**Synopsis**

Comprehensive coverage of everything you must know to pass CompTIA’s A+ exam A+ is the gateway certification into many IT careers, and interest in certification is exploding. This bestselling A+ certification guide is updated to cover the new A+ exam. It includes the new Windows coverage and reflects the revised emphasis on objectives. Nine minibooks focus individually on specific hardware and OS characteristics including installation and configuration, diagnostics, preventive maintenance, motherboard and processors, printers, networking, and fundamentals. A companion website contains the popular Dummies Test Engine test-prep software. A+ certification is the first step toward a variety of IT careers, and this guide is fully updated for the latest revision of the exam.

Nine minibooks cover the domains of the exam in detail, reflecting the enhanced emphasis on hardware and new Windows content. Covers installation, configuration, and upgrading; diagnosing and troubleshooting; preventive maintenance; motherboards, processors and memory; printers; networking; and OS fundamentals. Companion website provides the popular Dummies Test Engine, an exclusive, customizable test-prep software package now with twice as many sample test questions as previous editions. Anyone seeking CompTIA A+ certification will be better prepared with help from CompTIA A+ Certification All-in-One For Dummies, 3rd Edition.

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**Customer Reviews**

This book is broken down in a way that is very easy to understand. Not only will this book help you to pass the CompTia A+ exam (which I did after reading it), but it’s great to use as a resource after you’re certified. As for the negative reviews given to this book because people thought that a DVD
ROM was not included in error, this edition does not come with a DVD as the labs and practice tests are instead downloaded from a website to be run on your computer. This book really helped me to pass the CompTia A+ exam. I would definitely recommend this book to people even with a casual understanding of computers that are interested in getting certified.

I'm surprised so many people have complained about there being no software disc. Take a look at the back cover of the book, thanks to 's "look inside" feature, and you will see where to find and download from the Dummies website the free lab practice exercises. I hope this helps.

This book deserves a 5-star rating! It breaks down the basics of a computer and yet, it goes down deep into the contents and details of the IT lingo. If it wasn't for this book, I wouldn't know how to get started in technology. If you're a tech person and want to learn a brief, but detailed overview of modern technology, buy this certification book. It's worth it.

While this book is filled with useful and interesting information as a study aid for certification it overburdened the reader. Many of the topics and details covered in the book and asked about in the (downloadable) practice exams are far beyond the scope of the exam. COMPTIA sticks to their published objectives so this book will have you cramming information not actually covered on the test and might cause undue stress and worry (as well as you focusing on the wrong topics). Some of the questions in the practice exams also have glaring errors (like putting file extensions on command line functions that you don't type and that in at least one case are even wrong). All in all I'd go with something more like a Sybex review guide or exam cram.

A lot of the stuff it focuses on is dated for the 801 and 802. Took both recently and a lot of the items focuses in like IRQ and the old school tech was not on there. But with the old 801 and 802 test retired here in June 2016, no point really buying this unless for a last minute extra study item before a June 30 test date.

Having a background in over-the-phone troubleshooting and customer service, this book is hard to read. The technical aspect is great and totally applicable to Comp TIA BUT I would definitely discount the author's customer service experience. Within the first few chapters, he suggests some things to say to your customers that would certainly escalate any situation. If you do buy this, don't take the 'customer service tips' to heart.
This book is extremely accessible even if you're not Bill Gates. It's got brevity and keeps you engaged while you learn a ton. I'm reading twice before I take my test. It's a small investment that can get your new career going.

This book has everything you could possibly want for the A+ testing. It is very good at explaining the each part of the book in plane terms. I plan on keeping the book forever as a good reference book when you get stumped on a problem. I would definitely recommend this book anyone wanting to take the A+ exam.

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