

Zubair Alexander



- Founder and CEO of [SeattlePro Enterprises](#), an IT training and consulting company in Seattle, WA
- Microsoft Certified Trainer since 1996
- Microsoft MVP award recipient for 12 consecutive years
- Specializes in design, implementation, and engineering of enterprise network services
- Holds 30 industry certifications including MCT, MCSE, MCSA, MCDST, MCITP, MCTS, MCP+I, CEH, CHFI, CNDA, Security+, A+, Network+, CTT+, CIW, and CNA
- Experience covers a wide range of spectrum: trainer, consultant, security architect, ethical hacker, digital forensic investigator, network engineer, systems administrator, technical advisor, Web designer, author, technical editor, college instructor, and public speaker

Consulting

Zubair started his consulting career in 1989. His specialties include Enterprise Security, Microsoft SharePoint, Office 365, Active Directory, Hyper-V, Windows operating systems, Exchange, and IIS. His consulting engagements range from troubleshooting and designing networks for small to medium-sized companies to engineering network services for large enterprises with over 30,000 users. Zubair excels in troubleshooting hardware and software problems and his real-world experience is one of his greatest strengths. He applies his vast experience in enterprise security to almost every consulting project in which he is involved.

Training

Since he received his Microsoft Certified Trainer certificate in 1996, Zubair has trained thousands of students across United States, including many train-the-trainer courses at Microsoft. He is qualified to teach over 100 Microsoft training courses. As a Microsoft-endorsed trainer, Zubair has trained Microsoft Consulting Services (MCS) and Microsoft Product Support

Services (PSS) technicians for several years. In addition to teaching Microsoft courses, he also teaches other third-party courses, such as CompTIA's A+, Security+, and Network+ courses, and EC-Council's CEH and CHFI courses. Zubair loves to teach and share his knowledge. His passion for technology is validated by his [student testimonials](#).

Authoring

Zubair has written extensively for over 20 years and is known worldwide for his books and articles on Microsoft technologies. His experience includes writing for Windows IT Pro Magazine as a contributing editor and for Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP) magazine as an online columnist. In addition to writing *Zubair's Security Zone* columns for CertCities.com and *Windows Advisor* columns for MCP Magazine, he has reviewed technical books and articles for several major publishers and has co-authored a book on Windows networking services. He also wrote Microsoft ISA Server 2000 for Sams Publishing. His books on Microsoft SharePoint include [SharePoint 2010 Best Practices](#) and [SharePoint 2013 Best Practices](#).

Microsoft Engagements

For the past couple of decades, Zubair has worked on dozens of projects at Microsoft. In addition to writing *Professor Windows* columns for Microsoft TechNet, Zubair has been involved in writing certification exam questions for Microsoft. Some of his other activities at Microsoft include working as a Subject Matter Expert on various projects, teaching train-the-trainer courses, consulting for MCS, writing for TechNet Magazine, speaking at seminars and Webinars, working with ISA Server group, writing white papers and case studies, performing technical reviews of Microsoft Learning courses, working with Microsoft Virtual Academy, organizing community events with Microsoft Premier Field Engineers, and much more.

Microsoft recognized him by presenting him the [Microsoft Most Valuable Professional \(MVP\)](#) for inspiring excellence and demonstrated willingness to share his knowledge with peers in technical communities around the globe. He has received the prestigious annual MVP award 12 years in a row, first in Windows Server, then in Directory Services, followed by SharePoint Server category. He was also recognized by Microsoft as the featured [IT Pro of the Month](#) on Microsoft's Web site.

Enterprise Security

Enterprise security has been Zubair's passion well before 9/11. He holds several security certifications, such as Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH), Computer Hacking Forensic Investigator (CHFI), Certified Network Defense Architect (CNDA), and Security+. He also holds a master's degree in Cybersecurity and Information Assurance. Since he wrote his first book on a security topic in 2000, Zubair has written extensively on privacy and security topics, spoken publicly at numerous conferences, workshops, and Webinars; taught many security courses over the years to the public and private organizations, and offered training/consulting services to U.S. Air

Force, Army, and Navy on security matters. He wrote the final exam questions for the Digital Forensics course, which is part of the master's degree in Cybersecurity at Western Governors University.

Zubair was a member of the team that helped Seattle Colleges develop a cybersecurity program. He was also instrumental in helping South Seattle College start a Network Security Administration degree. Zubair currently serves on EC-Council's Certified Network Defender Advisory Board.

SharePoint Technologies

Zubair has worked with SharePoint technologies since 2001. His subject matter expertise covers almost every area and aspect of SharePoint: installation, configuration, assessment, deployment, site design, taxonomy, architecture, intranet and extranet portals, upgrade, migration, branding, governance, research, troubleshooting, and more. To acknowledge his SharePoint contributions to the global community, Microsoft awarding him the prestigious Microsoft SharePoint MVP award.

College Credentials

Zubair's college credentials include:

- Master of Science in Cybersecurity and Information Assurance
- Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics and Astronautics Engineering
- Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
- Associate of Arts in Computer Information Systems

He taught Information Technology courses at his alma mater University of Washington in Seattle where he received his Aeronautics and Astronautics degree, and at North Seattle College where he graduated in CIS.

Community Involvement

Zubair has been writing [Alexander's Blog](#) since 2004. His blog covers a wide range of topics on Microsoft technologies in over 50 categories and is dedicated to serving the IT community across the globe. His blog receives 1.4 million hits each month from readers in more than 160 countries.

Zubair is the founder and President of the [Seattle IT Pro User Group](#). The User Group has been serving the greater Puget Sound IT community around Seattle and its suburbs since 2008.

In addition to being a member of Microsoft's Windows Server International Customer Advisory Board (ICAB), Zubair also serves on the EC-Council's Certified Network Defender Advisory Board and Technical Advisory Committees at both North and South Seattle College.

Sports & Recreation

Computers are not his only passion. Zubair considers himself to be one of the biggest sports fans in the world. He likes to participate in sports and watches just about every sport you can imagine. His athletic career began with track and field in the first grade, which he continued throughout his primary and middle school. He received scholarship and excelled in competitive sports during his high school and college career.

While attending University of Washington, Zubair enjoyed recreational sports and regularly played squash, table tennis, racquet ball, badminton, tennis, pickle ball, soccer, roller-skating, and archery. He is ambidextrous and plays sports equally well with either hand. He taught roller-skating classes, while he was in school and after his graduation, for about 10 years at the university. At one point, he was roller-skating (indoors) 400 miles a month.

Before he decided to jump into the technology field in the early 90s, Zubair won five trophies at the Northwest Roller-Skating championship, including the overall championship. He was also a winner of the Washington State Open Table Tennis championship. If you ask him for his favorite sport, he will name at least a dozen. His other interests include mind-challenging activities, IQ tests, puzzles, quizzes, card games, chess, and performing magic tricks.

What does Zubair think about his career in the high-tech industry? He likes to tell his friends he doesn't have a job; he gets paid for his hobbies.

