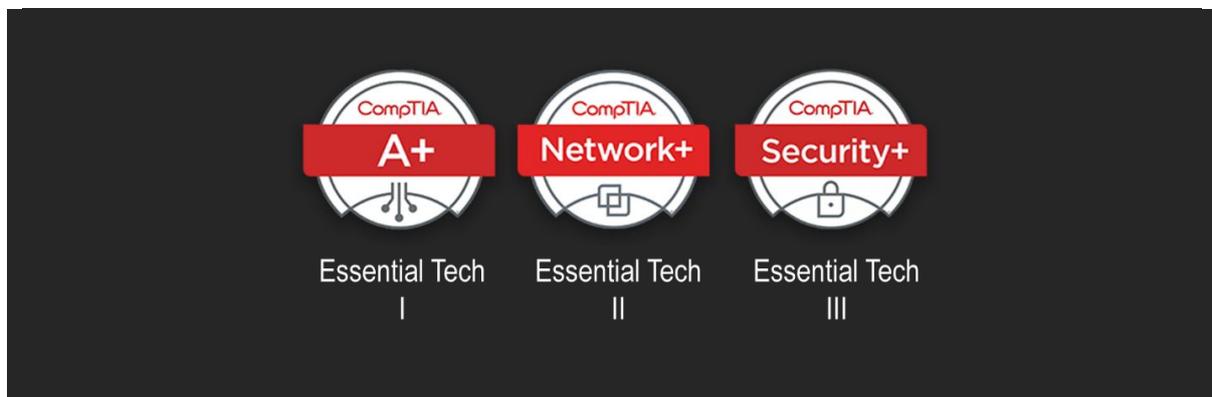


7-POINT COMPTIA COURSE & TRAINING MATERIAL CHECKLIST



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Introduction



Avoid My Mistakes!

Hello, I am Martin Dyer.

Many years ago, I changed career from cleaning windows to teaching Microsoft Windows. This article is just part of what I wish I had known, when I started exploring a path into systems support. I set out with the idea I wanted to be a network engineer and a training loan from my Granny.

Being completely green to technology and without the aid of Google Search (launched in 1997), I started with the intention of becoming a Novel NetWare engineer. It was potluck that I found out Novel market share was plummeting, because Microsoft Windows 3.11 had been released and this GUI application had just been updated to include a network client. This feature alone crippled Novel.

I spent Granny's money on a CompTIA A+, Network+ and NT3.51 MCSE course. Only two first two options where spot on and have rewarded me time and time again. The MCSE, NT3.51 course was simply a disaster. The exam had been retired, the tech had completely been revamped and again the market share was in free fall. Frankly they saw me coming and sold me old stock to clear it off the shelves. This still happens today, Google 'CompTIA Network+ Book' and see what comes up. Compare the search results against my checklist.

The MCSE (Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer) course was the largest part of my investment by far. Seven books, each relating to a Microsoft exam. I 'had a moment' with the company and they replaced my MCSE with the NT 4.0 books.

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To summaries:

- Novel was dying – bad choice.
- CompTIA A+ was new version 1, now version 10 – Good Choice.
- CompTIA Network+ was new version 1, now version 7 – Good Choice.
- MCES NT 3.51 was dying – Very Bad Choice.
- MCSE NT4.0 was new, Now Windows 2019 and cloud service – Good Choice.

The bad options are still being sold and the advice is mixed and confusing. If you need any help with deciding your path visit [The Exam Prep Hub](#), keep this resource updated and freely available to help people avoid the problems I faced when I started out. I also run a free tech training consultation service called the [Achievement Specialist](#) for anything you cannot find in the Hub.

My company is [Systems Master](#), where I have put together the type of courses that I wish had been available when I started out.

I hope you find the 7-POINT COMPTIA COURSE & TRAINING MATERIAL CHECKLIST helpful and wish you every success with your studies.

7-Point CompTIA Course & Training Material Checklist

Check the validity of your training material against a short check list. The vast majority of training materials on the market for CompTIA certifications are out of date and the wrong version.

Visit [The Exam Prep Hub](#) to complete your checklist.

Official Course Title:

Current Course & Exam Versions Code:

Date of Latest Version Release:

Date CompTIA Stopped Verifying Third Party Courseware:

Has Your Course Version Been Updated? Date:

Exam Retirement Date:

New Version Release Date, If Available:

Avoid wasting money or even worse, learning out of date and insecure solutions.

Once completed, compare the course version codes and dates with the published dates and course versions on the training materials you have or are considering buying.

Other resources and articles you might find helpful:

[CompTIA Exams, Beware the PBQ's](#)

[Systems Master Advantage Courses](#)

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