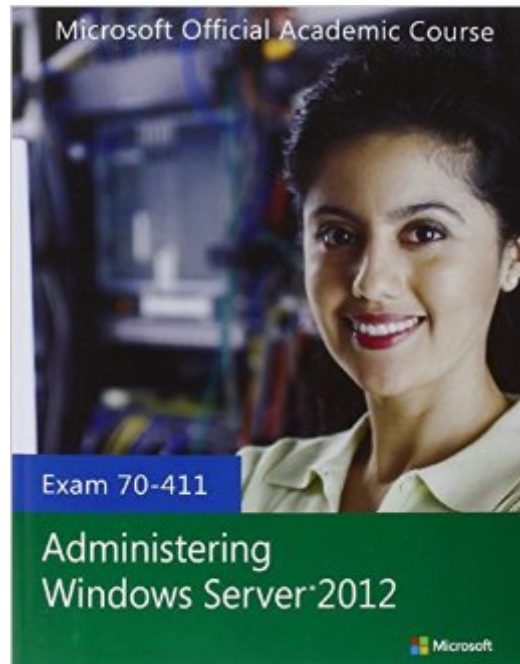


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Synopsis

This 70-411 Administering Windows Server 2012 textbook covers the second of three exams required for Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate (MCSA): Windows Server 2012 certification. This course will help validate the skills and knowledge necessary to administer a Windows Server 2012 Infrastructure in an enterprise environment. The three MCSA exams collectively validate the skills and knowledge necessary for implementing, managing, maintaining, and provisioning services and infrastructure in a Windows Server 2012 environment. This Microsoft Official Academic Course is mapped to the 70-411 Administering Windows Server 2012 exam objectives. This textbook focuses on real skills for real jobs and prepares students to prove mastery of core services such as user and group management, network access, and data security. In addition, this book also covers such valuable skills as:

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My problem with a lot of training material is that it just doesn't go deep enough into the topics to enable you to be competent when taking the exam. I used this book, and video training from train signal (which training is even less specific than this book), and failed the exam my first try. If you're studying for the 70-411 this is a good book for two things: 1.) To give you a basic overview of the objectives, 2.) To provide step-by-step instructions for completing lab exercises. However, in order to actually pass the exam, I would recommend also using a video training series (I've heard that CBT Nuggets is good - train signal was "meh" in my opinion, but better than nothing - also you can find a lot of videos on youtube if you can be a savvy searcher, and sift through the irrelevant results) and the Technet Library. I admit that I was reluctant to use the Technet Library as a study resource at first, but it is really the only place (that I've found) where you can search for the topics covered in the book and really get down to the nitty-gritty. I learned a LOT from Technet that wasn't in the book, but that WAS on the test. One more note about the test: You may get a few questions about Hyper-V (not covered in this book, and not mentioned in the objectives), so if you're getting ready to take the test, go back to your 70-410 book and re-study the Hyper-V sections.

First off I'll say this is a very good book. Very few errors, questions that hit right on what you should expect on the test, and complete procedures for everything discussed. The answers to those questions are not immediately available, though - you have to hunt in the chapters' text to find them, and the labs, while doable in a virtual environment, are not pre-staged for you. I was expecting a simulation environment on DVD. Evidently there will be a separately purchasable item that contains an online simulation environment; I've heard mixed reviews on those, though, and am sticking to the virtual environment at home myself.

What amazes me most about this book is how many writing errors it has. Numerous incomplete sentences, incoherent sentences and spelling errors. Along with that, there are a few concepts that aren't explained that well. I would have figured a book that is a part of the "Microsoft Official Academic Course" would be one of the best, but I was sorely wrong.

I find that the details are good, the book does not TELL YOU what you need to know each Cert

Exam question, but has the answer you need for each question inside. Meaning read the book two times and then perform some labs and you should feel confident in writing your 70-411 exam.

Overall - good book, maybe a little hard to read, compared to other MS Press books. But, starting from Jan 28, 2014 all Server 2012 tests will include R2 topics, which are not included in this manual (to be fair, similarly to most 70-4xx book available at the end of 2013). 4 stars for quality, minus 1 for outdated material.

Don't listen to the comments on any of these products. The MOAC books are designed to give its readers a foundation and understanding of how to navigate and operate through the Server 2012 product. It's a "nuts and bolts" guide to learn pragmatic skills and convey relevant information. It is not meant to simply pass a cert without knowing anything, as the commentators on here are supposing. The people who rate these products low obviously know little of how Microsoft operates. This is a classroom textbook, which is excellent, it is not a short-circuit route to pass a certification without knowing anything.

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