Microsoft Copilot competency framework

Track your AI skill progression across three core competencies through our training program with Microsoft Copilot.

| Competency | ∜ Starter | Competent | ★ Proficient |
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| Al insight Understanding capabilities & appropriate use | Knows AI can make mistakesUses AI for simple, low-risk tasksAware outputs need checking | Recognizes 1% hallucination rateSelects appropriate AI tasksVerifies critical information | Predicts when AI will struggleDesigns strategies for AI workHas AI verification workflow |
| Effective prompting Writing structured instructions | Writes basic one-line requestsAccepts first output receivedAttempts phrasings randomly | Uses 2-3 prompt componentsRefines prompts based on resultsSaves successful prompts | Masters all 4 components fluentlyDebugs outputs systematicallyCreates reusable frameworks |
| Context management Selecting and organizing information for Al | Treats each AI task as isolatedSaves outputs occasionallyStarts fresh conversation always | Maintains Al work structure Connects related tasks effectively Achieves 20-30% time savings | Orchestrates Al workflows Creates Al workspace Achieves 40-50% efficiency gains |
| Assessment indicators You are likely at | Starter level if you: • Experimenting with AI for basic tasks • Seeking guidance on effective use • Open to learning new workflows | Competent level if you: • Double-check Al output • See productivity work improvements • Saving useful prompts | Proficient level if you: • Predict when AI will struggle • Help colleagues troubleshoot prompts • Measurable efficiency gains to share |

Workshop alignment

| Workshop session | Focus for starters | Focus for competent learners | |
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| Session 1: Fundament | Learn hallucination concept, write first structured prompt, understand verification needs | Master all prompt components, build verification habits, create prompt library | |
| Session 2: Productiviteit | Complete a real work task safely, learn folder organization, measure time saved | Design reusable workflows, achieve 30%+ efficiency, share team templates | |
| Coaching session | Address specific concerns, practice verification, set personal goals | Explore advanced techniques, plan team adoption, become peer mentor | |

Assessment method: pre-training self-assessment places you at your starting level. Reassess after 2 weeks to track progress.