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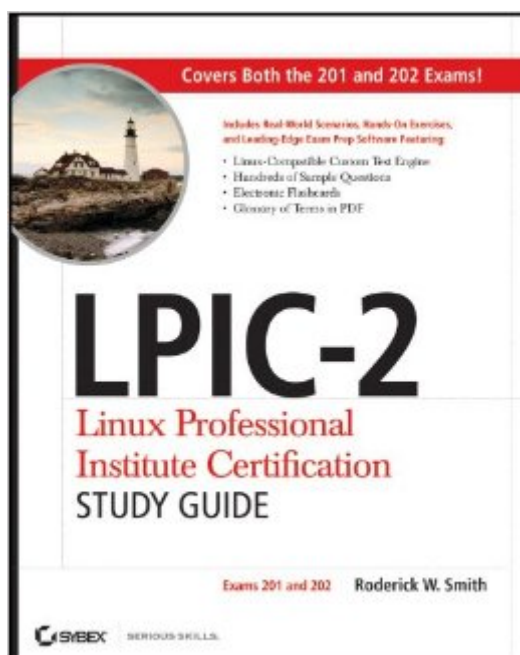
Synopsis

The first book to cover the LPIC-2 certificationLinux allows developers to update source code freely, making it an excellent, low-cost, secure alternative to alternate, more expensive operating systems. It is for this reason that the demand for IT professionals to have an LPI certification is so strong. This study guide provides unparalleled coverage of the LPIC-2 objectives for exams 201 and 202. Clear and concise coverage examines all Linux administration topics while practical, real-world examples enhance your learning process. On the CD, youâ ™ll find the Sybex Test Engine, electronic flashcards, and a glossary containing the most important terms you need to understand..Prepares you for exams 201 and 202 of the Linux Professional Institute CertificationOffers clear, concise coverage on exam topics such as the Linux kernel, system startup, networking configuration, system maintenance, domain name server, file sharing, and moreAddresses additional key topics for the exams including network client management, e-mail services, system security, and troubleshootingThis must-have study guide serves as an invaluable roadmap to attaining LPI certification.

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Customer Reviews

A bit of background:I just passed the 202 today with a score of 590, hence getting my LPI 2 certification.Before studying the topics I had never really interacted with network services to the degree required by the certification. (lots of detail)To study for the test, I read around on man pages, official documentation, assorted forums and so on.I read on the test requirements from the LPI.org website and went after the information myself. I ended up writing around 12.000 lines of documentation on Notepad++. I didn't do any fake tests beforehand or anything like that.Which takes me to the book:If you only read this book and take the test, there's no way you'll pass. LPI is different from some other certifications available (such as CCNA with the whole Cisco Press thing) that it doesn't give you the study material. It gives you the areas of interest and lets you go crazy with it. I expected this book to be broader and more comprehensive than it actually is. Not only that, just by paying attention to the exam contents on the website and skimming the book you can see that a lot of stuff is outright left out. And what is not left out sometimes is explained poorly. The iptables chapter is terrible. There's a chapter with GRUB on it, but the test regards GRUB legacy, and GRUB 2 is explained on the book. The Samba related section of the test is enormous, and I can't recall more than one sample configuration explained on the book. Postfix with virtual domains can get pretty wild (and it was very interesting to learn) and the book doesn't even touch it.It helped to fill one gap, that being PAM, which I had a hard time understanding.If anything, you can use this book as a benchmark: Study everything you have to and then read this book. If its all too easy and you can spot the thousands of flaws and holes on the book, you're good to go.

First, I passed both LPIC-2 exams, even scoring 100% on 117-201 and 720/800 on 117-202 (53/60 questions correct). I've been using Linux for about 10 years now, and have been a Linux Systems Admin professionally for about four. This book is great, I read Roderick Smith's Linux+ book (LPI version of the exam) which is also an excellent book, so I had no hesitation buying this book. Reading this book alone will not get you to 100% of what you need to pass the exams, practice and experience is whats going to get you a good score. What I did was read each chapter and then if I did not feel 100% about the subject in that chapter I started researching the topics covered, and investigated further about those topics, I also built a home lab utilizing virtual machines running on top of Fedora 15 (yum groupinstall Virtualization) so I could build a bind dns server, a apache web server, a squid proxy server, sendmail/postfix mail servers, etc. I rarely had to do more research on the first half of the book (first exam topics) because the vast majority of content I knew in depth (hence the 800/800 score), but the second half I spent some time on and learned a lot. Overall its a

great book, and I'll continue to use it as a reference.Minus 1 star for the price tag, especially the Kindle price which is what I purchased, $40 for a digital book is a bit much in my opinion.

I bought this because I couldn't find a better resource. It is out of date for the current revision of the LPIC-2. If you purchase it, you'll need to match up the updated topics to the chapters in the book.After purchase, I found a much better resource online, available for free. Look at the LPIC Wiki, they have a link to an online book.The flash cards were easily the best part of the purchase.

As said, you need another material in order to pass the exams or a lot of experience in each chapter. The example tests are too easy when you compare them with the real exam.

I just took the 201 exam and did not pass; My score was 400 and you need 500 to passI used this book along with the objectives from the LPI website as study material. MOST of the questions on the exam were NOT covered in this book Out of the 60 question on the exam, I am confident I answered 10 correct.Some of the others I got right were from experience and doing google searches on different commandsTake the advise of a fellow test taker and find better study material because this book alone is NOT going to be enough

This book is decent for covering the first test (201) but does a poor job preparing you for the 202 exam. Make sure you familiarize yourself with the _complete_ exam objectives @ [...] and use this book in conjunction with some heavy Googling.

However it is totally useless as source material for the new LPI 117-201 exam. Deals mainly with legacy systems, only touches very lightly on topics that are covered in depth on the exam. (Leaves it up to you to explore further, not the best approach for the impatient or preoccupied...) Wait for the next edition before even attempting the new exam unless you are a very experienced linux sys admin. A good place to start, but as another reviewer pointed out, if you're a noob and this is your only source, there is no way you can pass the new exam. As a book on Linux for the curious, it is outstanding. I have been pretty much a desktop linux user for about 10 years and passed the LPIC-1 without too much of a problem. I memorized this book, without fuging and variating on every single theme mentioned no matter how minor, believing that my vast, vast experience as a desktop user would be enough.the new exam kicked my arse around the block and then some... I'll be back for more punishment soon.

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