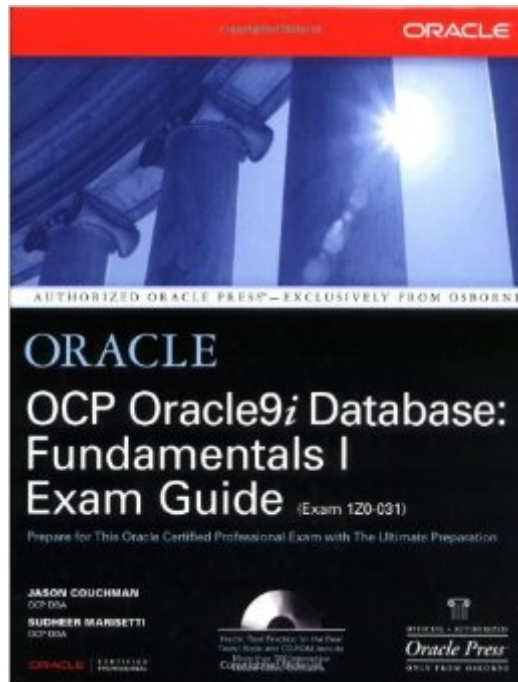


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Customer Reviews

In 2002, I embarked on my journey to become certified as an Oracle9i DBA. I just passed my Fundamentals I exam, by a margin of 2 problems(!) using this book as my exclusive reference book. The same goes for the 9i SQL Exam. I am constrained, both financially and timewise, so the Oracle Press books seemed like the best(only?) option for me. Having said that, let me give fellow exam takers some pointers as to how this book can be most efficiently utilized. The book is useful: 1. for those who want to tie in all the seemingly disparate elements that comprise what a typical Oracle9i DBA must know - you get a really good sense of what is going on in the big picture, and trust me, that is not an easy thing to grasp. The writing itself is excellent. 2. because it is the first book (as far as I know) that is written for 9i (remember I am in a rush to get certification out of the way). Things could be better if: 1. They proofread the book more carefully - There were only few errors, but this is supposed to be an exam guide! I have a feeling the publisher was under a tight deadline. 2. The problems were too basic (relative to the actual exam) 3. The CD-ROM essentially replicates the problems in the text. So to summarize, if you are in a situation similar to mine, and insist on getting

certified in 9i, study every single bit of information in the book and you will pass. If you have some money (in the thousands) to spare, it might actually save you a lot of time and effort to take the training courses. One final option is to get certified in 8i, where there are many quality books that have stood the test of time, and then take the upgrade exam. By the way, if you want to share information and tips, I am thinking of starting a small support group for 9i newbies! Thanks for reading my spiel!!!

This book does a poor job of preparing you for the OCP DBA Fundamentals I Exam. The text book and accompanying testing software is loaded with grammar/syntax errors. In addition, the explanations are very brief and inadequate. Most importantly, the questions are not in line with the questions you will encounter on the exam. This latest book from author Couchman is a vast improvement over his previous works on Oracle 8 and 8i which were really simplistic. Although this is the only book at present for Oracle 9i certification, I strongly recommend waiting until the Sybex series are published. If the Sybex 9i books are anything like their predecessors - they will be EXCELLENT for preparing you for the real exam. In addition, the STS testing software is much more suitable than this book's BeachFront quizzer. My advice is don't waste your money on this book.

Ok..I have today taken the Oracle Database Fundamental I test and did completely rely on this book for the preparation. I flunked by 1 point in the mastery section..Ok..the book certainly helps prepare but it is certainly not enough (unless you have good DBA work experience that I do not have much). This book, if you follow every bit, you will certainly get through the basic part of the Oracle Database Fundamental I test (35 qns for basic, 25 pass; 25 qns for mastery, 15 pass in actual test). But there were several questions in the exam for which you will not get the answer in any part of the book. In actual test, some questions had 1 choice for the answer and some had possible 3 choices (out of 5 or 6) and you do not know if it is a basic qn or a mastery one. But I presume that those qns with 3 answer choices fall under mastery one and were difficult. You will rarely get questions of similar complexity in the book. Actual test (for the mastery part) is far more tougher than the sample qns in the book. Anyway I will suggest if you do not have much DBA work experience then try other sources for preparation too. I was too confident before writing because the book of the same author for SQL exam did let me get thru' easily. So help yourself..

After using the first book in the series to pass the first exam, I was skeptical of the second book, but

there was no other exam prep guide on the market for the 9i DBA exams. I used the book as a warm-up and to know what was covered on the exam. I also used the online documentation that comes with Oracle9i in the areas that the exam covered. The more sources you read, especially those produced directly by Oracle the better off you will be. I read and re-read the material in this book. Thankfully though I also read the Oracle University 8i books on Architecture and Administration that I borrowed from people who had taking the classes. These were the greatest help. The exam wording came almost directly from these books. The wording of the exam and the challenges it presented were more difficult than what the OCP book prepared you for. Had I not read the OU books the day before the exam I would have struggled a great deal more. Using multiple sources with no actual DBA I missed only 1 basic level question and "a few" more than that on the mastery section. This book has errors that do make studying confusing at times. I am happy to see the third book is by a new author and has no where near the number of errors the first two had.

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