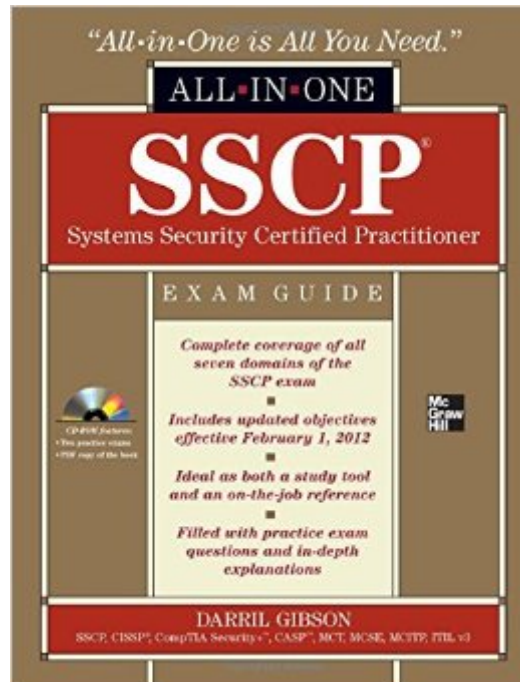


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# SSCP Systems Security Certified Practitioner All-in-One Exam Guide



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This is the kind of test, when you finish it, you have no idea whether or not you have passed, until you get your printed result. I passed. I cannot discuss what was on the test, but I should say that there were a few questions not mentioned in the book. Whether they were experimental - the ones that didn't count, or not, I don't know. Many questions were very vague, and some appeared to me

to have more than one correct answer. I do have some experience in IT security and a Security+ certification, so I was able to satisfy the prerequisites for this certification. However, I don't know whether I would have passed the test with this book alone, without the experience, but I do know I would not have passed the test without this book. I read this book from cover to cover, did the practice tests that came on the CD, and re-read chapter reviews several times. I also had to read some articles online on topics that were not deeply covered in the book. The practice tests are easier than the exam questions. Overall, the book is an easy read, has a few mistakes, but that's what errata is for. Grammar errors indicate that it probably wasn't reviewed and edited well. Being the only SSCP book available, it is hard to tell whether or not it could have been better. To be honest, I'm a bit disappointed with this certification in general. I expected more from it. It seems to be very basic, and has little practical stuff. I don't see how it is considered an intermediate or advanced certification. Probably because of this, most go for CISSP or something else, and perhaps that's why there are only 1400 SSCPs or so, worldwide vs. thousands of CISSPs. People don't seem to bother with this credential.

When I ordered this book it sat collecting dust for 2 months. Like a lot of IT guys I prefer to learn by hands on experience and not by spending hours reading documentation. I was dreading reading this as I figured it would be long, technical, and dry; Surprisingly it's not that bad. Before I discuss the merits of this book let me just give some background. I have been working in IT for about 14 years now doing everything from help desk to system administration. My only formal education into the field is a 2-year A.A.S. degree in LAN Management which I received about 8 years ago. While I have done all sorts of IT work none of the focus has been solely on security. If you have any sort of experience in the IT field probably 40% of what is in this book will be review. Most people taking this test will know about the different types of networks and mediums and be at least somewhat familiar with the basic concepts of SSL, 2 factor authentication, etc. While I could have skipped over some parts of the book I chose not to as it did give me a good opportunity to review some of the topics which I hadn't read about in years. The book has a short quiz at the end of each chapter and comes with a cd which I think has additional practice questions. My method of studying was reading each chapter and completing the quiz at the end of each one. I would try to read one chapter a day, sometimes 2. I did not use the supplementary cd. After reading each chapter I found myself at least getting 80% on the quizzes. Any questions I got wrong I went back and reviewed. When it came time to take the test I wasn't sure what to expect. The only knowledge I had was from this book (and previous experience).

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