

# Re: how long to prepare

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- *From:* "EggHead" <robertlo@xxxxxxx>
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I think if you have no exp, the cert will not help you at all.  
I have more certs than anyone else in our class, but I am the last one to get hire :(  
On the other hand, if you have exp, it will move your resume almost to the top :)  
The jobmarket is crazy. It depends on who you know, not what you know.

Anyway, if you are working with the stuff, I think one month is enough for the exam.

Egghead

"Sean" <Sean@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
<news:BDE47021-7690-4E4D-8285-FB158390BC56@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
>I have heard that the market for real software people is very strong  
>compared  
> to ALL jobs. I believe this because this stuff just easy and the cert  
> programs are not a joke. The only thing is some employers (guessing  
> smaller  
> firms) have no clue the real value of knowledge these certs show.  
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> "Claus Konrad" wrote:  
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>> Diana,  
>>  
>> You would definitely have to work with the stuff as well. It is rarely  
>> enough to just read 2 books or the like; you need to have it "under your  
>> nails".  
>>  
>> I took the web exam (70-315, the C# edition) after having worked  
>> intensively  
>> with webapps for 3 months. This made me well aware of all the minor  
>> details  
>> that needs to be present in your head at the exam. It's a closed book  
>> exam!  
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>> The jobmarket: I'm not unemployed, but it for sure is a good thing to  
>> have  
>> on your CV!  
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>> Kind Regards,  
>> Claus Konrad  
>> [MCAD.NET, C#]  
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>> "diana" <anonymous@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
>> [news:075401c55108\\$e18c6570\\$a401280a@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:075401c55108$e18c6570$a401280a@xxxxxxxxxxx)  
>> > hi,  
>> >  
>> > i'm about to start preparing for 70-305. i'm using  
>> > que/gunderloy's book. on average how long did it take you  
>> > guys to prepare for the exam, in terms of weeks/months...  
>> >  
>> > also, did becoming MCAD, improve your chances in the job  
>> > market?  
>> >  
>> > thx...  
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>> > an unemployed IT gal...  
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• **References:**

- ◆ **how long to prepare**  
    ◇ From: diana
- ◆ **Re: how long to prepare**  
    ◇ From: Claus Konrad
- ◆ **Re: how long to prepare**  
    ◇ From: Sean

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