

Certifications put young professional at the top of his game

For Dujon Walsham, passing up university in favour of taking IT certification trainings was a great decision. With multiple CompTIA and vendor-specific certifications under his belt, his career is flourishing.

Dujon Walsham receives several calls per day from companies like Microsoft and Barclays asking him to come and work for them. Five years after receiving his first professional certification, CompTIA A+, he has experienced a varied and exciting IT career and is in demand the world over.

Dujon has worked on IT projects for an international fashion house, an events organiser and a major energy company. He played a critical part in building up the IT infrastructure to capture programmes for ITV Player. His current job involves helping companies like eBay and British Airways adopt cloud computing systems. It's a career few people can claim five years into their working life.

Dujon's success can be traced back to an early decision to take CompTIA certifications through training provider Just IT. "I was doing a double-A level in IT at college," he says, "but I felt like I was only scratching the surface. It was great theory, but didn't really teach me the interesting side of IT, such as the actual detail of how computers work. I looked into uni courses and felt like they were just more of the same."

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Dujon studied Just IT's Network Professional Programme. Through this he secured a range of IT certifications, including CompTIA A+, Cisco Certified Network Associate, CompTIA Linux+ and Microsoft Certified Professional.

He says, "I made the right decision to study industry certifications instead of going to university. I've no doubt there's a lot of value in university study, but in my personal opinion CompTIA A+ is far more valuable than an A level—or even a degree, for that matter—particularly in terms of actually landing a job."

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Dujon Walsham's commitment to earning IT certifications has opened up a whole world of job opportunities for him.

Dujon's enthusiasm for the job and his keenness to keep learning in his own time has allowed him to pass a whole host of additional certifications. He has since passed CompTIA Network+ and a variety of Microsoft and Cisco certifications. As a result of his dedication and his impressive CV, he has landed several increasingly interesting and well-paid job roles.

"IT can be a very financially lucrative career," says Dujon, "but you should go into it because it's a fascinating career, not because of the money. The money will come later."

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"Everyone should pursue something they're really interested in. If you like technology, there are plenty of jobs out there that will pay you well to develop that interest. If you love your job, you'll do it well, you'll keep learning and progressing and getting more certifications. That's the greatest reward in a career. I don't feel like I'm going into work every day, I feel like I'm getting paid to do what I love."

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