



Microsoft Certification

Microsoft Certified Systems Administrators (MCSAs)

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Core exams (three exams required)

Two networking system exams

Exam 70—290: Managing and Maintaining a Microsoft Windows Server 2003 Environment

Exam 70—291: Implementing, Managing, and Maintaining a Microsoft Windows Server 2003 Network Infrastructure

One client operating system exam

Exam 70—270: Installing, Configuring, and Administering Microsoft Windows XP Professional.

Exam 70-210: Installing, Configuring, and Administering Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional.

Elective exams (one exam required)

Together with the core exams, the elective exams provide a valid and

reliable measure of technical proficiency and expertise to successfully manage and maintain the typically complex computing environment of medium-to-large-sized companies. MCSA candidates should have 6—12 months of experience administering client and network operating systems.

Management Server 2003 Infrastructure

Exam 70-227: Installing, Configuring, and Administering Microsoft Internet Security and Acceleration (ISA) Server 2000, Enterprise Edition

Exam 70-228: Installing, Configuring, and **Exam 70-089:** Designing, Implementing, and Managing a Microsoft Systems Administering Microsoft SQL Server 2000 Enterprise Edition

Exam 70-284: Implementing and Managing Microsoft Exchange Server 2003

Exam 70-299: Implementing and Administering Security in a Microsoft Windows Server 2003 Network

Exam 70-350: Implementing Microsoft Internet Security and Acceleration (ISA) Server 2004 **Exam 70-431:** TS: Microsoft SQL Server 2005 -

Implementation and Maintenance

Upgrade exam (one exam required)

Microsoft has designed an upgrade path that will enable a current MCSA on Windows 2000 to earn the Windows Server 2003 credential in a time-effective and cost-effective manner.


For an MCSA on Windows 2000 credential, the candidate should keep the following in mind:

Networking: An MCSA on Windows 2000 has the option to take Exam 70-292 instead of the two core network exams. However, an MCSA on Windows 2000 can choose to take both core network exams.

Client: An MCSA on Windows 2000 has already passed Exam 70-210 or 70-270, which also satisfies the client requirement for MCSA on Windows Server 2003; therefore, no further action is required.

Elective: Elective exams are required so that candidates prove technical breadth, interoperability skills, or additional technical depth. For an MCSA on Windows 2000, the current MCSA credential satisfies the elective requirement for Windows Server 2003 because it proves the ability to support another version of the platform; therefore, no further action is required.

Exam 70-292: Managing and Maintaining a Microsoft Windows Server 2003 Environment for an MCSA Certified on Windows 2000

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