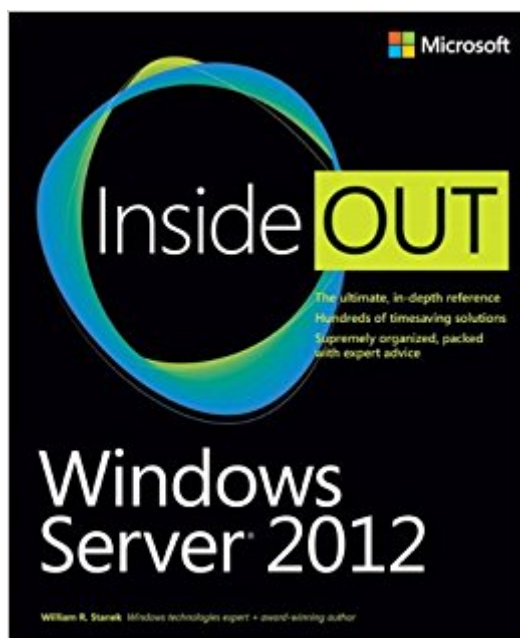


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Windows Server 2012 Inside Out



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Dive in and discover how to really put Windows Server 2012 to work! This supremely organized reference packs the details you need to plan and manage a Windows Server 2012 implementation including hundreds of timesaving solutions, troubleshooting tips, and workarounds. Learn how the experts tackle Windows Server 2012 and challenge yourself to new levels of mastery. Topics include: Managing Windows Server 2012 systems Storage and file systems TCP/IP networking DHCP and DNS Active Directory Group Policy Security and access Troubleshooting hardware Performance monitoring and tuning Backup and recovery

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I have read other books by Stanek and they've been quite good. I did not read the entire 1500+ page book that I am reviewing now. Why? Well, it is 1500 pages and a technical book. Further, I am a technical writer for Microsoft and I know most of what is in this book already. However, I am not personal friends with the author, so I don't consider this review biased in favor of the author. I like his work. In this book, he attempts to cover everything. He does not take on just "What is new" - he attempts to cover the whole product. That is not an easy job, but he does it admirably. Is everything here? No. I can only imagine that this would be more of an encyclopedia set if everything was here. I think the thing that I have to offer is covered well, what is maybe overkill, and what could be covered better:

1. What is covered well?+ Boot configuration and troubleshooting (very, very good stuff!)+ Troubleshooting hardware / devices and device drivers+ Basic Active Directory Design+ Registry+ Performance (big section and some beyond what I would do, but I cannot call it overkill)+ RAID is covered well enough because most people use hardware RAID (there is not a ton of that in here)
2. What is maybe overkill?= Taskpads (they are fairly unreliable and unpopular, in my experience)= Disk and File systems (hard to judge, but there sure is a lot on this topic)
3. What is maybe missing? Okay, it is 1530 pages, so asking for more seems ridiculous. I am not asking for more!

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