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CWNE # 320

What is your level of industry experience?

I am in the industry since 2015, I started from designing a Wireless network on the paper floor plan and configuring one access point to deploying and troubleshooting Wireless WLAN in Enterprise environments. I have been designing, deploying and troubleshooting Wireless WLAN across various environments such as Primary schools, Secondary schools, Corporate Offices, Retail, Events, etc. To challenge myself in a different way I have chosen a role where I am testing Wi-Fi capabilities in CPEs. My focus is to setup WIFI test labs, write test plans and understand CPE's performance in a real environment to improve user WIFI experience in home environments.

When did you first become interested in wireless?

I got my first job and started working on WiFI thinking like a network engineer. More I worked on complicated projects more interested I became. Every project is a different project and it brings different challenges. It made me read more and learn more about RF and 802.11 in order to meet customers' requirements and deliver the projects with a high standard.

What certifications do you currently hold?

CWNE- 320, Ruckus Wise, ECSE Design, Xirrus Technical Associate, Aerohive Certified Wireless Administrator, CCNA, MTA- Microsoft Technology associate

Why did you choose the CWNE path?

While I was coming from a standard university educational path.
I started working as a WIFI Engineer and I realized configuring few access points or controllers does not make me a good Wireless professional. CWNP is a vendor-neutral program and it is purely focused on WIFI technology instead of any particular vendor and how to use one product. CWNE community is very helpful and active on social media which makes is easier to approach other CWNE's to ask them questions or even ask for help. I also read a few CCIE-Wireless also persuing CWNE path which indicated me that CWNP is the way to proceed for my learning.

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

I had 2 challenges to overcome.
1- It took me a while to understand how to start this journey. Finally, I spoke to a CWNE and it gave me the confidence to start CWNA.
2- I have never written before and was thinking that how other professionals going to react if I write. But after reading other CWNE blogs and their journies gave me the confidence to write and everything started to come together.

What would you say to anyone considering a CWNE designation?

The journey to CWNE is not a straight path. It takes preparation, determination, patience and a lot of studying. Take your time, learn, practice, follow other CWNE's, read blogs, attend seminars and you will get there and its totally worth it.

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

It gave me great pleasure to be part of the elite group which is only a few hundred in the whole world. First Pakistani to achieve CWNE, I feel very proud. As a CWNE I can switch hats according to business requirements. I can design, deploy, configure, troubleshoot or even test by using the knowledge which I gained from the CWNE journey.

To whom would you recommend the CWNE program?

Anyone who is serious and interested to understand WIFI and to have a successful career.