

Aspen GDOT™

Study Guide for Certification



Exam Scope for Aspen GDOT

- ☐ Introduction
- ☐ Infrastructure
- ☐ Opt Objectives
- ☐ Modeling Technique
- ☐ Model Development
- ☐ GDOT Structure
- ☐ Non-Linear Dynamics Optimization
- ☐ Open Equation
- ☐ Model Templates
- ☐ Dynamic Data Reconciliation
- ☐ Model Diagnostic
- ☐ Project Deployment
- ☐ Webserver & Visualizer
- ☐ Mixed Integer Programming

Grading

Grade	Weight
Multiple choice questions	40%
Lab task	60%
Total	100%

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Prove Your Credibility

An Aspen GDOT Certified User has strong understanding of benefits, scope and how Aspen GDOT applications are integrated within the plant along with high level overview on steps required to build Aspen GDOT application. Passing this exam proves that you understand different components available with Aspen GDOT, build and maintain a basic Aspen GDOT application using Aspen GDOT offline tool.



Practice

Aspen recommends that you attend training through it's not required. Aspen also recommends that you attend Questions/Answer sessions before exam.

This guide contains 100% coverage of all objectives for the certification exam. You can use it as both a study tool and an on-the job reference (see pages 2-5).

Get Certified

In-person and remote testing are available. Please make sure that you select the correct Location/Time Zone.

After passing the exam you will receive an email to post your certificate and digital badge on social media, which is a cross-industry recognition of technical skills you may share on LinkedIn, as well as in your email signature. [View the instructions](#) on how to post your credentials on LinkedIn profile.

SCOPE	TECHNICAL CONTENT	TEST OBJECTIVE
Introduction	What is GDOT	Explain what is GDOT and where does it fit in the operation of the plant
		Explain key characteristic of a GDOT application
		Identify type of models can be used in a GDOT application
		Identify some of the GDOT advantages
	GDOT Components	Identify the execution interval of a GDOT application
Infrastructure	What are the server requirements for GDOT	Describe GDOT application components
Opt Objectives	Project Overview	Explain GDOT software architecture
		Identify typical Objective of AC&O application
GDOT Refinery Application	Middle Distillate Cluster	Summarize factors that makes solution non-obvious
	Naphtha Processing	Use the MD GDOT applications
	Utility/Hydrogen system	Use the Naphtha processing applications
GDOT Modeling Techniques	Open Equations with Intermediate Feedback	Use the Utility/Hydrogen applications
	Linear Dynamics Optimization (LDO)	Describe the advantages of Open Equation Model
	GDOT Optimizer	Identify the form of the linear model used in GDOT
	GDOT Offline Modeling	Identify the object function in GDOT
		Identify the GDOT offline tools
GDOT Model Development	Workflow	Identify the GDOT add-ins
	GDOT Excel Template	Identify the GDOT model development workflow
	Register GDOT applications	Identify the available GDOT model templates
	Use GDOT console	Perform a GDOT registration
	GDOT tunings	Use a GDOT console to start and monitor a GDOT application
	Input Validation	Identify various tunings for a GDOT application
	MVC status override	Input validation
	Dynamics	Use MVC status override
		Enter dynamic information for GDOT model

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GDOT Model Development	Transformations	Explain the need for transformation
GDOT Structure	Data Flow	Identify the data flow of the GDOT applications in a plant information system
	File Structure	Explain how GDOT engine uses various GDOT files
GDOT Non-Linear Dynamics Optimization (NLDO)	Sources of Non-Linearity	Identify sources of nonlinearity
	Transformation vs NL model	Distinguish between transformation and NL model
	Move Suppression	Explain the use for moving suppression in a GDOT application
	Model Update	Perform a model update
	GDOT processing cycle	Identify the GDOT processing cycle
Open Equaton (OE)	Data centric vs knowledge-based modeling	Distinguish between two approaches
	Gain Ratio	Describe the importance of gain ratios in a MIMO system
	Back-bones model	Identify the back-bones models
	Linking model sections (balance rows)	Summarize the advantages of balance rows
	Open model vs Convoluted closed model	Identify open model
Model Templates	Workflow	Use Excel to build a MD GDOT application
	Multi-Draw Fractionator	Perform CDU configuration
	Blender	Perform Blender configuration
	HydroTreater	Perform Hydrotreater configuration
Dynamic Data Reconciliation (DR)	What is DR	Recognize the need for DR
	Objective Function for DR	Identify the object function for DR
	Dynamics in DR	Recognize the use of Dynamics in DR
	Purpose of DR	Identify the purpose for a DR
Model Diagnostic	Purpose of Model Diagnostic	Identify the purpose of Model Diagnostic
GDOT Olefin Template	GDOT vs RTO&CLP	Distinguish between GDOT and RTO&CLP
	Workflow	Identify the GDOT olefin workflow
	Olefin Templates	Identify available models in the GDOT Olefin model template
GDOT Project Deployment	Project Execution plan	Identify components of the project execution plan
	Benefits	Identify sources of benefits

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GDOT Project Deployment	Requirements	Identify the requirements for a successful
	Model Development	Explain the steps for model development
	Commissioning	Recognize the needs for close communication with planning and scheduling
Web Server & Visualizer	Components	Identify various GDOT web components
	Console vs Visualizer	Distinguish between GDOT console vs GDOT Web Visualizer
Mixed Integer Programming	Spare Capacity	Explain the use of spare capacity
	Binary Variables	Explain the binary variables in a MIP GDOT application

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