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Read what Microsoft® Certified Masters have to say about certification's highest achievement.

"I'm very glad to be among the first worldwide MCMs, because in my opinion this is the greatest certification Microsoft has. Here's why: First, we were tested in a real laboratory environment—for example, we had more than 14 virtual machines with broken settings. The lab environment tests not 'monkey skills' but your ability to perform under stress, your vigor, your attention to detail. It also of course, tests your hands-on professional experience—the depth of your knowledge of technologies, products, and standards. Second, the three weeks of classroom training before that lab test provided outstanding networking opportunities with experienced, world-class IT professionals—both those delivering and attending the training.

The Microsoft Certified Master program helped me prove to myself the depth of my knowledge and practical experience working with Windows Server 2008 Active Directory. Just as important, the MCM certification provides proof of that knowledge to my colleagues, partners, and customers."

Konstantin Leontiev, a native Russian, is an Infrastructure Architect for Microsoft Consulting Services in Moscow. He holds a Master of Science (with honors) in Biophysics from Moscow State University named after M.V.Lomonosov and has been programming computers since the age of 15. Leontiev shares his expert insights by writing articles for Russian-based IT magazines and says this about his experience becoming a Microsoft Certified Master (MCM) in Windows Server® 2008: Directory.

"No other program I've attended offers such in-depth training on Microsoft technologies. The material covered in the MCM program not only gave me deep insight into the technology, but also gave me invaluable contacts in a community of industry experts that I'm now a part of. The MCM program is truly redefining what it means to be a master in the Microsoft technology stack.

The experience of working with and being taught by the brightest minds in the business has been life-altering. The intensity of the training challenged my limits, but when it was over I had the confidence and satisfaction that come with being an elite member of a selective group of IT experts. I wouldn't hesitate to recommend this certification training to any candidate who is considering it."

Ken St. Cyr is a Senior Consultant at Microsoft Consulting Services with more than 10 years of IT industry experience. He has designed and implemented directory solutions based on the Active Directory service since its inception. St. Cyr says this about his experience becoming a Microsoft Certified Master (MCM) in Windows Server 2008: Directory.

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"The program provided an excellent way for me to take my Active Directory skills to the next level. The instructors for the course were first-rate, and the program owners obviously took a great deal of pride in creating the best program possible. The course also provided an excellent opportunity to meet and engage with experts in the Directory field, both within Microsoft and at partner organizations worldwide."

Laura E. Hunter is an Identity Architect with the Oxford Computer Group, which was the Microsoft 2008 Gold Certified Partner of the Year for Active Directory Advanced Infrastructure Solutions. Hunter focuses on designing and deploying Identity solutions for customers of all sizes in a wide range of market verticals, with a focus on Active Directory, AD FS, and Identity Lifecycle Manager. Hunter says this about her experience in the Microsoft Certified Master (MCM) Windows Server 2008: Directory track:

"This program was the most incredible experience of my professional life. I met awesome colleagues, industry 'guest stars,' product developers, and program managers. It helped me to build a network of peers—new friends with different experiences and knowledge—to rely on for designing, analyzing, and optimizing complex environments and challenging real-world scenarios. I was constantly learning and improving from the first moments of the training. In addition to its unparalleled value in technological education, for a non-U.S. citizen it was a great opportunity for me to improve my knowledge, soft skills, and language while building a professional network. I met developers, spoke with program managers, interacted with experienced peers, and visited Redmond—what more could an IT professional desire?"

Fausto Massa is a Consultant at Microsoft in Italy. With 10 years in the industry, he has a passion for operating system internals, messaging products, security and authentication, code debugging, and being engaged in challenging projects. Massa says this about his experience in the Microsoft Certified Master (MCM) Windows Server 2008: Directory track:

"Aside from getting though six years in the Marine Corps, this was the hardest thing I've ever done. That was exactly what I wanted—and I wasn't let down." **John A. Cook, Senior Engineer/Architect, Intellisystems, Inc**

"The program exceeded my expectations. I can easily say that this was more difficult than grad school. The structure of the class, the attention to detail, the content, and caliber of the instructors made it a very worthwhile investment." **Devin L. Ganger, 3Sharp**

"I highly recommend this program if you really want the best Exchange training out there. There is no other way I could have possibly learned so much in such a short time. And there isn't anywhere else can you go to learn from—and also get into a community with—the best of the best." **Jedidiah Hammond, NOS Server Support Advisor, Dell**

"This program was the best training I have ever received—by a mile. The MCM program provides an unrivalled level of knowledge and skills development. Both the knowledge gained and Master certification will help distinguish me from rivals when looking for new projects." **Thomas Wiscombe**

"This isn't like paying money to go to a conference or a college course where the instructor's interest wanes after the tuition has been paid. These instructors worked extremely hard. The content was excellent and I will use that knowledge to create better solutions and best practices which will result in more happy customers running Exchange. I haven't worked this hard in years—and loved every minute of it." **Robert Quimbey**