Exam PL-900: Microsoft Power Platform Fundamentals – Skills Measured

This exam was updated on March 10, 2021. Following the current exam guide, we have included a version of the exam guide with Track Changes set to “On,” showing the changes that were made to the exam on that date.

Audience Profile

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- act with Power Apps
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- create flows by using Power Automate
- use connectors to access services and data
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- describe how Power Platform business solutions can consume Microsoft Azure services including Azure Cognitive Services
• describe how Power Platform business solutions can consume third-party apps and services

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• describe how Power Platform implements security including awareness of Microsoft Dataverse security roles, Azure Identity Services, and Access Management (IAM)
• describe how to manage apps and users
• describe environments
• describe where to perform specific administrative tasks including Power Platform Admin center, Microsoft 365 admin center
• describe Data Loss Prevention (DLP) policies
• describe how the platform supports privacy and accessibility guidelines

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Describe Microsoft Dataverse

• describe the Power Apps user experience
• describe tables, columns, and relationships
• describe use cases for solutions
• describe use cases and limitations of business rules
• describe the Common Data Model (CDM)
• describe how to use common standard tables to describe people, places, and things

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• describe the native Dataverse connection experience
• describe triggers including trigger types and where triggers are used
• describe actions
• describe licensing options for connectors including standard or premium tier
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• identify the business value of AI Builder
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• describe how the Power Apps and Power Automate can consume AI Builder data

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Identify common Power BI components
• identify and describe uses for visualization controls including pie, bar, donut, and scatter plots and KPIs
• describe types of filters
• describe the Power BI Desktop Reports, Data, and Model tabs
• describe uses for custom visuals including charts or controls

Compare and contrast dashboards and workspaces

• compare and contrast Power BI Desktop and Power BI Service
• compare and contrast dashboards, workspaces, and reports

Connect to and consume data

• combine multiple data sources
• clean and transform data
• describe and implement aggregate functions
• identify available types of data sources including Microsoft Excel
• describe use cases for shared datasets and template apps and how to consume each

Build a basic dashboard using Power BI

• design a Power BI dashboard
• design data layout and mapping
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Identify common Power Apps components

• describe differences between canvas apps and model-driven apps
• describe portal apps
• identify and describe types of reusable components including canvas component libraries and Power Apps Component Framework (PCF) components
• describe use cases for formulas

Build a basic canvas app

• describe types of data sources
• connect to data by using connectors
• combine multiple data sources
• use controls to design the user experience
• describe the customer journey
• publish and share an app

Describe Power Apps portals
• create a portal by using a template
• describe common portal customizations
• identify differences in portal behavior based on whether a user is authenticated
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Build a basic model-driven app
• add tables to app navigation
• modify forms and views
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Identify common Power Automate components
• identify flow types
• describe use cases for flows and available flow templates
• describe how Power Automate uses connectors
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• describe expressions
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Build a basic flow
• create a flow by using the button, automated, or scheduled flow template
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• use flow controls to perform data operations
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• describe use cases for Power Virtual Agents
• describe where you can publish chatbots
• describe topics, entities and actions
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• identify common pre-built entities

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