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The best fully integrated study system available (Exams EX200 and EX300) With hundreds of review questions and complete coverage of performance-based requirements, RHCSA/RHCE Red Hat Linux Certification Study Guide, Sixth Edition covers what you need to know--and shows you how to prepare--for these challenging exams. 100% complete coverage of all official objectives for Exams EX200 and EX300 Exam Readiness Checklist--you’re ready for the exam when all objectives on the list are checked off Inside the Exam sections in every chapter highlight key exam topics covered Two-Minute Drills for quick review 100+ lab questions--two full lab-based RHCSA exams and two full lab-based RHCE exams--match the format, tone, topics, and difficulty of the real exam Covers all the exam topics, including: Virtual Machines and Automated Installations * Fundamental Command Line Skills * RHCSA-Level Security Options * The Boot Process * Linux Filesystem Administration * Package Management * User Administration * RHCSA-Level System Administration * RHCE Security * System Services and SELinux * RHCE Administration * Mail Servers * Samba * File Sharing * DNS, FTP, and Logging CD-ROM includes: Complete lab-based exam preparation, featuring: Two full RHCSA practice exams Two full RHCE practice exams Lab-based chapter self tests In-depth answer explanations for all labs RHCSA and RHCE Glossary PDF copy of the book for studying on the go Michael Jang, RHCE, LPIC-2, UCP, LCP, MCP, is the author of three previous bestselling editions of RHCE Red Hat Certified Engineer Linux Study Guide and several other books on Linux and professional certification.

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This is the sixth edition of Jang’s Red Hat Linux Certification Study Guide, though it has in previous editions been known under slightly different titles due to the change in Red Hat’s test titles. With the transition to Red Hat Enterprise 6 and the introduction of Red Hat’s RHCSA (Certified System Administrator) test, this book has undergone a significant revision cycle. First things first - the book comes with a CD that contains a total of four practice exams, two for the RHCSA exam and two for the RHCE exam. It also contains a full copy of the book, in PDF form, broken up in chapters. This is a huge benefit for those that travel with a laptop or for those that wish to study without toting the book along. This CD alone is worth the cost of the book. Startling to those familiar with previous editions of this book is the edition of coverage of the KVM early into the book (chapter 2). According to Jang, the exam now is conducted through virtualization and as such one must have some familiarity with the environment before taking the test. Being relatively new to virtual operating system environments, this is very helpful material and is applicable to things that happen in the workplace when looking for ways to make the most of the hardware available. As in previous editions this books has a breakdown of what chapters cover each exam, and this table is covered early. For people studying for the RHCSA exam, this makes it a little easier to narrow down the scope of material.

I'm a Linux Newbie. I've never installed or configured it. I looked at the available books on the subject and chose this one. Even though this book is targeted towards those trying to achieve certifications, I find the practical approach to the book useful. I like the book because he takes you through, step by step, how to set up machines and perform tasks. There are special margin notes on what things you might focus on if you’re taking the exam, and what things you might focus on if you’re trying to learn this for a job. I read some of the negative reviews before purchasing. After having read through the first two chapters and completing the labs, I have these several things to say: 1) If you were confused about what resources you needed to allocate to the VMs, then you did not pay close enough attention. There is no confusion about how many GBs you should allocate to the Host VM you’re setting up and the VMs inside. I did view the errata documents the author posted on the publisher’s website. I did not find any of the information there "critical" to
understanding the book. I’d have gotten by just fine without having to review that PDF document that illustrates the relationships of the VMs. I’d have gotten by without having to review the textual corrections. 2) I have had no confusion about which IPs to assign to which machines. Although, I will admit, due to the effects of an intermittently faulty old switch I was using for my testlab, I did have some confusion on one point. Just know this about the KVM virtual machines and networking. When you set up the virtual network of 192.168.221.x inside the VM host, it is an entirely separate virtualized network. You do not need to have an external router handling gateway, DNS, DHCP, etc for the 192.168.221.

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