

CompTIA Network+ (N10-008)

CompTIA Network+ Intro

CompTIA Network+ validates the technical skills needed to securely establish, maintain and troubleshoot the essential networks that businesses rely on.

The new CompTIA Network+ focuses on foundational networking tools and technologies used to create secure networks and guarantee the availability of critical business information.

VALUE Prop 1 (Career Changer/Student)

CompTIA Network+ certifies a professional-level understanding of the latest best practices and foundational networking tools and technologies, including network architecture, high availability, wireless standards and technologies. It is the building block of a successful career in IT Infrastructure.

VALUE Prop 2 (Employer)

CompTIA Network+ validates candidates have the technical and hands-on networking skills needed to create secure networks and guarantee the availability of critical business information that drive business objectives.

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

Key Differentiators:

- Network+ prepares candidates to support the network regardless of the platform.
- It forms the foundation professionals need before specializing in a vendor solution.
- Network+ is created by networking professionals who support all vendors so it teaches IT Pros how to support business needs demanded in the workplace.

By the Numbers:

- **12%** job growth expected for Network & Computer Systems Administrators, 2012 – 2022, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- **28%** of organizations say they have a shortage of network security specialists. (Cybersecurity Skills Shortage: A State of Emergency, ESG)
- Over **520k** Network+ certified professionals.
- Network+ is recognized as one of the top 10 most widely-held certs worldwide (Global Knowledge Report 2020)

Skills and Competencies Acquired:

- Implement enterprise-level wired and wireless network solutions
- Identify and troubleshoot network performance issues
- Harden networks against threats to mitigate security vulnerabilities

Resources:



- Average Salary
- U.S. Network Field Engineer: Glassdoor.com (<https://bit.ly/2RrR3BH>)
- UK Network Field Engineer: ITJobsWatch.co.uk (<https://bit.ly/355KfO2>)
- Network+ Additional Information: [CompTIA.org/certifications/network](https://www.comptia.org/certifications/network)
- Recommended Pathways: [CompTIA.org/certifications/which-certification](https://www.comptia.org/certifications/which-certification)
- Posts: <https://bit.ly/2pdQAaH>

Competitors	Talking Points / Network+ Advantages
Cisco CCNA Vendor-specific	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unlike CCNA, CompTIA Network+ prepares IT pros to support the network regardless of the platform rather than just maintaining a single vendor's products. • CompTIA Network+, unlike Cisco, covers essential skills at the depth needed for early networking jobs. CCNA is so broad that it doesn't cover the depth of knowledge needed to set a firm foundation for networking expertise. • Trends including multi-vendor architecture, multi-vendor interoperability, & white box networking make it increasingly likely IT pros will encounter more than just Cisco appliances and IOS in the workplace.

Companies that Endorse Network+:	Job Roles:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apple (Consultants) • Blue Cross Blue Shield • Cisco Academy • HP / Dell • Konica Minolta • Lenovo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Network Administrator • Datacenter Support Technician • Network Engineer • System Administrator • NOC Technician • Telecommunications Technician • Cable Technician
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microsoft MSSA • Motorola • New York State- Office of Technology • NY City Union • Pomeroy 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ricoh • Sharp • Verizon • Xerox 	

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How does CompTIA Compare?

		
Certification	Network+	CCNA Vendor-specific
Performance-based Questions	Yes	Yes
Exam Length	1 exam, 90 minutes	1 exam, 90 min.
Experience Level	Early career	Early career
Exam Focus	Covers networking technologies across all vendors & solutions	Covers networking for only Cisco products & solutions.
Prerequisites	CompTIA A+ &/or a minimum of 9 months networking experience recommended	1-3 years experience

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