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Linux Essentials now available in Dutch

NASC, BiASC, and LPI Central Europe translate LPI's basic Linux exam

The number of companies and institutions using open source is growing, which is why Linux skills become a more and more important part of many people's work routine. A confirmation of these skills as provided by the Linux Professional Institute (LPI), the leading organisation for Linux and open source certification worldwide, can boost your career. The basic exam "Linux Essentials" can be taken in various languages - as of now, Dutch is one of them. In cooperation with LPI Central Europe, the experts of the Netherlands Academy Support Centers (NASC) representing the LPI for Benelux and their Belgian equivalent, the Belgian IT Academy Support Center (BiASC), translated the Linux Essentials exam for the Dutch-speaking regions.

Both NASC and BiASC provide teachers with teaching materials for information and communication technology, certify and help them to improve education in this domain. When necessary, they also provide translations. 'The translation has been a long desired wish from both my colleague Gerk van der Wal and myself,' says Marco Verleun, initiator of the project and NASC teacher for the open source and Linux environment in the commercial and educational domain.

'As the representative of the LPI foundation in the Benelux, Marco is always looking for new opportunities to make Linux knowledge more broadly available,' explains NASC directive navigator Gerk van der Wal. The Dutch exam will enable access to the Linux Essentials certification. 'When this is your first exam in the certification world, the language of questioning should not be the threshold to reach your certification,' van der Wal adds.

'I agree with Marco that a translation of the exams is essential for Dutch speaking students,' confirms Yvan Rooseleer of BiASC. As a teacher for IT and networking he was glad to support this project. Yvan Rooseleer and Marco Verleun believe that Belgian and Dutch students can study with English material because they are supported by their teachers. 'But to be able to truly test their understanding of Linux, it is important to exclude the added difficulty of the English language. We don't want to test their comprehension of the English language,' Marco Verleun emphasises.

Fabian Thorns, Director of Certification Development of the LPI, supported the translation from the LPI's perspective and is pleased with the results at hand. In order to facilitate the examination process at schools, the whole exam has also been made available in Yardstick. On May 17, the Linux Essentials exam in Dutch will be presented to a broad public at an event for schools within the framework of the Cisco Academy Program for Benelux.

About the Linux Professional Institute (LPI)

LPI is the global certification standard and career support organization for open source professionals. With more than 500,000 exams delivered, it's the world's first and largest vendor-neutral Linux and open source certification body. LPI has certified professionals in 181 countries, delivers exams in 9 languages, and has over 400 training partners. LPI Central Europe represents the Linux Professional Institute as a Master Affiliate in the countries Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia and Switzerland.

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