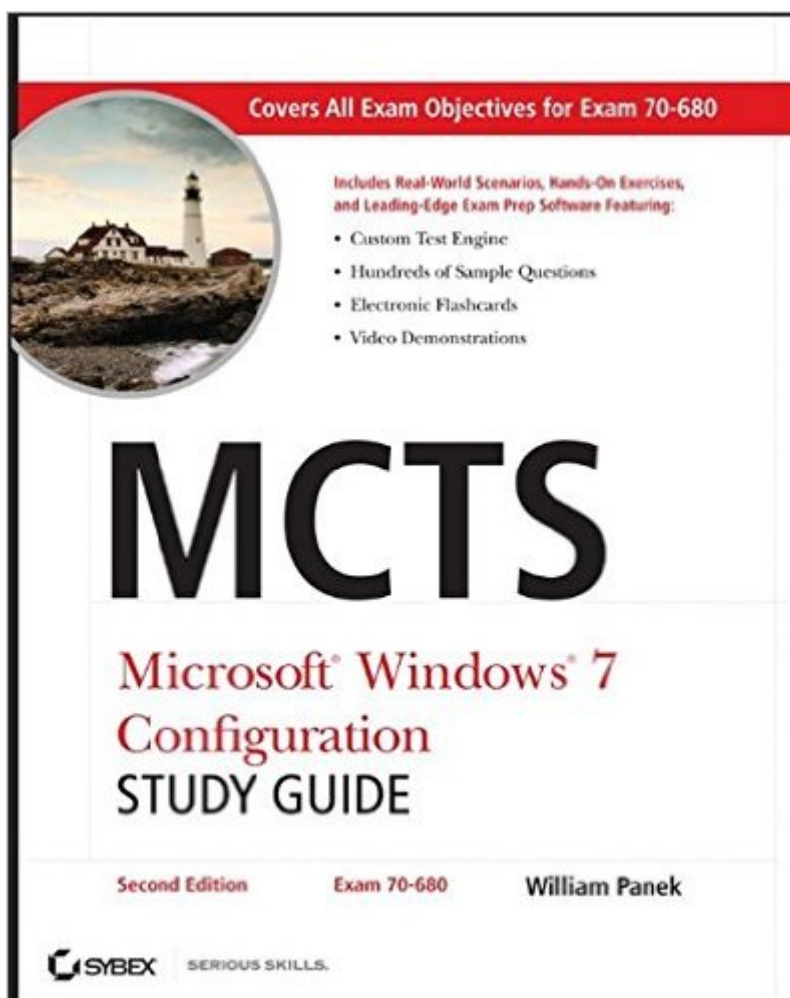# MCTS Microsoft Windows 7 Configuration Study Guide, Study Guide: Exam 70-680

Synopsis

A fully updated study guide for MCTS exam 70-680 Demand for experienced, qualified Windows 7 administrators remains high. IT professionals seeking certification in Windows 7 administration will find everything they need to learn to pass the MCTS exam (70-680) in this complete Sybex Study Guide. Updated to cover the most recent version of the exam, this comprehensive guide examines all the exam objectives, using real-world scenarios, hands-on exercises, and challenging review questions.   Certification in Windows 7 administration is highly prized by IT professionals and employers; this comprehensive study guide covers everything you need to know to pass MCTS exam 70-680   Covers installing, upgrading, and migrating to Windows 7; deploying Windows 7; configuring hardware, applications, network connectivity, access to resources, and mobile computing; monitoring and maintaining systems that run Windows 7; and configuring backup and recovery options   Features review questions, practice exams, flashcards, and video walkthroughs This complete study guide is the partner you need to assure your success on exam 70-680.

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Having read the other reviews I was quite surprised to find that that this book does not delve deeply enough into the details, especially in the non-GUI commands, to be adequate preparation for the current exam. It mentions some key concepts only briefly while leaving others out entirely, it tends to introduce concepts generally rather than specifically, and it fails to explain how these concepts are intended to be used in a live environment, and provides little or no insight into troubleshooting

procedures. In the past this would have been sufficient for the exam but current certification exams rely very heavily on the application of understanding rather than on rote memorization of facts. Something else that was particularly troublesome was how this book tends to uses the self-tests and chapter reviews to introduce new material which is not elaborated on in the text, and in some instances the 'correct' answer on these quizzes is wrong (for example, there is no Windows 7 Business edition, yet that is the correct answer in one of the self tests).I found other books (the Microsoft self-paced guide for example) to be much more thorough in this regard, covering everything that I encountered in the live exam in sufficient detail to pass without difficulty, as well as (and more importantly) imparting a solid understanding of how to effectively use the various functions, tools, and utilities included in Windows 7 in a live production environment. When this book provides detail it is generally well presented, but because it leaves out too many important aspects of Windows 7, many of which I encountered on the exam, I could not recommend it to anyone as the sole source of information to prepare for the exam.

I studied this book cover to cover, along with Transcender practice tests and a brief look at the Microsoft training kit (two days prior to the exam). I would have definitely failed this exam if I studied the Sybex book exclusively.The book is a good easy read, and made me understand a lot of topics. However, it left out several major areas, such as: DISM, netsh, OVMST, MDT 2010, etc. It makes me wonder how they could publish a book while leaving out so many details?That being said, if anyone is going to use the Sybex book to study, it should be a must that you use the Microsoft Training Kit in conjunction.

This book covers lots of objective for the exam, however, it is definitely not detailed enough for you to pass the exam. I studied this book cover-to-cover multiple times and failed the exam twice. It is missing lots of information needed for the exam, such as command line items for system deployments, etc. I will definitely say that this book will not be able to help you pass the exam if you are solely using this alone. Though this book will help you with general ideas of Windows 7 configuration but not help you enough for the exam itself.

I also have to agree with a previous poster regarding some inadequacies of this book. While I agree that the book is well written and easy to understand, I barely passed the exam yesterday and was presented with MANY questions that weren't covered anywhere in this book. The two practice exams were also way too easy. There was lots of good overview but nothing specific when it came

to certain command-line utilites and their use, IPv6, managing disk images (with regards to adding drivers and modifying images once they are created by using DISM - which wasn't covered at all), and a few others that I can't remember at the moment.This book, while easy to read, should be used with another resource. I don't think it's enough all by itself to pass the exam. I wish I would have bought the MS Press book too.

This book is a middling review of Windows 7 and starting point for studying for the 70-680 certification exam. It lacks in completeness, depth, granularity, and full breadth of material. For example: driverquery command is not even listed in the index. netsh command is mentioned on pages 425, 429-430. However, there is no command line usage example or lab.Some material in this book is explicitly spread out across chapters and sections. Other material is similarly spread out, but not explicitly. For example:Pages 7-11 detail features available for each edition. Carefully reading page 528, one can learn that Windows Backup can use "a network location (if you have Windows 7 Premium or Ultimate)."I found my study time divided to about:20% Studying from this book40% Studying (mostly in the TechNet Library for Windows 7) from [...]20% Reviewing concepts from materials hands-on in Windows 710% Taking practice exams to assess which areas to study [again].At roughly 50 pages per day, you can plan for about 11 days (about 2 weeks) with this book. Additional study time with Microsoft TechNet, other resources available on the Web, labs and hands-on review, and practice exams might extend your study time by 2-4 weeks.

I prefer most Sybex books for Technical reading. The book is very well written, it will take you through all the necessary steps to pass the 70-680 Microsoft Certification test. The book was written in mind that you are not an absolute novice, but does take into consideration that you maybe a true beginner. I recommend this book over all of the Microsoft Press Kits.

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