Sponsoring BSD Certification

The BSD Certification Group is launching our first fund raising drive to overcome the substantial startup costs associated with creating a certification exam for BSD system administrators.

Why do you need to raise money? I thought BSD Certification was a volunteer effort?

True, we coordinate the efforts of volunteers throughout the globe. However, not all the requirements of a certification standard can be provided by volunteers. Most notable of these are psychometrics and a secure test delivery mechanism.

Psychometrics? What's that? And how much does it cost?

Psychometrics is an educational and scientific discipline concerned with accurate test measurement. In creating a certification program, psychometric techniques are used to ensure that tests are relevant to the skills being tested and that the questions themselves don't introduce any bias or unreliability. Psychometrics is an important aspect of our certification program development. Certification candidates and their employers are assured that the exam is a fair and accurate assessment of the knowledge and skills required by the exam objectives. As the certifying body, we also have certain legal protections regarding the accuracy and fairness of our exams.

Psychometric analysis is expensive. A typical cost for psychometric review of a certification exam can be as much as $30,000. We can build into the exam price any costs for psychometric review of subsequent exams, but we'll need to fund the first exam review up front.

What's this about a secure delivery mechanism?

Our tests must be delivered and administered in a secure, proctored environment so the results can be considered valid. To do this through a standard test service will require money for administrating the exams. Even if we can reduce the overhead for proctoring (such as testing through cooperating university systems) securely delivering the exam, and validating the results will require considerable funds for production quality hardware, software and network support.

What benefits will my company receive if we provide a financial donation towards the BSD Certification effort?

We are interested in fostering win-win situations and discussing each company's unique needs regarding BSD certification. We can provide:

- Employee discounts on training or testing
- Special focus groups to incorporate unique testing needs and directions
- Participation in beta exams
- Discounts on training materials
- Access to a network of other companies using BSD
- Prominent display of your company's logo as a sponsor on the BSD Certification website.

Please help us reach our goal of a robust, respected certification for BSD system administrators!

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Thanks for your generous support! We can't do it without you!

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