



# a+ Cyber Is the Best Starting Point

The case for starting your cyber security career with a purpose-built foundation — not a general IT qualification.

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Prior experience required	Stages to CySA+ analyst	Months to job-ready	Entry-level salary (GBP)

## WHAT IS COMPTIA a+ CYBER?

### Built for Cyber. Not for IT Support.

Most people entering cyber security are told to start with a general IT qualification. CompTIA a+ Cyber is different — built specifically as the on-ramp to a cyber career. Every topic and every assessment is focused on what you actually need to progress through Security+ and into your first analyst role.

”A beginner-friendly, fast-track program designed to help you build the foundational knowledge you need to confidently begin training for the industry-recognised CompTIA Security+ certification. No prior experience required.”

CompTIA

No experience needed	CompTIA a+ Cyber is designed for complete beginners. If you can use a computer confidently, you have everything you need to start.
Cyber-specific from day one	Topics include systems security, network fundamentals, intrusion detection, incident response, threat analysis and automation scripting — all directly relevant to analyst work.
Feeds directly into Security+	CompTIA designed a+ Cyber to build the knowledge and confidence needed to progress into Security+ training without gaps or detours.

## SYLLABUS COMPARISON

### A+ vs a+ Cyber: What You Actually Study

Both qualifications share the CompTIA name. The table below shows what each certification actually covers — and how relevant each topic is to a cyber security career.

DOMAIN	CompTIA A+	CompTIA a+ Cyber
Foundation & Core Topics	Hardware: RAM, CPUs, motherboards, printers, scanners, CRT monitors, cables (25% of exam)	Cybersecurity support roles, platform fundamentals, protecting data & privacy
Devices & Systems	Mobile devices: batteries, cameras, NFC, touchscreens (13% of exam)	Securing Linux & Windows environments, endpoint hardening, system access controls
Networking	SOHO setups, crimpers, cable testers, basic TCP/IP, wireless standards (23% of exam)	Secure network clients, enterprise campus networks, network defence fundamentals
Security & Threats	Basic security concepts only — limited coverage, not the focus of the qualification	Cybersecurity controls, analyzing and responding to threats, SOC-ready incident skills
Automation & Scripting	Not covered — exam focus is hardware troubleshooting (28% of exam)	Bash scripting for automation, scripted security responses, practical analyst tooling

DOMAIN	CompTIA A+	CompTIA a+ Cyber
Career Relevance	Primarily IT support and helpdesk roles — broad and not cyber-focused	Directly aligned with Security+ and CySA+ pathway into analyst roles

Sources: [CompTIA A+](#) | [CompTIA a+ Cyber](#)

## THE TEKTUT PATHWAY

### Three Stages. One Destination.

The Cyber Analyst route is built around three progressive stages — each one builds directly on the last, with no unnecessary detours.

01	<p>CompTIA a+ Cyber</p> <p>Cyber foundations — systems, networks, intrusion detection, incident response and threat analysis. Includes a CompCert assessment to validate your progress.</p>
02	<p>CompTIA Security+</p> <p>The globally recognised security baseline. Threats, vulnerabilities, cryptography, identity and risk management. Your first dedicated cyber credential.</p>
03	<p>CompTIA CySA+</p> <p>The career-defining analyst certification. SIEM tools, SOC operations, threat intelligence and incident management. Job-ready on completion.</p>

## WHY IT MATTERS

### The Right Foundation Changes Everything.

Building a strong foundation in technology is genuinely important when you are starting out in cyber security. The question is not whether to build one — it is which foundation to build. a+ Cyber removes the guesswork: purpose-built, time-efficient and directly aligned with where you are going.

A note from  
Nathan Mitchell,  
Founder

"I believe strongly that building a foundation in tech is important when starting out in cyber security. But that foundation should be relevant to your goal. I noticed a pattern with some learners — they were spending weeks covering content so broad and unrelated to security that it quietly killed their enthusiasm before they ever got to the interesting parts. That experience shaped how TekTut approaches training. a+ Cyber keeps you on the path from day one. Every topic moves you forward. The passion you started with has grown by the time you finish — not faded at the finish line."

## READY TO START?

Book a free call and receive a tailored career plan based on your background.

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