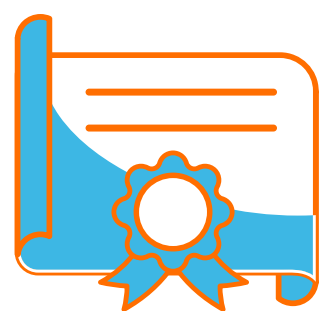# Sought-after IT certifications

There are many different IT certifications; and some may seem similar. The number one way to evaluate which one is right for you is to outline your current job duties and what future skills you think you will need in your career. Here is a list of the most common certifications companies are asking for in a candidate (in no particular order):

## Certified ScrumMaster (CSM)

**ScrumMaster** jobs require this certification. And it can sometimes be required for project management roles. This certification is designed to give professionals getting started as Scrum practitioners an understanding of the project management methodology.
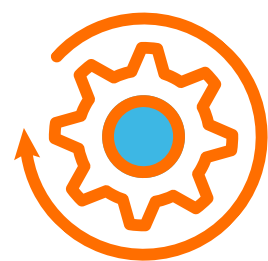
## Project Management Professional (PMP)

This certification is super common, but it is geared toward the senior level person. Some companies even require it for any project management role. The **PMP** signifies that you speak and understand the global language of project management and connects you to a community of professionals, organizations and experts worldwide.

## Certified Scrum Product Owner (CSPO)

If you're someone who is comfortable with the "business side" of projects, you are probably the right person to aspire to achieve a **CSPO**. As a CSPO, you create the product vision, order the product backlog and make sure the best possible job is done to delight the customer.

## AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner

This credential helps organizations identify and develop talent with critical knowledge related to implementing cloud initiatives. Earning **AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner** validates cloud fluency and foundational AWS knowledge. This is the first in a series of four certifications offered for AWS cloud professionals.

## Azure Fundamentals

The **Azure Fundamentals** certification validates your basic knowledge of cloud services and how those services are provided with Azure. Candidates should be able to demonstrate a fundamental knowledge of cloud concepts, along with Azure services, workloads, security, privacy, pricing and support.

## ITIL v3 Foundation

This certification introduces candidates to the key elements, concepts and terminology found in **ITIL** (formerly an acronym for Information Technology Infrastructure Library). We haven't seen many candidates with this certification, but it can benefit anyone who has an interest in IT service management

## Microsoft Certified Solutions Expert (MCSE)

This certification validates you have the skills needed to run a highly efficient and modern data center, identity management, systems management, virtualization, storage and networking. **MCSE** is a highly valued certification in the IT world.

## Certified Ethical Hacker

A certified ethical hacker is a skilled professional who understands and knows how to look for weaknesses and vulnerabilities in target systems and uses the same knowledge and tools as a malicious hacker, but in a lawful and legitimate manner to assess the security posture of a target system(s). Being certified in this area is good for cyber security positions.

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