**Synopsis**

Fully updated for Windows Server 2012 R2! Prepare for Microsoft Exam 70-412 and help demonstrate your real-world mastery of advanced configuration tasks for Windows Server infrastructure. Designed for experienced IT professionals ready to advance their status, Exam Ref focuses on the critical-thinking and decision-making acumen needed for success at the MCSA or MCSE level. Focus on the expertise measured by these objectives: Configure and manage high availability Configure file and storage solutions Implement business continuity and disaster recovery Configure network services Configure the Active Directory infrastructure Configure access and information protection solutions This Microsoft Exam Ref: Organizes its coverage by objectives for Exam 70-412. Features strategic, what-if scenarios to challenge candidates. Designed for IT professionals who have real-world experience configuring Windows Server 2012 R2 services in an enterprise environment. Note: Exam 70-412 counts as credit toward MCSA and MCSE certifications

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**Customer Reviews**

Don’t waste your money. This book was absolutely no help for the exam. It provides no details on commands used for any of the new technologies and only focuses on the new 2012 R2 material and leaves out all of the 2012 standard features.
Besides the introductory page, ALL OTHER PAGES on the Kindle edition are in only italics! Seriously? makes it unpleasant to read. Maybe I’m missing a setting somewhere that can reverse it but can’t seem to find it. All other books are normal.

I have over 50 IT certifications, acquired over more than a 10 year period. I know Microsoft exams tend to be hard, so I studied extra for this one, having read this Exam-Ref three times before taking the test. My score was in the mid 500s. I am not even going to bother taking the second shot. Microsoft is doing a disservice to the IT community and to itself. It should be encouraging people to learn and spread its technologies. How in the world is a young person ever going to break into this field and establish credentials? Who said that becoming a recognized system administrator has to be as difficult as getting a PhD? Microsoft should be focused on making computing easier over time, instead of harder. I actually was looking forward to learn about the power shell commands. Instead, they are used as an excuse to introduce syntax-focused test questions about commands that don’t appear in any training materials. This test is about features that administrators don’t exercise on a frequent basis - there is no need to memorize heavy syntax, when in practice someone can obtain all this info from a web search when it’s needed. So much for the "One Microsoft" policy - it seems Microsoft Press and the exam preparers are not talking to each other. The book itself is useful. I wish I could give a rating here not on the book, but on the Microsoft certification management team. They are the ones who deserve 0 stars, for their failure to devise a test that measures what someone learns from the provided training materials.

In true tradition with MS training books this book is very light on details. From a preparation standpoint this book will not help you with the 70-412. The book is also full of typos which makes it very difficult to follow the book.

This book does not cover all the material for the exam. Use the book, your own labs and practice exams. Then based on how you do with practice exams look online for resources on the areas that need reinforcement. Here is where you see that a lot of material is not in the book.

This book is ok if you are unfamiliar with the topics for 70-412 but does by no means prepare you for the exam. I don’t think it’s fair to call this an "Exam Ref". If you are already somewhat familiar with the technologies for the 70-412 exam and are looking to get deeper knowledge, look somewhere else. There is only high level information in this book. It used to be that you could buy Microsoft Press
books and go pass an exam, but those times seem to be no more.

Perfect exam reference book for the 70-412 section of MCSA exam. Covers the topic extremely well and has questions at the end of each subject area to refresh your learning. Great companion guide to go along with the training guide.

This new series is not as thorough as exam references I’ve used previously; There are no practice tests, just a few questions at the end of each section. I combine with the training guide to get a fuller understanding and practice lessons

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