Mastering System Center 2012 Configuration Manager

Provides information on planning and managing Windows Server 2012, including tips on troubleshooting, workarounds, and handling system administration tasks.

Enhance and secure your datacenter with the newest Microsoft server platform Key Features Develop necessary skills to design and implement Microsoft Server 2019 in enterprise environment Provide support to your medium to large enterprise and leverage your experience in administering Microsoft Server 2019 Effectively administering Windows server 2019 with the help of practical examples Book Description Mastering Windows Server 2019 – Second Edition covers all of the essential information needed to implement and utilize this latest-and-greatest platform as the core of your data center computing needs. You will begin by installing and managing Windows Server 2019, and by clearing up common points of confusion surrounding the versions and licensing of this new product. Centralized management, monitoring, and configuration of servers is key to an efficient IT department, and you will discover multiple methods for quickly managing all of your servers from a single pane of glass. To this end, you will spend time inside Server Manager, PowerShell, and even the new Windows Admin Center, formerly known as Project Honolulu. Even though this book is focused on Windows Server 2019 LTSC, we will still discuss containers and Nano Server, which are more commonly related to the SAC channel of the server platform, for a well-rounded exposition of all aspects of using Windows Server in your environment. We also discuss the various remote access technologies available in this operating system, as well as guidelines for virtualizing your data center with Hyper-V. By the end of this book, you will have all the ammunition required to start planning for, implementing, and managing Windows. What you will learn Work with the updated Windows Server 2019 interface, including Server Core and Windows Admin Center Secure your network and data with new technologies in Windows Server 2019 Learn about containers and understand the appropriate situations to use Nano Server Discover new ways to integrate your data center with Microsoft Azure Harden your Windows Servers to help keep the bad guys out Virtualize your data center with Hyper-V Who this book is for If you are a System Administrator or an IT professional interested in designing and deploying Windows Server 2019 then this book is for you. Previous experience of Windows Server operating systems and familiarity with networking concepts is required.

The one book you absolutely need to get up and running with Windows Server 2008 R2. One of the world's leading Windows authorities and top-selling author Mark Minasi explores every nook and cranny of the latest version of Microsoft's flagship network operating system, Windows Server 2008 R2, giving you the most in-depth coverage in any book on the market. Focuses on Windows Windows Server 2008 R2, the newest version of Microsoft's Windows' server line of operating system, and the ideal server for new Windows 7 clients Author Mark Minasi is one of the world's leading Windows authorities and has taught tens of thousands of people to design and run Windows networks Covers Windows storage concepts and skills, Windows Server 2008 IP, WINS, NetBIOS, LMHosts, DNS, creating the simple Active Directory, and creating and managing user accounts Explains Group Policy in Active Directory; files, folders and shares; Sysvol, old and new; sharing printers on the network; remote server administration; connecting Windows clients to your network; working the Web with IIS 7.0; and AD maintenance and recovery Provides workarounds for things that don't quite work as they should and how-tos for many undocumented features Find out everything you want to know-and then some!

Troubleshoot all the aspects of your Configuration Manager installation, from basic easy checks to the advanced log files and serious issues About This Book Learn to troubleshoot Configuration Manager 2012 based versions of Microsoft System Center Understand the usability of tools and find resolutions to all the issues of Configuration Manager A step-by-step practical guide with the necessary screenshots and examples Who This Book Is For If you are new to Configuration Manager or have experience with it, and are interested in identifying, diagnosing and resolving the System Center Configuration Manager administration issues then this book is for you. What You Will Learn Fix your clients and install them correctly Understand how your Configuration Manager hierarchy works Extend your error information Troubleshoot Configuration Manager roles Know your options when faced with problems Prevent future problems occurring In Detail Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager is the most popular enterprise client management solution in the world with some of the best features available. Troubleshooting this product, however, is not always as simple as you might want, not least getting to know the hundreds of log files and understanding how the various components work. The book starts with discussing the most commonly used tools for troubleshooting the variety of problems that can be seen in Configuration Manager. It then moves to providing a high level view of the available log files, their locations, what they relate to and what they typically contain. Next, we will look at how we can fully utilize and extend all the available information from the console monitoring pane through to the status messages and down into error logging with some further reaches into WMI, SQL, registry and the file structure. You will then learn what the common error codes mean, how to make sense of the less common ones and what they actually mean with respect to Configuration Manager. Further to this, you will pick up widely acknowledged best practices both from a proactive stance when carrying out your daily administrative tasks and also from a reactive position when the green lights start to turn red right down to a complete failure situation. By the end of the book, you will be competent enough to identify and diagnose the root causes of System Center Configuration Manager administration issues and resolving them. Style and approach An easy to follow yet practical guide that will advise you on what tools and information you have available to troubleshoot with, if you can extend that information and what to look for solving the issues.

Summary Learn System Center Configuration Manager in a Month of Lunches is a super-practical guide to Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager. In this book, you'll cut to the chase and learn the administrative procedures and techniques that will keep your systems humming smoothly. Purchase of the print book comes with an offer of a free PDF, ePub, and Kindle eBook from Manning. Also available is all code from the book. About the Technology Businesses rely on a complex patchwork of client computers, physical and virtual servers, middleware, mobile devices, and cloud services. Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager (SCCM) sits in the middle of this mix, providing a single administrative control center to deploy and manage Windows servers and applications across your entire infrastructure, including cross-platform management of Mac OS X, Linux, and UNIX. To get up to speed with the day-to-day tasks of managing a system with ConfigMgr, all you need is this book—and a quiet place to eat your lunch. About the Book Learn System Center Configuration Manager in a Month of Lunches is a super-practical guide to Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager. In this book, you'll cut to the chase and learn the administrative procedures and techniques that will keep your systems humming smoothly. Whether you're a new sysadmin or you already understand the inner

workings of Active Directory and Windows Server, you'll be productive immediately as you work through the 22 self-contained lessons in this handy tutorial. What's Inside Covers the latest build of Configuration Manager How to simplify updates, operating system deployment, and reporting Cross-platform and mobile management including Linux, OS X, and Windows Smart application delivery About the Reader No prior experience with System Center Configuration Manager needed. About the Author James Bannan is a Cloud and Datacenter Management MVP based in Australia. Table of Contents Before you begin Setting up your lab environment Making ConfigMgr aware of your environment Managing ConfigMgr devices and users Organizing devices and users Configuring ConfigMgr clients Creating and configuring applications with the AppModel Deploying applications and packages to ConfigMgr clients Ensuring that ConfigMgr clients can access content Keeping ConfigMgr clients patched Preparing to deploy Windows Deploying Windows Advanced deployment of Windows with ConfigMgr and MDT Managing Linux clients Deploying to Linux and Mac clients Managing anti-malware with ConfigMgr Making sure clients are healthy Reporting in ConfigMgr Keeping an eye on your clients What to do when things go wrong Securing ConfigMgr All engines full steam ahead

This book is your most complete source for in-depth information about Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager 2007! System Center Configuration Manager 2007 Unleashed is a comprehensive guide to System Center Configuration Manager (ConfigMgr) 2007. ConfigMgr 2007 helps you manage servers and desktops, integrates SMS 2003 "feature pack" functionality, and adds new capabilities. It enables you to assess, deploy, and update servers, clients, and devices across physical, virtual, distributed, and mobile environments, including clients that connect only over the Internet. This book guides you through designing, deploying, and configuring ConfigMgr 2007 with detailed information on topics such as capacity planning, security, site design and hierarchy planning, server placement, discovery, native mode, and using Windows Server 2008. You will learn how to tackle challenges such as setting up DCM and OSD, customizing inventory, creating queries and using query results, and configuring asset intelligence. Detailed information on how to… • Understand how ConfigMgr works • Plan your ConfigMgr deployment • Manage Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) • Architect for performance • Install or migrate to ConfigMgr 2007 with Windows 2003 or Windows 2008 • Discover and manage clients • Create and distribute packages • Understand patch and compliance management • Create queries • Use reports • Deploy operating systems • Secure ConfigMgr 2007 • Perform site maintenance • Back up ConfigMgr components

Brain-based therapy is the fastest-growing area in the field of psychological health because it has proven that it can immediately address issues that talk therapy can take years to heal. Now Dr. David Grand presents the next leap forward in psychological care—combining the strengths of brain-based and talk therapies into a powerful technique he calls Brainspotting. In Brainspotting, Dr. Grand reveals the key insight that allowed him to develop this revolutionary therapeutic tool: that where we look reveals critical information about what's going on in our brain. Join him to learn about: The history of Brainspotting—how it evolved from EMDR practice as a more versatile tool for brain-based therapy Brainspotting in action—case studies and evidence for the effectiveness of the technique An overview of the different aspects of Brainspotting and how to use them Between sessions—how clients can use Brainspotting on their own to reinforce and accelerate healing Why working simultaneously with the right and left brain can lead to expanded creativity and athletic performance How Brainspotting can be used to treat PTSD, anxiety, depression, addiction, physical pain, chronic illness, and much more "Brainspotting lets the therapist and client participate together in the healing process," explains Dr. Grand. "It allows us to harness the brain's natural ability for self-scanning, so we can activate, locate, and process the sources of trauma and distress in the body." With Brainspotting, this pioneering researcher introduces an invaluable tool that can support virtually any form of therapeutic practice—and greatly accelerate our ability to heal. "David Grand is one of the most important and effective psychological trauma therapists now practicing, and his development of Brainspotting is a very important leap forward in helping people resolve trauma. Brainspotting is a remarkable, sophisticated, flexible addition to the therapeutic toolkit of any psychotherapist. I know because I use it regularly, and find that, combined with the psychoanalytic approaches I normally practice, the results are astonishingly helpful. Using it, one becomes amazed at the extent to which our traumas can be detected in our ordinary facial and eye reflexes, and how, by using these windows to inner mental states, many traumas and symptoms can be rapidly relieved. Grand writes clearly, and the cases, dramatic as they are, are not exaggerated." —Norman Doidge, MD, FRCPC, author of The Brain That Changes Itself; faculty, University of Toronto, Department of Psychiatry, and Columbia University Department of Psychiatry Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research

Design, implement, and improve your infrastructure administration with System Center Orchestrator 2012 R2's automation process About This Book Learn about the components of Orchestrator, the design and implementation process, and the way it interacts with your environment to create outstanding automation processes Gain an in-depth understanding of Runbooks, while exploring its security and troubleshooting aspects Follow this step-by-step guide at your own pace and get yourself in the frontline of the Orchestrator world Who This Book Is For This book is targeted for those who want to gain time in their administrative tasks and profit from it to improve also their environment by reaching a more autonomous infrastructure. Experience with other System Center family products as well as Active Directory and other core datacentre components would be useful to help you understand and execute the information given in this book. What You Will Learn Plan, assess, design, and implement Orchestrator 2012 R2 in a corporate environment Master the Runbook Designer and discover all about the Runbook creation process Import and integrate more technologies through new imported functionalities and learn what they bring to your environment Extend your possibilities and interaction with your environment while you get a hand of the best practices for this system Implement high-availability, security, backup, and recovery procedures and fine-tuning of the platform Familiarize yourself with the Runbook design and its implementation with an insight into the methodology for a more dynamic Datacenter In Detail With the increasing complexity of systems in our infrastructure designs, administrating these systems has become more complex and repetitive. This ultimately translates into an inefficient environment and loss of time. System Center Orchestrator 2012 R2 is the tool that can help you regain that time again, by simplifying repetitive tasks (or complex ones) into a simple one that will require minimum intervention from you, or even none. This technology will drive you one step forward towards a more dynamic infrastructure and can also be used to make a customized Private Cloud environment setup. Starting off with the fundamentals of Orchestrator, this book helps you to learn the configuration and deployment of the Orchestrator 2012 R2 in a corporate environment to successfully deploy and mitigate real-life issues that you might encounter. You'll learn the most used part of Orchestrator, the Runbook Designer, with all its components and mechanisms to help you efficiently design and implement your Runbooks from top to bottom. Additionally, you will also get familiarized with configuring key Integration Packs available for Orchestrator to extend its functionality and enhance the automation solution. Furthermore, you will explore the possibilities of extending and integrating Orchestrator with other parties

and learn to set up core infrastructure administrative tasks that can save time and effort when automated with Orchestrator. You finally round off by gaining insights on the maintenance aspects of Orchestrator, while simultaneously covering the troubleshooting, backup, and recovery features. Style and approach Written in a step-by-step guide format, the chapters are organized in a sequence of what you need to know first to move on to the next component. Each chapter contains a broad explanation of what we are working on at that moment and the tips provided are based on real-world experience.

Get up to date quickly with clear, expert coverage of SCCM 2016 Mastering System Center Configuration Manager provides comprehensive coverage of Microsoft's powerful network software deployment tool, with a practical hands-on approach. Written by Santos Martinez, Peter Daalmans, and Brett Bennett, this guide walks you through SCCM 2016 with in-depth explanations anchored in real-world applications to get you up to speed quickly. Whether you're planning a new installation or migrating from a previous version of Configuration Manager, this book provides clear instruction and expert insight to get the job done right. Fully aligned with the latest release, the discussion covers the newest tools and features with examples that illustrate utility in a variety of contexts. System Center Configuration Manager (formerly SMS) is one of Microsoft's flagship products; the 2016 release has been updated with better Windows 10 and Windows Server 2016 compatibility, improved tools for managing non-Microsoft mobile devices in the cloud, and more. This book provides start-to-finish coverage and expert guidance on everything you need to get your system up to date. Deploy software and operating systems Automate processes and customize configurations Monitor performance and troubleshoot issues Manage security in the cloud and on Virtual Machines SCCM 2016 improves your ability to handle the bring-your-own-device influx in managing mobile, streamlining the latest hiccup right into the everyday workflow. Mastering System Center Configuration Manager provides the practical coverage you need to get up and running seamlessly.

If you are a Microsoft System Center administrator who manages System Center environments and utilizes the console for management, then this book is ideal for you. This book is also for System Center users who now want to learn to manage systems using PowerShell. With more than 250 ready-to-use recipes, this solutions-oriented introduction to the Windows PowerShell scripting environment and language provides administrators with the tools to be productive immediately.

A comprehensive and practical guide to Windows Server 2016 About This Book In-depth coverage of new features of Windows Server 2016 Gain the necessary skills and knowledge to design and implement Microsoft Server 2016 in enterprise environment Know how you can support your medium to large enterprise and leverage your experience in administering Microsoft Server 2016, A practical guide to administering Windows server 2016 Who This Book Is For The book is targeted at System Administrators and IT professionals who would like to design and deploy Windows Server 2016 (physical and logical) Enterprise infrastructure. Previous experience of Windows Server operating systems and familiarity with networking concepts is assumed. System administrators who are upgrading or migrating to Windows Server 2016 would also find this book useful. What You Will Learn Familiarize yourself with Windows Server 2016 ideology, the core of most datacenters running today New functions and benefits provided only by the new Windows Server 2016 Get comfortable working with Nanoserver Secure your network with new technologies in Server 2016 Harden your Windows Servers to help keep those bad guys out! Using new built-in integration for Docker with this latest release of Windows Server 2016 Virtualize your datacenter with Hyper-V In Detail Windows Server 2016 is the server operating system developed by Microsoft as part of the Windows NT family of operating systems, developed concurrently with Windows 10. With Windows Server 2016, Microsoft has gotten us thinking outside of the box for what it means to be a system administration, and comes with some interesting new capabilities. These are exciting times to be or to become a server administrator! This book covers all aspects of administration level tasks and activities required to gain expertise in Microsoft Windows Server 2016. You will begin by getting familiar and comfortable navigating around in the interface. Next, you will learn to install and manage Windows Server 2016 and discover some tips for adapting to the new server management ideology that is all about centralized monitoring and configuration. You will deep dive into core Microsoft infrastructure technologies that the majority of companies are going to run on Server 2016. Core technologies such as Active Directory, DNS, DHCP, Certificate Services, File Services, and more. We will talk about networking in this new operating system, giving you a networking toolset that is useful for everyday troubleshooting and maintenance. Also discussed is the idea of Software Defined Networking. You will later walk through different aspects of certificate administration in Windows Server 2016. Three important and crucial areas to cover in the Remote Access role -- DirectAccess, VPN, and the Web Application Proxy -- are also covered. You will then move into security functions and benefits that are available in Windows Server 2016. Also covered is the brand new and all-important Nano Server! We will incorporate PowerShell as a central platform for performing many of the functions that are discussed in this book, including a chapter dedicated to the new PowerShell 5.0. Additionally, you will learn about the new built-in integration for Docker with this latest release of Windows Server 2016. The book ends with a discussion and information on virtualizing your datacenter with Hyper-V. By the end of this book, you will have all the ammunition required to start planning for and implementing Windows Server 2016. Style and approach This book offers a practical and wide coverage of all features of brand new Microsoft Server 2016 along with tips on daily administration tasks.

This is the ultimate source for the working IT Professional who wants to design and implement System Center 2012 Configuration Manager in a midsize- or small-business environment. Enterprise administrators also will find a lot inspiration by reading the book, as many of the features and scenarios discussed fit all three environments. The book is packed with real-world scenarios taken from 15 years of experience with SMS and ConfigMgr projects. By following the book from A-Z, you will end up with a ConfigMgr environment that is based on best practices and production ready.

This book is perfect for IT administrators who are looking to enhance their skills on system and asset management. A fair understanding of the core elements and applications related to SCCM would be helpful.

Book + Content Update Program This is the most comprehensive and realistic guide to Windows Server 2016 planning, design, prototyping, implementation, migration, administration, and support. Extensively updated, it contains unsurpassed independent and objective coverage of Windows Server 2016's key innovations, from the cloud and containers to security and mobility. Windows Server 2016 Unleashed reflects the authors' extraordinary experience implementing Windows Server 2016 in large-scale environments since its earliest alpha releases. Microsoft MVP Rand Morimoto and colleagues fully address all aspects of deploying and operating Windows Server 2016, including Active Directory, networking, application services, security, administration, business continuity, virtualization, optimization, and troubleshooting. You'll find up-to-the-minute coverage of new features ranging from Storage Spaces Direct to Cluster-Aware Updating, and Dynamic Access Control to Nano Server. Valuable for Windows pros at all levels, this book will be indispensable especially for intermediate-to-advanced level professionals seeking expert, in-depth solutions. Every chapter contains tips, tricks, best practices, and lessons learned from actual deployments—practical help for solving real problems. Detailed information on how to: Take full advantage of key Windows Server 2016 innovations Plan, prototype, install, migrate to, and deploy Windows Server 2016 and Server Core Design a modern Windows Server Active Directory, from OUs and infrastructure to Federated Forests and Lightweight Directories Deliver reliable networking services: DNS, WINS, DNSSEC, DHCP, IPv, IPAM, and IIS Systematically harden server-level security Protect data in transit with PKI, certificates, rights management, and IPsec encryption Safely provide appropriate remote and mobile access for your users Efficiently administer, automate, maintain, and document Windows Server production environments Control Windows devices centrally with Group Policies and Policy Management Implement advanced fault tolerance, clustering, and other business continuity features Optimize, tune, and debug Windows Server, and plan for growth Leverage integrated application services, including SharePoint and Hyper-V In addition, this book is part of

InformIT's Content Update Program, which provides content updates for major technology improvements! As significant updates are made to WIndows Server 2016, sections of this book will be updated or new sections will be added to match the updates to the technologies. As updates become available, they will be delivered to you via a free Web Edition of this book, which can be accessed with any Internet connection. To learn more, visit informit.com/cup. How to access the Web Edition: Follow the instructions in the book to learn how to register your book to access the FREE Web Edition.

Part of a series of specialized guides on System Center - this book shares real-world expertise for using Configuration Manager capabilities to deliver more effective IT services. Series editor Mitch Tulloch and a team of System Center experts provide concise technical guidance as they step you through key deployment and management scenarios.

Get a head start evaluating Windows 10--with early technical insights from award-winning journalist and Windows expert Ed Bott. This guide introduces new features and capabilities, providing a practical, high-level overview for IT professionals ready to begin deployment planning now. This book is a preview, a work in progress about a work in progress. It offers a snapshot of the Windows 10 Technical Preview as of April 2015, on the eve of the BUILD Developers' Conference in San Francisco.

Mastering System Center Configuration Manager 2007 provides intermediate and advanced coverage of all aspects of the product, including planning and installation, upgrading Systems Management Server 2003, deploying software and operating systems, security, monitoring and troubleshooting, and automating and customizing SCCM 2007 with scripts. The authors take a hands-on approach by providing many real-world scenarios to show readers how to use the tool in various contexts. This anchors the conceptual explanations in practical application. This book's web site will contain a collection of ready-to-use scripts with directions for implementing them in network systems.

Designed to help enterprise administrators develop real-world, job-role-specific skills—this Training Guide focuses on deploying and managing core infrastructure services in Windows Server 2012. Build hands-on expertise through a series of lessons, exercises, and suggested practices—and help maximize your performance on the job. This Microsoft Training Guide: Provides in-depth, hands-on training you take at your own pace Focuses on job-role-specific expertise for deploying and managing Windows Server 2012 core services Creates a foundation of skills which, along with on-the-job experience, can be measured by Microsoft Certification exams such as 70-410 Coverage includes: Deploying Servers and Domain Controllers Remote Management Administering Active Directory Network Administration Using Group Policy Provisioning and Managing Storage Deploying Hyper-V Hosts Deploying and Managing Virtualized Workloads Deploying File Servers Managing Print Services

Build a seamless, flexible, full-service datacenter solution Microsoft Windows Server 2016 Hyper-V is the IT administrator's guide to this rising datacenter solution. Hyper-V has already surpassed VMWare in datacenter management, identity service for multiple devices, and more; this book shows you how to harness the power of this hypervisor to simplify the infrastructure, reduce costs, improve productivity, and better manage system resources. From a tour of the technology through architecture, deployment, and integration of System Center, Microsoft Azure, and Microsoft Azure Stack, the discussion illustrates the skills you need to create a complete solution for optimum enterprise management. Coverage includes Windows Azure capabilities for virtual machines, managing a hybrid cloud, IaaS, storage capabilities, PowerShell, and more, with practical real-world guidance from a leading authority in the field. Hyper-V has recently undergone improvements in scalability and features that have positioned it as an ideal solution in the Small/Medium Business and Enterprise markets. This book shows you how to exploit these new capabilities to build a robust data solution for your organization. Discover the capabilities of Microsoft Hyper-V Architect a Hyper-V datacenter solution Plan and manage a deployment or migration Integrate complementary technologies for full scalability Data is everywhere—on desktops, laptops, phones, and multiple operating systems, accessed through email, text messages, web searches, online services, and more. All of this data must be stored, accessible, updated, backed up, secured, managed, sorted, and analyzed—sometimes instantly. Hyper-V is the rising star in the virtualization space, and Microsoft Windows Server 2016 Hyper-V shows you how to turn greater capabilities into better datacenter solutions.

Maximize your administration skills effectively and efficiently Key Features Implement cost-effective virtualization solutions for your organization with actionable recipes Explore the concepts of VMM with real-world use cases Use the latest features with VMM 2016 such as Cluster OS Rolling Upgrade, Guarded Fabric and Storage Spaces Direct Book Description Virtual Machine Manager (VMM) 2016 is part of the System Center suite to configure and manage datacenters and offers a unified management experience on-premises and Azure cloud. This book will be your best companion for day-to-day virtualization needs within your organization, as it takes you through a series of recipes to simplify and plan a highly scalable and available virtual infrastructure. You will learn the deployment tips, techniques, and solutions designed to show users how to improve VMM 2016 in a real-world scenario. The chapters are divided in a way that will allow you to implement the VMM 2016 and additional solutions required to effectively manage and monitor your fabrics and clouds. We will cover the most important new features in VMM 2016 across networking, storage, and compute, including brand new Guarded Fabric, Shielded VMs and Storage Spaces Direct. The recipes in the book provide step-by-step instructions giving you the simplest way to dive into VMM fabric concepts, private cloud, and integration with external solutions such as VMware, Operations Manager, and the Windows Azure Pack. By the end of this book, you will be armed with the knowledge you require to start designing and implementing virtual infrastructures in VMM 2016. What you will learn Plan and design a VMM architecture for real-world deployment Configure fabric resources, including compute, networking, and storage Create and manage Storage Spaces Direct clusters in VMM Configure Guarded Fabric with Shielded VMs Create and deploy virtual machine templates and multi-tier services Manage Hyper-V and VMware environments from VMM Enhance monitoring and management capabilities Upgrade to VMM 2016 from previous versions Who this book is for If you are a solutions architect, technical consultant, administrator, or any other virtualization enthusiast who needs to use Microsoft System Center Virtual Machine Manager

in a real-world environment, then this is the book for you.

Fully updated for Windows Server 2012 R2! Designed to help enterprise administrators develop real-world, job-role-specific skills - this Training Guide focuses on core infrastructure administration for Windows Server 2012 R2. Build hands-on expertise through a series of lessons, exercises, and suggested practices - and help maximize your performance on the job. This Microsoft Training Guide Focuses on job-role-specific expertise for core infrastructure administration tasks Fully updated for Windows Server 2012 R2, including new practices Provides in-depth, hands-on training you take at your own pace Creates a foundation of skills which, along with on-the-job experience, can be measured by Microsoft Certification exams such as 70-411 Topics include: Deploying and updating Windows Server 2012 R2 Managing account policies and service accounts Configuring name resolution Administering Active Directory Managing Group Policy application and infrastructure Configuring Group Policy settings and preferences Administering network policies Administering remote access Managing file services Monitoring and auditing Windows Server 2012 R2 An essential guide on the latest version of Microsoft's server management tool Microsoft's powerful Mastering System Center 2012 Operations Manager introduces many exciting new and enhanced feature sets that allow for large-scale management of mission-critical servers. This comprehensive guide provides invaluable coverage to help organizations monitor their environments across computers, network, and storage infrastructures while maintaining efficient and effective service levels across their applications. Provides intermediate and advanced coverage of all aspects of Systems Center 2012 Operations Manager, including designing, planning, deploying, managing, maintaining, and scripting Operations Manager Offers a hands-on approach by providing many real-world scenarios to show you how to use the tool in various contexts Anchors conceptual explanations in practical application Mastering System Center 2012 Operations Manager clearly shows you how this powerful server management tool can best be used to serve your organization's needs.

Check out the new Hyper-V, find new and easier ways to remotely connect back into the office, or learn all about Storage Spaces—these are just a few of the features in Windows Server 2012 R2 that are explained in this updated edition from Windows authority Mark Minasi and a team of Windows Server experts led by Kevin Greene. This book gets you up to speed on all of the new features and functions of Windows Server, and includes real-world scenarios to put them in perspective. If you're a system administrator upgrading to, migrating to, or managing Windows Server 2012 R2, find what you need to do the job in this complete resource. Learn all about: Installing or upgrading to and managing Windows Server 2012 R2 Understanding Microsoft NIC teams 2012 and PowerShell Setting up via GUI or updated Server Core 2012 Migrating, merging, and modifying your Active Directory Managing address spaces with IPAM Understanding new shared storage, storage spaces, and better tools Controlling access to file shares—a new and improved approach Using and administering Remote Desktop, Virtual Desktop, and Hyper-V®

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The bestselling guide to Exchange Server, fully updated forthe newest version Microsoft Exchange Server 2013 is touted as a solution forlowering the total cost of ownership, whether deployed on-premisesor in the cloud. Like the earlier editions, this comprehensiveguide covers every aspect of installing, configuring, and managingthis multifaceted collaboration system. It offers Windows systemsadministrators and consultants a complete tutorial and reference,ideal for anyone installing Exchange Server for the first time orthose migrating from an earlier Exchange Server version. Microsoft Exchange Server 2013 is a messaging system thatallows for access to e-mail, voicemail, and calendars from avariety of devices and any location, making it ideal for theenterprise With more than 21,000 copies of earlier editions sold, thiscomprehensive guide offers systems administrators and consultantsboth a tutorial and a reference guide for installing and managingExchange Server 2013 A team of Microsoft Certified Masters walks you step by stepthrough planning and design, installation, administration andmanagement, maintenance, and more Mastering Microsoft Exchange Server 2013 is the completereference for planning, installing, and maintaining the mostpopular e-mail server product available.

Understand, create, deploy, and maintain a public cloud usingMicrosoft Azure Mastering Microsoft Azure Infrastructure Services guidesyou through the process of creating and managing a public cloud andvirtual network using Microsoft Azure. With step-by-stepinstruction and clear explanation, this book equips you with theskills required to provide services both on-premises andoff-premises through full virtualization, providing a deeperunderstanding of Azure's capabilities as an infrastructure service.Each chapter includes online videos that visualize and enhance theconcepts presented in the book, and access to a Windows app thatprovides instant Azure updates and demonstrates the process ofgoing from on-premises to public cloud via Azure. Coverage includesstorage customization, connectivity, virtual networks, backing up,hybrid environments, System Center management, and more, giving youeverything you need to understand, evaluate, deploy, and maintainenvironments that utilize Microsoft Azure. Understand cost, options, and applications of Infrastructure asa Service (IaaS) Enable on- and off-premises connectivity to Azure Customize Azure templates and management processes Exploit key technologies and embrace the hybridenvironment Mastering Microsoft Azure Infrastructure Services is yourtotal solution.

This book is written in practical cookbook style and it offers learning through vivid examples and. Each chapter contains step-by-step instructions about everything necessary to execute a particular task. The book is designed so that you can read it from start to end for beginners or just open up any chapter and start following the recipes as a reference for advanced users, This book will be useful to IT professionals including System Center Service Manager administrators who want to configure and administer System Center Service Manager 2012 and understand how to solve specific problems and scenarios that arise while using System Center Service Manager. It will also be useful to users of 2010 in learning new features and capabilities.

Take a deep dive into the world of Windows desktop deployment using the Microsoft Deployment Toolkit About This Book Learn Microsoft Deployment Toolkit best practices and how to adopt them into your deployment project Troubleshoot task sequence errors and quickly resolve deployment blockers An easy-to-follow, in-depth guide to image creation, customization, and deployment of Windows Who This Book Is For This book is ideal for those deploying or planning to deploy Windows, in need of a top-to-bottom guide on project deployment. It is also an invaluable resource for consultants who need a top-to-bottom guide (or

just a refresher) on project deployment. What You Will Learn Build a production-ready MDT environment Administer the environment for multiple users Customize your reference image with an MDT Task Sequence Create standalone media for offline deployments Customize the default user profile according to the version of Windows Get to grips with some troubleshooting steps and processes to reduce the time for recovery of a failed image Customize and create Windows images for deployment Discover useful tips and tricks to help save time in your deployment projects In Detail The Microsoft Deployment Toolkit (MDT) provides a comprehensive collection of tools, processes, and guidance for automating desktop and server deployments. It considerably reduces deployment time and standardizes desktop and server images. Moreover, MDT offers improved security and ongoing configuration management. Microsoft Deployment Toolkit is the official supported method of creating and customizing Windows images for deployment. Starting from scratch, this book walks you through the MDT setup, task sequence creation, and image deployment steps in detail. Breaking down the various MDT concepts, this book will give you a thorough understanding of the deployment process. Beginning with imaging concepts and theory, you will go on to build a Microsoft Deployment Toolkit environment. You will understand the intricacies of customizing the default user profile in different versions of Windows. Driver handling can be a challenge for larger organizations; we'll cover various driver concepts including mandatory driver profiles.]Other important topics like the User State Migration Tool (USMT), configuration of XML files, and how to troubleshoot the USMT are also discussed in the book. We will cover the verifier and Windows Performance Toolkit for image validation scenarios. Furthermore, you will learn about MDT web frontend implementation as well as how to utilize the database capabilities of MDT for deeper deployment options. We'll wrap it all up with some links to resources for more information, blogs to watch, and useful Twitter handles. Style and approach This is a comprehensive guide written using a step-by-step approach. It begins with the basics and gradually moves on to the advanced topics MDT.

System Center Configuration Manager Current Branch provides a total systems management solution for a people-centric world. It can deploy applications to individuals using virtually any device or platform, centralizing and automating management across on-premise, service provider, and Microsoft Azure environments. In System Center Configuration Manager Current Branch Unleashed, a team of world-renowned System Center experts shows you how to make the most of this powerful toolset. The authors begin by introducing modern systems management and offering practical strategies for coherently managing today's IT infrastructures. Drawing on their immense consulting experience, they offer expert guidance for ConfigMgr planning, architecture, and implementation. You'll walk through efficiently performing a wide spectrum of ConfigMgr operations, from managing clients, updates, and compliance to reporting. Finally, you'll find current best practices for administering ConfigMgr, from security to backups. Detailed information on how to: Successfully manage distributed, people-centric, cloud-focused IT environments Optimize ConfigMgr architecture, design, and deployment plans to reflect your environment Smoothly install ConfigMgr Current Branch and migrate from Configuration Manager 2012 Save time and improve efficiency by automating system management Use the console to centralize control over infrastructure, software, users, and devices Discover and manage clients running Windows, macOS, Linux, and UNIX Define, monitor, enforce, remediate, and report on all aspects of configuration compliance Deliver the right software to the right people with ConfigMgr applications and deployment types Reliably manage patches and updates, including Office 365 client updates Integrate Intune to manage on-premise and mobile devices through a single console Secure access to corporate resources from mobile devices Manage Microsoft's enterprise antimalware platform with System Center Endpoint Protection Using this guide's proven techniques and comprehensive reference information, you can maximize the value of ConfigMgr in your environment–no matter how complex it is or how quickly it's changing.

Completely revised for the SP1 version of System Center 2012 Configuration Manager. This is the ultimate source for the working IT Professional who wants to design and implement System Center 2012 Configuration Manager SP1 in a midsize- or small-business environment. Enterprise administrators also will find a lot of inspiration, as many of the features and scenarios discussed fit all three environments. The book is packed with real-world scenarios taken from 15 years of experience with SMS and ConfigMgr projects. By following the book from A-Z, you will end up with a ConfigMgr environment that is based on best practices and production ready.

Go-to guide for using Microsoft's updated Hyper-V as avirtualization solution Windows Server 2012 Hyper-V offers greater scalability, newcomponents, and more options than ever before for large enterprisesystems and small/medium businesses. Windows Server 2012 Hyper-VInstallation and Configuration Guide is the place to startlearning about this new cloud operating system. You'll get up tospeed on the architecture, basic deployment and upgrading, creatingvirtual workloads, designing and implementing advanced networkarchitectures, creating multitenant clouds, backup, disasterrecovery, and more. The international team of expert authors offers deep technicaldetail, as well as hands-on exercises and plenty of real-worldscenarios, so you thoroughly understand all features and how bestto use them. Explains how to deploy, use, manage, and maintain the WindowsServer 2012 Hyper-V virtualization solutions in large enterprisesand small- to medium-businesses Provides deep technical detail and plenty of exercises showingyou how to work with Hyper-V in real-world settings Shows you how to quickly configure Hyper-V from the GUI and usePowerShell to script and automate common tasks Covers deploying Hyper-V hosts, managing virtual machines,network fabrics, cloud computing, and using file servers Also explores virtual SAN storage, creating guest clusters,backup and disaster recovery, using Hyper-V for Virtual DesktopInfrastructure (VDI), and other topics Help make your Hyper-V virtualization solution a success withWindows Server 2012 Hyper-V Installation and ConfigurationGuide.

A bestselling Exchange Server guide, updated for the 2016 release Mastering Microsoft Exchange Server 2016 is the gold-standard reference for system administrators and first-time users alike. Fully updated to align with the latest release, this expert-led guide provides comprehensive coverage and easy-to-follow tutorials for all aspects of Exchange Server installation, configuration, and management. Whether you're migrating from an earlier version or installing Exchange Server for the first time, this book gives you quick access to the answers you need. Step-by-step instructions walk you through planning and design, installation, administration and management, maintenance, and more, so you can get up to speed quickly and get back to work. With a focus on the hands-on details, the Microsoft Certified Masters author team provides practical insight and invaluable guidance on every aspect of Exchange Server 2016, from mastering the basics to leveraging new features. Microsoft Exchange allows access to e-mail, voicemail, and calendars at any time, from almost any device. The 2016 release is designed specifically to appeal to enterprises; if you've been tasked with the implementation, this guide has the information you need. Get up to speed with the latest changes and features

Understand server configurations, requirements, installation, and migration Manage mailboxes, groups, connectivity, and the client access server Troubleshoot common issues efficiently and effectively Exchange Server 2016 shifts even more control to the user, freeing administrators to perform more critical tasks. Beefed-up architecture and more centralized functions have eased configuration and upgrades, and a robust cloud implementation is expected to draw enterprises sooner rather than later. Systems administrators need to become familiar with the latest changes, and Mastering Microsoft Exchange Server 2016 is the ultimate reference and tutorial.

Over 50 simple but incredibly effective recipes for installing and managing System Center 2012 Endpoint Protection in this book and e-book.

A beginner's guide to help you design, deploy and administer your System Center Operations Manager 2016 and 2012 R2 environments About This Book Discover how to monitor complex IT environments with System Center Operations Manager using tips, tricks and best practice recommendations from industry experts. Learn how to create eye-catching dashboards and reports to help deliver a tangible return on investment back to your organization. Optimize, troubleshoot and perform disaster recovery in Operations Manager using step by step examples based on real-world scenarios. Who This Book Is For The target audience for this book is the IT Pro or System Administrator who wants to deploy and use System Center Operations Manager but has no previous knowledge of the product. As a 'Getting Started' book, our primary objective is to equip you with the knowledge you need to feel comfortable when working with common monitoring scenarios in OpsMgr. With this in mind, deep-diving into less-common OpsMgr features such as Audit Collection Services (ACS), Agentless Exception Monitoring (AEM) and Application Performance Monitoring (APM) has been intentionally omitted. What You Will Learn Install a new System Center 2016 Operations Manager Management Group Design and provision custom views to relevant support teams. Understand how to deploy agents Work with management packs Monitor network devices Model your IT services with distributed applications Create dashboards and custom visualizations Tune, optimize, maintain and troubleshoot System Center Operations Manager In Detail Most modern IT environments comprise a heterogeneous mixture of servers, network devices, virtual hypervisors, storage solutions, cross-platform operating systems and applications. All this complexity brings a requirement to deliver a centralized monitoring and reporting solution that can help IT administrators quickly identify where the problems are and how best to resolve them. Using System Center Operations Manager (OpsMgr), administrators get a full monitoring overview of the IT services they have responsibility for across the organization - along with some useful management capabilities to help them remediate any issues they've been alerted to. This book begins with an introduction to OpsMgr and its core concepts and then walks you through designing and deploying the various roles. After a chapter on exploring the consoles, you will learn how to deploy agents, work with management packs, configure network monitoring and model your IT services using distributed applications. There's a chapter dedicated to alert tuning and another that demonstrates how to visualize your IT using dashboards. The final chapters in the book discuss how to create alert subscriptions, manage reports, backup and recover OpsMgr, perform maintenance and troubleshoot common problems. Style and approach A beginner's guide that focuses on providing the practical skills required to effectively deploy and administer OpsMgr with walkthrough examples and tips on all the key concepts.

This is the ultimate source for the working IT Pro who wants to develop and customize deployment solutions based on MDT 2013 and/or ConfigMgr 2012 R2. This is a HOW TO GET IT DONE book, solely focused on customizing deployment solutions with roots in the real world. In addition to well-proven step-by-step guides, you also get access to sample scripts and source code, allowing you to quickly test the solutions in your own environment. As far as the title goes, we don't mean you should steal things, literally. In this book, stealing is a metaphor for not reinventing the wheel. We don't want you to waste time developing solutions that are already available for free. Discover how to Setup MDT 2013 Lite Touch for OSD - Setup ConfigMgr 2012 R2 for OSD - Work with drivers in MDT 2013 and ConfigMgr 2012 R2 - Customize MDT 2013 Lite Touch and ConfigMgr 2012 R2 OSD - Select the right development tools for OSD customizations - Use version control for your scripts and source code - Advanced customization of the MDT 2013 Lite Touch wizard - Master the rules (CustomSettings.ini) - Create UserExit scripts - Configure user-driven installation (UDI) - Create and extend the MDT database - Use a custom frontend for the MDT database - Create and debug custom scripts and frontends - Create web services in both VB.NET and C# - Extend the MDT Monitoring feature - Setup and configure Orchestrator 2012 R2 - Integrate MDT 2013 and ConfigMgr 2012 R2 with Orchestrator 2012 R2

This is the comprehensive reference and technical guide to Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager 2012. A team of expert authors offers step-by-step coverage of related topics in every feature area, organized to help IT professionals rapidly optimize Configuration Manager 2012 for their requirements, and then deploy and use it successfully. The authors begin by introducing Configuration Manager 2012 and its goals, and explaining how it fits into the broader System Center product suite. Next, they fully address planning, design, and implementation. Finally, they systematically cover each of Configuration Manager 2012's most important feature sets, addressing issues ranging from configuration management to software distribution. Readers will learn how to use Configuration Manager 2012's user-centric capabilities to provide anytime/anywhere services and software, and to strengthen both control and compliance. The first book on Configuration Manager 2012, System Center Configuration Manager 2012 Unleashed joins Sams' market-leading series of books on Microsoft's System Center product suite: books that have achieved go-to status amongst IT implementers and administrators worldwide.

This book will help you understand the capabilities of MicrosoftHyper-V, architect a Hyper-V solution for your datacenter, plan adeployment/migration, and then manage it all using native tools andSystem Center. Coverage also includes hybrid cloud scenariosspecifically with Windows Azure to complete the full virtualizationpiece of providing data both on premise and off premise. In addition, you will explore the Windows Azure capabilities forvirtual machines and managing a hybrid

cloud, including WindowsAzure's Internet as a Service (IaaS) and storagecapabilities, how seamless management is possible with PowerShelland System Center, plus how Azure Storage can play a part in acompany's complete solution. Key topics covered include: virtualization fundamentals, networkvirtualization, storage configuration, Hyper-V management andmaintenance, failover clustering and migration, Hyper-V replica andcloud orchestration, private cloud implementation, Azure IaaS,Azure storage, managing with PowerShell, Hyper-V decoding, andWindows Server 2012 R2 integration.

Over 50 practical recipes to administer System Center 2012 Configuration Manager

Intended for developers and end-users, instructional manual and reference features case descriptions, examples, practical advice, clear descriptions of standards, user exercises, and quiz questions. (Computer Books)

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