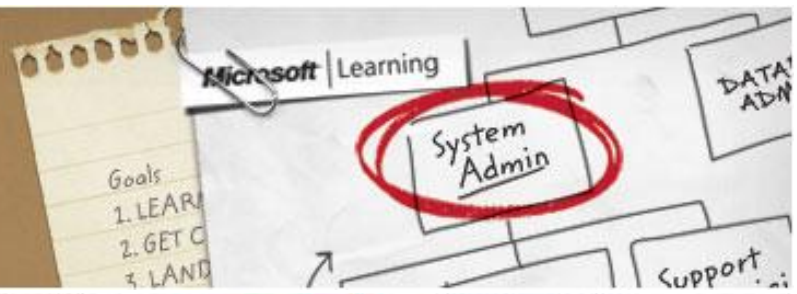


# WHAT'S NEW @ F1

## WINTER 2009 NEWSLETTER



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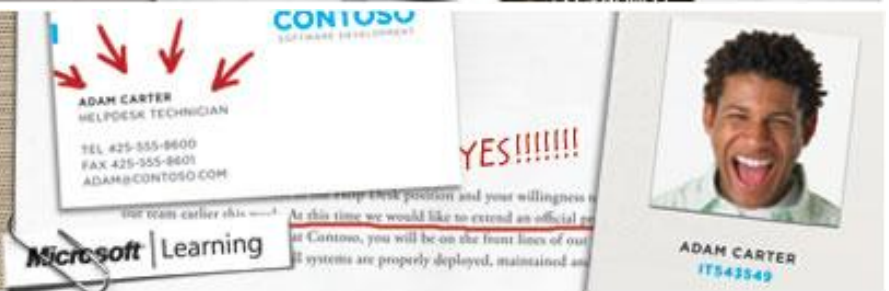


### FREE SOFTWARE!

Get free software when you sign up for classroom training.\* →



### GET THE GIG you really want.



## TAKE YOUR CAREER WHERE YOU WANT TO GO!

Today, in a challenging professional marketplace, managing your career has never been more important.

Technology expertise, combined with proven job-role qualifications can help you differentiate your CV, move up the organisational chart, and tackle new professional opportunities. Only Microsoft offers the breadth of technology, combined with skills-based and job-role training to help you rise to any career challenge. With F1 you have access to career guidance, detailed learning plans, and special offers on certification and instructor-led training to help you reach your goals.

You can **save up to 50%** when you purchase a certification through F1. Our certification routes not only include the classroom training, but award-winning practice tests and the Microsoft exams, so there are **no hidden extra costs** to complete your credential.

When you take a F1 certification you do not miss out on the excellent offers from Microsoft either, as we include these as well. Offers such as Second Shot exams and the current **free software** on selected Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2 courses (left). All this and we give you 18 months to complete it – easier on you and an easier sell to your manager!

We have received feedback from our customers, saying that it is becoming more and more difficult to take time out of the office in the current climate. This is probably the most important time to **take control of your career**, so to help you get the training you need with the minimum time away from the office, F1 is now offering **fast-track courses** in Microsoft Dynamics CRM, Visual Studio and SQL Server. Designed for experienced IT professionals who want to attain certification, these courses are also extremely relevant to existing or prospective Microsoft Partners who want to achieve a competency. These courses also come with the F1 promise of a **maximum of 6 delegates** on the course. For more information and outlines of our Fast Track courses, please [click here](#).

## COURSES WITH FREE SOFTWARE + EXAM

\* AVAILABLE NOW \*

**MS6292:** Installing and Configuring Windows 7 Client; 3 days.

**MS6419:** Configuring, Managing and Maintaining Windows Server 2008 Servers; 5 days.

**MS6421:** Configuring and Troubleshooting a Windows Server 2008 Network Infrastructure; 5 days.

**MS6430:** Planning for Windows Server 2008 Servers; 3 days.

**MS6294:** Planning and Managing Windows 7 Desktop Deployments and Environments; 5 days.

\* AVAILABLE SOON \*

**MS10159:** Updating Your Windows Server 2008 Technology Specialist Skills to R2; 3 days. **(MAR 2010)**

**SQL SERVER 2008 R2:** The courses included in the career campaign are yet to be confirmed by Microsoft. **(MAR 2010)**

TURN OVER TO DISCOVER TYPICAL JOB ROLES AND RELATED CERTIFICATIONS...



# GET THE GIG YOU REALLY WANT WITH CERTIFICATION AT F1!

WHAT SORT OF JOBS ARE THERE IN THE IT INDUSTRY? WHERE DO YOU FIT IN? HERE ARE SOME POPULAR JOB ROLES TO HELP YOU DECIDE ON YOUR CAREER PATH.

## Developer Job Roles

### Enterprise Application Developer

*Responsibility:* 50% Designing, Testing, Installing and Maintaining Software Systems, 25% Administration and Management, and 25% Responding to User Requests.  
*Primary Focus:* .NET Framework and Visual Studio  
*Certification:* Microsoft Certified Professional Developer (MCPD)

### Web Developer

*Responsibility:* 50% Writing and Testing Code, 50% Project Planning and Management.  
*Primary Focus:* Visual Studio  
*Certification:* Microsoft Certified Professional Developer (MCPD)

### Windows Developer

*Responsibility:* 50% Writing and Testing Code, 50% Project Planning and Management.  
*Primary Focus:* Visual Studio  
*Certification:* Microsoft Certified Professional Developer (MCPD)

### Business Intelligence Developer

*Responsibility:* 50% Developing and Testing Solutions, 25% Administration and Management, and 25% Responding to User Requests.  
*Primary Focus:* SQL Server  
*Certification:* Microsoft Certified IT Professional (MCITP).

### Database Developer

*Responsibility:* 50% Developing and Testing Solutions, 25% Administration and Management, and 25% Responding to User Requests.  
*Primary Focus:* SQL Server  
*Certification:* Microsoft Certified IT Professional (MCITP).

## IT Professional Job Roles

### Enterprise Messaging Administrator

*Responsibility:* 60% Operations, 20% Engineering, and 20% Support Tasks.  
*Primary Focus:* Exchange Server.  
*Certification:* Microsoft Certified IT Professional (MCITP).

### Enterprise Administrator

*Responsibility:* 20% Operations, 60% Engineering, and 20% Support Tasks.  
*Primary Focus:* Windows Server.  
*Certification:* Microsoft Certified IT Professional (MCITP).

### Database Administrator

*Responsibility:* 60% Operations, 20% Engineering and 20% Support Tasks.  
*Primary Focus:* SQL Server.  
*Certification:* Microsoft Certified IT Professional (MCITP).

### Server Administrator

*Responsibility:* 60% Operations, 20% Engineering and 20% Support Tasks.  
*Primary Focus:* Windows Server.  
*Certification:* Microsoft Certified IT Professional (MCITP).

### Enterprise Support Technician

*Responsibility:* 90% Customer Support and 10% Projects.  
*Primary Focus:* Windows 7 or Windows Vista.  
*Certification:* Microsoft Certified IT Professional (MCITP).

### Consumer Support Technician

*Responsibility:* 90% Customer Support and 10% Projects.  
*Primary Focus:* Windows 7 or Windows Vista.  
*Certification:* Microsoft Certified IT Professional (MCITP).

**For more information** on any of the above job roles, visit the Microsoft Career Web Page: [www.microsoft.com/learning/career](http://www.microsoft.com/learning/career).

**To learn more about certification**, visit the F1 Web Page: [www.f1comp.co.uk/computer\\_training/certification\\_index.aspx](http://www.f1comp.co.uk/computer_training/certification_index.aspx).

## Looking Ahead to Visual Studio 2010

It only seems a short while ago that we were talking about Visual Studio 2008 (it was released February 2008), yet Visual Studio 2010 Beta2 has been available for just over a month, heading for the formal release on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010.



Microsoft software developers have improved upon the 2008 version with an integrated development environment, allowing developers to complete all coding, modelling, testing, debugging and deployment work without leaving the Visual Studio 2010 environment.

Other features include new testing tools that have proactive project management features, helping to ensure quality code. Built-in tools for Windows 7, SharePoint 2010, Silverlight and WPF help enhance the development project.

The new .NET Framework 4 allows developers to create smaller deployments with up to an 80% reduction in the framework size, when using the Client Profile. Other benefits include the Dynamic Language Runtime for more language choice, support for high-performance applications and backward compatibility with .NET Framework 3.5.

Microsoft has also released details of the new certifications for Visual Studio 2010, including MCTS, MCPD and MCPD Upgrades. For more information, visit our certification web page: [www.f1comp.co.uk/computer\\_training/certification\\_index.aspx](http://www.f1comp.co.uk/computer_training/certification_index.aspx).

## Next F1 Newsletter...

Looking ahead to new releases of SharePoint, Office and Exchange.

## And Finally...

We would like to thank all our customers for their business in 2009, and we look forward to working with you again in 2010!

## The F1 Newsletter is for YOU...

The F1 newsletter is designed to give you the information you need in the way you want to read it. So, tell us what you want to hear about, which format suits you best and how often should we send it.

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