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Hi mate

Anton – find a dictionary and lookup authoritative!

Here we are – this is how Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary defines it

Main Entry: au·thor-i-ta-tive

Pronunciation: &-ˈthär-&-ˈtA-tiv, o-, -ˈthor-

Function: adjective

1 a : having or proceeding from authority : OFFICIAL <authoritative church doctrines> b : showing evident authority : DEFINITIVE <a most authoritative literary critique>

2 : DICTATORIAL 2

– au·thor-i-ta-tive-ly adverb

– au·thor-i-ta-tive-ness noun

Please look at (b) – "showing evident authority"

Now let's look at "authority" in the same source dictionary:

Main Entry: au·thor-i-ty

Pronunciation: &-ˈthär-&-tE, o-, -ˈthor-

Function: noun

Inflected Form(s): plural –ties

Etymology: Middle English auctorite, from Anglo-French auctorité, from Latin auctoritat-, auctoritas opinion, decision, power, from auctor

1 a (1) : a citation (as from a book or file) used in defense or

support (2) : the source from which the citation is drawn b (1) : a

conclusive statement or set of statements (as an official decision of a

court) (2) : a decision taken as a precedent (3) : TESTIMONY c : an

individual cited or appealed to as an expert

2 a : power to influence or command thought, opinion, or behavior b :

freedom granted by one in authority : RIGHT

3 a : persons in command; specifically : GOVERNMENT b : a governmental agency or corporation to administer a revenue-producing public

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enterprise <the transit authority>

4 a : GROUND, WARRANT <had excellent authority for believing the claim> b : convincing force <lent authority to the performance>

Look at 1c – it is "authority " may be "an individual cited or appealed to as an expert", i.e. *EXACTLY* what Russinovich and Solomon are – no matter what they write about, they demonstrate in–depth knowledge of a subject

Concerning WDM, "Windows Internals" speaks about it in Chapter 9 (it is called I/O System) and explains what types of WDM drivers are defined (i.e. bus–function–filter) – whatever it says, it demonstrates in–depth knowledge of a subject.

This is why I quoted it as an authoritative source

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Anton Bassov

m wrote:

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"anton bassov" <soviet_bloke@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:1159298808.753937.204580@xx

Lesbee,

I am afraid you really have no clue what the "discussion" is all about.....

Someone said that "Windows Internals" is not authoritative source on WDM. This is wrong, because, in order to qualify for being "not authoritative source", the book has to make some wrong statements on the subject it speaks about. Although "Windows Internals" is not focused on WDM, it makes few statements that are WDM–related. Once these statements are perfectly correct, they can be quoted and used in technical discussions as a reference whenever it applies – even if the book is not focused on WDM. Taking into consideration the fact that this book has been written by widely respected and recognized Windows experts, making such statements about it is really stupid things to do.

Therefore, I questioned the "expertize" of someone who made the above stupid statement about the book, and it turned out that this person claims to be an "expert".

Therefore, I asked him to present the source of any description that

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confirms his recognition by other people. Taking into consideration the fact that this person actively participates in MSFT newgroups, his "recognized expertise" is more than likely would have gained him MVP status. This is the only reason why the issue of MVP has arisen, in the first place.

Now, it seems you claim that R&S is NOT an authoritative source.....

In fact, I claim*EXACTLY* the opposite

but because they are NOT MVP, and extended this claim to all persons who are NOT MVP.

The above statement demonstrates your profound misunderstanding of the whole discussion – I think it is a good idea to learn what the discussion is all about before trying to participate in it

FYI, Russinovich and Solomon are both MVPs – the only reason why you did not find them on the list is because this is the list of those who gained their nomination via participation on MSFT newgroups, and this is not the only possible way to get a nomination. I tried to explain it to you already, but it looks like I just wasted my time – you came to totally different conclusions that are, in fact, *EXACTLY* the opposite of what I am saying

I take issue with your claims because I represent myself as an authoritative source, but I am not an MVP.

Unless you happen to be writing books and/or articles, you cannot qualify for *ANY* source – either authoritative or non-authoritative one. Therefore, I really have no idea why you decided that this "discussion" may be somehow related to you

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Lesbee Honset wrote:

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source, but I am not an MVP.

If people with whom I do business happen to read your postings, they may get it in their minds that because I am not an MVP, then I am not an authoritative source, and I may suffer economically due to your wild statements.

If that does happen, I can now reference my previous posting wherein it is proved that your statements are false. Because, really, it is simple. The book is not about programming WDM, so obviously, it is not an authoritative source on WDM. And, R&S are authoritative sources, but not MVPs, like me.