

RE: CISSP-ISSMP

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Annie,

1) As you pointed out. Your peers have jobs and are doing the same work, just without certs. Ie: they did not need a cert to get the same job you have.

2) CCNA,CNE...ect all popular at one time. Worthless now. My point.. Someone made money off the test. In Nathaniel's case, his company is taking advantage of the cert craze and charging more. Does it mean the tech showing up is worth more or had the time to study a self help book?

Btw.. I do not hate all of the fly-by-night certs. I still happen to think the only real cert out there is from Cisco. CCIE is not something that You can just pick up a book and take the test. (part one anyway.. Part two is hands on)

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Subject: RE: CISSP-ISSMP

I disagree Nathaniel. I work with peers that do not have the CISSP. They do know how to fill out templates required for submission of an SSAA, but they have no clue about application of security controls and attributes. They can't even complete a proper sentence if were not for a spelling and grammar checker. They can run the scanners, mitigate the risks based on the STIG references, but still have no clue what they are doing.

I lucked out by getting an NSA test bank for the CISSP. If I did not have 7 years experience plus, in scanning networks, I would have failed. I also must admit, I am an MCT, CCNA, CNE, Dell Certified Server Tech, a 3COM Certified Fiber Installer, have over 238 college credits, and have worked for 27 years in the field. The CISSP does only test you on

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security attributes if that is the test bank you were lucky enough to draw. The test banks are designed to test you on application of the attributes, not application of the DITSCAP. The point to remember in all this is, "Not one single person knows it all!" Working as a team and not bashing your peers is a formula for success, not just certs.

Annie

-----Original Message-----

From: nat@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx [<mailto:nat@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>] On Behalf Of Nathaniel Hirsch

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I recently got my CISSP. The company that I work for paid for me to go to a class, and take the test assuming I passed. If I failed then the \$500 wo