

# What's your next step?

## Certification Fact Sheet ©

Area	Support		Networking					System Administration			Information Security			
Common Name	A+	Strata	Network+	CCNA	CCNP	CCVP	CCSP	CCIE	MCITP_EST	MCITP_SA	MCITP_EA	Security+	CISSP	CEH
Vendor Name	CompTIA	CompTIA	CompTIA	Cisco					Microsoft			CompTIA	(ISC) <sup>2</sup>	EC-Council
Official Name	CompTIA A+	CompTIA Strata	CompTIA Network+	Cisco Certified Network Associate	Cisco Certified Network Professional	Cisco Certified Voice Professional	Cisco Certified Security Professional	Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert	Microsoft Certified IT Professional Enterprise Support Technician	Microsoft Certified IT Professional Server Administrator	Microsoft Certified IT Professional Enterprise Administrator	CompTIA Security+	Certified Information Systems Security Professional	Certified Ethical Hacker
Industry Demand	75%	65%	80%	80%	85%	65%	80%	100%	75%	80%	85%	85%	90%	90%
Career Advancement	70%	65%	80%	85%	85%	80%	80%	100%	80%	85%	90%	80%	100%	100%
Raise Potential	70%	60%	70%	85%	95%	75%	80%	100%	75%	80%	85%	90%	100%	85%
Average Salary*	\$68K	\$45K	\$71K	\$79K	\$89K	\$92K	\$96K	\$110K	\$82K	\$86K	\$97K	\$77K	\$100K	\$93K
Knowledge Level	Beginner	Beginner	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced	Advanced	Advanced	Expert	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced	Beginner	Advanced	Intermediate
Number of Exams	2	1	1	1	3	5	5	2	2	3	6	1	1	1
Prerequisites	None	None	None	Suggested: Network+	CCNA	CCNA	CCNA	Strongly Suggested: CCNP, CCVP or CCSP	Suggested: Vista	Suggested: Network+	Suggested: Network+	Suggested: Network+	5 years professional experience in information security or 3 years plus a college degree	Suggested: Network+
Related Jobs	PC Technician; Help Desk Technician; Technician; Network Support Technician; Service Center Technician	Help Desk Technician; Service Technician, Support Role	Entry Level Network Administrator; Network Support Technician; Internet Network Specialist; Internet Security Specialist	Systems Administrator; Network Administrator	Network Administrator; LAN Administrator; Network Infrastructure Administrator	Network Administrator; Systems Administrator	Network Security Professional; Systems Security Professional; Infrastructure Security Specialist	Network Architect; Infrastructure Specialist; Infrastructure Engineer; Network Engineer	PC Technician; Help Desk Technician; Network Support Technician; Service Center Technician	Network Administrator; Systems Administrator; Technical Support Specialist; Network Operations Analyst; Network Technician; Information Systems Administrator	Network Administrator; Systems Engineer; Technical Support Engineer; Systems Analyst; Network Analyst; Technical Consultant	Network Administrator; Security Administrator; Systems Engineer; Data Architect; E-Commerce Specialist; Network Specialist	Information Security Professional; Network Security Professional; Systems Security Professional	Security Analyst, Network Administrator

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