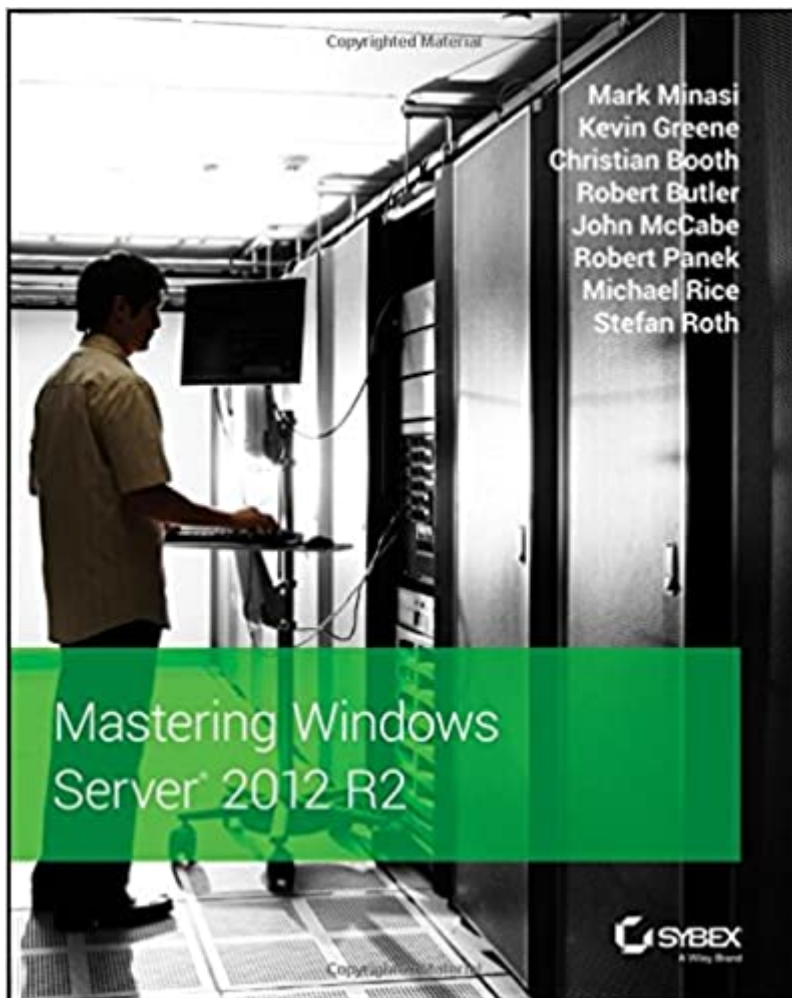


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I've only read through the first two chapters since getting the book, but I will say that I find the writing style informative without being too dry. Technical materials so easily fall into either boring recitation of facts on one side, or a rah-rah for the manufacturer. The writing style seems to lean

more toward rah-rah, and there seems to be some (maybe too much) enthusiasm for Microsoft's current flagship server product, but not so much that I'm turned off the stuff I need to know. Ordinarily, I wouldn't consider reading a book like this from cover-to-cover, but this one might be the exception. I'm on the lookout for technical errors, but I haven't seen anything big enough to get worked up about. I'm satisfied with this purchase and believe it will become a serious reference as I move into more roles requiring Server 2012 R2 expertise.

I purchased the 2008 R2 book several years ago. Minasi's books are really good and easy to follow, in my opinion. I would recommend this book to beginners to intermediate users, though I think higher end users can get something here too.

I originally purchased this book because I'm planning our AD migration to Server 2012 and I'm happy with the content that was covered. The chapters feature a step-by-step process through most of the configurations and the real world scenarios and tips help to put things in perspective. After having read the Mastering Vsphere 5.5 book I decided to stick with the same author for Windows Server 2012 [R2] and I have to say that I have no regrets in doing so. The content is clear and easy to follow, which I appreciate greatly, I don't find myself having to re-read sections unless it's about a particular concept or Microsoft term. I don't know what it is with other authors who seem to think that IT Professionals enjoy reading the dense stuff. I also like the fact that they incorporate some humor into the chapters to further make the reading as enjoyable as possible. I definitely recommend this book to anyone looking for some extra research, or brush up on Windows Server 2012. It's nice to have everything in one place and not solely relying on forum posts, etc.

This is a great book with a lot of really good insight. As an admin I have learned a lot from this book, but to those studying MCSA/MCSE be warned, this book is lacking in terms of powershell. The Microsoft Press training guides for the exams is much more thorough in these areas. That said, this book nicely supplements the training guides, I definitely highly recommend this book, but if you are going to be taking the cert tests, don't rely solely on this book or you will find yourself short changed on powershell knowledge when you sit the exam.

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and is in verbiage that is truly understandable and with great hints on what the exam will cover.

I love watching Mark Manasi on Pluralsight, his passion and energy carry forward to this book as well. This book have given me a solid theoretical foundation to be followed up in my practice lab. This books has certainly been helpful as I move forward with continued studies before I sit for my next Microsoft cert exam. Mark, looking forward to your next book. Many thanks.

Always liked Mark's writing style and this book is no different. About half way through book, studying for my MCSE-SI 2012 certification. This book is written for someone who already has a good background in Microsoft infrastructure technologies. The only reason for not giving 5 stars; noticed multiple sections where R2 updates are not included, and this is obvious when working with a lab R2 server to follow along with the exercises.

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