

Professionals with Microsoft Certification stand out from their IT counterparts.

5 Steps to Microsoft Certification:

Step 1

Decide which certification is right for you
Microsoft offers a wide range of certifications that cover the spectrum of professions within the IT industry. You decide which certifications most benefit your current and future career choices.

Step 2

Expand your experience with training
In addition to on-the-job training, you can take advantage of a variety of training resources and a strong network of Learning Solutions Partners to help you do your best. Everything from study guides, tutorials, and Microsoft E-Learning to hands-on, instructor-led training can help enhance your skills.

Step 3

Know what to expect on exams
Use the exam prep guides as your certification roadmap. They will familiarize you with the testing objectives, intended audience, and skills measured for each certification, as well as offer suggestions to help you pass.

Step 4

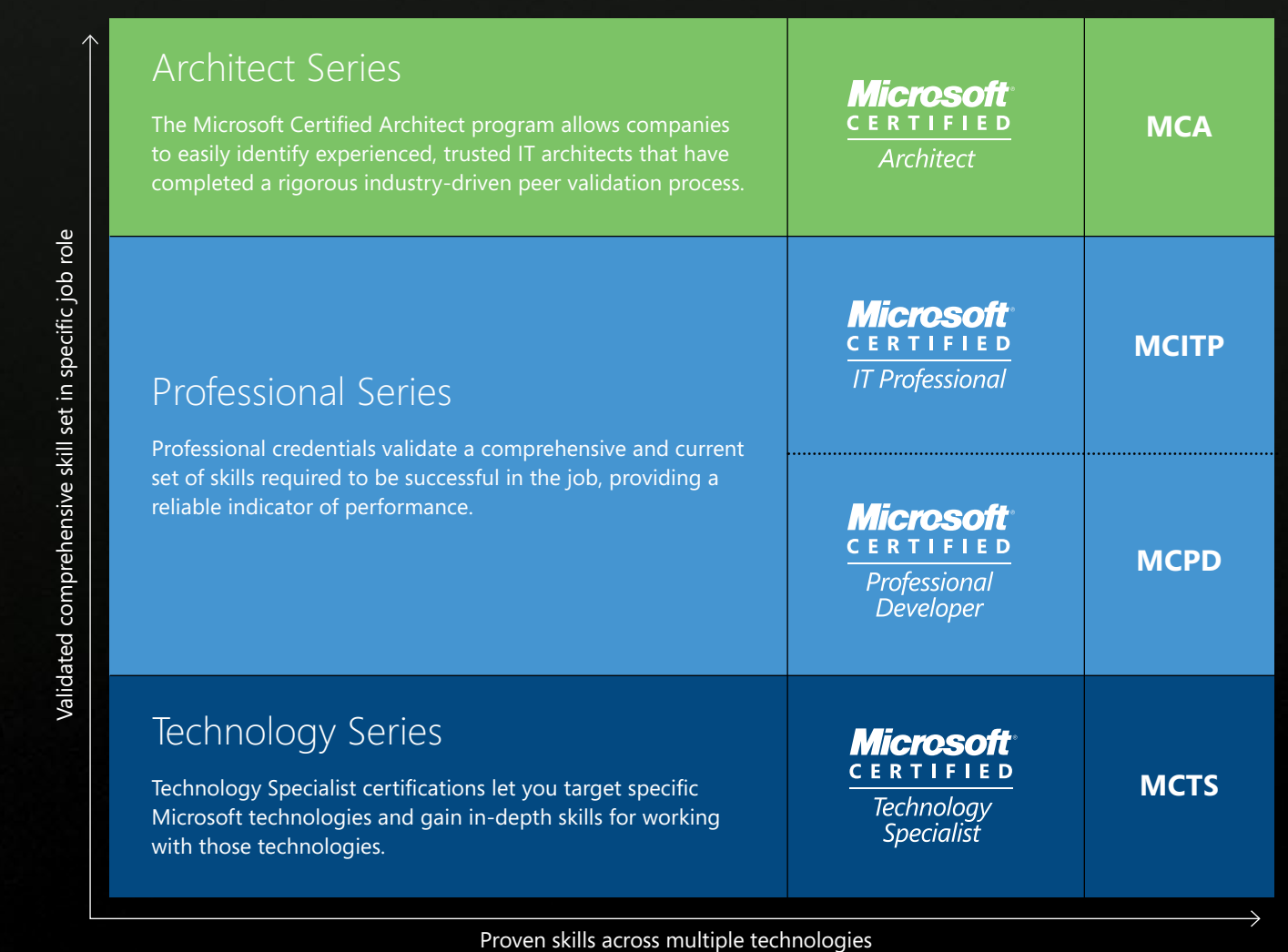
Take a trial run with a practice test
Make sure you're ready to take a Microsoft certified exam by taking a comprehensive practice test. Although it's not designed to indicate exactly what your score would be, it does provide valuable feedback on the areas where you may need additional study, training, or hands-on work experience.

Step 5

Take your required exams
Exams are administered by independent testing organizations at locations worldwide. There are a variety of registration options—you can register through the Web or at a specific testing center site. Just select your area of study, testing program, and region.

They not only thrive on the continuing challenges of the IT field, but they also take it upon themselves to develop and hone their skills—to stay a step ahead. The practical expertise that is gained through the Microsoft® certification process provides individuals with the kind of know-how that gets recognized—on the job, among peers, and by future employers.

The New Generation of Microsoft Certifications*
More specific and targeted than ever before.



Certifications For Developers:

CERTIFICATION	DESCRIPTION	EXPERIENCE	INFORMATION	TARGET AUDIENCE	JOB TITLES
OFFICE					
MCTS: Office SharePoint® Server 2007—Application Development	Verifies the abilities of a developer or consultant to build Web portals and integrate business applications using SharePoint Server 2007.	Candidates work with XML, the .NET Framework, and Windows SharePoint Services Development.	microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcts/spserver/appdev	Professionals who want to distinguish themselves by demonstrating in-depth knowledge and expertise in their specialized technologies.	Coder, Designer, Administrator, Developer, Engineer
MCTS: Windows® SharePoint Services—Application Development	Verifies the knowledge and skills to develop applications utilizing Microsoft Windows SharePoint Services 3.0.	Candidates should have experience building systems using the Windows SharePoint Services platform.	microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcts/spservices/appdev		
VISUAL STUDIO 2005					
MCTS: .NET Framework 2.0—Web Application Development	Verifies a demonstrated depth of skills and knowledge of Web application technology and data access in Web applications.	Candidates should have at least one year of experience developing Web-based applications.	microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcts/winapps	Professionals who want to distinguish themselves by demonstrating in-depth knowledge and expertise in their specialized technologies.	Windows Developer, Web Developer, Enterprise Applications Developer
MCTS: .NET Framework 2.0—Windows Application Development	Verifies skills and knowledge of Windows Forms technology, in addition to expertise in data access in Microsoft Windows applications.	Candidates should have one year of experience developing Microsoft Windows-based applications.	microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcts/webapps		
MCTS: .NET Framework 2.0—Distributed Application Development	Verifies skills and knowledge of Web services, .NET Framework remoting, Enterprise Services, and Message Queuing technology.	Candidates should have at least one year of experience developing distributed applications.	microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcts/distapps		
MCTS: Visual Studio® 2005 Tools for Microsoft Office—Application Development	Verifies a candidate's ability to develop and deploy applications utilizing Microsoft Visual Studio 2005 Tools for Microsoft Office (VSTO).	Candidates have one year of experience developing automation solutions and understand VSTO.	microsoft.com/learning/exams/70-543.mspx	Professionals who want to distinguish themselves by demonstrating in-depth knowledge and expertise in their specialized technologies.	Coder, Designer, Administrator, Developer, Engineer
MCTS: BizTalk® Server 2006	Verifies a deep understanding of the design and development of distributed applications and solutions using BizTalk Server 2006.	Candidates understand the design and development of distributed applications on BizTalk Server 2006.	microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcts/biztalk		
MCPD: Enterprise Application Developer	Verifies the skills required to build n-tier solutions that target both Web and rich-client user experiences.	Candidates are able to build n-tier solutions that target both Web and rich-client user experiences.	microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcpd/entapp	Professionals who target specific technologies and want to distinguish themselves by demonstrating in-depth knowledge and expertise.	Web Developer, Windows Developer, Enterprise Applications Developer
MCPD: Windows Developer	Verifies the skills required to build rich client applications that target the Windows Forms platform using the Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0.	Candidates first complete the MCTS: .NET Framework 2.0—Windows Applications certification (2 exams).	microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcpd/windev		
MCPD: Web Developer	Verifies the skills required to build interactive, data-driven Web applications that use ASP.NET 2.0 for both intranet and Internet uses.	Candidates should have two years of experience developing applications using the .NET Framework.	microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcpd/webdev		
MCAD (Classic): Microsoft Certified Application Developer	The certification for developers who use Microsoft Visual Studio .NET and the Microsoft .NET Framework 1.0 and 1.1 to develop, deploy, and maintain department-level applications and components for Microsoft Windows and the Web.	Candidates typically have at least one to two years of work experience in software development.	microsoft.com/mcad	Developers who manage department-level applications, components, Web/desktop clients, or network data services.	Software, Web, or Windows Developer; Systems Administrator; Systems Engineer
MCSD (Classic): Microsoft Certified Solution Developer for .NET	The premier certification for professionals who design and develop leading-edge business solutions with Microsoft development technologies. They develop multiple applications including desktop, multi-user, Web-based, N-tier, and transaction-based applications.	Candidates must have two years of experience developing and maintaining solutions and applications.	microsoft.com/mcsd	Software designers who manage business and technical requirements, solutions architectures, and solutions.	Software Engineer, Application Analyst, Architect Consultant
WINDOWS					
MCTS: Windows Mobile® 5.0—Application Development	A Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist in Windows Mobile 5.0 (MCTS: Windows Mobile) Applications possesses a deep and broad understanding of developing applications for Windows-based mobile devices that integrate with enterprise systems.	Candidates will have experience using the .NET Framework, the .NET Compact Framework, Visual Basic® .NET or Visual C#®, SQL Server 2005 Mobile Edition, and a working knowledge of SQL Server 2000/2005.	microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcts/mobility	Professionals who want to distinguish themselves by demonstrating in-depth knowledge and expertise in their specialized technologies.	Coder, Designer, Administrator, Developer, Engineer
MCPD: Windows Developer	Verifies the knowledge and skills required to build rich client applications that target the Windows Forms platform using the Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0.	Candidates must first complete the requirements for the MCTS: .NET Framework 2.0—Windows Applications certification (two exams).	microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcpd/windev	Developers who possess expertise in Windows development, Web application development, or enterprise applications development.	Web or Windows Developer, Enterprise Applications Developer

Certifications For IT Professionals:

CERTIFICATION	DESCRIPTION	EXPERIENCE	INFORMATION	TARGET AUDIENCE	JOB TITLES
MCITP: Database Administrator	Premier certification for database server administrators who manage enterprise business solutions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.	Candidates should be experienced in using Microsoft SQL Server 2005 and be experts in defining high-availability solutions, automating administrative tasks, defining security solutions, monitoring and troubleshooting the database server, executing deployments, and defining the infrastructure.	microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcftp/dbadmin	Professionals who want to highlight their expertise in database administration, database development, business intelligence, or support.	Database Administrator
MCSA (Classic): Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator	Recognizes IT professionals who successfully implement, manage, and maintain desktop and networking operating systems, and manage and maintain a network infrastructure.	Candidates should have at least six months to one year of experience administering network operating systems.	microsoft.com/mcsa	IT pros who manage and maintain networks and systems based on Microsoft Windows server products.	Network or Systems Administrator, Info Technology Engineer, Systems Admin
MCSA (Classic): Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator—Security	Recognizes IT professionals who demonstrate security-specific knowledge and skills on the Microsoft platform.	Candidates must have one year of experience in a security-focused job role.	microsoft.com/mcsasecurity	Experienced systems administrators who manage, maintain, and implement security on the Microsoft platform.	Network or Systems Administrator, Tech Support Engineer, Systems Admin
MCSE (Classic): Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer	One of the most widely recognized technical certifications in the industry—a credential in high demand. By earning the MCSE certification you will verify your ability to plan, implement, maintain, and support information systems, and to operate in a wide range of environments using the Microsoft Windows Server® network operating system and the BackOffice® family of integrated server products.	Candidates should have at least one year of experience planning, implementing, and analyzing business solutions with Microsoft products and technologies.	microsoft.com/mcse	IT pros who plan, design, and implement the infrastructure for business solutions on Windows 2000 and the Windows Server System™.	Systems Engineer, Tech Support Engineer, Systems Analyst, Consultant
MCSE (Classic): Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer—Security	Distinguishes systems engineers who have deep, role-based security skills.	Candidates should have at least one year of experience planning, implementing, and analyzing business solutions with Microsoft products and technologies.	microsoft.com/mcsesecurity	Experienced systems engineers who design, plan, and implement a secure computing environment on the Microsoft platform.	Systems Engineer, Info Technology Engineer, Systems or Network Analyst, Consultant
WINDOWS					
MCTS: Microsoft Windows Mobile 5.0—Configuration	Validates skills designing, implementing, and managing mobile infrastructures, mobile devices, and mobile applications.	Candidates have experience with Windows Mobile 5.0, and with mobile and network security concepts.	microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcts/mobility/implement	Professionals who want to distinguish themselves by demonstrating in-depth knowledge and expertise in their specialized technologies.	Coder, Designer, Administrator, Developer, Engineer
MCTS: Windows Server 2003 Hosted Environments—Configuration & Management	Validates skills planning a Hosted Environment, deploying a Core Hosting Infrastructure, configuring Internet Information Server (IIS), deploying and managing Hosted Services and solutions, designing Automated Provisioning, and troubleshooting a Hosted Environment.	Candidates possess a deep and broad understanding of appropriately configuring and managing a hosted solution with Microsoft Windows Server 2003.	microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcts/win2003/config		
MCSE (Classic): Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer—Windows Server 2003	Validates the ability to design and implement the infrastructure for business solutions based on the Microsoft Windows 2000 platform and Microsoft Windows Server System.	Candidates should have at least one year of experience planning, implementing, and analyzing business solutions with Microsoft products and technologies.	microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcse/windows2003	Engineers who design, plan, and implement solutions on the Windows Server 2003 platform.	Systems or Tech Support Engineer, Systems or Network Analyst, Technical Consultant
MCDST (Classic): Microsoft Certified Desktop Support Technician	Validates the skills to successfully support end-users and to successfully troubleshoot desktop environments that are running the Microsoft Windows operating system.	Candidates must have experience in a service desk position.	microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcdst	Technicians who support end users and troubleshoot desktop environments running the Microsoft Windows operating system.	Help Desk Technician, Customer Support Rep, PC Support Specialist
WINDOWS VISTA					
MCTS: Windows Vista™—Configuration	Validates the knowledge and skills necessary to respond to calls concerning network connectivity, desktop operating system, and application problems.	Candidates should have at least one year of experience in the IT field with resolving issues concerning network connectivity, desktop operating systems, security, and desktop applications.	microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcts/vistaconfig	Professionals who want to distinguish themselves by demonstrating in-depth knowledge and expertise in their specialized technologies.	Administrator, Specialist, Technician
MCITP: Consumer Support Technician	Validates the skills necessary to provide support on a broad range of consumer desktop operating system, desktop application, mobile device, networking, and hardware support issues related to the Windows Vista operating system.	Candidates for this exam should have experience implementing, administering, and troubleshooting desktop operating systems in stand-alone or small home-network environments.	microsoft.com/learning/exams/70-623.mspx	Professionals who target specific technologies and want to distinguish themselves by demonstrating in-depth knowledge and expertise.	Help Desk Technician, Customer Support Rep, PC Support Specialist, Tech Support Rep
MCITP: Enterprise Support Technician	Verifies the knowledge and skills required to deploy and support the Windows Vista operating system.	Candidates have experience deploying Windows Vista, managing security, and troubleshooting network-related issues, plus three years of experience as a tier 2-level or lead desktop support technician.	microsoft.com/learning/exams/70-622.mspx		
OFFICE					
MCTS: Office SharePoint Server 2007—Configuration	Validates the ability to configure Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007 Portal, manage Search, configure Content Management, configure Business Forms, manage Business Intelligence, and deployment of SharePoint Server 2007.	Candidates understand how to configure SharePoint Server 2007 and typically have a general understanding of SQL Server 2000 or 2005, and .NET 2.0 as they relate to SharePoint Server 2007.	microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcts/spserver/config	Professionals who want to distinguish themselves by demonstrating in-depth knowledge and expertise in their specialized technologies.	Coder, Designer, Administrator, Developer, Engineer
MCTS: Windows SharePoint Services 3.0—Configuration	Validates the skills to configure Microsoft Windows SharePoint Services 3.0 and focuses on deploying, monitoring, administering, customizing, securing, and configuring Network Infrastructure for Windows SharePoint Services.	Candidates possess the skills to configure Windows SharePoint Services 3.0 and have a general understanding of Internet Security and Acceleration Server, network load-balancing for applications.	microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcts/spservices/config		
MCTS: Business Desktop Deployment	Validates the skills to deploy the 2007 Office system and Windows Vista using Systems Management Server (SMS) 2003, administer the Business Desktop Deployment Workbench, deploy applications using the Application Compatibility Toolkit, and manage user state migration.	Candidates have experience deploying desktop operating systems, automating and customizing deployments, deploying applications and upgrade packages, and upgrading existing systems.	microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcts/vistaoffice		
SQL SERVER 2000					
MCDBA (Classic): Microsoft Certified Database Administrator for SQL Server 2000	Validates the skills to implement and administer Microsoft SQL Server databases.	Candidates should have a minimum of one year of experience working with SQL Server.	microsoft.com/mcdba	Database professionals who install and configure Microsoft SQL Server, and configure and manage security.	Database Administrator, Analyst, Developer
SQL SERVER 2005					
MCTS: SQL Server	Validates a candidate's ability to implement and maintain databases using specific instructions and specifications.	Candidates have experience accomplishing specific focused tasks by using code or UI navigation.	microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcts/sql	Professionals who want to distinguish themselves by demonstrating in-depth knowledge and expertise in their specialized technologies.	Database Administrator, Database Developer, Business Intelligence
MCTS: SQL Server—Business Intelligence Tools	Validates a candidate's ability to implement and maintain business intelligence solutions.	Candidates have knowledge of database schemas, cubes, data mining algorithms, reports, and .NET.	microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcts/bi		
MCITP: Database Administrator	Validates a candidate's ability to manage enterprise business solutions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.	Candidates must already have a MCTS: SQL Server 2005 credential.	microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcftp/dbadmin	Professionals who want to highlight their expertise in database administration, database development, business intelligence, or support.	Database Administrator, Database Developer, Business Intelligence
MCITP: Database Developer	Validates a candidate's ability to design a secure, stable, enterprise database solution by using Microsoft SQL Server.	Candidates must already have a MCTS: SQL Server 2005 credential.	microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcftp/dbdev		
MCITP: Business Intelligence Developer	Validates a candidate's ability to design analysis solutions, data transformations, and reports.	Candidates must already have the MCTS: SQL Server 2005—Business Intelligence certification.	microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcftp/bid		
EXCHANGE SERVER 2007					
MCTS: Exchange Server 2007—Configuration	Validates a candidate's skills to deploy and administer an enterprise messaging environment with Microsoft Exchange Server 2007.	Candidates install and manage Microsoft Exchange Server 2007, manage messaging security by using Exchange Server 2007, recover messaging servers and databases by using Exchange Server 2007 and monitor and troubleshoot Exchange Server 2007.	microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcts/exchangeconfig	Professionals who want to distinguish themselves by demonstrating in-depth knowledge and expertise in their specialized technologies.	Coder, Designer, Administrator, Developer, Engineer
MCITP: Enterprise Messaging Administrator	Validates a candidate's skills associated with performing as the lead engineer for messaging solutions within an Enterprise organization as well as your ability to design and deploy messaging solutions with Microsoft Exchange Server 2007.	Candidates for this exam will typically have the following: experience in an enterprise environment of more than 500 users and 100 servers; a minimum of two years' experience administering, deploying, managing, monitoring, upgrading, migrating, and designing Exchange Server.	TBD	Professionals who target specific technologies and want to distinguish themselves by demonstrating in-depth knowledge and expertise.	Coder, Designer, Administrator, Developer, Engineer

*While the new generation of Microsoft Certifications is being rolled out gradually to align with new product releases, the classic Microsoft Professional Certifications will continue to be supported by Microsoft as the most relevant gauge of an individual's technical skills, and will continue to be supported for as long as Microsoft supports the corresponding software.

