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But it sure is nice to have if you don't have much experience on your resume'. It seems like a fact of life that you will need it to get past the HR person that receives hundreds of different applications.

"Shawn B." wrote:

> Much agreed.
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> Thanks,
> Shawn
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> "Kevin Spencer" <kspencer@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
> news:uzsVLWrwEHA.1512@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>> Hi Shawn,
>>
>> I hope you didn't consider my post to indicate that I would count
>> certificates AGAINST anyone. I just don't count them at all. Microsoft
>> consultants, for example, are encouraged to get as many certificates as
> they
>> can, and for obvious reasons, as they work for all kinds of companies,
> some
>> of them quite large and beaurocratic. Having a certificate could not
>> logically be held against anyone; it certainly shows no lack of character.
>> However, neither is it an accurate indicator of the person's programming
>> ability. Their code certainly IS.
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>> HTH,
>> Kevin Spencer
>> .Net Developer
>> Microsoft MVP
>> I get paid good money to
>> solve puzzles for a living
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>> "Shawn B." <leabre@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message

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>> news:uWd#IuqwEHA.2192@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>>> I'm a senior developer writing the accounting system for an insurance
>>> software company, and have been a senior developer for other enterprises
>> in
>>> the past. I am quite intimate with .NET / ASP.NET / C++ and the VB6 COM
>>> world, know how to design software very well that scales, performs, easy
>> to
>>> maintain, and maximizes code-reuse. I don't have a college degree nor
> do
>> I
>>> have any certifications but I do have 8 years of professional experience
>> and
>>> 15 years total of programming experience. However, I am working on my
>> MCSD
>>> right now not so much for future employment (I'm currently employed and
>>> happy) but as an educational tool, more or less. I am very familiar
> with
>>> most of the content required by the MCSD and have the experience to back
>> it
>>> up, but some of the "finer" points I've picked up from studying for the
>> exam
>>> and the exam forces you to have to formalize your knowledge of the
>> material
>>> covered.
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>>> I can agree with the sentiment that certifications prove nothing and
> that
>>> code speaks louder than words. I've had my share of cleaning up
> horrible
>>> code from other people (and my own, I haven't always been perfect and
>> still
>>> am not) and having to teach people from India and Pakistan who have
>> multiple
>>> masters degrees in computer science math and physics that don't know how
>> to
>>> debug a C# application or a VB6 component, so we can argue that
> education
>>> isn't everything either. I've worked with others who are "self-taught"
>> who
>>> make for headaches on the team and those who are excellent performers.
>> You
>>> just can't know until you meet the person and probe them in an interview
>> for
>>> thier abilities and their problem solving skills.
>>>
>>> But to hold a bias AGAINST people who have a certification isn't a good
>>> thing, it really cheats the a person who may be fully-qualified for the
>>> position and the company. I would hate to think that because I took the
>>> time to earn a certification in a field that I'm very well experienced
> and
>>> competent in would actually deny me a position somewhere because of an

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>>> overly zealous bias, as well as I would hate to think that I got the job
>>> only because of the certification. But I know how the world works and
>> that
>>> there is a hard sentiment against certification holders but personally,
> I
>>> don't think they indicate one way or the next what the person is capable
>> of,
>>> and should be treated as such.
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>>> Some people get them for an easy oppurtunity, others like myself get
> them
>> to
>>> help reinforce what I already know from experience and extensive trial
> and
>>> error. Why should I be denied employment because of it?
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>>> Thanks,
>>> Shawn
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>>> "Kevin Spencer" <kspencer@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
>>> news:elvhXVOwEHA.2316@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>>>> I am a team leader and Senior Application Developer for my company. I
>>>> participate in the hiring process. I couldn't care less about the
>>>> certificates that prospective employees have. A certificate proves
> only
>>> that
>>>> one can cram for and pass an exam. As a programmer, I've never had to
>> take
>>>> an exam in order to create an application. Therefore, the ability to
>> take
>>>> exams is not a requirement for software developers. Writing solid code
>> is.
>>>> So, if you want to work for me, you've got to show me the money (i.e.
>>> code).
>>>> On the other hand, if you want to work for a beaurocratic dinosaur,
> get
>> as
>>>> many certificates as you can, and best of luck to you.
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