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There is the entire book of Improving Web Application security for free online:

<http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/default.asp?url=/library/en-us/dnnetsec/html/ThreatCounter.asp>

As a lot of it doesn't completely relate to the exam, I suggest you study the areas on items such as CAS, Authenticode signing, Strong Naming, etc. Try to familiarize yourself with which type of signing you should use in different situations. That will be especially helpful.

I don't really know of any quick online refreshers, or offline for that matter. One item you should know, are the main (or as much as you can remember) flags/parameters of Sn.exe. Try to also know how to use CSPcontainers – definitely helpful to write a quick program to experiment with this topic.

Review methods for such items like file canonicalization (however you spell that <g>) using Server.MapPath and items such as Server.HtmlEncode/Decode. Definitely familiarize yourself with best practices of using parameterized stored procedures instead of dynamic sql queries. I think that would pretty much sum most of what you need to know... besides the encryption classes which aren't real quick things you can learn. Mainly, know what type of encryption you should have and what the differences are between Hashes, MACs, HMACs, public/private | symmetric/asymmetric encryption.

:-) I probably listed a lot, but pretty much all of this can be found in a few chapters of that online book. Hope it helps!!

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Hey Joseph,

Could you point me towards a good place online that I could find some good study material for the security exam? I am thinking about taking it next Friday, I just need a quick little overview of the concepts and maybe some sample questions. I am willing to shell out the money, Time is the only factor for me.

"Joseph Bittman MVP MCSD" <RyanBittman@xxxxxxx> wrote in message news:OCHCLXZPGHA.3924@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Feb. 29, 2006

Hi... I actually found the security one to be the easiest of them all – had very definite & specific answers (extremely clear questions) and there wasn't any confusion and terms were defined very nicely.

70–310 I think was the hardest of the MCAD tests. From what I've heard, the exam appears to concentrate on 1 or 2 subjects, and then be brief on the other two... so some people have had heavy windows services – some had heavy serviced components – but I haven't heard too much on the actual web services... seems like the web service subject isn't covered too much. – Just some observations from other people's feedback. Hope it helps! :-)

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Thnaks for your reply joseph,

How hard do you feel that security exam compare to other ?
By the way I am going to attend my last exam for MCAD next week (70–310), it is clear that it covers what was learn in vb.net and SP.net exam except served component, remote object and more details on web services.

How hard is that exam, did you get a lot of question on

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serviced
component
(not easy part, especially for testing it in real case) ?

thanks for your info
serge

"Joseph Bittman MVP MCSD" wrote:

Feb. 28, 2006

Definitely take the security!! All of what is covered on the security exam is going to become REQUIRED in the new generation of certifications -- therefore, you should know it now and gain the benefits of great security training. :) I've most definitely gotten great benefits from that exam, and SQL won't be required in the new certifications. It is either you learn it now or later -- although sooner is much better than later. BTW, most people who are MCAD/MCSD already know most of the knowledge of SQL the average Dev needs... don't need a specific exam to state it, frankly.

Hope this helps! -- P.S. The MSPress training kit for the security exam is the best they have made so far -- also comes with like 300 practice questions!!

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Dear all,

What is according to you the
best path according to
market , that I
should
take for my next exam for
MCSD :

– Application security or
SQL Server

It is clear that today you
need to know a bit on SQL
server for
programing
powerfull application but as
I understand the new
certificaton rules,
database exam will be more
oriented for DBA's expert.

What is your opinion ?

thnaks for your reply
serge