

Aspen HYSYS[®]

Study Guide for Certification



Prove Your Credibility

An Aspen HYSYS Certified User demonstrates skills in building process simulations including defining the properties environment, developing flowsheets with unit operations, and utilizing available tools for analysis and reporting. This person also demonstrates understanding of more advanced topics such as pipe segments with flow assurance, adjust and recycle operations, and troubleshooting in HYSYS.

Exam Scope for Aspen HYSYS

- Properties Environment
- Simulation Environment
- Reporting
- Troubleshooting

Grading

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

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Practice

AspenTech training is highly recommended though not required.

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 (read pages 2-7).

Get Certified

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

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SCOPE	TECHNICAL CONTENT	COMPETENCY OBJECTIVE FOR ASPEN HYSYS
Explore Properties Environment	Component List	Create a component list
		Identify the different component databases available
		Add hypothetical components
	Physical Property Package	Define a fluid package
		Identify the different property methods databases available
		Assign component list to specific property method
	Petroleum Assays	Identify the methods available in Aspen HYSYS for characterizing crude assay
		List the necessary steps to characterize a crude assay
		Recognize the differences between the two methods available for characterizing crude assay
Explore Simulation Environment	Unit Sets	Recognize the default unit sets
		Customize unit sets
	Manipulate Flowsheet	Connect material streams to unit operations
		Illustrate flowsheet object color scheme
		Display stream labels
		Identify transferring process information and objects options
		Configure and customize user preferences, options and default settings
		Illustrate case management options
		Create and install a template file

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Explore Simulation Environment	Mathematical / Logical Operations	Identify various logical operations available
		Optimize the simulation by using adjust operation and other logical operations
	Unit Operations	
	Separation Operations	Identify the key differences in the three separator operations
		Illustrate pressure drop specifications across the vessel
		Specify and calculate heat loss in the vessel
		Configure and calculate the carry over model in separator operations
		Define and specify geometry and orientation of vessel
		Configure a component splitter to separate component steams based on split fractions specified
	Heat Transfer Options	Identify various heat transfer operations
		Determine parameters required to solve a cooler
		Describe the different heat exchanger models
		Analyze the performance of the heat exchanger
		Identify the heat transfer operations that can be integrated with Aspen Exchanger Design and Rating (EDR) tools
Perform rigorous heat transfer calculations using EDR		

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Explore Simulation Environment	Piping Operations	Recognize pressure drop correlation options for different phases
		Identify different heat transfer options for pipe segment
		Identify different flow assurance for pipe segment
		Build a piping network using pipe segments
	Column Operations	List the available column templates
		Determine parameters required to solve a column
		Identify different types of column specifications available
		Analyze the Degrees of Freedom (DOF) of different column templates
		Identify the side operations available to be added to a column
		Explain the function of column internal analysis
		Build different types of columns using column input expert and manipulate the column specification to meet the process objective
		Develop the column using Sides Ops input expert
	Rotating Equipment	Identify the rotating equipment in HYSYS
		List the different compressor operating modes in HYSYS
		Identify what kind of compressor curves can be added in the model
		Build a compressor flowsheet using compressor performance curves to simulate an existing compressor
		Illustrate linking compressors and expanders

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Explore Simulation Environment	Attached Analysis Tools	
	Stream Analysis	List the different stream analysis types
		Identify the different ways to add the stream analysis
		Perform stream analysis to acquire more stream information
	Equipment Design	Identify the calculation type for pipe sizing
		Identify the available specification for vessel sizing
	General Analysis Tools	
	Case Study	Identify four case study types and their differences
		Identify case study reporting tools
		Monitor the key process variable response to other changes in process using case study
Reporting	Common Reporting Options	List the common reporting options
		Identify what kind of reports can be added to the flowsheet
	HYSYS Workbook	Identify the ways of exporting workbook reports
		Customize the workbook to view additional properties and add it to the flowsheet
	Report Manager	List what kind of reports can be exported by Report Manager and Datasheets
	Correlation Manager	Identify how to manage the properties/correlations displayed for a stream
		Customize properties/correlations for all streams using Correlation Manager
	Data Tables	Monitor the key process variables of any type in the simulation by using Data Table

Identify the ways of using Data Table

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Troubleshooting	Common Errors	Recognize the various troubleshooting tips
		Identify the methods of troubleshooting
		Explain the Consistency Error table
		Troubleshoot the prepared simulations using common methods
Documentation	General	Use the Help Menu

Sample Questions:

- User can set up simulations using components from _____
 - HYSYS Databank
 - Aspen Properties
 - COMThermo
 - Either A or B
- In Aspen HYSYS, when a flowsheet contains several recycle blocks, it is difficult to know simply by examining the topology what the ideal placement and configuration of the recycle would be. User can run the Recycle Advisor;

Statement (1) To ensure that flowsheets contain the minimum number of recycles at their optimal locations.
Statement (2) To configure all major settings (Sensitivities, calculation level, maximum iterations etc.) for a recycle.

- Statement (1) ALONE is sufficient, but statement (2) alone is not sufficient.
- Statement (2) ALONE is sufficient, but statement (1) alone is not sufficient.
- BOTH statements TOGETHER are sufficient, but NEITHER statement ALONE is sufficient.
- EACH statement ALONE is sufficient.
- Statements (1) and (2) TOGETHER are NOT sufficient.

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