

# CompTIA Data+

CompTIA Data+ is an early-career data analytics certification for professionals tasked with developing and promoting data-driven business decision-making.

## Stand Out with Data+

- **Better Analyze and Interpret Data** - Mine data more effectively. Analyze with rigor. Avoid confounding results.
- **Communicate Insights** - Highlight what's important. Produce reports that persuade, not confuse. Make better data-driven decisions.
- **Demonstrate Competency** - Make yourself a more valuable team member. Proof of data skills means you can land your dream job or get that promotion!

## Learn with Data+

**CompTIA Data+ gives you the confidence to bring data analysis to life.**

As the importance for data analytics grows, more job roles are required to set context and better communicate vital business intelligence. Collecting, analyzing, and reporting on data can drive your organization's priorities and lead business decision-making. CompTIA Data+ validates that you have the skills required to facilitate data-driven business decisions, including:

- Mining data
- Manipulating data
- Visualizing and reporting data
- Applying basic statistical methods
- Analyzing complex datasets while adhering to governance and quality standards throughout the entire data life cycle



Exam #

DA0-001

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Languages

English

CE Required?

Yes

## How does Data+ Compare to Alternatives?

				
<b>Certification</b>	<b>Data+</b>	<b>SAS® Certified Specialist: Visual Business Analytics</b>	<b>Tableau Certified Data Analyst</b>	<b>Microsoft Certified: Data Analyst Associate</b>
<b>Vendor-neutral</b>	Yes	No	No	No
<b>Performance-based Questions</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Exam Length</b>	1 exam, 90 minutes	1 exam, 100 minutes	1 exam, 2 hours	1 exam, 180 minutes
<b>Experience Level</b>	Early-career	Beginner	Beginner	Beginner
<b>Exam Focus</b>	Transform business requirements in support of data-driven decisions	Data analysts using SAS® Visual Analytics to analyze data and design reports	Comprehensive functionality and Tableau expertise	Designing and building data models and enabling analytic capabilities with Microsoft Power BI
<b>Prerequisites</b>	18-24 months of experience in a report/business analyst role	Experience or training using either version, including VA on SAS Viya 8.3 or later	None, but suggest 6+ months product experience	Passed the Analyzing Data with Microsoft Power BI exam

## Jobs that use CompTIA Data+

- Data Analyst
- Business Intelligence Analyst
- Reporting Analyst
- Marketing Analyst
- Clinical Analyst
- Business Data Analyst
- Operations Analyst

Data+ is an ideal certification for not only data-specific careers, but other career paths can benefit from analytics processes and data analytics knowledge. Jobs like marketing specialists, financial analysts, human resource analysts or clinical health care analysts can optimize performance and make well-informed decisions when they use and evaluate data correctly.

“Visualization is not just charts and graphs or eye-balling raw data. Your team needs to be able to tell the story and be confident. And I believe you can do that with Data+.”

### **Robin E. Hunt**

Co-Founder, ThinkData Solutions, Inc.

## Technical Skills Covered in the Certification and Training

<p>Data Concepts and Environments <b>15%</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify basic concepts of data schemas and dimensions</li><li>• Compare and contrast different data types</li><li>• Understand the difference between common data structures and file formats</li></ul>	<p>Data Mining <b>25%</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explain data acquisition concepts</li><li>• Identify common reasons for cleansing and profiling datasets</li><li>• Ability to execute data manipulation techniques</li><li>• Explain common techniques for data manipulation and query optimization</li></ul>	<p>Data Analysis <b>23%</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ability to apply the appropriate descriptive statistical methods</li><li>• Explain the purpose of inferential statistical methods</li><li>• Summarize types of analysis and key analysis techniques</li><li>• Identify common data analytics tools</li></ul>
<p>Visualization <b>23%</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ability to translate business requirements to form a report</li><li>• Use appropriate design components for reports and dashboards</li><li>• Use appropriate methods for dashboard development</li><li>• Ability to apply the appropriate type of visualization</li><li>• Compare and contrast types of reports</li></ul>	<p>Data Governance, Quality, &amp; Controls <b>14%</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summarize important data governance concepts</li><li>• Apply data quality control concepts</li><li>• Explain master data management (MDM) concepts</li></ul>	

“Data+ is the validation your team has knowledge in a broader spectrum of domains.”

**Dr. Meredith Dodd**

Data Scientist, Strata Decision Technology

## Organizations that have contributed to the development of Data+

- University of Maryland Global Campus
- Discover Financial Services
- Rogers Communications
- PayPal
- Woz U
- CDW
- Sears Home Services
- Cars.com
- SunSource
- Molina Healthcare

## Research and Statistics

**Fastest-Growing Job Category** Burning Glass predicts that over the next ten years, positions aligned to Data+ will experience a **15 percent growth rate**.

**Growing Priority** In a field like data analytics, ideal candidates may have a variety of skills, including technical skills such as data structures or analytic techniques and business skills such as operational practices or financial measurements. Training or certification can bridge the gap for a candidate that may have some of the prerequisite information but is missing certain domain expertise.<sup>1</sup>

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### \* Boost your analytical horsepower?

CompTIA training can help you better organize, mine and analyze data. Set context and better communicate important business intelligence. Drive priorities and lead business decision making.

### \* Get hired.

Know what skills are essential. Show them what you know, and what you can do power with data.

### \* Get trained and certified by CompTIA.

We're an education company. CompTIA provides training and has awarded more than 3 million certifications in areas such as cybersecurity, networking, cloud computing and technical support.

1. CompTIA, Closing the Data Skills Gap, 2021