

# How important is Security certification?

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Is anyone who is reading this board certified with an MCSA: Security? I'd love to hear your thoughts on that title's value. Posts here are fine, but I'd prefer that you email me at mdomingo at 101com dot com and leave me with an email address or phone number which I can follow up with an interview of your experiences getting certified.

I'm particularly interested in the following:

1. What value does Microsoft's security certification have? (Career, your personal understanding of network security best practices, etc.)
2. How is the coverage of security topics that you encountered in your studies while attempting the cert? Does the coverage go far enough, or did you have to look to external sources to better understand how to keep your Windows networks secure?
3. Now that you have an MCSA: Security, are you planning to attempt the MCSE: Security? Why or why not?

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