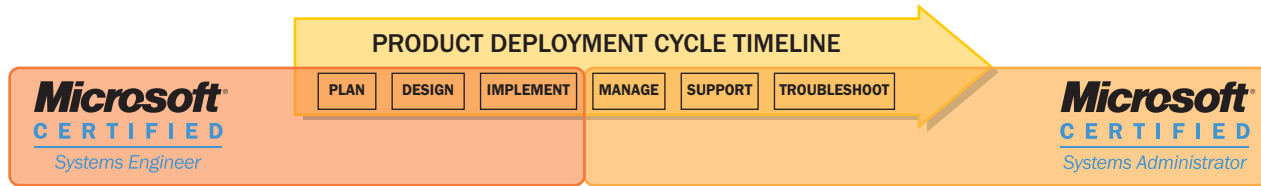


MCSA or MCSE.

Which Certification is Right for You?



As an IT professional, you have a choice of two credentials to highlight your Microsoft® Windows® 2000 or Windows XP Professional knowledge and expertise—Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA) and Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE). Which certification is right for you and your job role?

Choose MCSE if you:

- Plan, design, and implement Microsoft Windows server solutions and architectures.
- Have at least one year of experience analyzing business and technical requirements, and planning, designing, and implementing solutions with Microsoft products and technologies.

Examples of job titles: Systems Engineer, Network Engineer, Systems Analyst, Network Analyst, or Technical Consultant.

Choose MCSA if you:

- Manage, support, and troubleshoot the ongoing needs of Microsoft Windows server-based operating environments.
- Have six to 12 months of experience managing and supporting a desktop server and network operations in an existing network infrastructure.

Examples of job titles: Systems Administrator, Network Administrator, Information Systems Administrator, Network Operations Analyst, Network Technician, or Technical Support Specialist.

Read more about the MCSE on Microsoft Windows 2000 credential.

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How do certification requirements differ?



NUMBER OF CORE EXAMS	3 total: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1 client operating system exam ■ 2 networking system exams 	5 total: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1 client operating system exam ■ 3 networking system exams ■ 1 design exam
NUMBER OF ELECTIVE EXAMS	1 Microsoft exam or 2 CompTIA certifications	2 Microsoft exams
DESIGN SKILLS ASSESSED?	NO	YES
CompTIA CERTIFICATION CREDIT?	YES	NO
EXAMS 70-210 AND 70-215	CORE	CORE
EXAM 70-218	CORE	ELECTIVE
EXAM 70-216	ELECTIVE	CORE
AVERAGE NUMBER OF TRAINING DAYS (MICROSOFT OFFICIAL CURRICULUM)	18	33