

Duane McNulty started his career in IT in 1990 when he obtained his first job as a Help Desk technician. But this was by no means his first introduction to computers, he's been involved with them since 1979 when he purchased his first of many, an Atari 400 followed by an Apple II+, where he started to learn BASIC, 6502 Assembly, Pascal, and finally C programming as well as how the computer architecture works. During the 1990's Duane advanced beyond Help Desk to Server Admin, Network Admin, to eventually Network Design Engineer. Besides those titles, Duane has performed various projects such as installations, migrations, building and designing networks from the ground up, and has also been the Team Lead for a Network Disaster Response Team.

In 2000 Duane felt that the best way he could share his wealth of knowledge in this field was to become a Microsoft Certified Trainer (MCT). He taught for the next two years at a Portland Oregon junior college until he decided to go independent and has taught all over the US in just about every state. In 2008 Duane started a series of Security+ classes taught at military bases around the US. He found the assignment challenging because, at the end of the class, the students would test on the exam. This was the perfect opportunity to demonstrate the quality of instruction he provided. Since that time he has focused solely on the Security+ exam, although he may teach an occasional class other than Sec+, at least 95% of his classes over the past five years have been Security+.

Duane attributes his success in teaching to his passion in Security, detailed and informative nature of his classes, and to a large part the certifications he himself has obtained (82 over the years, many on individual server models):

- Certified Novel Engineer
- Microsoft (27 total)
 - MCSE NT4.0, 2000, 2003
 - MCITP Server 2008
 - MCITP Exchange 2007
 - MCITP Vista
- Cisco Certified Network Associate (first obtained in 1996)
- CompTIA A+, Network+, Security+

Duane is currently working to increase his knowledge of security and plans to pass and teach the following courses in the next two years:

- CompTIA Cyber Security Analyst+ (CSA+)
- CompTIA Advanced Certified Practitioner (CASP)
- EC Council Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH)
- ISC2 Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)