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Much appreciated people.

Just reading some of your experiences and assurances I think I will just go for it and take it from there. Like you said, the worst that can happen is that I fail– and that should make me go away and try harder the next time!

Thanks so much people!

Paul

"Montreal MCSA" wrote:

Hi Paul,

Like many things I have found that the fear is worse than what you are fearing. I started my cert path in 2001 in a bad way – Immediately after taking a few courses and with little or no extra studying I registered for my first exam – and failed miserably. My second exam was not too different because I did not make it different.

In March of 2003 I had taken several courses, done a lot of extra studying, and wanted to at least get my MCP. Scared like you would not believe (or maybe you would) I registered for the exam, and spent the next week cloistered with my books. Low and behold not only did I pass, but I REALLY passed. I was so happy that I called everyone I knew!

Well I waited another year for no good reason. I got my cert and rested on my laurels – as far as exams go anyhow. I had a free exam voucher that was going to expire the end of June of 2004, and though I had no time to study I figured it was free, and if I did not pass then I would learn from it, but to not take it was a waste. I took the exam and would you believe it? I passed that one too!

The fear never went away, and it took me another good chunk of time to take my next exam. Spurred on by a friend whose certs looked the same as mine, I took my next exam eleven months later – and could hardly believe that I passed that one too.

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I wrote a blog post about an experience I had earlier this year – again, forced by a deadline. It really does not matter what eggs you on to do the exam, as long as you do it.

I cannot take your fear away, but let me try to minimize it: The absolute worst thing that could possibly happen is that you fail, and you study harder to take it again. A trap door will not open under your feet and you will not be laughed at or belittled, and you will be no less a human being.

What is the best thing that can happen? You pass! You join the ranks of the certified, and call all of your friends to tell them how happy you are and how great you feel!

Now go out there, register for the exam, and good luck to you. Don't forget to let us know how you do!

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"Paul M" wrote:

I have been a systems manager for two years, have the equivalent of a degree in network administration, and have completed an MCSA 70–290 two week course in preparation of said exam. I use the stuff (most of it– with the exception of IIS) at work every day; I manage a small team of technicians and am over a network manager. But I am scared silly about failing the 70–290 test!!! Really!!! So much so I haven't taken it since the prep course– some four months ago.

Am I crazy or are there others like this?

Help!