

Introduction

Hey, What's up!

This is Vonnie Hudson with fixedByVonnies.com and welcome to this online course on understanding Windows 10 for Seniors.

I've got a lot of material to cover and you're going to learn a lot and you're going to have fun in the process. But before we dive in I just wanted to give you some background about me, so you know what to expect from me and have a better understanding of the kind of material we're going to cover.

So, in this lesson, I'm going to explain who I am. I'm going to introduce myself and then I'm going to show you why you should care.

About Me

First; Hi! Nice to meet you. I'm Vonnie.

I actually was born and raised on Long Island in New York. And no, that's not New York City although I like to tell people that I was born in New York City because people immediately think that I'm hip or something like that.

But I actually spent most of my life in the south. Specifically, South Carolina and Georgia. But I still like to tell people I'm from New York City.

I majored in Computer Science with an emphasis in Networking and Telecommunications.

So I love everything from routers and switches and hubs and workstations. You know; how the devices connect. That's what I studied in school.

But now in my professional career I transitioned to cybersecurity. So I am a huge penetration tester geek. I love Ethical Hacking. I love, as they call it, Red-Teaming, which is Penetration Testing. Which is essentially hacking a network with the organization's permission.

I love and do malware analysis and network forensics, digital forensics; that sort of thing; really gets me amped up. But, when I'm not geeking around with the bits, I am mountain biking. I am riding my road bike. I am reading math, science and religion; particularly Christianity.

Now, I'm a geek in all regards of the word and when it comes to reading. I actually purchased a book, I'm kind of embarrassed to say this, but I purchased a book on the number zero.

That's the right: I actually brought a book about the history of the number zero. Don't ask me it's a long story but I actually enjoy that kind of stuff.

I also read the dictionary for fun too; okay, I'm telling you too much.

I like entrepreneurship and I also like old-school hip-hop. J Dilla in my opinion is one of the finest hip-hop producers of all time. And so you can probably catch me in the subway nodding my head to some of his beats because I think they're absolutely amazing.

My credentials

So what are my creds? What's my resume I guess you could say?

I'm the creator and owner of a popular tech blog fixedByVonnie.com. In the zenith of the blog, at its height, we had about 600,000 monthly visitors trafficking the site. And then I got married and I had a kid and things changed so if you were to look at a graph of the blog.

And at the bottom of the graph you have time on the X-axis. And on the Y-axis you have visitors. In the beginning I had very little traffic and then toward the middle of 2013 and the start of 2014, traffic really started to spike. This is when the blog was ascendant.

And then of course I had a kid and there was a precipitous drop – crash! Right here – look at the fire – where all the traffic and all the updates ceased.

Now that doesn't mean there's not any good content there it just means I haven't been updating it as frequently as I was before I had my son.

Now some other things that you might want to know about me. I actually published a book. It was my first foray into the authorship space. I published a book on Windows 8.1 and Windows 10. So if you're coming from a background of Windows XP, Windows Vista.

Ahem!

God forbid if you're coming from a background of Vista. But Windows XP, Vista, or 7 then you check out my Amazon book. It's for the Kindle. It's got pretty good reviews. Just go to Amazon.com, search for fixedByVonnie and you should see it right there. Go ahead and check it out, leave a comment. I always love the comments.

I also have a Youtube channel. So if you go to Youtube.com and type in fixedByvonnie you can also find a list of my videos. I think I have a dozen or so videos up there. Just go ahead and click through them. Most of the content is related to Windows 10 and Windows system administration.

Just go ahead and leave a comment. Thumb it up; thumb it down. I don't really care the point is I like people interacting with me so if you leave a comment, more than likely, I'll jump in and respond.

Also you can join my email list. I have a group exclusive subscribers that receive content that I don't publish on my website. And so if you want to get the inside scoop on the latest tips and tricks for Windows 10 and that sort of thing, join my email list. The way to join is to go to fixedByVonnie.com and either enter your name in the bar on the right side or you can put in your first name and your email address. Or just click an article and scroll down to the bottom and there should be an area to enter your first name and email address.

As far as my history is concerned, I've got about 14 or 15 years of professional experience with Information Technology. I started my career at IBM Internet Security Systems, went on to work for GlennBeck in New York City and I'm currently at Booz Allen Hamilton as a Senior Cybersecurity Analyst.

And also I've got the alphabets, all the certifications. I've got the CompTIA A+ which is an entry level certification for maintaining and understanding PC hardware and software. From there, I moved on to the CompTIA Network+ which is an entry level networking certification. And then the CompTIA S+, the Security+, and then I used that as a springboard to move into other things.

So I also have my Cisco Certified Networking Associate, my CCNA. My CCNP. The networking professional. And then I moved into the CISSP and more recently I got the GCIH, which is the Ethical Hacking and Penetration Testing certification from SANS. It's the entry-level cert. And I'm currently studying for the Reverse Engineering Malware Certification: the GREM because I love dissecting malware specimens.

Yeah, I'm the guy that likes to break viruses apart to understand how they work so we can implement infrastructure and tools to prevent those things from taking over companies.

The Bottom Line

So the bottom line out of all this is that you're going to have a blast and you're going to learn a lot in the process. I have a lot in store for you. I cannot wait to get started. I cannot wait to ultimate alleviate some of the stress that you've bene experiencing with Windows 10 and give you back the time so that you can spend time with your family; spend time with your friends. Go on that much needed vacation that you deserve.

Coming up

In the next lesson I'm going to explain what you're going to get out of this course a little more specifically and then I'm going to show you what you should be able to do after you finish the course.

So let's get started! I've got a lot to cover and I can't wait!