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If it helps to speculate, the equivalent Windows 2000 exams are retiring March 31, 2008. If we follow logic (not always prudent) the Windows Server 2003 exams should retire sometime in 2011.

My advice: Don't wait until December, 2010! :)

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My company has indicated that they would like me to become MCSA certified. They've said that a specialization isn't necessary, just the base level MCSA. They have also said they would prefer the MCSA for 2003 to the equivalent next generation cert by Microsoft as most of our customers have no Vista plans at this time.

I know that Microsoft has said the MCSA (and MCSE) will never be expired and will always be recognized. Their value will just diminish as companies slowly migrate to Vista.

This is my question. The MCSA is basically the exams 70-290, 70-291, and 70-270 (already passed) and an elective (already earned).

Will Microsoft at some point stop administering the 70-290 and 70-291 exams even though the cert itself won't be expired or retired?

Just trying to get a good idea of how long I have to get the MCSA 2003 done before the exams are no longer available. I know the cert won't

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be expired but I'm guessing, at some point, the exams won't be offered anymore.

Can anyone advise?

Thanks

Drew

You are correct. The exams, in time, will expire. No official date has been release for the 2003 retirement exams.

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