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Project+

What is it?

CompTIA Project+ gives IT professionals hands-on project management skills to coordinate small- to medium-sized projects using waterfall and agile methodologies.

Manage IT projects efficiently with Project+

CompTIA Project+ is ideal for IT pros who need to manage less complex projects as part of their other job duties. Project+ is demanded by employers because it covers how to manage a project lifecycle by identifying and managing risk, establishing a communication plan, managing resources, and stakeholders, and maintaining project documentation.

About the exam

Entry-level PM skills for IT pros have become necessary as the industry becomes more regulated and more emphasis is placed on risk management. In addition, agile and waterfall methodologies are used more frequently for a wider variety of IT projects. Hiring managers need their staff to manage projects, determine project risk, and communicate with project teams. This makes CompTIA Project+ the ideal certification for IT pros looking to learn those hands-on, entry-level project management skills. The Project+ exam ensures the candidate has the knowledge and skills required to:

• Manage the project life cycle
• Coordinate small-to-medium-size projects
• Establish an appropriate communication plan while managing resources and stakeholders and maintaining project documentation
• Support the completion of larger projects within an IT environment

Exam #
PK0-005

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Languages
English

CE Required?
No

How does Project+ Compare to Alternatives?

	Project+	PMI CAPM	PRINCE2
Certification	Project+	PMI CAPM	Axelos PRINCE2Foundation
Vendor-neutral	Yes	Yes	Yes
Performance-based Questions	Yes	No	No
Exam Length	1 exam, 90 questions, 90 minutes	1 exam, 150 questions, 3 hours	1 exam, 60 questions, 60 min
Experience Level	Entry	Entry	Entry
Exam Focus	IT Project Management Small- to medium-sized projects	Enterprise Management Medium- to large projects following PMI methodology	Enterprise Management Medium- to large projects following PRINCE2 framework
Prerequisites	No prerequisite, but at least 6–12 months of hands-on experience managing projects in an IT environment	Secondary degree (high school diploma, associate's degree or equivalent) and 23 hours of project management education	No prerequisites, but must have some understanding of Project Management

PMI CAPM and PRINCE2 Foundation are entry points to those project management methodologies/frameworks. PMI PMP and PRINCE2 Practitioner are methodology/framework-specific certifications intended for more advanced project management professionals, overseeing larger projects.

Project+ is a springboard into more complex career project management certifications, such as CAPM and PRINCE2 as it covers a high-level introduction to Agile as part of certain objectives. If a candidate would like to focus on Scrum, they would take Scrum Alliance's Certified Scrum Master certification.

Top Project+ Job Titles

- Junior IT project manager
- Project coordinator
- QA leads
- SCRUM masters

- Development leads
- Product owners
- Level II help desk technicians
- Associate / business analysts

- Project control analysts (PMO team members)

Technical Areas Covered in the Certification

Project Management Concepts **33%**	Project Life Cycle Phases **30%**	Tools and Documentation **19%**	Basics of IT and Governance **18%**
• Explain the basic characteristics of a project and various methodologies and frameworks used in IT projects	• Explain the value of artifacts in the discovery/concept preparation phase for a project	• Given a scenario, use the appropriate tools throughout the project life cycle	• Summarize basic environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors related to project management activities
• Compare and contrast Agile vs. Waterfall concepts	• Given a scenario, perform activities during the project initiation phase, project planning phase, and project execution phase	• Compare and contrast various project management productivity tools	• Explain relevant information security concepts impacting project management concepts
• Can apply the change control process throughout the project life cycle	• Explain the importance of activities performed during the closing phase	• Given a scenario, analyze quality and performance charts to inform project decisions	• Explain relevant compliance and privacy considerations impacting project management
• Given a scenario, perform risk management and issue management activities			• Summarize basic IT concepts relevant to IT project management
• Apply schedule development and management activities and techniques			• Explain operational change-control processes during an IT project
• Compare and contrast quality management, performance management, and communication management concepts			
• Given a scenario, apply effective meeting management techniques and perform basic activities related to team and resource management			
• Explain important project procurement and vendor selection concepts			

Organizations that contributed to the development of Project+

- Crowdstrike Inc
- KirkpatrickPrice
- Microsoft
- HP
- Canon
- Dell
- Ernst & Young
- Organon
- Catalyte
- Contentful

- Zoom
- Accenture
- Advantage Health
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Navy
- KloudReadiness, LLC
- PCAOB
- NTT DATA
- John Hopkin Applied Physics Lab
- Fayetteville College

- Five9
- Fuji Xerox
- Interamerican Development Bank
- Western Governors University
- U.S. Department of the Interior
- Wisconsin Lutheran College
- Smith Business Services, LLC
- GDIT

Research and Statistics

Project Management Is in Demand
Nearly 25% of IT job openings request project management skills. IT hiring managers are looking for IT pros who can participate in a project, write reports and communicate with IT project teams.[1]

Job Outlook
Companies increasingly require employees to understand project management skills, and 25 million new project management professionals will be needed by 2030.[2]

Certified Salary
The median annual salary for Project+ certified professionals in the United States and Canada is $104,360.[3]

✳ What does it mean to be a "high stakes" exam?

An extraordinarily high level of rigor is employed in developing CompTIA certifications. Each question created for a CompTIA exam undergoes multiple layers of quality assurance and thorough psychometric statistical validation, ensuring CompTIA exams are highly representative of knowledge, skills and abilities required of real job roles. This is why CompTIA certifications are a requirement for many professionals working in technology. Hiring managers and candidates alike can be confident that passing a CompTIA certification exam means competence on the job. This is also how CompTIA certifications earn the ANSI/ISO 17024 accreditation, the standard for personnel certification programs. Over 3 million CompTIA ISO/ANSI-accredited exams have been delivered since January 1, 2011

✳ What does it mean to be a "vendor-neutral" exam?

All CompTIA certification exams are vendor-neutral. This means each exam covers multiple technologies, without confining the candidate to any one platform. Vendor-neutrality is important because it ensures IT professionals can perform important job tasks in any technology environment. IT professionals with vendor-neutral certifications can consider multiple solutions in their approach to problem-solving, making them more flexible and adaptable than those with training in just one technology.

✳ What is a Performance Certification?

CompTIA performance certifications validate the skills associated with a particular job or responsibility. They include simulations that require the test taker to demonstrate multi-step knowledge to complete a task. CompTIA has a higher ratio of these types of questions than any other IT certifying body.

1. https://www.comptia.org/blog/project-management-skills-for-it-pros
2. PMI (2021). Talent Gap: Ten-Year Employment Trends, Costs, and Global Implications.
3. Emsi Burning Glass (2021). Salaries advertised in job postings

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