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Thread: [CompTIA certificates - useful?](#)

Ascetical - March 13, 2024, 3:01 pm

Hi everyone,

I already did some research and they look good, but I still have a quick question about validity of those certifications, as in: do they look good from the employer perspective? And more importantly, do their learning materials actually prepare the student for hacking in the future, whether it's black or white hat hacking.

I thought I'd ask before committing vast resources, like Money and Time, to getting CompTIA certified.

Cheers!

DramaKing - March 13, 2024, 5:26 pm

It took 2 1/2 years from getting my A+ to my first tech support job during my first semester of college for IT.

Ascetical - March 14, 2024, 7:45 am

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SIM-5457022 - March 15, 2024, 8:43 am

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Thanks for the reply.

If that's the case you're overqualified. I am in the U.S.A and I don't know where you plan on getting a job in IT.

However, from what you just said you have more skills than regulate IT people. The Python is in another field.

So, you know how to program in a single programming language and you know the commands.

my suggestion is learn batch and bash scripts. You IT degree is worth more than certifications.

If you want to work in the U.S.A coming from another country. I would suggest to get a compitia certi in one field like either in network security.
if you want to work on networks in a company.

A+ certification is only good if you want to go to work at a repair shop. The certifications enhances your degree.

It depends though on where you want a job.

If you come to the U.S.A the issue here is not knowing if your degree covers the same stuff in a U.S school setting.

This is where those comptia certs come into play.

playr101 - March 15, 2024, 7:48 pm

I have my Net+, SEC+, A+. Preperation was just a few practice tests.

For what its worth