

Re: What kind of MCSE?

Source:

<http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/Certification/microsoft.public.cert.exam.mcse/2004-04/3001.html>

From: SJ (sj777abc_at_yahoo.com)

Date: 04/12/04

Date: 11 Apr 2004 17:09:32 -0700

If someone was an MCSE, I don't see a lot of value in "stepping back" to the MCDST unless specific job requirements warrant it. But what I'm seeing is that it's not as easy to break into the IT field as it was 5 or so years ago. For someone without experience I see it as easier to get into an entry level support position rather than a full fledged System Engineer job.

An MCSE without experience doesn't have much chance of walking into the \$60,000 IT job anymore. However, a MCDST does have a good chance of walking into a \$30K support job that he or she can grow with. And while working, can work on more certs.

That's why I was suggesting Brian may benefit from the MCDST cert on his way to getting the MCSE. On the same topic, I think using the MCSA core test (218) as an MCSE elective is a good idea too.

When the hiring manager is reviewing a stack of resumes to fill a desktop support technician job and he sees one resume saying they've passed a test (among other things), and another is a certified Desktop Support Technician (among other things), I think the certified individual often has a better chance of landing the interview. Education (degrees) and certifications increase the chance of getting the interview.

I have taken both the 270 and the 271 tests. As Sartan wrote, 271 is geared more toward support; they are quite similar though and if someone completes the 271 they are just a few hours of studying away from passing the 270 if they want it.

HTH

SJ

MCSE, MCDBA, MCSD...

www.certquest.net

"Sartan Dragonbane" <NOSPAMHERE@YOUMOMMA.NULL.COM> wrote in message news:<2heec.40327\$J56.35039@edtnps89>...

microsoft.public.cert.exam.mcse: Re: What kind of MCSE?

> *The MCDST tests a different skillset than the MCSA/MCSE 270 exam.*
> *The MCDST is definately orientated towards support: The 270 is for an*
> *administrator with XP on his or her network.*
> *(I've taken MCDST & 210 ~ have a [great] 270 book)*
>
>
>
> *"DalePres" <don-t-spa-m-me@lea-ve-me-a-lone--.com> wrote in message*
> *news:e5rjEg9HEHA.3444@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...*
>> *Have you taken 271? Do you think 270 would be just as effective in*
> *landing*
>> *a desktop support position while still counting for MCSE if Brian still*
>> *wants to go that far?*
>>
>> *I've had my MCSE for a long time and certainly wouldn't go backwards by*
>> *taking the MCDST or MCSA exams. Or A+ for that matter. I can see how*
> *they*
>> *would be productive on the way up, but don't think they'd be that big of a*
>> *deal for someone that is also an MCSE.*
>>
>> *Just wondering what you think on the topic.*
>>
>> *Dale*
>> *"SJ" <sj777abc@yahoo.com> wrote in message*
>> *news:a94290d5.0404110402.36ef7e50@posting.google.com...*
>>> *"Brian" <yoda91@silicandynamics.com> wrote in message*
> *news:<-tGdnZp_2-j0f-XdRVn-hw@speakeasy.net>...*
>>>> *I am looking into tring to get a MCSE Cert. what would be the best to*
> *get*
>>>> *first, and what are more companies looking for?*
>>>>
>>>> *If you're just starting, I recommend you start with the MCDST cert.*
>>>> *You can find the details here:*
>>>> *<http://www.microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcdst/default.asp>*
>>>>
>>>> *The first test is the 70-271.*
>>>>
>>>> *It focuses on XP and associated apps and can help you land a help desk*
>>>> *job while you continue your quest for higher certifications.*
>>>>
>>>> *From there you can easily expand your knowledge and abilities while*
>>>> *figuring out if you like the job. The IT world is really a service*
>>>> *industry. Your ability to work with others, provide help and*
>>>> *encouragement, and generally get along with co-workers is just as*
>>>> *important in your long term success as your knowledge. Some people*
>>>> *quickly grow beyond this type of a job in a single year. Others try*
>>>> *it and never return.*
>>>>
>>>> *There's money to be made, but that isn't the only reason to go into*
>>>> *the IT industry. Unless you're happy with what you're doing, you*
>>>> *probably won't go far. In fact, you may develop a pattern of*

Re: What kind of MCSE?

microsoft.public.cert.exam.mcse: Re: What kind of MCSE?

> > > *bitterness and distaste for everyone else that instead of answering*
> > > *questions, you attack the questioner.*
> > >
> > > *HTH,*
> > >
> > > *SJ*
> > > *MCSE, MCDBA, MCSD...*
> > > *www.certquest.net*
> >
> >