

Re: MCSE vs Bachelors Degree for good jobs?

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Hi all,

I'm new to this certification stuff. I've been working for about 5 years as a systems admin. I have experience in deploying and administering Windows 2000 Pro, Windows 2000 Server, Red Hat Linux, Cisco switches, and SuSE Linux. I've been able to get a jobs based off of the experience alone that I have but I'm learning that will only get you so far. I've been debating whether or not to even invest in getting an MCSE. I have looked for jobs online lately and some jobs require you to have a CIS degree. Now sometimes it seems to me that a bachelors degree for systems administration seems silly because the CIS programs that I've seen center around programming and computing concepts, not so much networking and security and OS management. My questions are: Is getting an MCSE worth it? Do you really need an MCSE to get good sys admin jobs? Also, from your experience, do you really need a Bachelors in CIS to get good sys admin jobs? Anyone in the forum an IT manager and do you have a bachelors or just experience and certifications? What kind of credentials do some of the people above you have? Do any sysadmins in this forum have Linux certifications? Is it worth it to get Linux certifications also? I've been looking into Security+ certification since it does count as 1 elective credit for MCSE? Anybody have any thoughts or experience with Security+? WRT to salary, I know people may not want to reveal salary info, but do MCSEs without bachelors degrees make decent money (\$50k+)? Sorry for all the questions, thanks for any input on the subject. I'm interested to hear what people's experiences are in the job market.

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