



Project 1-4: IT and Networking Certifications

This book prepares you to take the CompTIA Network+ N10-006 exam, which is considered a fundamental benchmark toward a career in IT. Many other IT certifications apply to IT and networking. Use the Web to research and answer the following questions:

1. Which certification does CompTIA recommend a candidate for the CompTIA Network+ exam already have?
2. How long does CompTIA recommend you work in networking before you take the CompTIA Network+ exam?
3. Cisco offers a full range of certifications focused on all aspects of networking. How long does Cisco recommend you work in networking before you take the CCNA Routing and Switching exam for certification?

4. How long does Cisco recommend you work in networking before you take the CCIE Routing and Switching exam?
5. Microsoft offers a group of certifications collectively called the Microsoft Certified Solutions Expert (MCSSE). What are the eight MCSSE certifications?
6. Search online for a job opening in IT networking in your geographical area and save or print the job description and requirements. (Excellent sites that post IT jobs are Indeed.com and Monster.com.) Answer the following questions about the job:
 - a. Which degrees are required or recommended?
 - b. What types of skills are required or recommended?
 - c. Which IT certifications are required or recommended?