

# 14,000 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. 14,000 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 the tools you need to be more efficient and more successful, including newsletters, newsgroups, preparation tools, a free TechNet Plus subscription, access to our full library of learning products, and much more. The array of MCT program benefits will 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!



TJEERD VENINGA | MCT Community Lead, Microsoft Learning

# 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**

Benefits include a robust suite of training events—both live and online—and preparation tools to help you quickly ramp up on new training courses.



Blend Microsoft E-Learning courses with classroom training to deliver customized learning solutions

# TechNet Plus subscription



MCTs receive a free subscription to TechNet Plus, the ultimate resource that provides access to full-version Microsoft evaluation software—without time limits!

### Beta exams, discounts on exams, and MCT Awards

Be the first to take exams, get discount exam vouchers either for yourself or your students, and earn referral points redeemable for valuable rewards.

See the complete list of MCT benefits at www.microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mct/benefits.mspx

#### 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 the most valuable benefit of the MCT program is the community itself. 14,000 strong, this network of passionate colleagues are constantly exchanging insights and opinions that will make your job easier—and far more interesting.

### MCT Newsgroups

Exclusive private 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.  $\rightarrow$ 

### **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 www.microsoft.com/learning/mcp/mct/guide/one.mspx Before applying, you must acquire either a Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP) certification or a Microsoft Dynamics qualifier for the MCT program.
2.	<b>Demonstrate instructional presentation skills</b> www.microsoft.com/Learning/mcp/mct/guide/two.mspx To demonstrate that you have instructional presentation skills, you must indicate on your MCT application that you have completed specific requirements.
	Complete the MCT application

**Complete the MCT application** www.microsoft.com/Learning/mcp/mct/guide/three.mspx 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 Virtual PC 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 CPLS."

#### 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."







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