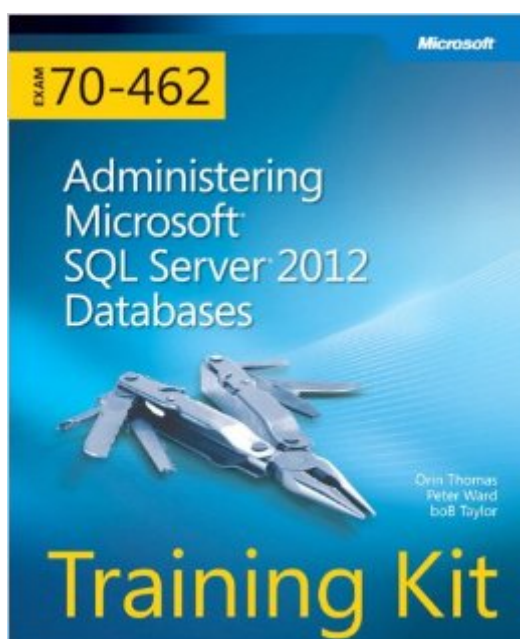


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Customer Reviews

This book is a great start to preparing for exam 70-462. You get a DVD with practice questions and practice exams, and you also get a voucher that take 15% off the price of the exam registration fee. The book is not big and not too small. It has good detail about each topic, and also has good walkthroughs that you can (and should) practice on a test machine. However, it is VERY important

that you also review the MSDN links that are provided in every section of every chapter. If you rely solely on the book for your preparation, you will not have the full details about the subject matter. Microsoft exams are notorious for having questions on obscure little details that you might not encounter in your everyday work with the tested software. In addition, as the book points out, the exams will be updated as service packs and hot fixes are released. The only way to get the updated information is to go out on the web and review MSDN and other sites. My only criticism of this book, and it's a criticism of many exam guides, is that the review questions aren't detailed enough. If Microsoft is going to test us on obscure details, then their review questions should be detailed as well. I've found I have to write my own review questions to be assured of having a sufficient level of knowledge to pass the exam. I shouldn't have to do that, since that's the whole point of buying an exam guide. Other than that, it's a good book and worth the price of purchase.

Not a recommended purchase! Frankly, while this book does have a lot of information contained within, it's too poorly written, organized, and presented to be of any really help on the test. What is worse is that it is absolutely of no use beyond the test - while the 70-461 and 70-463 Training Kits provide some methodology guidance, and real world examples of implementing their content, this book is nothing more than a jumble of MSDN links, and screenshots. What it does well: Covered everything I saw on the exam. I thought this was the easiest of three MCSA tests - there were instances where only one of the options provided was even remotely possible. So in many ways, the very basic introduction this book gives to the topics is enough to get you through the test. Where it fails (deep breath): As mentioned, the book is a hodgepodge of screenshots, step by step guides, and actual feature descriptions. Admittedly for some this may be great - I prefer to read about the features, then use them. The book briefly defines a feature, then step by step, where to click to accomplish the task. Next, the screenshots are screenshots - there's no attempt to edit or enhance them. There are no notes, no highlighted, circled, or zoomed areas. They seem to assume you're following along on your own SQL instance... which has the same screens they print in low res all over the place. Information is repeated constantly. A chapter starts with an overview of features, then repeats the same information a couple pages later, hardly reworded. Rarely is any concept expanded upon, never do you get a recommendation on when something is worthwhile or when it's helpful. The new SQL 2012 Extended Events got a paragraph. One paragraph. ****Worst**** Terminology isn't consistent, and information is contradictory: Pg. 358 "If you need more than one listener for an availability group, it is possible to create additional listeners by using Windows PowerShell or the Failover Cluster Manager console." Pg. 364 (Lesson Summary) "You can have

only one listener per availability group."You get better explanations, and graphics that are actually helpful (not snipping tool) with the MSDN documentation (diagrams! imagine that, a depiction of the architecture of an availability group).Recommendation: If you want to actually learn anything then skip this book and read the MSDN docs. If you have experience with prior versions, you have to read less of the MSDN docs.Just check the test page - it lists what is tested, and what percentage of the test it constitutes.If you really have no experience, I'm concerned about the book's accuracy, but it does give you a wealth of walk through exercises and guides. It does do that! But again, you'll have to go else where to find out *why* you'd go through that list of steps.Final note! Search for Hyper-V disk differencing and save time and tens of gigs of HDD space when setting up the practice environment (yea they don't cover that either).

I just came from my second taking of the 70-462 exam. This time I passed it with a score of 788. A month ago I failed it with a score of 678. (700 is passing) So at 50 questions each, I have 100 questions fresh in my mind as I write this.This book certainly has good info in it and it mostly covers every subject I saw on the exam with the exception of a couple of Azure questions. So, why not 4 or 5 stars? For 1 thing, the exam tips sprinkled throughout the book were worthless. I made a point of knowing all the material behind every exam tip thinking that would cover me for maybe 3 or 4 questions and after each test I went back though this book and other than the few "generic" tips, the specific ones were not on either of my tests.Probably the biggest thing that annoyed me about this book was that I bought it after watching a youtube video by one of the authors boB Taylor from a Teched conference where he spends 90 minutes going over exam prep material for this exam. In that talk he pitched this book and made all kinds of erroneous statements about what would be on the test.Things like:All potential answers must be valid solutions. No made up syntax/options allowed. FALSEVery few of the "Choose all that apply" type questions. FALSE I think I had about a dozen on each test.Maybe 1 question on Mirroring since it's being replaced by AG's. FALSE Probably 5 or 6 questions on each exam.The format of the exam was not what he talked about either.Sitting for the exam the first time it really threw me off to see all these things (and a few more) that Mr. Expert insisted wouldn't be part of the exam.Overall, this book will help but for me it wasn't enough to pass the exam.I also used a CBT Nuggets subscription to study for this. I'd recommend that over this book by far.

I just did the 70-462 exam and passed. I used this book to study, and I augmented with online research based on the objectives listed on the 70-462 web page. The emphasis and focus of this

book doesn't line up with the test. I wasted hours studying irrelevant information. My advice, follow the testing objectives on the 70-462 web page and do your research online. Good luck!

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