This snapshot includes the most popular specialist and software skills most sought after by recruiting employers between October 2021 and September 2022 in the UK. It also shows the top SOC occupations within each group that employers have been recruiting for over the past year.

**Note:**
The 'specialist' skills lists included in this snapshot have been extracted by their relative importance to the thematic career group and then ranked by the frequency with which they appear in job postings related to the group.

Software skills may overlap with specialist skills, depending on prevalence.

### Key job posting figures
(Oct 2021 to Sept 2022)

- **Unique postings:** 184,800
- **Median advertised salary:** £36,032

### Key labour force figures

- **Jobs 2021:** 254,100
- **Job growth (%) 2030:** 2.4%

### Quality assurance and regulatory

#### Top SOC occupations
Quality assurance, UK, Oct 2021 to Sept 2022

- Quality assurance and regulatory professionals
- Quality control and planning engineers
- Quality assurance technicians
- Inspectors of standards and regulations

#### Top 10 software skills
Quality assurance, UK, Oct 2021 to Sept 2022

- Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft Office
- Python (programming language)
- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Application Programming Interface (API)
- Java (programming language)
- Amazon Web Services
- Microsoft Outlook
- JavaScript (programming language)
- SQL (programming language)

#### Top 15 specialist skills
Quality assurance, UK, Oct 2021 to Sept 2022

- Auditing
- Quality management
- Quality management systems
- Compliance management
- ISO 9000 Series
- Internal auditing
- Good manufacturing practices
- Test engineering
- Regulatory compliance
- Corrective And Preventive Action (CAPA)
- Eight Disciplines Problem Solving (8D)
- Site reliability engineering
- Coordinate Measuring Machine (CMM)
- Production part approval process
- Supplier quality management

Source: Lightcast Job Postings