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Self-Paced Training Kit (Exam 70-667) Configuring Microsoft SharePoint 2010 (MCTS) (Microsoft Press Training Kit)



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Announcing an all-new SELF-PACED TRAINING KIT designed to help maximize your performance on 70-667, the required exam for the MCTS certification: Configuring Microsoft SharePoint 2010. This 2-in-1 kit includes the official Microsoft study guide, plus practice tests on CD to help you assess your skills. It comes packed with the tools and features exam candidates want most - including in-depth, self-paced training based on final exam content; rigorous, objective-by-objective review; exam tips from expert, exam-certified authors; and customizable testing options. It also provides real-world scenarios, case study examples, and troubleshooting labs for the skills and expertise you can use on the job. Work at your own pace through the lessons and lab exercises in the official study guide. Coverage includes installing and configuring a SharePoint environment, deploying applications, and managing and maintaining a SharePoint environment. Then assess yourself using practice questions on CD, featuring multiple customizable testing options to meet your specific needs. Choose timed or untimed testing mode, generate random tests, or focus on discrete objectives. You get detailed explanations for right and wrong answers - including pointers back to the book for further study. - making this kit an exceptional value and a great career investment. A Note Regarding the CD or DVD Assess your skills with practice tests. You can work through hundreds of questions using multiple testing modes to meet your specific learning needs. You get detailed explanations for right and wrong answersâincluding a customized learning path that describes how and where to focus your studies. For customers who purchase an ebook version of this title, instructions for downloading the CD files can be found in the ebook.

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Customer Reviews

The book and the exercises are quite good if you're new to SharePoint configuration. They give you quite a good overview of the basics in upgrading, setting up and maintaining a SharePoint server, but once you have it up and running you'll need another resource. I found it a good read, and does offer a basic introduction to SharePoint configuration, but you wouldn't want to rely on someone who's ONLY used this book in the real world. The labs are pretty straight forward, but you will probably need the answers file open for some of them as a few steps are missed in the initial setup which are important. If you're buying this book in the hope that you will pass the config exam, I'd have to say you'll be disappointed. It does cover things on the exam, but nowhere near the level you need to know the topics. The MeasureUp tests included with the book are a complete waste of time. I sat for my exam today (passed thankfully) but they're not even close to the actual questions you'll get. They are amazingly basic, and really offer nothing but a "good feeling" for you when you get a high score doing practice tests (if that floats your boat). Really though if you know that if the question asks you to "install" something, and you know this rules out the "uninstalling" answers, you will be hitting 95%+ on these tests pretty regularly. If you're going for the exam, you can use this book as a basic start, but then get other books, such as Wrox's Professional Sharepoint 2010 Administration, and other resources such as Technet and MSDN otherwise you'll fail dismally (which is probably good advice for whatever MS exam you want to do).

... providing you have another text reference to work with and providing you purchase it at the price sells it for. Some time ago I moved from Exchange responsibilities to Sharepoint Administration and was looking for an official reference material to build from. Unfortunately, it seems as though the publishers/authors pulled just ENOUGH info to put together a decent study kit. Alone, it may not help you gain a passing score for the exam, but it will give you a good overall picture of sharepoint 2010. It excels in explaining basic concepts. The exercises throughout the lessons, served their basic purpose, which was to expose you to common sharepoint practices, processes and tools, such as Central Admin. This book does its best to explain complex topics like claims-based authentication, but it kind of chokes throughout its attempt to paint a clear picture. For the most part, I've been using Wrox's "Prof Sharepoint 2010 Admin" book, as my main point of reference. But when I would like to cross reference material I just learned, I'll use the MS Study

kit.NOTE:Throughout the book, I kept coming across a peculiar trend, in the form of this wording: "discussed later in this chapter" or "discussed later in this lesson" or "in this Training Kit" ... etc. These were empty promises, as I rarely was able to find where in the book, I could continue studying a topic that it said it would "discuss later".

This book comes with a CD. My wife was able to set up a virtual environment and perform the tasks that are at the end of the chapters. She is still progressing with this. It would be helpful to have other books as additional learning although this one is well written and to the point.

I just sat for the exam yesterday and failed with a score of 605 (700 is the minimum). I used this book, the practice tests included and TechNet to prepare. This book does not contain all the material covered on the test. As another reviewer mentioned, the MeasureUp practice tests are a complete waste of time...nothing at all like the test.However, if you need a basic SharePoint 2010 reference guide, this one isn't bad. Find it used (like I did) and put it on the shelf.

Dry reading as is quite common with Microsoft training books. Very detailed, technical and informative. Unless you are working through the individual labs as you are reading the book you will quickly get lost. Fortunately, it is quite easy to set up a training lab using Hyper-V or VMware as full instructions are provided.

I am a fan of these Microsoft self-paced training books (for work anyway); I usually discover very useful several features that I did not know existed. As far as a exam preparation tool, I'd rate it a two and three quarter star. From my experience the Microsoft exams have a fair amount of situational questions which are not covered at length or in detail in these training kit publications. That is not to say that these books are not useful, it means like any other vendor's certification exam tracks, you will need more than one resource to prepare as they all appear to have shifted to more experience-based questions (I miss the exams from the late 90s: O~).I believe that the practice test give a good representation of the format that you will see on the exam, however, the practice questions are very high-level in my opinion. The ones that you will see on the exam are more detailed and intricate.My personal study framework involves getting a minimum of three books from three different publishers on the subject being studied (including the one from the respective vendor which makes it a total of four) and then hitting the various online forums for exposure to real-world situations/problems and their associated solutions. I then follow it up with reading any blogs from

experts to fill in any other gaps.

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