



# 17,000 reasons to become an MCT.

The Microsoft Certified Trainer Program

**Microsoft** | Learning

# We want you.

## A message from Tjeerd Veninga

I am fortunate to work with the MCT community on a daily basis. 17,000 highly intelligent and driven people, from all over the world, sharing knowledge, content, tricks, tips, and opinions with each other as friendships are made across the globe. Each week MCTs train thousands of IT professionals who return to work inspired and more productive. That's because MCTs share a passion for technology, and love igniting that passion in others.

The MCT program offers you tools to help you be more efficient and more successful at delivering training. We assist you in trainer preparation through monthly LiveMeetings, Summits and an online readiness repository featuring recorded presentations on new technology and courses. We keep you informed through newsletters, our blog and the MCT newsgroups. We offer valuable resources; a free TechNet Plus subscription, access to our full library of learning products, and much more. The array of MCT program benefits can enhance your training and your career.

If you're passionate about technical training, then you've already met the first requirement to join—welcome to the MCT community!



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# The MCT Toolkit

## Program benefits and opportunities

The MCT program provides tools, resources, and other benefits to help you thrive as both a technologist and an educator. The benefits can help you build, maintain, and prove your expertise on Microsoft products and technologies, as well as help you prepare for, teach, and support blended learning solutions. The MCT program offers a large and dynamic range of benefits, including these highlights:

### MCT Download Center

As an MCT, you'll enjoy free, comprehensive access to the entire Microsoft Learning and Microsoft Dynamics learning product library.

### Trainer preparation

Join our monthly "Third Thursday sessions" where we present on new technology, new courses and even offer soft skills training, helping you prepare for new courses efficiently. Access over 100 hours of recorded presentations that are continuously updated. to help you quickly ramp up on new training courses.

### TechNet Plus Direct subscription

**FREE**

MCTs receive a free subscription to TechNet Plus Direct, the ultimate resource that provides access to full-version Microsoft evaluation software—that isn't time sensitive!

### Beta exams, discounts on exams, and Learning Rewards

Be the first to take exams, get discounts on exams or earn referral points redeemable for valuable rewards.

See the complete list of MCT benefits at <http://www.microsoft.com/learning/en/us/certification/mct.aspx#tab2>

### MCT PERSPECTIVES | ANDY MALONE, SCOTLAND

*"For me being part of the "community" transcends any of the "on paper" benefits of the MCT program... for me the community is by far is the most valuable benefit. Through this community I have not only gained new skills and increased business opportunities. But also have made real friends from all over the world. Where else can you sit around a table with trainers from 20 or 30 different countries and know that your thoughts can influence the programme or have an impact on the outcome of a Microsoft product."*





# The MCT Community

## A vibrant, worldwide network

Arguably one of the most valuable benefits of the MCT program is the community itself. 17,000 strong, this network of passionate colleagues are constantly exchanging insights and opinions that can make your job easier—and far more interesting.

MCT Newsgroups MCT Summits

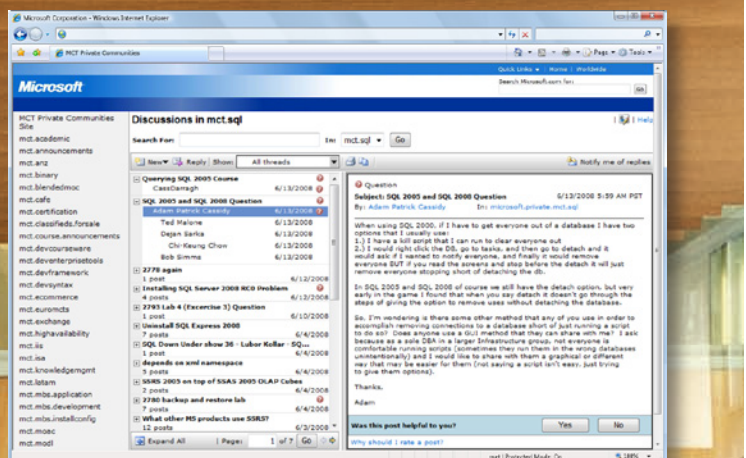
Member-only communities for peer support and networking, and communication with Microsoft.

MCT Community Web site

Find all the latest news and resources, including trainer readiness resources, learning product and exam announcements, and MCT program logos. →

## MCT Summits

Join these intense trainer readiness events and prepare for new courses while you meet old and new friends from across the globe.



# How you can join.

## Steps to become a Microsoft Certified Trainer

- 1. Acquire a valid Microsoft Certification** <http://www.microsoft.com/learning/en/us/certification/mct.aspx#tab3>  
 Before applying, you must acquire either a Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP) certification or a Microsoft Dynamics credential for the MCT program. ➡
- 2. Demonstrate instructional presentation skills** <http://www.microsoft.com/learning/en/us/certification/mct.aspx#tab3>  
 To demonstrate that you have instructional presentation skills, you must indicate on your MCT application that you have completed specific requirements. ➡
- 3. Complete the MCT application** <http://www.microsoft.com/learning/en/us/certification/mct.aspx#tab4>  
 Thoroughly read the [MCT Program Guide and Agreement](#) before you start the application process. Then complete the MCT application form, available online. ➡

Once you've completed all the requirements and your application has been approved, you will be granted access to the MCT member site and program benefits. Additionally, you'll receive the **MCT welcome kit**, which includes your MCT certificate, wallet card, DVDs that contain Hard Disk images that are required for Microsoft Official Learning Products and Microsoft Dynamics and related business product courses, the **Metrics that Matter** Guide, and the **Microsoft Dynamics Growth and Opportunity Guide**.

### MCT PERSPECTIVES | SUSAN IBACH, CANADA

*"I have been a technical trainer for 11 years and I have been an MCT for 6 years. I still remember when I decided to make the extra effort to become an MCT. At the time the training industry was in a slow period and I felt the MCT designation would help distinguish me from my peers and increase my chances of work. After of a few months of contract work, thanks to my MCT, I accepted a staff position at a Microsoft Certified Partner for Learning Solutions."*



### MCT PERSPECTIVES | CHRISTOPHER HARRISON, USA

*"My connection with computers started as a hobby which I managed to work into a career. As a trainer, and in particular an MCT, I've been able to keep that same connection. Being a trainer allows me to 'play' with technology, and then share that knowledge, and my passion, with others. While I have worked a couple of times as a full time programmer, each time I find myself yearning to get back into training. Being an MCT allows me to keep technology a hobby. Plus, there's nothing better than the look on a student's face when they have a realization or we cover something that fixes a problem they've been having for weeks."*







Learn more about the MCT Program.

Visit <http://www.microsoft.com/learning/en/us/certification/mct.aspx>