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When did you first become interested in wireless?

While doing my Masters in Computer networks (2012) in the last semester i was asked to work on a Project for Wi-Fi Security that was the first time i starting digging deep in understanding how Wi-Fi works and at that time CWNA book came to my rescue and i still refer back to back till date. As 802.11 has been coming out with new amendments.

More i learned about 802.11, my interest in wireless increased. I have always been close to wireless my first networking job in 2008 was with a wireless ISP and then i served a local Radio station company for 5 years before joining my current employer.

What are some highlights from your resume?

IT Coordinator at Evanov Radio Station, was employee of the year for 2011 Solution consultant at Bell and every year i have exceeded the expectations of my employer and got recognized in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

What is your level of industry experience?

Since 2013 I have been designing, deploying and troubleshooting Wireless WLAN (Enterprise Wi-Fi), across various verticals - Corporate Offices, Retail, HealthCare, warehouses, Manufacturing and Education, utilizing the most prominent vendor products such as Cisco, Aruba, Motorola, Meraki & Fortinet.

Where did you receive your training/education?

I did my bachelors from India in Electronics and communication and then later did my Masters in Computer networks from Ryerson University Toronto.

Why did you choose the CWNE path?

It was vendor agnostic and focused on the Protocols and not the marketing on vendor specific features. I was focused on Enterprise Wi-Fi and CWNE path covers all the expects from understanding requirements, follow best practice, in design , security and troubleshooting. Each of the certification (CWDP, CWSP and CWAP) is essential part of deploying and maintaining good wifi solutions.

What do you hope to accomplish?

Design good Wi-Fi networks across all verticals and stay away from Bad-Fi.

What value will your CWNE provide to you, your clients, and/or your company?

It was a great personal Achievement to be part of such a prestigious group of people who hold the CWNE certification and very well recognized in the industry. Since I work for a VAR and the customer value it as they know I am not coming from a Vendor prospective, I am giving them a solution that will meet their requirements.

What aspects to becoming certified do you feel are most important?

The knowledge. that comes with the certification. To retain all the good information you have to keep going back to those books and hands on aspect is also very important.

What was the hardest part of the whole process and how did you overcome it?

I think the hardest part for me was the self study part, As I did not have a mentor to whom I could go for questions and help. But the Wireless community out there is amazing as I would ask question and also read blogs, listen to podcast and watch webinars, posted by the industry experts.