

[vExpert 2013 - Look who just joined the club!!](#)

✘ I have one word to describe the feeling right now: Wow! I am humbled and thankful to [VMware](#), [John Troyer](#), [Angelo Luciani](#) and the whole community who have kindly added me to the vExpert list for 2013. This is truly an honour for me and I have to say a massive thank you to everyone who has helped me to be a part of this.

It's about Community

The amazing thing about community is that it transcends many things. Location, job title, experience level, age or any other factor don't come into play. The community of VMware User Groups, OpenStack users, vBrownbag attendees and of many of a growing list of community driven groups continue to be a massive part of what drives information sharing and peer-to-peer education.

While I'm a relative newbie to blogging within the last couple of years, the acceptance by the community has been incredible. For this reason I hope to encourage many more to join in, have your say and to share your stories.

Congratulations to all the new and renewed vExperts!

You can go here (<http://blogs.vmware.com/vmtn/2013/05/vexpert-2013-awardees-announced.html>) and view the informal 2013 list and reach out to them with a congratulations. Most importantly, you as a reader can support these people and yourself by attending the events, reading the blogs and getting and staying active on Twitter to engage fully with the group. One year ago I learned of the vExpert elections but this year I put my name in the hat and if you haven't already been involved, then this will be the start of your campaign to be a part of the vExpert group for 2014!



Let's Keep the Momentum

This isn't the end where we celebrate and relax. This is the beginning. I can proudly say that by being lucky enough to be a part of a great community is something that I do everything I can to keep sharing what I'm learning with my peers and to bring more and more people into a growing and exciting community.

Thank you all for listening, for sharing, and for everything that you have done to inspire me, and the community, to go over and above wherever we can to help each other and to be a part of something great. Chapeau!

