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Where is Real Money in Computer Networking?

Low-Level vs. High-Level IT Career Training

Most people in the computer field work as PC/Network Tech, Desktop Support Tech, Help Desk, or Technical Support Specialist. The main reason for this is that many computer schools train people mainly for these careers. Courses such as A+, Network+, Desktop Operating System (Microsoft Certified Technical Specialist (MCTS) certification), and Server Operating System (MCTS certification) prepare students to work in the areas mentioned above. In these types of jobs, you are usually able to make on average no more than $40k to $45k annually, even after 5-10 years of experience. There are too many people qualified in these areas so getting a job is also difficult.

PC AGE's intensive curriculum includes preparation for the highest level of certifications from Microsoft for networking, i.e. MCITP (Microsoft Certified Information Technology Professional): Server & Enterprise Administrator. There are 6 courses for these certifications covering skills from basic level of network administration to advanced level of administration (designing and supporting large networks.)

With MCITP: Server & Enterprise Administrator certifications and knowledge of routers (Cisco CCNA certification) as well as Linux (both of these courses are part of our program), you are prepared for a higher level computer networking career where you work with servers (where all applications, files and data are stored) that are used by many users (sometimes hundreds or thousands of users) and make real money, and are not just limited to the help desk or desktop support area where you support only one user at a time. Server side of the networking field is critical for a company because if a server is not working the entire department of the company may not work. That is the reason companies pay **real money** to people supporting their servers.

PC AGE's Internetwork Engineering program not only starts with a solid foundation by covering A+, Network+, and MCTS certifications but also takes you to the highest level of education in Server Support and Networking by covering MCITP: Server & Enterprise Administrator and CCNA certifications. This level of training not only gives you better chances for getting hired but also gives you higher earning potential with some years of experience in the field.

Low Level Career Training	High Level Career Training
Certifications: A+ Network+ MCTS: Desktop Operating System MCTS: Server Operating System	**Certifications:** MCITP: Server & Enterprise Administrator CCNA Linux (Course)
Job Titles: PC/Network Tech, Desktop Support Tech, Help Desk, or Technical Support Specialist	**Job Titles:** Network Administrator/Engineer, Systems Engineer, Internetwork Engineer, LAN/WAN Engineer
Earning Potential with a few years of experience: $40-$45k*	Earning Potential with a few years of experience: $60k+*

* For salary information please check DOL Bureau of Labor Statistics (Computer Support: bls.gov/oes/current/oes151150.htm and Network Administrator: bls.gov/oes/current/oes151142.htm) and industry salary surveys (salary.com, payscale.com).
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