Microsoft

MCSE:
Data Platform
Certification

Prove your skills. Build your future.

Prove your database expertise to peers and employers by earning the **Microsoft Certified Solutions Expert (MCSE): Data Platform** certification. This certification validates your ability to administer high-availability solutions on the SQL Server 2012 platform.

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PATH TO MCSE ➔

Start here.

The **MTA IT Infrastructure Track certifications** validate essential IT concepts and help you prepare for MCSA certification.

MTA — Microsoft Technology Associate

Optimize MCSA preparation by first completing the MTA Fundamental IT Infrastructure Track (with 4 topics) and then pass the MTA Database Fundamentals exam:

364 Database Fundamentals
Prepare with Instructor-Led Training
Course 40364A
Pass **Exam 98-364**

MTA exams are recommended for new entrants but not required to pursue MCSA certification.

Earn your MCSA.

Begin the journey to MCSE by first earning a **Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate (MCSA): SQL Server 2012** certification by passing the three exams listed below.

MCSA — SQL Server 2012

Pass these three exams:

461 Querying Microsoft SQL Server 2012
Prepare with Instructor-Led Training
Course 10774
Pass **Exam 70-461**

462 Administering Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Databases
Prepare with Instructor-Led Training
Course 10775
Pass **Exam 70-462**

463 Implementing a Data Warehouse with Microsoft SQL Server 2012
Prepare with Instructor-Led Training
Course 10777
Pass **Exam 70-463**

Earn your MCSE.

After achieving the MCSA: Windows Server 2012 certification, you're ready to pursue your **Microsoft Certified Solutions Expert (MCSE): Data Platform** certification by passing the two exams shown below.

MCSE — Data Platform

Earn the MCSA and pass these two exams:

464 Developing Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Databases
Prepare with Instructor-Led Training
Course 10776
Pass **Exam 70-464**

465 Designing Database Solutions for Microsoft SQL Server 2012
Prepare with Instructor-Led Training
Course 20465
Pass **Exam 70-465**

Upgrade paths to MCSE:

If you are a **Microsoft Certified IT Professional (MCITP): Database Developer 2008** or **MCITP: Database Administrator 2008,** you can upgrade to the MCSE: Data Platform certification by passing three exams. Learn more at:
www.microsoft.com/learning/dataplatform

Go further.

Once you've earned your MCSE certification, you may choose to reach the pinnacle of IT excellence by becoming a **Microsoft Certified Solutions Master (MCSM): SQL Server 2012.**

MCSM — SQL Server 2012

Earning a Master-level certification:

Candidates for **MCSM certification** must meet stringent experience and knowledge requirements, and pass the corresponding computer-based Knowledge Exams plus a Qualification Lab Exam. Learn more at:
www.microsoft.com/learning/mcsm