

Re: Question on being on the right track for MCSA

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Just wanted to say thank you PAJ for your comments. I am completely new to this discussion group and like my name implies new to the field (or should I say getting into the field). I agree with Michael in the since that experience is number one but in todays job market getting a job in the field in order to get the experience is almost impossible unless you have certs. After reading many comments concerning certs dont mean anything experience does it almost made me wonder if making my career change was the right thing since I dont have a lot of experience yet.

"PAJ" wrote:

On Wed, 20 Feb 2008 22:39:27 +0000, "Michael D. Alligood [CertGuard, Inc.]" <mdalligood@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

"PAJ" <MBLOSSOMPaj-news@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:bnvor3hm4n2ul74310brief5p0ltk2r6v@xxxxxxxxx:

On Wed, 20 Feb 2008 18:28:16 +0000, "Michael D. Alligood [CertGuard, Inc.]" <mdalligood@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

The 621 has no, and will not add value to your MCDST. It's just an upgrade exam. The only thing that can add value to your certifications is experience. Here are the skills measured for the 70-621 exam <http://www.microsoft.com/learning/exams/70-621.mspx#EKF>. Review them and be honest with yourself if you are prepared. No one but yourself can make that determination.

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What is your problem?
You seem to like putting people down.
People here are not in your 'classroom'!

People will study and take exams for whatever reason they see fit.

The official MS line may be to show proficiency in a subject they already work with on a day-to-day basis. This is not always how it works in the real world. I am willing to bet the vast majority of people who study for and take MS exams do so to learn new subjects or to improve their knowledge.

The fact is to get real-world experience they may need the certs. Yes an employer *may* employ someone with experience over someone who has a cert, they may not. If two equal people have little experience but one has certs then the one with the certs stands a better chance of getting the job. I know... not if you were the employer blah blah blah.

People may study for an MS exam to learn new subjects. To improve their career prospects. To prove they can pass the exam. Because their employer has asked them to.....
If you think this devalues the certifications in any way, well that is just tough.

Telling people the only way they can add value is to gain experience is just male bovine excrement.

Like your comments, this is all my opinion.

And thank you for sharing your opinion.

Well someone had to!

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