



CHECK POINT CERTIFIED SECURITY EXPERT (CCSE)



AUDIENCE

Technical Professionals who architect, upgrade, maintain, and support Check Point products.



GOALS

Learn advanced concepts and develop skills necessary to design, deploy, and upgrade Check Point Security environments.



PREREQUISITES

CCSA Training or Certification, fundamental Unix and Windows knowledge, certificate management experience, system administration and networking knowledge.

TOPICS

Management Upgrade and Migration

Management High Availability

Security Gateway Upgrades

Advanced Check Point Maintenance

Security Gateway Operations

Policy Installation

Gaia and Management APIs

Acceleration

Site-to-Site VPN

Remote Access VPN

Mobile Access VPN

Clustering

Advanced Logs and Monitoring

OBJECTIVES

- Provide an overview of the upgrade service and options available.
- Explain how to perform management upgrade and migration.
- Articulate the process using CPUSE features.
- Articulate the purpose and function of Management High Availability.
- Explain Primary vs Secondary, Active vs Standby and Synchronization.
- Explain disaster recovery steps in case the primary management server becomes unavailable.
- Provide overview of Central Deployment in SmartConsole.
- Articulate an understanding of Security Gateway cluster upgrade methods.
- Explain about Multi Version Cluster (MVC) upgrades.
- Discuss Gaia Commands and how they are used.
- Explain the main processes on s and s.
- Describe how to work with scripts and SmartTasks to configure automatic actions.
- Explain the Management Data Plane Separation (MDPS)
- Explain kernel operations and traffic flow
- Articulate Dynamic and Updatable Objects in Security Gateways
- Explain the policy installation flow and files used.
- Describe the use of policy installation history.
- Explain concurrent and accelerated install policy.
- Describe an overview of APIs and ways to use and authenticate.
- Explain how to make changes in GAIA and management configuration.
- Explain how to install policy using API.
- Explain how the SecureXL acceleration technology enhances and optimizes Security Gateway performance.
- Describe how the CoreXL acceleration technology enhances and improves Security Gateway performance.
- Articulate how utilizing multiple traffic queues can make traffic handling more efficient.
- Discuss Site-to-Site VPN basics, deployment and communities.
- Describe how to analyze and interpret VPN tunnel traffic.
- Explain Link Selection and ISP Redundancy options.
- Explain tunnel management features.
- Discuss Check Point Remote Access solutions and how they differ from each other.
- Describe how client security can be provided by Remote Access .
- Explain authentication methods including machine authentication.
- Explain Multiple Entry Point (MEP).
- Discuss the Mobile Access Software Blade and how it secures communication and data exchange during remote connections.
- Describe Mobile Access deployment options.
- Discuss various features in Mobile Access like Portals, Link Translation, running Native Applications, Reverse Proxy and more.
- Explain basic concepts of Clustering and ClusterXL.
- Explain about Cluster Control Protocol (CCP) and synchronization.
- Describe advanced ClusterXL functions and modes like Load Sharing, Active-Active, VMAC mode etc.
- Discuss Cluster Correction Layer (CCL) to provide connection stickyness.
- Advanced Logs and Monitoring



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Objectives (contd.)

- Explain how to determine if the configuration is compliant with the best practices.
- Explain how to set action items to meet the compliance.
- Discuss how SmartEvent functions to identify critical security issues.
- Describe the components of SmartEvent and their deployment options.
- Discuss how SmartEvent can assist in reporting security threats.
- Explain how to customize event definitions and set an Event Policy.

EXERCISES

- Prepare for a Security Management Server Upgrade
- Upgrade the Security Management Server
- Deploy a Secondary Security Management Server
- Configure a Distributed Log Server
- Upgrade a Security Gateway from SmartConsole
- Work with the Command Line
- Use Scripts and SmartTasks
- Configure Dynamic Objects
- Monitor Traffic
- Verify Policy Installation and Status
- Work with Gaia and Management APIs
- Work with Acceleration Features
- Configure a Locally Managed Site to Site VPN
- Configure a Site to Site VPN with an Interoperable Device
- Configure Remote Access VPN
- Configure Mobile Access VPN
- Configure a High Availability Cluster
- Work with ClusterXL
- Configure Policy Compliance
- Deploy SmartEvent