CCNA Routing And Switching ICND2 200-101 Official Cert Guide
Synopsis

Cisco Press is the official publisher for the New CCNA Routing and Switching Certification. The New Edition of this Best-Selling Official Cert Guide includes Updated Content, New Exercises, Enhanced Practice Exams, and 60 Minutes of Video Training -- PLUS the CCNA Network Simulator Lite Edition with lab exercises. Cisco CCNA Routing and Switching ICND2 200-101 Official Cert Guide from Cisco Press enables you to succeed on the exam the first time. Best-selling author and expert instructor Wendell Odom shares preparation hints and test-taking tips, helping you identify areas of weakness and improve both your conceptual knowledge and hands-on skills. This complete study package includes A test-preparation routine proven to help you pass the exams Do I Know This Already? quizzes, which enable you to decide how much time you need to spend on each section Chapter-ending and part-ending exercises, which help you drill on key concepts you must know thoroughly Troubleshooting sections, which help you master the complex scenarios you will face on the exam The powerful Pearson IT Certification Practice Test software, complete with hundreds of well-reviewed, exam-realistic questions, customization options, and detailed performance reports A free copy of the CCNA ICND2 200-101 Network Simulator Lite software, complete with meaningful lab exercises that help you hone your hands-on skills with the command-line interface for routers and switches More than 60 minutes of video mentoring from the author A final preparation chapter, which guides you through tools and resources to help you craft your review and test-taking strategies Study plan suggestions and templates to help you organize and optimize your study time The official study guide helps you master all the topics on the CCNA exam, including Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) Troubleshooting LAN switching IPv4 routing VPNs OSPF and EIGRP configuration and troubleshooting Wide area networks and Frame Relay IPv6 implementation and troubleshooting Network management Well regarded for its level of detail, study plans, assessment features, challenging review questions and exercises, video instruction, and hands-on labs, this official study guide helps you master the concepts and techniques that ensure your exam success. Companion DVD The DVD contains more than 350 unique practice exam questions, two complete ICND2 practice exams and two full CCNA practice exams, ICND2 Network Simulator Lite software, and 60 minutes of video training. Includes Exclusive Offer for 70% Off Premium Edition eBook and Practice Test Pearson IT Certification Practice Test minimum system requirements: Windows XP (SP3), Windows Vista (SP2), Windows 7, or Windows 8; Microsoft .NET Framework 4.0 Client; Pentium class 1GHz processor (or equivalent); 512 MB RAM; 650 MB disc space plus 50 MB for each downloaded practice exam. CCENT ICND1 Network Simulator Lite minimum system requirements: Microsoft Windows XP.
I have a feeling that there are too many silent voices on this book. Friends, Wendell Odom may have been your one-stop shop for the ICND1, but the ICND2 Cert Guide brings that to a screeching halt. What's in store for you? How about no RSTP coverage. None. Nada. Zip. It gets a passing mention and "leaves that to other certification exams". I've taken the test 3 times now and I can tell you it is VERY MUCH COVERED. Did you want to know how and where a DR/BDR elections takes place in OSPF? You won't find it in this book! Have fun guessing on the test! As if that were not
enough, there are glaring problems with many of the examples. The sections on HSRP and GLBP are hard to understand unless you understand the Virtual MACs for each protocol have a format that are followed so that you can always tell which one is the Virtual Mac. This text fails to mention that at all, while at the same time completely glossing over VRRP completely which is, again, covered by the exam. The Pearson Test Software included in the book is fine, but in no way prepares you for what is actually on the test. You'll find yourself getting a migraine from elaborate, glorified True or False questions, questions about the effects of Split Horizon on a Frame Relay network which is not mentioned in the text at all. I can say that the database is updated frequently and my feedback questions have been responded to. By golly, yesterday they added an RSTP question to it! If I sound like a broken record, it's because I've taken this exam 3 times. I've read the book cover to cover twice and I've found more from Cisco's website and Youtube when this book should have been it for me.

picked this up after using todd lammle's ICND1 study guide and found it rather colloquial. that's a strange criticism, but I found lammle's approach of interjecting a "Sweet!" every time he explained a concept distracting. I wanted to try a more pragmatically written guide for ICND2. I'd heard wendell odom's guide can be a dense read; that he gets into minutiae, that maybe he spends too much time lingering on topics for a time-crunched reader. that seemed OK with me, bring it on. I've had the book now for 3 days. I'm 240 pages in and 7 chapters in. I misinterpreted the criticism of this book. what they really meant to say is the author has an excruciating habit of belaboring points needlessly. Chapter 8, Implementing OSPFv2, page 237: "The OSPF neighbor state 2-way means that the router is available to exchange it's LSDB with the neighbor. In other words, it is ready to begin a 2-way exchange of the LSDB." So, 2 sentences stating the exact same thing. Why? Another example, just 2 pages later, drags on for an 8-line paragraph explaining that OSPF elects a designated router and a backup designated router on an ethernet link. what I've said in one sentence, odom says--again and again--in 8 lines. and in case it wasn't clear to the beleagured reader, those 9 lines are followed with a neat, but infuriatingly shallow graphic that essentially says the same thing. I understand the generosity here, that topics should be explained in a way that appeals to a wide range of learning styles, but I believe this particular example could have been served by 2 sentences and the graphic alone. I found myself reading and re-reading this portion just to be sure I didn't miss something.

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