
Subject: Microsoft Certified Solution Developer
Posted by [reborn](#) on Wed, 31 Oct 2007 18:18:30 GMT
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I want to become a Microsoft Certified Solution Developer.
I've been learning C++ from books for a little while now and I like the OOP style. I would prefer a job programming in C++ but in the UK most city jobs want C# coders for trading platforms.

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I enjoy the simple things I have done in C++ and I know I would love a job like this. Even if it has to be in C# and .NET.

<http://www.microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mcsd/requirementsdotnet.mspx>

[/rant]

I want to enroll on a home learning course to get my accreditation. I have looked at this package here:

<http://www.icslearn.co.uk/it-technical-courses/it-certification/mcsd-microsoft-net-certification/>
And it looks pretty good to me. But before I take the plunge, can anyone else recommend a better trainer, or perhaps a cheaper one?
Maybe you tried this market yourself and have some words of caution?

Please give your input as I am serious about this and don't want to make a mistake here.

Subject: Re: Microsoft Certified Solution Developer
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Wed, 31 Oct 2007 18:49:14 GMT
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I'd recommend that anyone learn something that they enjoy doing.

Subject: Re: Microsoft Certified Solution Developer
Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Wed, 31 Oct 2007 20:35:20 GMT
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Getting certified by MSFT is not an easy task, you better make sure you're ready.

Subject: Re: Microsoft Certified Solution Developer
Posted by [reborn](#) on Wed, 31 Oct 2007 20:40:12 GMT
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That's why I was going to do the training for it. I have no real previous experience with C# and was hoping to learn it as part of the training. Is this not wise? What do you recommend?

Subject: Re: Microsoft Certified Solution Developer
Posted by [Jerad2142](#) on Wed, 31 Oct 2007 23:44:24 GMT
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Go for it, there is nothing as bad as being stuck doing some gay ass job every day.

Subject: Re: Microsoft Certified Solution Developer
Posted by [light](#) on Thu, 01 Nov 2007 03:33:24 GMT
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If you have connections through your current job I would recommend doing a bit of job hunting.

I can't speak for the UK, but over here employers seem to fall into two categories.

1. Degrees and certifications are everything
2. Degrees and certifications are just about nothing

I was talking with my future boss today and he said (direct quote) "Anyone can get a degree, I have one". I've just finished a 4 year degree and that's how much he values them.

TBH a lot of employers over here are interested in things like your work ethic, willingness to learn, previous experience etc. a lot more than a piece of paper. You may find it's unnecessary to get the job you want if you show you're competent.

I got a job over summer with the same company on the strength of: "My mate works here, and I know some php, but I'm willing to learn and I don't mind working". I ended up working there for 3 months then returning to do my last year of Uni.

Basically, find a job you know you'd be good at if you learned a bit more, show basic competence in the area and a willingness to learn and see how it goes.

Subject: Re: Microsoft Certified Solution Developer
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Thu, 01 Nov 2007 08:03:20 GMT
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Well, out here a degree is like a key to open the door. If you keep the job is determined by all the things light wrote down. But u need the degree to get in .

Subject: Re: Microsoft Certified Solution Developer
Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Mon, 05 Nov 2007 16:48:23 GMT
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Sorry Reborn, I had a family emergency so I couldn't reply, but anyway.. MSFT certification is everything really. If you do get certified by MSFT to program in whatever language (be it VB.NET, C#, etcetera) or whatever, you will have a lot of job opportunities at MSFT and other people will want your skills ASAP. I would just highly recommend that you are sure you have a lot of experience (maybe several years?) before you even enter the training. Though, I can't really speak on behalf of the training because I don't know how hard it is, or what they cover. However, just make sure either way that you are a well rounded developer before entering this whole shabang. Desktop applications, networking & communication, databases & data management, GDI & GDI+, smart client development, et cetera. The list goes on, and of course you can't know everything, but its important you know a huge chunk before hand. I wish you the best of luck whatever you decide to do, A+ & MSFT certification is the only thing I have hope for myself.

Subject: Re: Microsoft Certified Solution Developer
Posted by [luv2pb](#) on Mon, 05 Nov 2007 18:20:10 GMT
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Are you sure you are not me? I am going through the exact same thing right now. I'm also 25. My boss is about to retire and if I don't get her job I'm going to be stuck doing this shit stain of a job for a very very long time. If I don't get it then it's time for me to move on.
