Windows Server 2012 R2 Inside Out
Volume 2: Services, Security, & Infrastructure
Synopsis
This supremely organized reference packs hundreds of timesaving solutions, troubleshooting tips, and workarounds for Windows Server 2012 R2 - with a focus on infrastructure, core services, and security features. Coverage includes: TCP/IP networking Managing DHCP DNS infrastructure and management Implementing and managing DNS and WINS Active Directory architecture, sites, replication, domain services Read-only domain controllers Managing users, groups, and computers Managing Group Policy Active Directory site administration Deploying and managing print services

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Customer Reviews
I am an IT professional who likes to have a book to read and refer to. In an age of digital copies it is sometimes nice to have a book to highlight and mark pages. This is a good sized book for portability. The topics are covered well and offers step by step instruction as well as detailed descriptions of what you are doing.
As someone familiar with configuring and administering previous versions of Windows Server my initial question was, what value could this book add over simple trial and error? Firstly, I found this book has an excellent structure that lends itself to the immediate concerns of a system administrator setting up and configuring a new Windows Server install in an infrastructure role (AD, DNS, DHCP etc..). The author provides concise introductory insights to each topic but likewise does not hesitate to take a deep dive into very specific details where relevant and necessary, which I appreciated. Also, all the way through there are practical insights which can save you a bunch of time and effort down the road. The author uses an enlightening mix of command line, registry & GUI instruction to illustrate the various operations that one might need to perform, all the while providing useful background information on how Windows functions. As Windows Server 2012 R2 in some ways still looks quite familiar to experienced users it could be easy to overlook some of the new features and methods of doing things which are now available. This book does a great job of bringing those new features to light in a way which is relevant to someone who is configuring a new Windows Server install with infrastructure services in mind. This is a highly practical and insightful guide or reference for anyone looking to configure and install Windows Server 2012 R2 for infrastructure purposes. It’s a book I’ll be using when configuring a new server, role or wanting to gain insight on a certain feature or behaviour.

Very concise. William does a great job. He is extremely knowledgeable about the product and passes it along to the reader. However, Most of his books are not for beginners but he spells that out in the introduction.

Great book! I bought it as a preparatory material for my MCSE server infrastructure exams. I would have loved it even more if the pages were coloured :)

I think I’ve bought every single Pocket Consultant book written by William Stanek since Windows Server 2003. Now that I’m a Microsoft trainer too, I’m increasingly turning to his Inside Out books for the deep dives I need to master Windows at an expert level. This book and his other Inside Out now are my go to books whenever I need help or a reference on a particular subject. If you’re a system administrator supporting Windows 2012 R2, you need these books. They’re the Bibles for Windows Server 2012 R2. Excellent reference and I haven’t found anything better. Clearly written and easy to understand with the depth I need as a trainer.