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It covers all of the SY0-501 objectives and includes the same elements readers raved about in the previous two versions. Each of the eleven chapters presents topics in an easy to understand manner and includes real-world examples of security principles in action. The author uses many of the same analogies and explanations he's honed in the classroom that have helped hundreds of students master the Security+ content.

You'll understand the important and relevant security topics for the Security+ exam, without being overloaded with unnecessary details. Additionally, each chapter includes a comprehensive review section to help you focus on what's important.

Over 300 realistic practice test questions with in-depth explanations will help you test your comprehension and readiness for the exam. The book includes a 75 question pre-test, a 75 question post-test, and practice test questions at the end of every chapter. Each practice test question includes a detailed explanation to help you understand the content and the reasoning behind the question. You'll also have access to free online resources including labs and additional practice test questions. Using all of these resources, you'll be ready to take and pass the exam the first time you take it.

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The author supplements the book with blog posts here: <http://blogs.getcertifiedgetahead.com/>.

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Michael says

Good study material for the Security+ exam. Unlike other books, which present the material in the order of the CompTIA objectives, this book puts relevant topics together, making it easier to read.

This books includes a pre-test which you take prior to reading the book and a post-test after you have read the book, both 75 questions each, as well as 15 questions after each of the 11 chapters. The post-test is more difficult than the pre-test (at least in my experience) so don't be discouraged if your score on the post-test isn't that much higher than what you got on the pre-test. If you take the pre-test a second time you will notice a marked improvement over your first attempt.

My only gripe is that this book (like most) doesn't include any example performance-based questions. As these make up a decent chunk of one's score on the actual test, I think it is paramount for more study resources to start including example PBQs.

Jeff says

This is the third time I've passed the Security+ exam and the third time I've used Darril Gibson's book as my main study guide. I have several other IT certifications and work in the industry so over the years I've read a number of texts for certification preparation and can tell you firsthand that some of them make the Sahara desert look verdant. This is not one of those. Gibson manages to present the material in a way that is concise and easy to understand while still providing enough depth and background to the concepts.

As far as supplementary material goes, his website offers additional practice questions and practical labs, some of which are free and some require purchasing various packages. The app, which features all the questions from the book plus extras, is worth the 9.99 if only to keep from doing the questions on paper each time you want to review them.

If there's any criticism of the book I can offer it's that 1. There weren't enough examples of interpreting code and logs (which the actual test requires you to do for a number of questions) and 2. the chapter review questions are a bit too easy compared to the actual test material. All in all I'd highly recommend the book if you're looking to complete this certification. I supplemented my studies with Professor Messer's free video course on youtube and by downloading the exam objectives from comptia's site and adding notes, definitions, etc to the pages.

Shoukri Azmeh says

I hope this book helps me to pass the exam security 501

Ok

Arunas says

Good preparation for the exam, but lacks examples of actual code which you may encounter during the exam. Should be supplemented with Professor Messer's videos and labs from the get certified get ahead website. Furthermore, additional questions listed in the get certified get ahead website are a better representation of the exam than the review questions in the book.

Maria says

The book explains the elementary security concepts with great examples and easy language to understand. I read the book during the preparation of my SY0-501 security+ certificate and I passed the test from the first time.

Julie says

I don't have much previous experience with computers but I used this book + Professor Messer videos and passed the 501. Whew. Now I am interested in cryptography!

Shaun Jenkins says

Great book!

Helped me a lot to gain a better understanding of security principles and prepare for the security + 501 exam.

Ben says

Passed this exam today, using this book as my primary resource. It's less dry than other textbooks (Gibson clearly likes his Simpsons) and it provides good coverage of the exam requirements. However I'd recommend using alongside other resources (videos, online tests) to stand your best chance

Couple of notes about the exam, don't think I'm breaking any NDAs with the below

- the questions in the book are a little easier than in the exam, but useful for getting used to the tricky wording. Would recommend coupling with a test application (I used Pocket Prep's Android app)
- Know your acronyms! If you don't know your MTTRs from your MTBFs etc, postpone until you do.
- This gives no preparation for the Simulation based questions, try to find a resource that gives you a sense of what will be asked.
- The book doesn't prepare you for reading logs or more complex CMD line queries, a test lab or some exposure to these would be useful

Jonathan Rogers says

Read the whole book. Its very great resource! I will take exam this Friday.

Cameron Osborn says

Pair this with the Author's app and you're golden

I spent about 3 weeks really studying for the exam, all self study. Much of that time was spent digging through this book from start to finish, and when I was done with that I purchased the Android app from the same author to do practice questions and flashcard review. It really paid off and I was able to pass the exam first try. The book covers everything you'll need for the test while also giving you some tips and tricks for taking it. I recommend the Kindle version if you are on a budget as you can take it with you anywhere to get some review in during lunch breaks and it costs significantly less than the physical copy.

Mark says

I'm sure this is a good book. I do not know if I will pass my exam on the first time. I just finished reading it. I am scheduled to take my exam in about a week and a half. I restrained myself from giving the book 5 stars because I feel the only way that I would be qualified to rate the book that highly would be if it does help me pass the exam on the first time.

This book was better than the Mike Meyer's prep book for Net+. I've taken some of the tests, and I will be primarily using the tests in the book to round out my remaining study time.

Edit: I passed the exam first time I took it. Make sure to use quizzes/tests.

Chip says

Read, re-read, read again ... this book haunts me. My life will never be the same again. I passed...after many failed tries. DONE. SO DONE. Enjoy.

SanBa Khìn says

First and foremost, this book is an official study material for CompTIA Security+ examination, which is indeed essential for anyone interested in taking this test.

I've gone through every single chapter of the said book and completed corresponding review tests which are rather practical.

Overall, it's highly recommended.

Shelly says

Test on Monday - I will be so glad to get this done and get my life back.

7/23 Update: I PASSED THIS BLASTED TEST THIS MORNING.

822 out of 900. Needed 750 to pass.

I'm burning this book tonight, along with my notes and flash cards.
