

CompTIA Network+

What is it?

CompTIA Network+ verifies that you have the essential knowledge and skills in networking to develop a career in IT infrastructure.

Why is it different?

- Unlike other vendor-specific networking certifications, CompTIA Network+ prepares you to support the network regardless of the platform. It forms the foundation you need before specializing in a vendor solution.
- CompTIA Network+ is the only industry certification that covers both wired and wireless networks.

About the exam

CompTIA Network+ validates the knowledge and skills needed to troubleshoot, configure, and manage wired and wireless networks found in companies around the world. Network+ certifies a professional-level understanding of emerging technologies including cloud and virtualization technologies.

Network+ ensures an IT professional has the knowledge and skills to:

- Design and implement functional networks.
- Configure, manage, and maintain essential network devices.
- Use devices such as switches and routers to segment network traffic and create resilient networks.
- Identify benefits and drawbacks of existing network configurations.
- Implement network security, standards, and protocols.
- Troubleshoot network problems.
- Support the creation of virtualized networks.



Exam

N10-007

Release Date

March 2018

Languages

English

CE Required?

Yes

Accreditation

Accredited by ANSI to show compliance with the ISO 17024 Standard. It is also approved by the DoD for Directive 8140/8570.01-M.

What's in this Version?

CompTIA Network+ N10-007 has been updated and reorganized to address the current networking technologies. The N10-007 version has expanded coverage of several domains by adding:

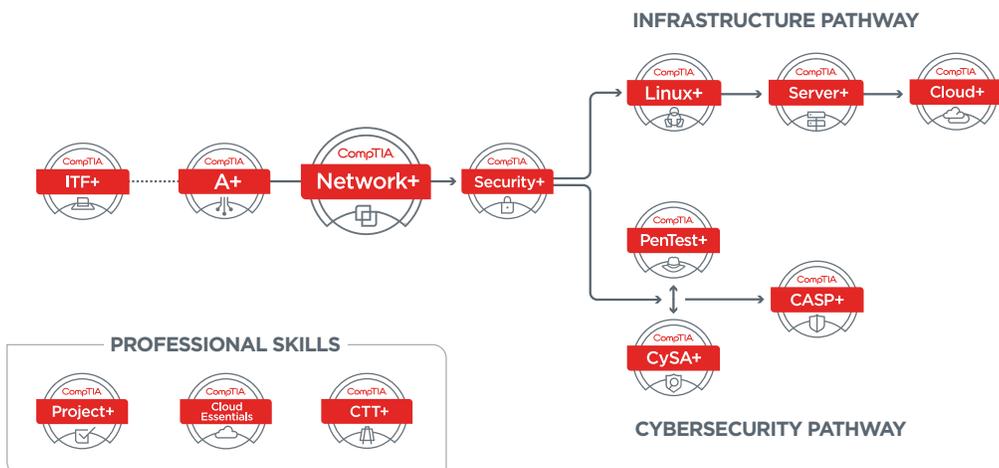
- Critical security concepts to helping networking professionals work with security practitioners
- Key cloud computing best practices, including virtual switches, hypervisors, and virtual NICs, as well as typical service models
- Coverage of newer hardware and virtualization techniques, including “white box switching” and Network Feature Virtualization (NFV).
- Concepts, such as network virtualization, disaster recovery, and device hardening to give individuals the combination of skills to keep the network resilient.

How does Network+ Compare to Alternatives?

				
Certification	Network+	CCENT Not job-role based	CCNA Vendor-specific	MTA/Networking Fundamentals
Performance-based Questions	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Exam Length	1 exam with a maximum of 90 questions, 90 min.	1 exam, 90 min.	1 exam, 90 min.	1 exam, 50 min.
Experience Level	Entry	Entry	Early career	Student
Exam Focus	Job role based. Covers networking technologies across all vendors & solutions.	Not job role based. Entry level networking for Cisco products & solutions.	Job role based. Networking for Cisco products & solutions.	Not job role based. Minimal introduction to networking.
Pre-requisites	CompTIA A+ & a minimum of 9 months networking experience recommended	None	1-3 years experience	None

CompTIA Certification Pathway

CompTIA certifications align with the skillsets needed to support and manage IT infrastructure. Enter where appropriate for you. Consider your experience and existing certifications or course of study.



Top Network+ Job Roles

- Network Field Technician
- Network Administrator
- IS Consultant
- Network Field Engineer
- Computer Technician
- Help Desk Technician
- System Engineer
- Network Support Specialist
- Network Analyst

Technical Areas Covered in the Certification

<p style="text-align: center;">Networking Concepts 23%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the purposes and uses of ports and protocols • Explain devices, applications, protocols and services at their appropriate OSI layers • Explain the concepts and characteristics of routing and switching • Given a scenario, configure the appropriate IP addressing components • Compare and contrast the characteristics of network topologies, types, and technologies • Implement the appropriate wireless technologies and configurations • Summarize cloud concepts and their purposes • Explain the functions of network services 	<p style="text-align: center;">Infrastructure 18%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deploy the appropriate cabling solution • Determine the appropriate placement of networking devices on a network and install/configure them • Explain the purposes and use cases for advanced networking devices • Explain the purposes of virtualization and network storage technologies • Compare and contrast WAN technologies 	<p style="text-align: center;">Network Operations 17%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use appropriate documentation and diagrams to manage the network • Compare and contrast business continuity and disaster recovery concepts • Explain common scanning, monitoring and patching processes and summarize their expected outputs • Given a scenario, use remote access methods • Identify policies and best practices
<p style="text-align: center;">Network Security 20%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summarize the purposes of physical security devices • Explain authentication and access controls • Secure a basic wireless network • Summarize common networking attacks • Implement network device hardening • Explain common mitigation techniques and their purposes 	<p style="text-align: center;">Network Troubleshooting & Tools 22%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the network troubleshooting methodology • Use the appropriate tool • Troubleshoot common wired connectivity and performance issues • Troubleshoot common wireless connectivity and performance issues • Troubleshoot common network service issues 	

Organizations that Use Network +

- Apple
- Best Buy
- Blue Cross Blue Shield
- Canon
- Cisco
- Dell
- HP
- Intel
- Konica Minolta
- Motorola
- Ricoh
- Sharp
- Time Warner
- United States Department of Defense
- Verizon
- Xerox

Research and Statistics

Job Growth

12% job growth expected for Network & Computer Systems Administrators, 2012 – 2022, according to the *BLS*.

Salary Snapshot

Average salary for a Network+ certified IT professional is about **\$74,000**.¹

Industry Shortage

28% of organizations say they have a **shortage of network security specialists**.

“Today’s IT professionals must understand how the fundamentals of networking integrate into emerging technologies such as cloud, virtual networking, and software defined networking. The CompTIA Network+ is a globally recognized certification which provides a foundation for IT professional looking to validate their networking knowledge and skills.”

Joshua Clough, Technical Solution Manager, IBM

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* What is a Performance Certification?

CompTIA performance certifications validate the skills associated with a particular job or responsibility. They include simulations that require the test taker to demonstrate multi-step knowledge to complete a task. CompTIA has a higher ratio of these types of questions than any other IT certifying body.

“...firms are seeking these masters-of-all-things-networking because networks have become increasingly complicated as technology has grown and advanced.”

Why it Pays to Be a Network Engineer,
Robert Half Staffing

In order to lay the foundation for today’s smart and connected manufacturing plant, you must first build a reliable, predictable and secure network. Building a network with those dimensions begins with foundational knowledge and you gain that foundational knowledge by leveraging CompTIA and the Network+ certification.”

Dwight Thomas,
Jr., Sr. Consultant,
Network Security,
Burwood Group

¹ <http://www.globalknowledge.com/training/generic.asp?pageid=3640&country=United+States>
² *Cybersecurity Skills Shortage: A State of Emergency, ESG*