



Windows Server 2008 Certifications

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Agenda

- New generation of certification
- Windows Server 2008 certifications
 - Certification path and exams
 - Transition paths
- Related readiness and next steps
- Questions and answers

Design principles of new generation

Create more targeted, relevant, and cost-effective certifications

Principle

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Targeted & Flexible

- ▶ Create certifications that reflect specific job roles
- ▶ Create credentials that allow individuals to identify custom skill sets

Principle

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Rigorous & Credible

- ▶ Advance testing technology using simulations, case study, and other complex methodologies
- ▶ Create straightforward exams paths that test more completely and accurately

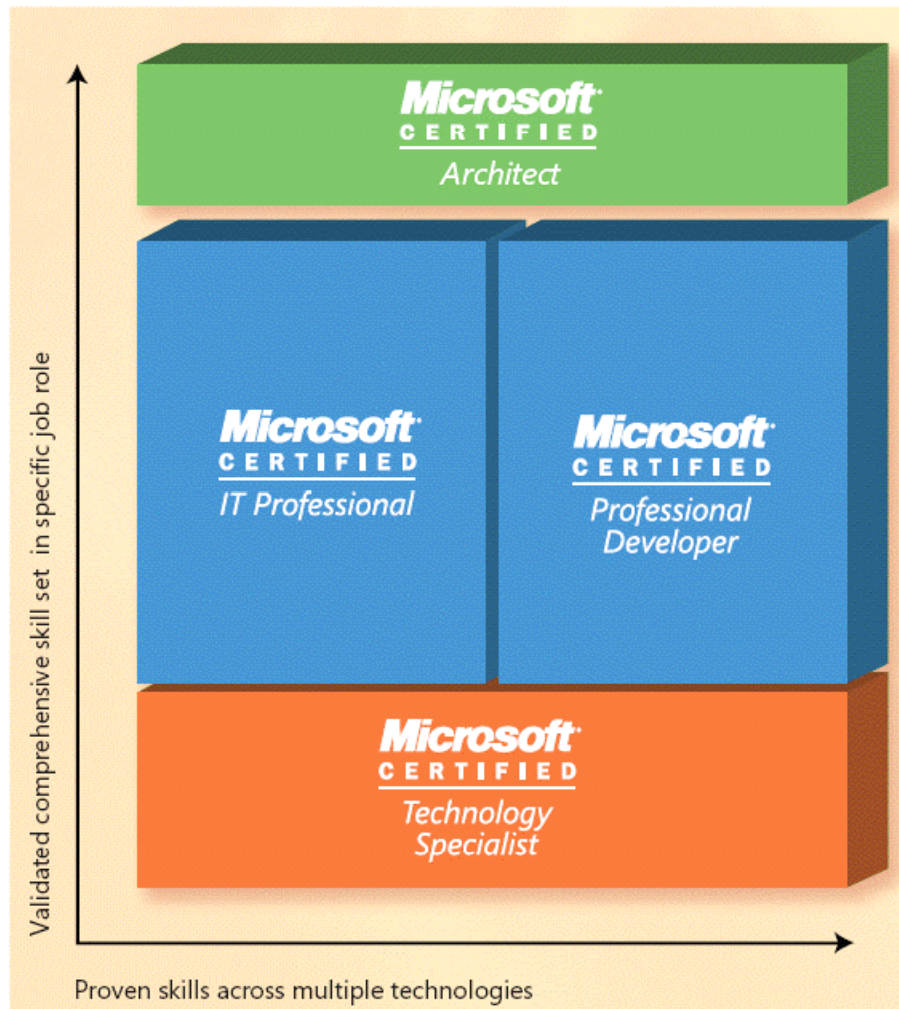
Principle

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Relevant & Simple

- ▶ Technology exams verify depth in using technology
- ▶ Professional exams verify relevant job role skills

New generation framework



BUSINESS IT SKILLS

Proven ability to deliver business solutions

- ▶ Rigorous entry process
- ▶ Work closely with mentor
- ▶ Culminates in oral review board
- ▶ Recertification required

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Proven ability to perform on the job

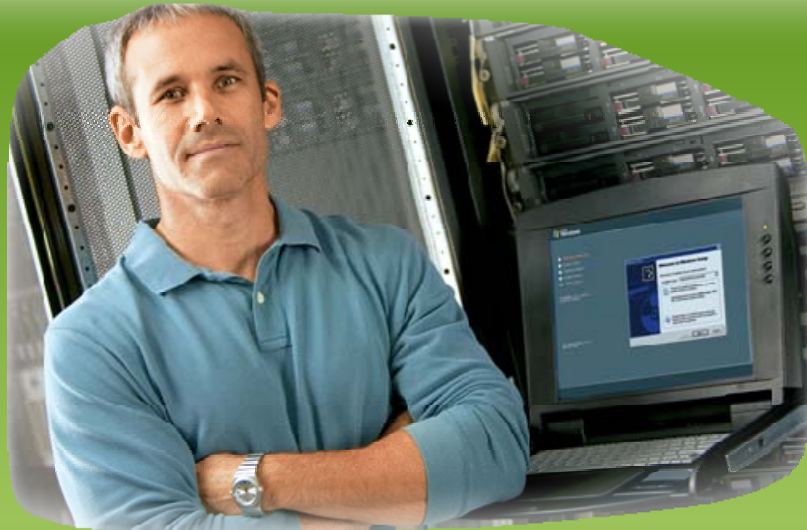
- ▶ 1-3 exams
- ▶ Technology Specialist prerequisite
- ▶ Focused on single job role
- ▶ Recertification required

CORE TECHNICAL SKILLS

Proven skills on Microsoft technologies

- ▶ 1-3 exams
- ▶ Certification retires with product support
- ▶ Focused on key product or technology
- ▶ Does not include job role skills

New logo and visual identification



The new generation shows:

Credentials + Certifications

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IT Professional

Enterprise Messaging
Administrator

3 Series

- Simple framework to understand



4 Credentials

- Easier to understand and to identify the right individuals

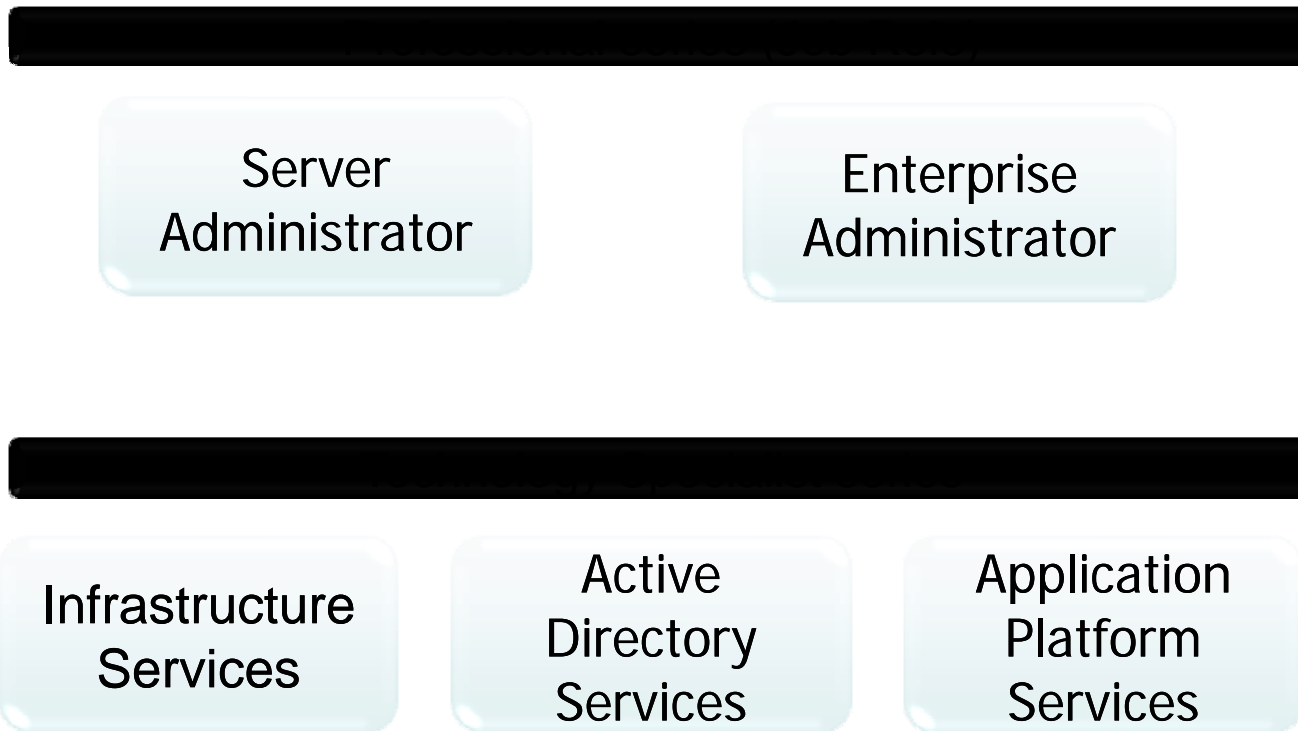


Many Certifications

- Easier to distinguish for hiring, promoting, and consulting
- Cost effective paths

Windows Server 2008 portfolio

Five distinct certifications: three technology-specific tracks and two role-specific tracks



Technology Specialist paths

One exam to earn each of the MCTS certifications



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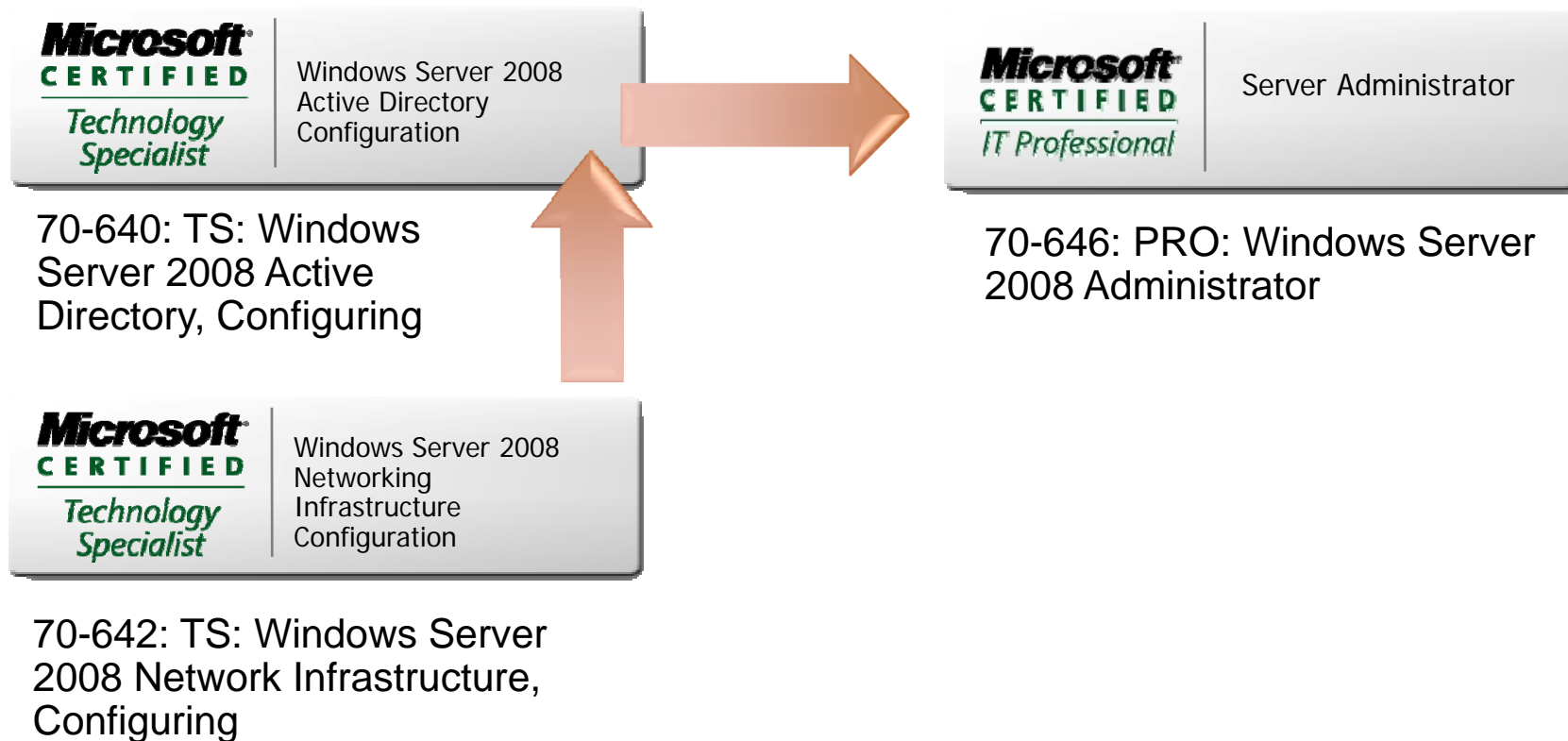
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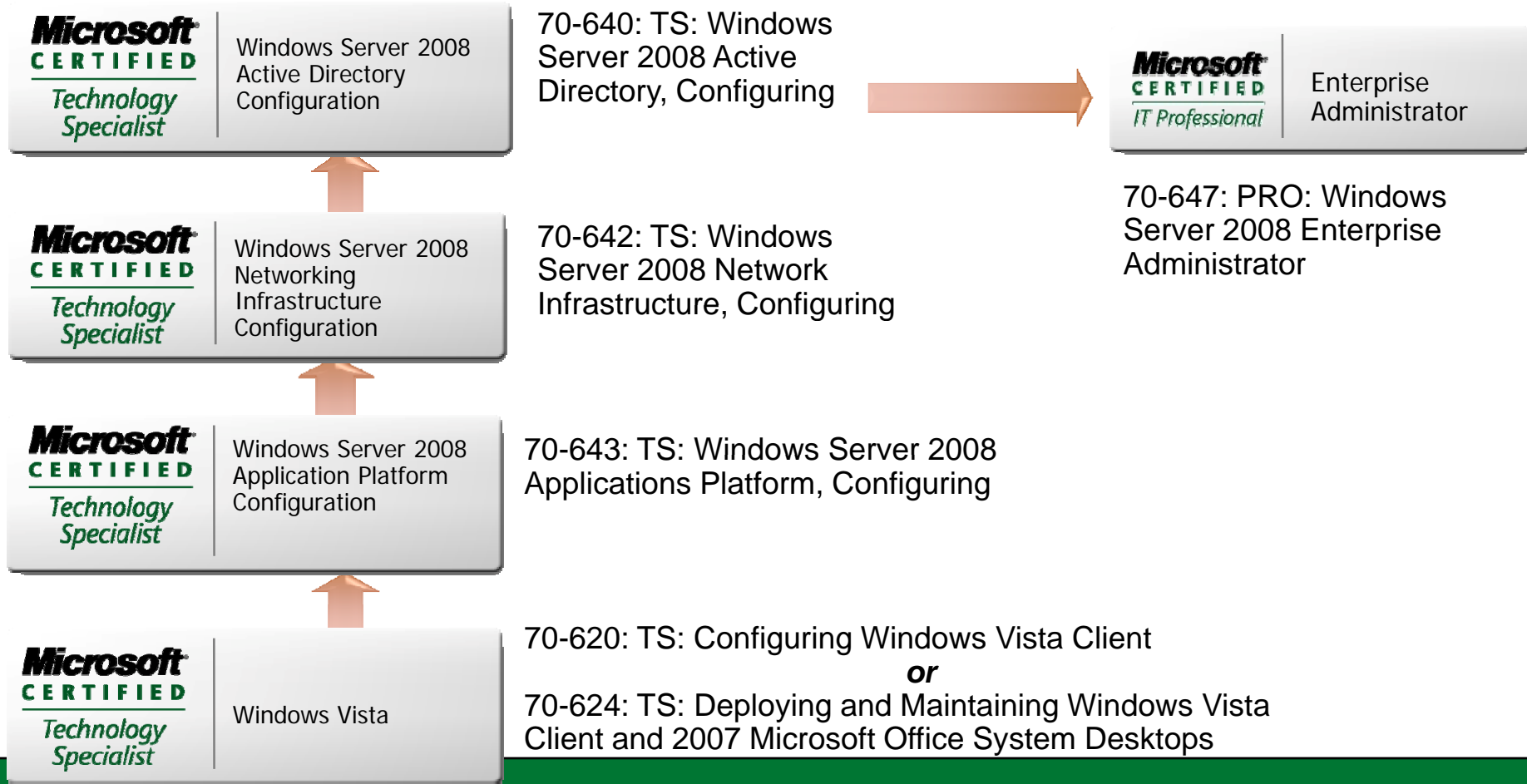
MCITP: Server Administrator

Three exams to earn the MCITP – Server Administrator



MCITP: Enterprise Administrator

Five exams to earn the MCITP – Enterprise Administrator



Windows Server skills transition

- Concise path for the Windows Server 2003 MCSE, MCSA IT pro to transition skills and credentials to Windows Server 2008
- One transition exam earns multiple MCTS certifications

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Exam 70-649

TS: Upgrading Your MCSE on Window Server 2003 to Windows Server 2008

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Windows Server 2008 Active Directory Configuration

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Technology Specialist

Windows Server 2008 Networking Infrastructure Configuration

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Technology Specialist

Windows Server 2008 Application Platform Configuration

Microsoft
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Systems Administrator

Exam 70-648

TS: Upgrading your MCSA on Windows Server 2003 to Windows Server 2008

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Windows Server 2008 Active Directory Configuration

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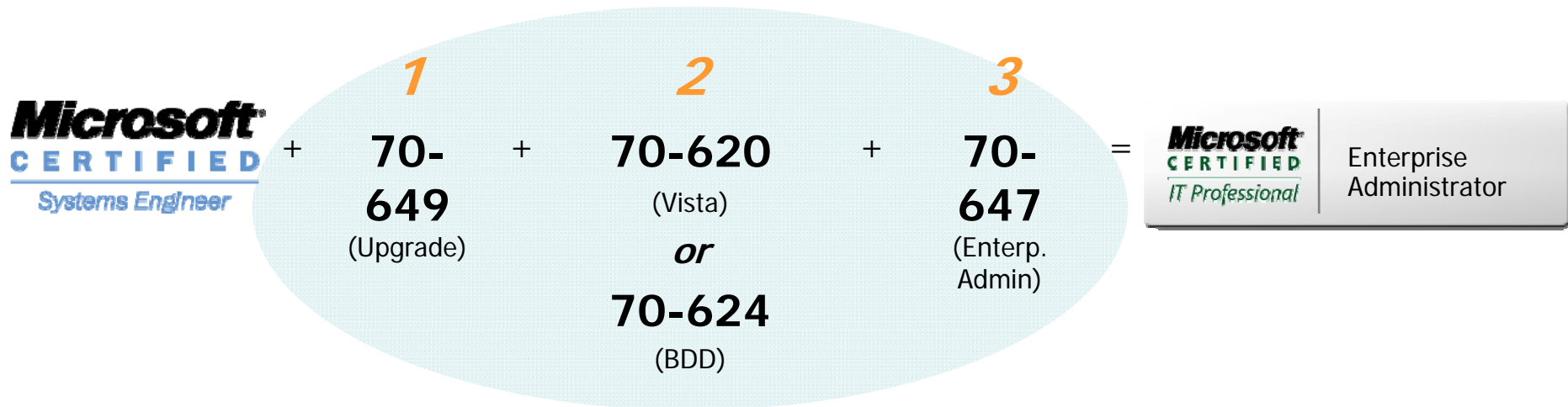
Windows Server 2008 Networking Infrastructure Configuration

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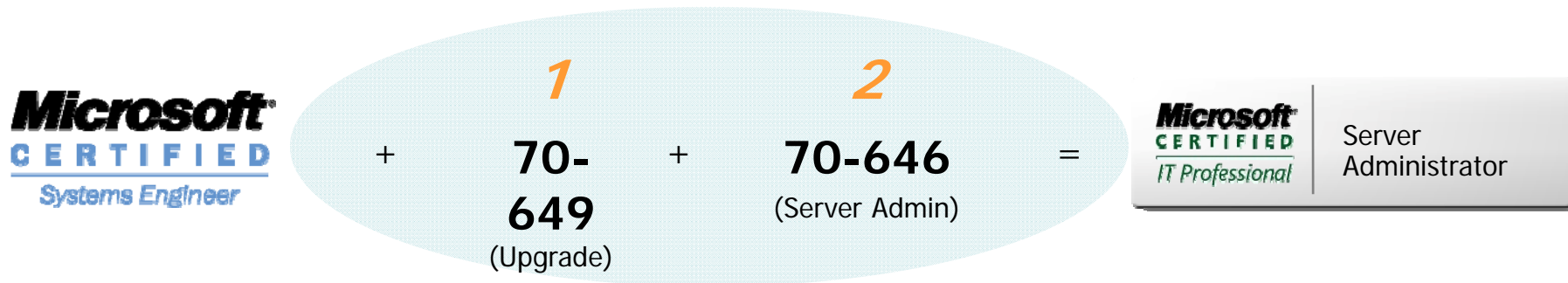
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MCSE 2003 to MCITP

Three exams to transition to MCTIP – Enterprise Administrator

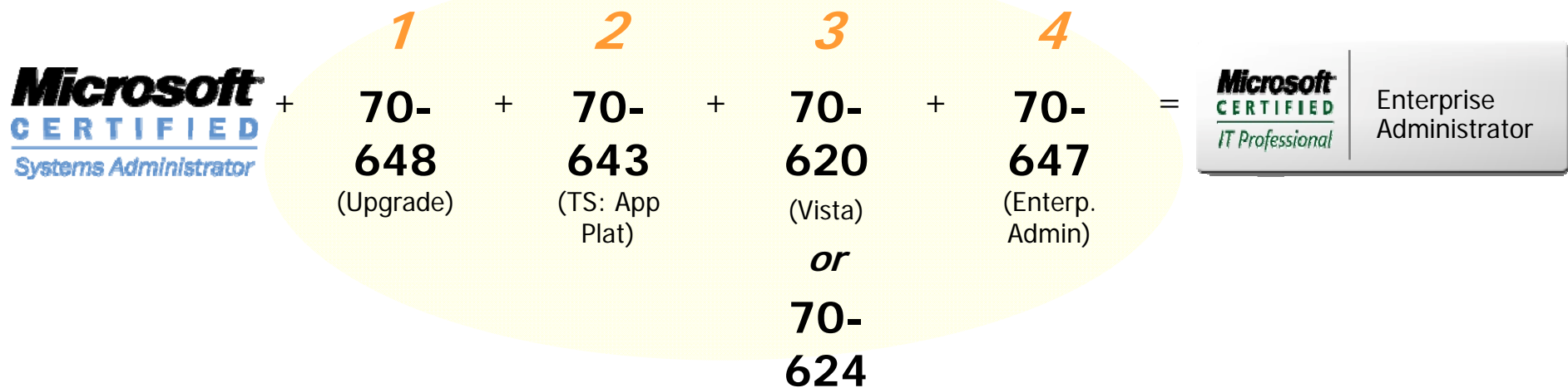


Two exams to transition to MCTIP – Server Administrator

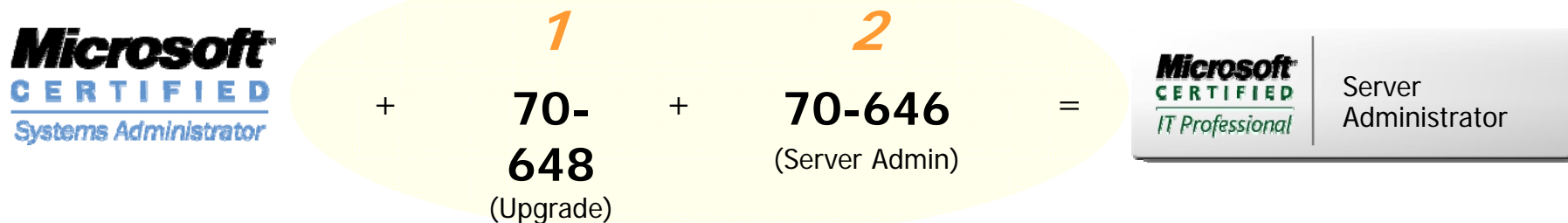


MCSA 2003 to MCITP

Four exams to transition to MCTIP – Enterprise Administrator



Two exams to transition to MCTIP – Server Administrator



You might be wondering:

About recertification in the new model of certification... MCTS expires when Microsoft discontinues technology support for the product. MCITP will require a one-exam recertification every three years to maintain currency.

Does this mean there is no MCSE/MCSA Credential for Windows Server 2008? That's correct. Windows Server 2008 credentials follow the new certification structure.

Does my MCSA or MCSE expire? No. Your certifications (and specializations) will continue to hold their value in the marketplace for as long as there is a need for skills on Windows Server 2000 and 2003. The Windows Server 2008 certifications are intended for professionals who are, or will be, using 2008; there is no requirement to earn them.

Do I have to take these exams in order? No. But you will not earn the final certifications until you have completed all of the requirements.

Is there a transition path from Windows Server 2000? No. You need to transition to Windows Server 2003, and then follow the Windows Server 2008 transition path, or begin the 2008 paths.

Will there be a messaging track for Windows Server 2008 certifications? No. Please see Exchange 2007 certification information at Microsoft.com/learning.

What about Security? Virtualization? No plan for distinct certifications or specializations on these topics; they are built in to Windows Server 2008 exams.

How can I participate in the beta exams? <http://www.microsoft.com/learning/mcpexams/status/beta.aspx>

As an MCSE 2003, should I take 648 and 649? No; as an MCSE you should take 649 to earn all three MCTS. You will not earn anything additional by taking 648.

How long will the transition exams be available? No scheduled retire date. Standard is at least three years.

Related training



focused on configuring and troubleshooting key technologies

- Active Directory Domain Services
- Identity and Access Management
- Internet Services
- Terminal Services
- Networking Infrastructure



focused on advanced infrastructure design

- Infrastructure Operations
- Active Directory Design and Planning

- 18 days of instructor-led training for MCTS—18 days for MCITP
- 140+ hours of e-learning for MCTS and 80 hours for MCITP
- Training kits for each MCTS/MCITP exam
- Transition exams – e-learning and instructor-led content

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