



# EPIC

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## COMPUTER NETWORK ARCHITECTS

Computer network architects design and build data communication networks, including local area networks (LANs), wide area networks (WANs), and intranets. These networks range from small connections between two offices to next-generation networking capabilities such as a cloud infrastructure that serves multiple customers.

### ***THESE ARE THE THINGS I DO ON A DAILY BASIS:***

- Create plans and layouts for data communication networks
- Present plans to management and explain why they are in the organization’s best interest to pursue them
- Consider information security when designing networks
- Upgrade hardware, such as routers or adaptors, and software, such as network drivers, as needed to support computer networks
- Research new networking technologies to determine what would best support their organization in the future

### **Why this job is a good fit?**

- ▶ Working Conditions
- ▶ Independence
- ▶ Achievement

### **Tools I use**

- ▶ Computer servers
- ▶ Network analyzers
- ▶ Network channel service units
- ▶ Network switches
- ▶ Server load balancer



*Resources: This and other Career Data Sheets available on [www.epicworkforce.net](http://www.epicworkforce.net). Information may vary by job and should be verified before pursuing a position. Other related information is available at [onetonline.org](http://onetonline.org), [careeronestop.org](http://careeronestop.org), [jobcenter.usa.gov](http://jobcenter.usa.gov), and [www.bls.gov/ooh/](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/).*

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## Why I enjoy my job as a Computer Network Architect:

- ▶ Using multiple abilities, leading to a feeling of accomplishment
- ▶ Work value offers job security and good working conditions
- ▶ Able to make independent decisions

## IMPORTANT SKILLS AND ABILITIES FOR THE JOB:

- ▶ Analytical skills
- ▶ Leadership skills
- ▶ Critical-thinking skills
- ▶ Interpersonal skills
- ▶ Organizational skills

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## CERTIFICATE

Cisco Network Associate

Microsoft Network

Administrator

Microsoft Enterprise  
Administrator

Net+ Technician / Security+  
Technician

## 2 YEAR DEGREE

Network  
Administrator

IT Network Technician

## 4 YEAR DEGREE

Information Technology  
Manager

Network Systems  
Administrator

Telecommunications  
Engineering Specialist

Network Support Specialist

## MASTER'S DEGREE

Network Systems Director

Network Analyst

Network Engineer

Computer Network  
Architect

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## CREDENTIALS OFFERED:

*Check for credential specifics at your KCTCS Home College!!*

### CERTIFICATES

CISCO NETWORK ASSOCIATE / MICROSOFT NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR / SECURITY+  
NET+ / A+ / PROGRAMMING / COMPUTER TECH BASIC / COMPUTER TECHNICIAN  
SUPPORT TECHNICIAN / MOBILE APPS DEVELOPMENT / WEB PROGRAMMING

### DEGREES

IT NETWORK ADMINISTRATION / PROGRAMMING / APPLICATIONS

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