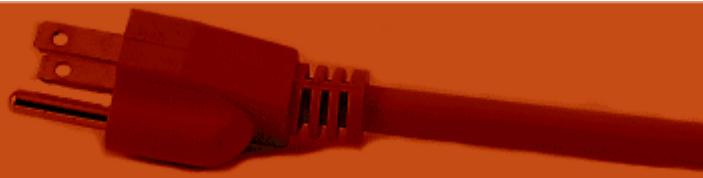


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## Preparing for the CISSP exam, Part 1

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A former student recently wrote to me with a request for suggestions on what to read in preparing for the CISSP exam. I decided to answer him by writing an essay that readers of this column who are thinking about the exam could also use. By the end of the essay, I had so much material I was forced to chop it up into smaller pieces to fit the constraints of this column, so here's part 1 of 4.

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The key to passing the CISSP exam, in my opinion, is daily attention to expanding one's exposure to interesting and thought-provoking information and ideas in the field. As you know from my constant reiteration of the point in our classes at Norwich, I have nothing but contempt for cramming - it is not possible to remember what is learned in a rush for very long. Indeed, I teach all my students to use SQ3R (Survey/Question, Read/Recite, Review) a well-established study method that pays off with long-term integration and retention of knowledge. Readers may want to use my one-page summary, available from my Web site in [HTML](#) and in [PDF](#).

Anyone committed to professionalism should read a wide range of reputable publications and participate in serious discussion groups.

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