

CompTIA Security+



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Security+ is a certification dealing with computer security topics such as cryptography and access control, as well as business-related topics such as disaster recovery and risk management. The current version, SY0-401, was released in 2014.

According to CompTIA, there are currently more than 45,000 people around the world who have earned this certification. It is recommended, though not a requirement, that candidates have two years of security-related work experience.

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The Security+ exam can be applied as an elective to the MCSA: Security and the MCSE: Security specializations from Microsoft. For United States Department of Defense employees, DoD 8570, IAT Level II certification guidelines lists Security+ as one of four choices (the others being GIAC Security Essentials Certification (GSEC), Security Certified Network Professional (SCNP), and Systems Security Certified Practitioner (SSCP)).

About the certification test:

1. How many questions are on the Security exam? You will have 90 minutes to complete the 90-question Security+ certification exam (SY0-401). A passing score is 750 out of 900 possible points.

2. How much does it cost? \$311