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Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP)
MCP Certification validates core skills and is a prerequisite for MCSA and MCSD Certification.

Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate (MCSA)
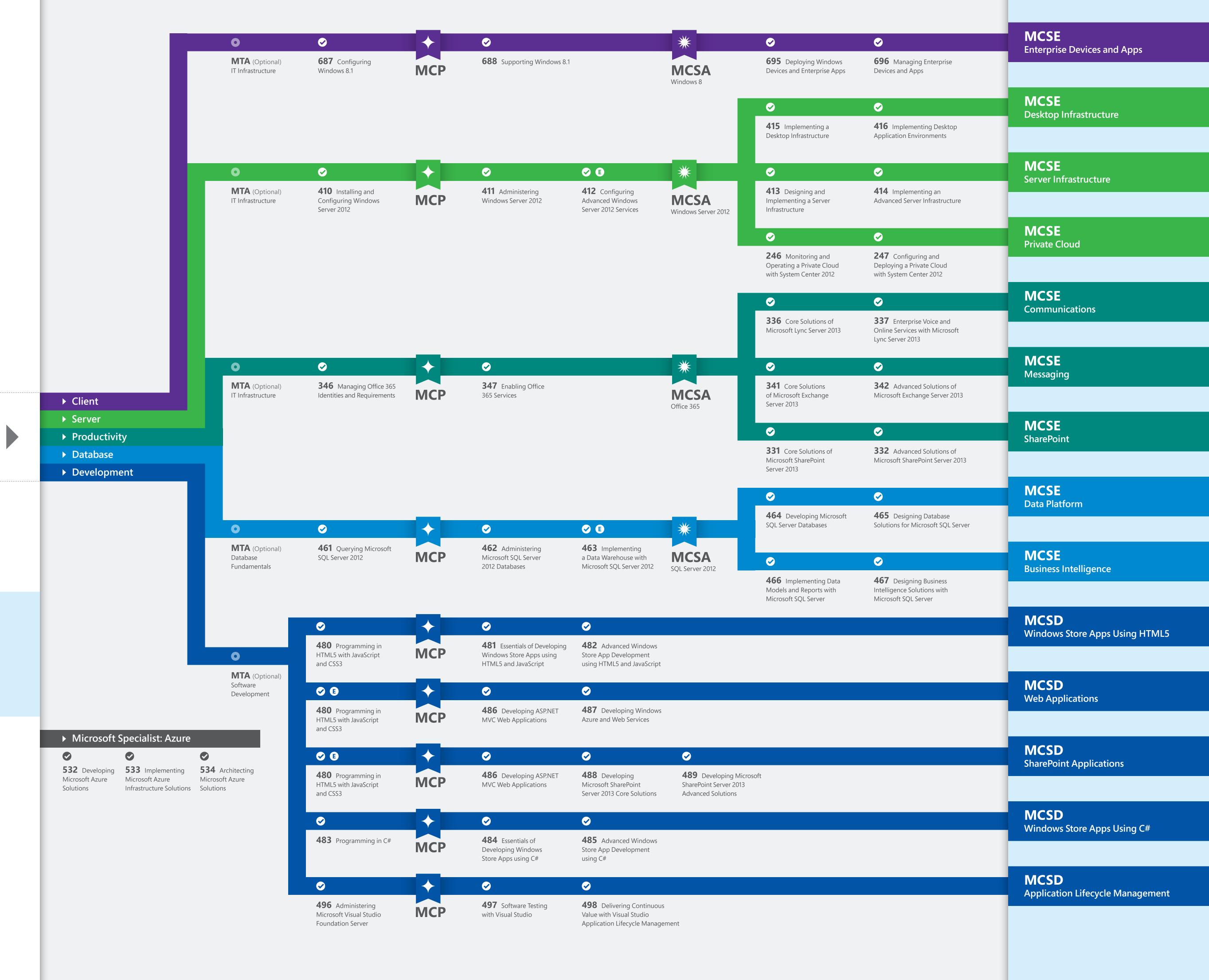MCSA Certification validates core skills and is required to achieve MCSE Certification.

Microsoft Certified Solutions Expert (MCSE)
MCSE Certification proves you have the skills to design and implement IT solutions, both in the cloud and on-site.

Microsoft Certified Solutions Developer (MCSD)
MCSD Certification proves you have the skills to create applications across multiple devices.

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Paths

- Client
- Server
- Productivity
- Database
- Development

Client path (MCSA Windows 8)

- MTA (Optional) IT Infrastructure
- 687 Configuring Windows 8.1
- MCP
- 688 Supporting Windows 8.1
- MCSA Windows 8
- 695 Deploying Windows Devices and Enterprise Apps
- 696 Managing Enterprise Devices and Apps

Server path (MCSA Windows Server 2012)

- MTA (Optional) IT Infrastructure
- 410 Installing and Configuring Windows Server 2012
- MCP
- 411 Administering Windows Server 2012
- 412 Configuring Advanced Windows Server 2012 Services
- MCSA Windows Server 2012

MCSE Desktop Infrastructure:
- 415 Implementing a Desktop Infrastructure
- 416 Implementing Desktop Application Environments

MCSE Server Infrastructure:
- 413 Designing and Implementing a Server Infrastructure
- 414 Implementing an Advanced Server Infrastructure

MCSE Private Cloud:
- 246 Monitoring and Operating a Private Cloud with System Center 2012
- 247 Configuring and Deploying a Private Cloud with System Center 2012

MCSE Communications:
- 336 Core Solutions of Microsoft Lync Server 2013
- 337 Enterprise Voice and Online Services with Microsoft Lync Server 2013

MCSE Messaging:
- 341 Core Solutions of Microsoft Exchange Server 2013
- 342 Advanced Solutions of Microsoft Exchange Server 2013

MCSE SharePoint:
- 331 Core Solutions of Microsoft SharePoint Server 2013
- 332 Advanced Solutions of Microsoft SharePoint Server 2013

Productivity path (MCSA Office 365)

- MTA (Optional) IT Infrastructure
- 346 Managing Office 365 Identities and Requirements
- MCP
- 347 Enabling Office 365 Services
- MCSA Office 365

Database path (MCSA SQL Server 2012)

- MTA (Optional) Database Fundamentals
- 461 Querying Microsoft SQL Server 2012
- MCP
- 462 Administering Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Databases
- 463 Implementing a Data Warehouse with Microsoft SQL Server 2012
- MCSA SQL Server 2012

MCSE Data Platform:
- 464 Developing Microsoft SQL Server Databases
- 465 Designing Database Solutions for Microsoft SQL Server

MCSE Business Intelligence:
- 466 Implementing Data Models and Reports with Microsoft SQL Server
- 467 Designing Business Intelligence Solutions with Microsoft SQL Server

Development path

- MTA (Optional) Software Development

MCSD Windows Store Apps Using HTML5:
- 480 Programming in HTML5 with JavaScript and CSS3
- MCP
- 481 Essentials of Developing Windows Store Apps using HTML5 and JavaScript
- 482 Advanced Windows Store App Development using HTML5 and JavaScript

MCSD Web Applications:
- 480 Programming in HTML5 with JavaScript and CSS3
- MCP
- 486 Developing ASP.NET MVC Web Applications
- 487 Developing Windows Azure and Web Services

MCSD SharePoint Applications:
- 480 Programming in HTML5 with JavaScript and CSS3
- MCP
- 486 Developing ASP.NET MVC Web Applications
- 488 Developing Microsoft SharePoint Server 2013 Core Solutions
- 489 Developing Microsoft SharePoint Server 2013 Advanced Solutions

MCSD Windows Store Apps Using C#:
- 483 Programming in C#
- MCP
- 484 Essentials of Developing Windows Store Apps using C#
- 485 Advanced Windows Store App Development using C#

MCSD Application Lifecycle Management:
- 496 Administering Microsoft Visual Studio Foundation Server
- MCP
- 497 Software Testing with Visual Studio
- 498 Delivering Continuous Value with Visual Studio Application Lifecycle Management

Microsoft Specialist: Azure

- 532 Developing Microsoft Azure Solutions
- 533 Implementing Microsoft Azure Infrastructure Solutions
- 534 Architecting Microsoft Azure Solutions

MCSE Certifications

- MCSE Enterprise Devices and Apps
- MCSE Desktop Infrastructure
- MCSE Server Infrastructure
- MCSE Private Cloud
- MCSE Communications
- MCSE Messaging
- MCSE SharePoint
- MCSE Data Platform
- MCSE Business Intelligence
- MCSD Windows Store Apps Using HTML5
- MCSD Web Applications
- MCSD SharePoint Applications
- MCSD Windows Store Apps Using C#
- MCSD Application Lifecycle Management