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Demonstrate your specialized technical expertise with a Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist (MCTS) certification. By earning this certification, you can prove your ability to successfully implement, build or troubleshoot, and debug a particular Microsoft technology, such as a Windows operating system, Microsoft Exchange Server, Microsoft SQL Server, and Microsoft Visual Studio.

Level: One or more years of experience implementing, troubleshooting, and debugging a specific technology

Audience: IT professional or developer

Type: Microsoft Certification

MCTS Overview

The Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist (MCTS) certifications are designed to help validate your skills on the features and functionality of Microsoft technologies. You can show your depth of knowledge in one specific technology, earn multiple MCTS certifications to show breadth across different products, or build on the MCTS to earn a Microsoft Certified IT Professional (MCITP) certification.

MCTS candidate profile

MCTS candidates are capable of implementing, building, troubleshooting, and debugging a particular Microsoft technology.

Why get certified?

Earning a Microsoft Certification validates your proven experience and knowledge in using Microsoft products and solutions. Despite being relevant in today's rapidly changing IT marketplace, Microsoft Certifications help you utilize evolving technologies, fine-tune your troubleshooting skills, and improve your job satisfaction.

Whether you are new to technology, changing jobs, or a seasoned professional, becoming certified demonstrates to customers, partners, and employers that you are committed to advancing your skills and taking on greater challenges. In addition, certification provides access to exclusive Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP) resources and benefits, including opportunities to connect with a global network of MCPs.

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MCTS Certifications

To earn each MCTS certification, you must pass the corresponding exam(s).

Exchange Server

Certification	Exam number
MCTS: Microsoft Exchange Server 2007, Configuration	Exam 70-236
MCTS: Microsoft Exchange Server 2010, Configuration	Exam 70-662

Lync Server and Office Communications Server

Certification	Exam number
MCTS: Microsoft Lync Server 2010, Configuration	Exam 70-664
MCTS: Microsoft Office Communications Server 2007, Configuration	Exam 70-638

Project and Project Server

Certification	Exam number
MCTS: Microsoft Project Server 2010, Configuration	Exam 70-177
MCTS: Enterprise Project Management with Microsoft Office Project Server 2007	Exam 70-633
MCTS: Microsoft Office Project 2007, Managing Projects	Exam 70-632
MCTS: Microsoft Office Project Server 2007, Configuration	Exam 70-639

SharePoint and SharePoint Server

Certification	Exam number
MCTS: Microsoft SharePoint 2010, Configuration	Exam 70-667
MCTS: Microsoft SharePoint 2010, Application Development	Exam 70-573
MCTS: Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007, Configuration	Exam 70-630
MCTS: Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007, Application Development	Exam 70-542

SQL Server

Certification	Exam number
MCTS: Microsoft SQL Server 2008, Business Intelligence Development and Maintenance	Exam 70-448
MCTS: Microsoft SQL Server 2008, Database Development	Exam 70-433
MCTS: Microsoft SQL Server 2008, Implementation and Maintenance	Exam 70-432

System Center

Certification	Exam number
MCTS: Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager 2007, Configuration	Exam 70-401

Certification	Exam number
MCTS: Microsoft System Center Operations Manager 2007, Configuration	Exam 70-400
MCTS: Microsoft System Center Virtual Machine Manager 2008, Configuration	Exam 70-403 ¹
MCTS: System Center Data Protection Manager 2007, Configuration	Exam 70-658

¹This exam retires on September 30, 2011.

Virtualization

Certification	Exam number
MCTS: Windows Server 2008 R2, Server Virtualization	Exam 70-659
MCTS: Windows Server 2008 R2, Desktop Virtualization	Exam 70-669
MCTS: Windows Server Virtualization, Configuration	Exam 70-652 ¹

¹This exam retires on September 30, 2011.

Visual Studio

Windows Client

Certification	Exam number
MCTS: Windows 7, Configuration	Exam 70-680
MCTS: Windows 7 and Microsoft Office 2010, Deployment	Exam 70-681
MCTS: Windows Vista, Configuration	Exam 70-620

Windows Embedded

Certification	Exam number
MCTS: Microsoft Windows Embedded CE 6.0, Development	Exam 70-571
MCTS: Microsoft Windows Embedded Standard 2009, Development	Exam 70-577
MCTS: Microsoft Windows Embedded Standard 7, Development	Exam 70-582
MCTS: Windows Embedded Compact 7	Exam 70-181

Windows Mobile

Certification	Exam number
MCTS: Windows Mobile 6.5, Application Development	Exam 70-580¹
MCTS: Windows Mobile 6.5, Configuration	Exam 70-579¹

¹This exam retires on June 30, 2012.

Windows Server

Certification	Exam number
MCTS: Windows Server 2008 Active Directory, Configuration	Exam 70-640
MCTS: Windows Server 2008 Network Infrastructure, Configuration	Exam 70-642
MCTS: Windows Server 2008 Applications Infrastructure, Configuration	Exam 70-643
MCTS: Windows Small Business Server 2011 Standard, Configuration	Exam 70-169
MCTS: Windows Small Business Server 2008, Configuration	Exam 70-653
MCTS: Windows Essential Business Server 2008, Configuration	Exam 70-654
MCTS: Windows Internals	Exam 70-660
MCTS: Windows HPC Server 2008, Development	Exam 70-691

Other technologies

Certification	Exam number
MCTS on Microsoft Dynamics	See Microsoft Dynar certifications
MCTS: Microsoft BizTalk Server 2010	Exam 70-595
MCTS: Volume Licensing Specialist, Large Organizations	Exam 70-672
MCTS: Volume Licensing Specialist, Small and Medium Organizations	Exam 70-671
MCTS: Microsoft Desktop Optimization Pack, Configuration	Exam 70-656
MCTS: Microsoft Forefront Endpoint and Application Protection, Configuration	Exam 70-162
MCTS: Microsoft Bing Maps Platform, Application Development	Exam 70-544¹
MCTS: Microsoft Office Visio 2007, Application Development	Exam 70-545

¹This exam retires on December 31, 2011.

Frequently Asked Questions

View all answers

Q. How many exams must I typically take to obtain an MCTS certification?

A. Typically, you must take one to three exams that focus on a key Microsoft product or technology.

Q. Will additional MCTS certifications be offered?

Q. Am I a Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP) if I earn a Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist (MCTS) certification?

Q. How long will my certification be valid?

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