

# 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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## Start here.

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.

PATH TO MCSE



SQL Server  
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Pass these three exams:

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

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

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



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Earn the MCSA and pass these two exams:

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

**Designing Database Solutions with Microsoft® SQL Server® 2012**  
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](http://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**.



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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](http://www.microsoft.com/learning/mcsm)