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CWNE #208

What is your level of industry experience?

10 years in Cisco TAC specialized in wireless support escalations.

Where did you receive your training/education?

I self-trained on CCIE wireless at a time where there was no study resource (as the exam came out in 2009) which made it very hard. I studied for the various CWNE exams with the CWNP books.

When did you first become interested in wireless?

As I got the job actually. I didn't particularly chose wireless. I got interested as I started working in it.

What certifications do you currently hold?

CCIE wireless 25344, CWNE 208.

Why did you choose the CWNE path?

Because it's very focused on the standard and protocol itself without vendor specific configuration tricks, therefore it goes much deeper in that regard.

How long have you been involved in the CWNP certification process?

I actually got CWNA and CWSP in 2007/2008 as "practice" for the CCIE wireless. Only resumed CWNP program in 2016.

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

I actually don't consider there was a hard part. When you study something you love, even if it takes time, it is not painful. If you work on each of the certification one by one and take your time to understand all concepts, then passing is not hard. I think people too often try to take exams without understanding everything first which makes it very hard. If you are confused on a topic, just work on it in the lab, it's fun and simplifies your memorization effort afterwards.

What would you say to anyone considering a CWNE designation?

It's not that hard when you do it step-by-step. Tackle each requirement one by one, and before you know it, you will have all of them fulfilled. There is no point in trying to study/tackle all at the same time or quickly

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

A better mastery of the protocol and standard means a better understanding of my own company's features and where they fit. It also greatly helps in troubleshooting which is my full time job.

To whom would you recommend the CWNE program?

Everyone who needs to work with wireless a non-negligible part of his/her time. If you are passionate about wireless and if you have the opportunity to "play" with the concepts during your work hours, then it's a go.