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A cakewalk? Not at all for me, but then I think it will be harder for Small Business guys like me who don't touch a whole lot of infrastructure.

The exam scared me, no doubt. Likewise I have tried to get people not to fear it but to give it the respect it deserves. How did I study?

- Many years working with (much of) the technology involved
- Went through the Microsoft Official Curriculum for 2153
- Read the Microsoft Press book on 70-216
- Went through the Readiness Reviews that came with the MS-Press book
- Yes, I read a brain dump, but only after a LOT of work towards it and only the day before the exam. I agree that people should not study by braindump and think that it is a good way to get a cert you don't deserve. However I also feel it is a good way to gauge if you are really ready if you can read the question and answer it before looking at the answer.

I did not score in the 900s like you guys, and frankly it was my lowest (passing) score to date... but I passed it first shot and that's enough for me :)

Now it's time to get off my a\$\$ and start doing more exams!

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"Toby Jennings" wrote:

- > After I earned my MCSE NT 4 back in 2000 I got a little bit lazy. You
- > know how it is: the money starts rolling in and you rest on your success
- > for a while. Well, I had good intentions. I used a Win95 test for the
- > client requirement so I went ahead and took the NT4 Wkstation test so I
- > could qualify for the free accelerated Win2k exam...I got the voucher
- > but never took the test.
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- > So now I'm working on upgrading my MCSE:NT4 to MCSE:2k:Security and

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> along the way I've earned my MCSA:2k (With that laughable 70-218, I  
> couldn't think of a reason not to do it).  
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> I'm prepping for 70-217 now, and the last exam I wrote was 70-216 on 7/1  
> --- the capstone for my MCSA, as it turns out.  
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> Anyway, leading up to the 70-216, I was getting a little anxious,  
> because this is how I study:  
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> 1. Work with the technology.  
> 2. Use a book to brush up on the MS stuff I don't use (RAS and IAS, for  
> instance; I have cisco for that).  
> 3. Test simulators are expensive. So I don't bother.  
> 4. Braindumps? Wimps. Seriously, I'd never heard of "testking" before I  
> started reading 70-216 horror stories.  
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> This has worked for every exam I've taken so far, but I started noticing  
> a lot of people speaking in hushed tones about 70-216. Heck, even  
> Minasi mentioned hearing that "something called 'network infrastructure'  
> is hard" in the intro to his (latest edition of) /Mastering Windows  
> 2000/. Repeatedly, people have mentioned that 70-216 is the hardest of  
> the MCSE tests.  
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> Okay, guys, you got me. I was all worried over nothing. Was that really  
> the hardest? Man, this is gonna be a cakewalk. After 70-217, 70-214, and  
> 70-220 I'll be done with MS exams for a while, and if they're easier  
> than 70-216, this ought to be a bagatelle.  
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> But really, for whom was 70-216 a difficult exam? I didn't get a 1000 on  
> it, but I nailed it with a 935 (my highest score, excepting 70-218,  
> since Internetworking TCP/IP on NT 4, on which I scored 931).  
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> I might sound like I'm bragging here. I probably am.  
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◇ From: Toby Jennings

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