

Announcement

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## InterSystems IRIS Core Solutions Developer Specialist Exam and Caché Developers

Hi, there, everyone.

We here in the certification team have been getting some questions about Caché developers taking the [InterSystems IRIS Core Solutions Developer](#) exam. I thought now would be a good time to clear up some doubts the community may have.

Even if you haven't been working yet in InterSystems IRIS, the exam may well suit you already if you currently have experience in Caché. By looking at the Exam Details, you'll see that there is only one IRIS-specific topic. Our exam designers did that on purpose because we knew that many of our partners and customers were considering or in the process of moving to IRIS as we developed the exam. We knew that most of our developers wouldn't benefit from an exam that focused solely on new IRIS features. So, almost all of the exam is based on functionality you may already be familiar with.

However, this isn't a Caché exam because the exam topics represent how a developer would use InterSystems IRIS today. Those of you who have been using InterSystems technology for a longer time will know that InterSystems has evolved a rich selection of features that developers can choose from. So, when we worked with our internal and community experts to design the exam, we made sure to select the IRIS areas and features that favor contemporary application development. That wasn't an easy task because we know that many InterSystems developers have their favorite approaches to application development or their team may already have pre-established coding practices that cause them to use InterSystems technologies in a very specific way. In any case, we took these (and several other) ideas into consideration and think we got the balance right.

So, if you are a Caché developer and you want to know if the InterSystems IRIS Core Solutions Developer Specialist exam is right for you, we invite you to read the Exam Content and Topics in the [Exam Details](#). We also strongly encourage you to review the [sample questions](#) to see the style and approaches to the topics. You might want to look up some of the listed features in our documentation as well.

Finally, our certification team is here to answer any questions you may have about this or any other exam at [certification@intersystems.com](mailto:certification@intersystems.com)

Thanks and Best Regards,  
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