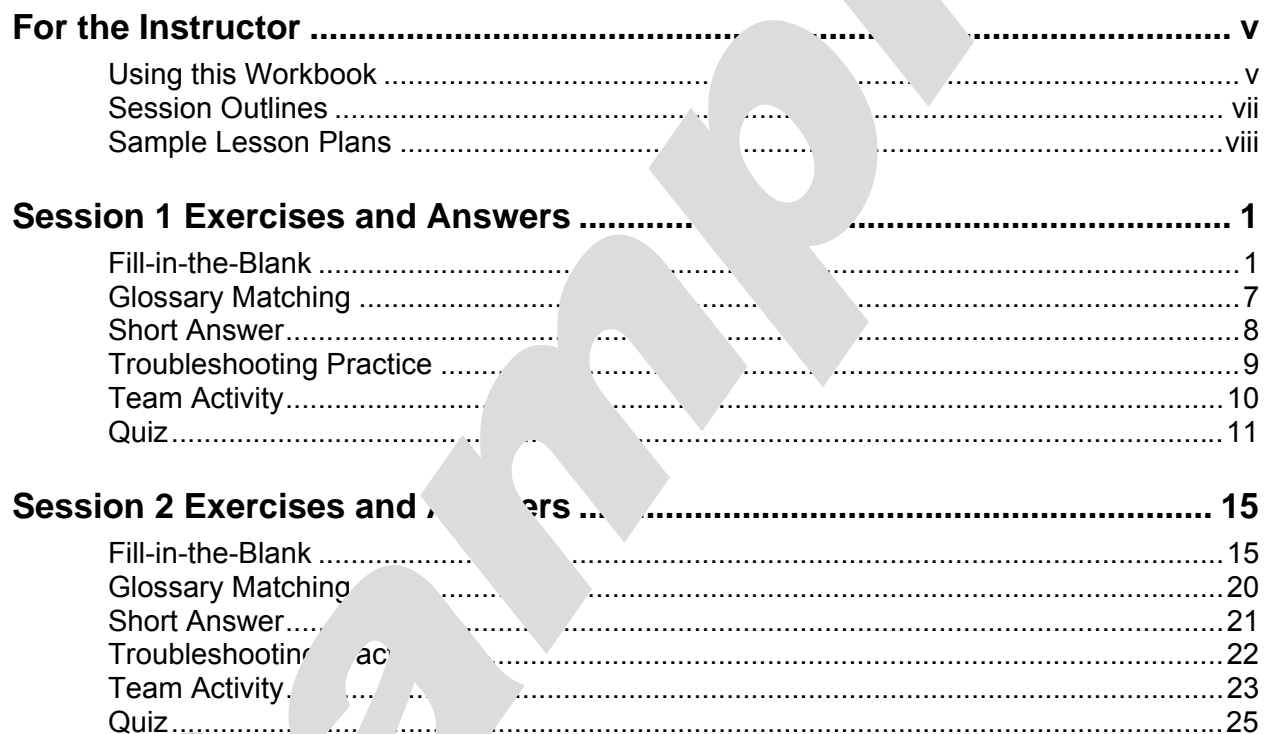
# Windows XP Troubleshooting Desktop Applications Instructor Manual



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# For the Instructor



## Using this Workbook

In **For the Instructor**, you will find an outline of each session and sample lesson plans. These are included to give you an overview of the training content and to help you structure your lessons. The exercises in this workbook have been correlated with the skills measured by Exam 70-272 (Supporting Users and Troubleshooting Desktop Applications on a Microsoft Windows XP Operating System) in mind, and they are designed to greatly improve your students' retention of information. The following types of exercises are included in each session of training:

- **Fill-in-the-Blank Exercise** – The student completes a comprehensive fill-in-the-blank exercise while watching each session. This training exercise follows the instructor's lecture and can be used as a review for the quiz, for the training Pre-Tests and Post-Tests, and Exam 70-272.
- **Glossary Matching** – The terms are taken directly from the glossary. This exercise is intended to help your students become more familiar with common terminology.
- **Short Answer** – Each session includes short writing exercises that require students to explain in their own words key concepts of the training. This helps them hone their understanding of key concepts.
- **Troubleshooting Scenarios** – Each exercise contains several simple scenarios for your students to solve. Your students are asked to write easy-to-understand instructions for the person in need. This helps students practice their troubleshooting skills as well as learn how to provide simple, non-technical instructions in similar situations. These exercises also provide excellent opportunities for classroom discussion and role-playing.
- **Team Projects** – These exercises help students learn by teaching. Students research a topic and then prepare a short in-class presentation of their discoveries.
- **Quizzes** – These quizzes will help you gauge your students' progress. They also provide your students with additional preparation for the training Pre-Tests and Post-Tests, and Exam 70-272.

These workbook exercises, used in conjunction with the LearnKey training, give your students the best learning experience possible so they will be well prepared to pass Exam 70-272.

## How to Use the Sample Lesson Plans

The sample lesson plans are intended to assist you in planning your lessons. Use them as is or customize them to meet the objectives and time constraints of your individual classes. In the sample lesson plans,

- Session segments are underlined. As students watch a session, they should complete the corresponding Fill-in-the-Blank Exercise.
- Supplemental activities are *italicized*. These include necessary reading, supplemental readings, and session labs.
- Training Pre-Tests and Post-Tests are **bolded**.

## Where to Find More Information about Exam 70-272

Visit <http://www.microsoft.com/learning/exams/70-272.aspx> for more information about Exam 70-272, including who is a candidate, certification requirements, and skills measured. (Note: As with all Web addresses, this address may change over time. If the address no longer works, you will need to search Microsoft's Web site for the new address.)

Make sure you take some time to review the exam objectives for Exam 70-272 especially before planning your lessons.

## Session Outlines

SESSION 1	SESSION 2
<b>MCDST Basics</b>	<b>Outlook Express Files</b>
Prerequisites	Supported Data Types
MCDST Responsibilities	Files
MCDST Skills	Exporting Address B
Troubleshooting	Importing Address E
Key Terms	Managing Maintena
<b>Configuring the OS</b>	Back Up Book Ex
OS Architecture	<b>Microsoft Office Suite</b>
Registry Components	Office Vers
Installing Applications	Installing Off
Regional Settings	Multiboot Insta
<b>Configure Connectivity</b>	Office Suite Activ
Network Adapter	Troubleshooting Installation
Ipconfig	<b>Custom Office Suites</b>
Ping	Common Issues
Tracert	Troubleshooting Whelping
Nslookup	Correcting Errors
Nbtstat	Deleting Icons
Internet Connection Firewall	<b>Updating Security</b>
<b>Configuring IE</b>	Office Suite Web Site
Web Browsers	Security
IE Configuration Areas	Recovery
Configuring Internet Options	Loading Updates
<b>Troubleshooting IE</b>	Best Practices
Troubleshooting Issues	Repairing Office
Temporary File Management	<b>MS-DOS Applications</b>
View Objects	MS-DOS Flow
User Settings	Viewing NTVDM
<b>Securing IE</b>	Shortcut to Editor
Security Task	PIF Settings
Security Log	Memory Settings
Content Advisor	Screen/Misc Settings
Privacy Settings	<b>Win16/32 Applications</b>
Content Settings	Win16 Flow
Security Updates	NTVDM Dependency
<b>Communications Applications</b>	Separating Memory Space
Configuring Internet	Win32 Capabilities
File Settings	<b>Application Compatibility</b>
Configuration	Compatibility Issues
Configuration	Compatibility Guidelines
<b>Managing Outlook Express Data</b>	Compatibility Settings
Backing Up Mail	<b>Desktop Properties</b>
Importing Mail	Start Menu Interface
Configuring Data Store	Customizing Task Bar
Exporting Files	Customizing Start Menu
E-mail Security Settings	Customizing Desktop
	Customizing Folder Settings
	Fonts



## Sample Lesson Plans

Session segments are underlined. Supplemental activities are *italicized*. Tests are **bolded**.

NOTE: For all underlined segments, complete the corresponding Fill-in-the-blank Exercise.

4 Week Lesson Plan					
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2	<u>Communication Applications</u> <u>Managing Outlook Express Data</u>	<i>Glossary Matching Labs</i>	<i>Troubleshooting Practice</i> OR <i>Team Activity</i>		<b>Session 1 Post-Test</b>
3	<b>Session 2 Pre-Test</b>	<u>Outlook Express Files</u>	<u>Microsoft Office Suites</u> <u>Customizing Office Suites</u> <i>Short Answer #1</i>	<u>Updating for Security</u> <i>Short Answer #2</i>	<u>MS-DOS Applications</u> <u>Win16/32 Applications</u> <i>Short Answer #3</i>
4	<u>Application Compatibility</u> <u>Desktop Properties</u>	<i>Glossary Matching Labs</i>	<i>Troubleshooting Practice</i> <i>Team Activity</i>	Quiz	<b>Session 2 Post-Test</b>

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2. The 70-270 examination covers installing Windows XP Professional in a corporate environment. [Prerequisites]
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4. A dynamic link library is a group of tasks an application can call on and perform. [Key Terms]
5. Escalation is the process of handing over a problem to a person who has the authority and ability to resolve the issue. [Key Terms]
6. There should be two knowledge bases that all MCDSTs gain information from: the Microsoft knowledge base and the internal knowledge base. [Key Terms]
7. The operating system is the interface between applications and hardware. [Key Terms]

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| d. Application              | _____ | 4. The process of passing a problem to the person who has the ability/authority to resolve it. [ <b>Escalation</b> ]  |
| e. DirectX                  | _____ | 5. The designation for Installing, Configuring, and Adding to Microsoft Windows XP Professional edition. [ <b>a. 70-271</b> ]   |
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## Short Answer

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1. Define the difference between user settings and computer settings. Describe where each type of setting is stored. [Configuring the OS: OS Architecture]

**User settings are settings that apply only to a specific user. Computer settings are settings that apply to anyone using a specific computer. Both types of settings are stored in the Registry in HKEY\_USERS, HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER, HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE, or HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE.**

2. Define the action performed by each of the following commands. [Configure Connectivity: Ipconfig, Tracert, Nbtstat]

**Ipconfig: Shows all of the current configuration settings for your computer, such as IP address, DNS address, and how long leases were obtained/will be released.**

**Tracert: Traces the route between your computer and another specified computer. It shows all the hops (servers) that form the connection between your computer and the other computer.**

**Nbtstat: Resolves NetBIOS names.**

3. There are two basic security tasks listed below, that you can perform in order to ensure that Internet Explorer is as secure as it can be. Describe when each task is primarily performed. [Security: Security Tasks]

**Configuration: To protect users from today's threats, configuration should be as up-to-date as possible in order to prevent threats from harming your system. Configuration is primarily performed at implementation.**

**Updating: The browser should be kept as up-to-date as possible with any and all current updates. Updating is performed on an on-going basis at regular intervals.**

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1. Mary is a member of the sales group in your organization. She has called you complaining that her default home page has suddenly changed to a different Web site. She wants to change it back to what it used to be. Lead her through the process of setting the default home page and describe to her some of the reasons her home page may have changed. **[Configuring IE: Configuring Internet Options; Troubleshooting IE: Troubleshooting Issues]**

**Open IE → click the Tools menu → select Internet Options → click the General tab → type the desired address in the Home Page Address field**

Some reasons the homepage may have changed are 1) a program was recently installed that automatically changed the IE home page, 2) the computer is infected with a virus or spyware, 3) there is a limitation imposed by a corporate Policy settings in a Windows 2000/Server 2003 domains, or 4) Mary changed it without realizing it.

2. Tracy is a sales associate in your environment. She is complaining why Web pages are taking a long time to load on her computer. Walk her through the process of deleting her temporary Internet files. **[Troubleshooting IE: Temporary Internet Files]**

First check the site on your own computer to make sure the problem is not with the Web page itself. If it is not the Web page, instruct Tracy to perform the following steps: **Open IE → click the Tools menu → select Internet Options → click the General tab → click Delete Files in the Temporary Internet files section → click OK (the user could also choose to delete all offline content stored locally). Also note that Tracy can change the amount of disk space to use for storing temporary Internet files by clicking Settings in the Temporary Internet files section and changing the amount of disk space to use.**

3. Dan is an advertising representative in your environment. Lately, he has been accessing Web sites that have prompted him to download the Flash player in order to view Web site content. He is sure he has now loaded the Flash player in the past and cannot understand why he is being prompted to do so again. Lead him through the process of viewing which plug-ins are currently installed on his version of Internet Explorer. **[Troubleshooting IE: View Objects]**

**Open IE → click the Tools menu → select Internet Options → click the General tab → click the Temporary Internet files section → click View Objects**

4. Cynthia uses her computer mainly at home. Lately, when she has been browsing the Web, it seems like every site she visits causes a pop-up window to appear asking her if she is sure she wishes to access the content on that site. She has never had this problem before and is beginning to become frustrated that all of the Web sites she wishes to visit are deemed "potentially harmful." You suspect that her security level is set too high. Lead her through the process of reducing her security level. **[Securing IE: Content Zone Settings]**

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4. Colleen uses her computer mainly at home. Recently, when she has been browsing the Web, it seems like every site she visits causes a security warning window to appear asking her if she is sure she wishes to access the content on the site. She has never had this problem before and is beginning to become frustrated that some of the Web sites she wishes to visit are deemed "potentially harmful." You suspect her security level is set too high. Lead her through the process of reducing her security level.

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  - a. Circular
  - b. **Linear [MCDST Basics: Troubleshooting]**
  - c. Question-based
  - d. Answer-based
2. What serves as the interface between applications and hardware?
  - a. Command prompt
  - b. DOS
  - c. Windows Desktop
  - d. **Operating system [MCDST Basics: Key Terms]**
3. What architecture is the Windows XP operating system based on?
  - a. **Windows NT kernel technology [Configuring the OS: OS Architecture]**
  - b. Windows NT file technology
  - c. Windows 2000 kernel technology
  - d. Windows 2000 file technology
4. Which mode do all Windows XP applications run in?
  - a. Kernel mode
  - b. **User mode [Configuring the OS: OS Architecture]**
  - c. Application mode
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5. Which subsystem gives the ability to run 32-bit Windows applications?
  - a. NTVDM
  - b. POSIX
  - c. **Win32 [Configuring the OS: OS Architecture]**
  - d. LSA
6. Which registry path, found in the Registry, is a temporary key?
  - a. **HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER [Configuring the OS: Registry Components]**
  - b. HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE
  - c. HKEY\_CLASSES\_ROOT
  - d. HKEY\_USERS
7. Which registry path is used to store information about what is going to happen during the install process?
  - a. MSN
  - b. **MSI [Configuring the OS: Installing Applications]**
  - c. D
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  - b. MST
  - c. DI
  - d. H

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- **Short Answer** – Each session includes short writing exercises that require students to explain key aspects of the training in their own words. This helps them hone their understanding of the material.
- **Troubleshooting Scenarios** – Each exercise contains several simple scenarios for your students to solve. Your students are asked to write easy-to-understand instructions for the solution in each scenario. This helps students practice their troubleshooting skills as well as learn how to give simple, non-technical instructions in similar situations.
- **Classroom Exercises** – These exercises are designed to provide excellent opportunities for classroom discussion and role-playing.
- **Teaching Exercises** – These exercises help students learn by teaching. Students research a topic, work in a team, and then prepare a short in-class presentation of their discoveries.
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These workbook exercises, used in conjunction with the LearnKey training, give your students the best learning experience possible so they will be well prepared to pass Exam 70-271.

## How to Use the Sample Lesson Plans

The sample lesson plans are intended to assist you in planning your lessons. Use them as is or customize them to meet the objectives and time constraints of your individual classes. In the sample lesson plans,

- Session segments are underlined. As students watch a session, they should complete the corresponding Fill-in-the-Blank Exercise.
- Supplemental activities are *italicized*. These include necessary reading, supplemental readings, and session labs.
- Training Pre-Tests and Post-Tests are **bolded**.

## Where to Find More Information about Exam 70-271

Visit <http://www.microsoft.com/learning/exams/70-271> for more information about Exam 70-271, including who is a candidate, certification requirements, and skills measured. (Note: As with all Web addresses, this address may change over time. If the address no longer works, you will need to search the Microsoft Web site for the new address.)

Make sure you take some time to review the exam measurements for Exam 70-271 before planning your lessons.

## Session Outlines

SESSION 1	SESSION 2
<b>Defining an MCDST</b>	<b>Understanding NTFS</b>
Prerequisites	NTFS Features
MCDST Qualifications	File/Folder Ownership
Gathering Information	Simple File Sharing
MCDST Steps	Copying and Moving Data
MCDST Terms	Compression
MCDST Mission	<b>NTFS Permissions</b>
<b>Preparing for OS Installation</b>	NTFS Permissions
Installation Types	Standard Permissions
Installation Methods	Permissions
Hardware Compatibility	Configuring Permissions
Hard Drive	Installing Permissions
Partition Types	Installing and Uninstalling
File System Types	<b>Shadow Copies</b>
<b>Standard Installation</b>	Shared Folders
Attended Installation	Effective Permissions
Network Share Installation	Permissions
Product Activation	Copy
Troubleshoot Installs	Installing Shadow Copy
<b>Unattended Installation</b>	Shared Folders
Unattended Methods	<b>File Encryption</b>
Using a Script File	EFS
Imaging Tools	EFS Design
Installing Setup Manager	EFS Features
Running Setup Manager	Recovery Agents
<b>Upgrading Installation</b>	Viewing Recovery Agents
Supported Upgrades	Creating Recovery Agents
User State	Encrypting Data
Migration Tools	<b>Data Storage</b>
Supported Software	Offline Folders
Locating User State	Synchronization
Getting Started	Configure Offline Files
Applying Software	Offline File Locations
<b>Installing Upgrading</b>	<b>Installing Local Printers</b>
Installing with Updates	Creating a Power User
Intermediate Updates	Printer Setup
Advanced Updates	Printer Properties
<b>XP Professional vs. XP Home</b>	<b>Installing Network Printers</b>
XP Features	Access Printer Wizard
Network Features	Using Printer Wizard
XP Professional Supported Tools	Browsing the Network
<b>Local Users and Groups</b>	
Local Accounts	
User Groups	
Creating a New User	
User Properties	
Creating a New Group	

**SESSION 3****Storage Device Types**

- Fixed Storage Types
- Removable Storage Types
- Basic/Dynamic Disks
- Foreign Disks
- Disk Management Tools

**Types of Display Devices**

- Display Adapters
- Display Settings
- DirectX
- DxDiag Tool
- Customizing the Display

**ACPI Interface**

- ACPI and Power Schemes
- Standby and Hibernation
- Power Schemes and Settings
- Custom Power Schemes

**I/O Devices**

- I/O Device Types
- System Properties
- Device Manager
- Hardware Profiles

**User Settings and Profiles**

- Users
- Locating User Profiles
- Managing User Profiles
- Taskbar and Accessibility
- Regional and Language
- Mouse and Keyboard

**Security Settings**

- Installing MBSA
- Running MBSA
- Security Configuration and Analysis
- Run Security Configuration and Analysis

**Local Group Policies**

- Gpedit.msc
- Computer Policies
- User Profiles
- Refresh Policies
- Group Policy Tool

**Network Group Policies**

- Assigning Group Policies to Users and Computers
- Group Policy Objects
- Group Policy Inheritance
- Group Policy Objects

**SESSION 4****Startup and Logon**

- Boot Process
- Logon Process
- Startup and Recovery
- Boot.ini

**System Performance**

- System Information
- Help and Support
- Task Manager
- Performance
- Log Files and Alerts

**Networking: TCP/IP**

- Repairing Connection
- Connection Properties
- Protocol
- Protocol
- Protocol

**Networking: TCP/IP**

- Troubleshooting: TCP/IP
- Troubleshooting: TCP/IP
- Troubleshooting: TCP/IP

**Networking: DNS and NetBIOS**

- DNS Service Server
- DNS Service Client
- DNS Service
- DNS Service
- DNS Service

**Remote Connections**

- Dial-up Networking
- Implementing Dial-up
- General/Options Settings
- Security/Other Settings

**Remote Desktop Support**

- Enable Remote Desktop
- Configure Remote Desktop
- Connection and Settings
- Remote Assistance

**Networking: Internet Explorer**

- General Options
- Security Options
- Privacy/Content Options
- Connection Options
- Programs/Advanced Options

## Sample Lesson Plans

Session segments are underlined. Activities are *italicized*. Tests are **bolded**.

NOTE: For all underlined segments, complete the corresponding Fill-in-the-blank Exercise.

8-Week Lesson Plan					
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1	<b>Session 1 Pre-Test</b> <i>Scan Articles and Resources</i>	<u>Defining an MCDST</u> <u>Preparing for OS Installation</u> <i>Short Answer #1</i>	<u>Standard Installation</u> <i>Short Answer #2</i>	<u>Advanced Installation</u> <i>Short Answer #3</i>	<u>Upgrading Installation</u> <u>Post-Install Updating</u>
2	<u>XP Professional vs. XP Home</u> <u>Local Users and Groups</u> <i>Short Answer #3</i>	<i>Glossary Matching Labs</i>	<i>Research and Report</i> <i>Team Activity</i>	<i>Quiz</i>	<b>Session 1 Post-Test</b>
3	<b>Session 2 Pre-Test</b>	<u>Understanding NTFS</u> <i>Short Answer #1</i>	<u>NTFS Permissions</u> <i>Short Answer #2</i>	<u>Shared Folders</u> <i>Short Answer #4</i>	<u>File Encryption</u>
4	<u>Data Storage</u> <u>Installing Local Printers</u> <u>Installing Network Printers</u>	<i>Glossary Matching Labs</i>	<i>Troubleshooting Printers</i> <i>Team Activity</i>	<i>Quiz</i>	<b>Session 2 Post-Test</b>
5	<b>Session 3 Pre-Test</b>	<u>Storage Devices</u> <i>Short Answer #1</i>	<u>Types of Display Devices</u>	<u>ACPI Interface</u> <u>I/O Devices</u>	<u>User Settings and Profiles</u> <u>Security Settings</u> <i>Short Answer #2</i>
6	<u>Local Group Policies</u> <u>Network Group Policies</u> <i>Short Answer #3</i>	<i>Glossary Matching Labs</i>	<i>Troubleshooting Practice</i> <b>OR</b> <i>Team Activity</i>	<i>Quiz</i>	<b>Session 3 Post-Test</b>
7	<b>Session 4 Pre-Test</b>	<u>Startup and Logon</u> <u>System Performance</u> <i>Short Answer #1, 2</i>	<u>Networking: TCP/IP</u> <u>Troubleshooting: TCP/IP</u>	<u>Networking: DNS and NetBIOS</u> <i>Short Answer #3</i>	<u>Remote Connections</u> <u>Remote Desktop Support</u>
8	<u>Network Internet Firewall</u>	<i>Glossary Matching Labs</i>	<i>Troubleshooting Practice</i> <b>OR</b> <i>Team Activity</i>	<i>Quiz</i>	<b>Session 4 Post-Test</b>

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2	<u>Upgrading Installation</u>	<u>Post-Install Updating</u>	<u>XP Professional vs. XP Home</u> <i>Short Answer #3</i>	<u>Local Users and Groups</u>	<i>Research Topic</i>
3	<i>Team Activity</i>	<i>Team Activity</i>	<i>Labs</i>	<i>Quiz</i>	<b>Session 1 Post-Test</b>
4	<b>Session 2 Pre-Test</b>	<u>Understanding NTFS</u> <i>Short Answer #1</i>	<u>NTFS Permissions</u> <i>Short Answer #2</i>	<u>Sharing Folders</u> <i>Short Answer #4</i>	<u>File Encryption</u>
5	<u>Data Storage</u>	<u>Installing Local Printers</u>	<u>Installing Network Printers</u>	<u>Troubleshooting Printing</u> <i>Practice</i>	<i>Troubleshooting Practice</i>
6	<i>Team Activity</i>	<i>Team Activity</i>		<i>Quiz</i>	<b>Session 2 Post-Test</b>
7	<b>Session 3 Pre-Test</b>	<u>Storage Device Types</u> <i>Short Answer #1</i>	<u>Types of Storage Devices</u>	<u>ACPI Interface</u>	<u>I/O Devices</u>
8	<u>User Settings and Profiles</u> <i>Short Answer #2</i>	<u>Security Settings</u>	<u>Work Group</u> <i>Short Answer #3</i>	<u>Work Group Policies</u>	<i>Troubleshooting Practice</i>
9	<i>Team Activity</i>	<i>Team Activity</i>	<i>Labs</i>	<i>Quiz</i>	<b>Session 3 Post-Test</b>
10	<b>Session 4 Pre-Test</b>	<u>Starting Windows</u> <i>Short Answer #1</i>	<u>System Performance</u> <i>Short Answer #2</i>	<u>Networking: TCP/IP</u>	<u>Troubleshooting: TCP/IP</u>
11	<u>Networking: DNS and NetBIOS</u> <i>Short Answer</i>	<u>Remote Connection</u>	<u>Remote Desktop Support</u>	<u>Networking: Internet Explorer</u>	<i>Troubleshooting Practice</i>
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# Session 1



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5. Microsoft suggests that a technician document three items in the Take Note phase of the REACT process: the problem, the solution, and any principles the technician has learned. [MCDST Steps]
6. A contact with the user is referred to as a call. [MCDST Terms]
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| b. FAT                         | _____ | 2. A visual computer environment in which images such as icons or menus are used to run user programs. <b>[f. GUI]</b>   |
| c. FAT32                       | _____ | 3. A tool in Windows 9x used to hold data and prepare a hard drive for partitioning. <b>[d. fdisk]</b>   |
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| e. Format                      | _____ | 5. A partition used in the later versions of Windows 95 that can hold individual partitions of up to 2 TB. <b>[c. FAT32]</b>                                       |
| f. GUI                         | _____ | 6. A software interface to MS-DOS computers. <b>[a. Command Line Interface]</b>  |
| g. Hardware Compatibility List | _____ | 7. A partition type that can include individual partitions of up to 2 TB and is used with Windows NT, Windows 2000, and Windows XP. <b>[i. NTFS]</b>               |
| h. Norton Ghost                | _____ | 8. A contract between an application service provider and the end user. <b>[k. Service Level Agreement]</b>  |
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**Instructions:** Answer the following questions in your own words using the space provided. [Brackets enclose references where answers are found in the session. Answers will vary.]

1. List the function of each of the following partitions found on a Windows XP system. **[Preparing for OS Installation: Partition Types]**

Active partition: **Used to boot a system**

Boot partition: **Stores the system files for Windows XP**

System partition: **Stores the bootstrap files for Windows XP**

2. Describe the four stages of an attended installation of a Windows XP operating system. **[Standard Installation: Attended Installation]**

File copy: **Setup files are copied to a temporary folder on the hard drive so the installation process can begin.**

Text mode: **A blue screen with white text appears giving the option to install or repair Windows XP. The license agreement is made. The partition where you want to install Windows XP is selected. The user is prompted about whether or not to format the partition. The file copy process begins. The system files are installed.**

GUI mode: **You select regional settings, networking settings, and various other options. You will enter the product key for Windows XP and create an administrator account password. If a network card is detected, you will be prompted for network configuration.**

Windows Welcome: **You create user accounts and complete the product activation for Windows XP.**

3. List three of the local features that Windows XP Professional has that Windows XP Home Edition does not. **[XP Professional vs. XP Home]**

**Remote storage, multiprocessor support, Automated System recovery, dynamic disk support, Internet Information Server (IIS), and the Encrypting File System.**

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  - A+ Certification
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  - Engage [Defining an MCDST: MCDST Steps]**
  - Adjust
  - Configure
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  - Call
  - Engagement
  - Incident [Defining an MCDST: MCDST Steps]**
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  - Upgrades take up more disk space than clean installs
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  - 233 MHz CPU, 64 MB RAM, 1.5 GB HD free [Preparing for OS Installation: Hardware Compatibility]**
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  - 233 MHz CPU, 64 MB RAM, 2.0 GB HD free
- Which item do you access in order to view software compatibilities?
  - Windows Compatibility List
  - Windows Software Compatibility List
  - Windows Compatibility Wizard
  - Windows Catalog [Preparing for OS Installation: Hardware Compatibility]**
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  - Logical drives [Preparing for OS Installation: Hard Drive]**
  - Basic disks
  - Dynamic disks
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