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Studying for your MCSA? Do not rely on this book alone. The test makers do not write the study materials—in fact, I don't even think the test writers and study material writers even communicate. The exam objectives on Microsoft's website list what you might expect to find in the test, and I imagine the authors of this book did their best in covering the material, but I found this book to lack so much information and detail. To be fair, the amount of material you're expected to know is staggering, but still, entire exam objectives like Web Application Proxy—a huge topic—were only mentioned in one paragraph. Disappointing. This book does succeed only insofar as an additional resource to other study sources. In that instance, it can have value. James Conrad does a great 70-411 course on CBTNuggets, TechNet has the most crucial information, and lab, lab, lab, lab. Successfully passing these exams requires an almost eidetic memory of menus, options, features, cmdlets, etc. This book in addition to the resources I just mentioned can definitely make a difference. However if you're looking for a one-stop-shop for the 70-411, this book will disappoint.

Although you can't judge a book by it's cover, when you take this book, and on the cover you see it's for the EXAM 70-411, and on the very same cover, it says : "Covers 100% of exam 70-412 objectives ..." you know something is not right. The book is filled with a lot of filler: words and words and words, there only to fill space and add pages to the required length: An example: On page 133, Using the nslookup command, setp 1 is totally irrelevant and superfluous, adding 4 lines, when it should have sufficed only one short sentence : "Open cmd prompt". Like this 4 superfluous lines, you have plenty, some awfully blatant like this "Introducing DNS" : "Owing largely to the popularity of the Internet, however, most environments have transitioned to use Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) as their primary networking protocol. Microsoft is no exception when it comes to supporting TCP/IP ... and it goes on and on. I think it should be pretty obvious that "the internet is popular nowadays", and that "Microsoft is supporting TCP/IP", especially obvious to the addressed reader of this book. The information, although superfluous, is right, and
William Panek is an author that I respect, but the copy-editing is beyond bad: in Appendix A, where you have the answer to the end of chapter review questions, it goes from "Chapter 3:" to "Chapter 5", only to find that really, "Chapter 5" should be "Chapter 4", and so on.... It's a pity so sloppy and rushed copy editing to an otherwise good book.

This book is essentially useless for the exam 70-411. To say that I was disappointed is an understatement. Entire sections of content were completely omitted. Complicated topics that needed fleshing out and description were one paragraph in a single chapter. I will not be using this series for my studies with the 70-412. It is a waste and a joke.

I wish I had read the reviews before hand which I always do but I have had good experience in the past with Sybex that’s why I did not bother to read them but this book is a total waste of money. I wanted a book to go along with my Plural sight videos but this is very incomplete. It does not cover all topics as mentioned. I started with Chapter 2 for DFS and it just sucked. No good explanation and no demos. Will use it for my chimney!!

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