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Esri ArcGIS Desktop Associate Certification Study Guide

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**Synopsis**

The Esri ArcGIS Desktop Associate Certification Study Guide is a comprehensive review of the GIS skills and knowledge measured in the ArcGIS Desktop Associate certification exam. This easy-to-use study guide provides the following:-- Overviews of essential ArcGIS® for Desktop tools and workflows to strengthen your skills -- Step-by-step exercises to reinforce what you’ve learned-- Challenge questions to test your knowledge

The Esri ArcGIS Desktop Associate Certification Study Guide includes access to a 180-day version of ArcGIS 10.1 for Desktop Advanced software or ArcGIS Desktop 10 (ArcEditor license) software and a DVD containing data for working through the exercises.

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**Customer Reviews**

I doubt I will go for certification - but it brings up so many things - that I have had not heard about - that will be useful for us. That in itself s well worth the money spent on this book. Lots of free how tos on the ESRI website. The ideas are here.

I went through this book. It is a good review of GIS and is supposed to be preparation for the associate license. I have not had the chance to take the test yet, but found out preparation for the exam is supposed to include much more that this one book alone ... which was a bit of a worry. But note carefully the subtitle of the book: "... Study Guide!" I think that means it is not meant to be all that’s necessary for the test preparation ... just a guide on what to study.
Neither download code was valid, per Esri. Unfortunately, I have no way of knowing if this was an error on the part of Esri, or a problem with the legitimacy of the codes. Whatever the cause, the book obviously works as a study guide, but its effectiveness is severely hampered since the associated software cannot be accessed as advertised.

I have completed 8 of the 24 chapters so far and have found the instructions very easy to follow and the material useful. There are hands-on instructions for 3-4 exercises each chapter, using data that comes on a CD with the book.

In reading this book it was painfully (sometimes confusingly) obvious that it is a first edition of the book. There are numerous typos and inaccuracies in the book which one would hope will be corrected in future editions. All in all it does what it is meant to do, preparing someone to take the ESRI exam.

Reading this book and working through the exercises was a great learning experience, leading to a successful exam result. The author did a great job.

Great study guide and review for anyone from novice to advanced users. However, it does require a license and comes with an evaluation license of ArcGIS Desktop. With that said, the exercises are very easy to follow and the supplied data is comprehensive. I would recommend this to anyone who would like to explore ArcGIS functionality and/or take the Desktop Associate Certification.

I cannot say much about the quality of the lessons in this book as I cannot use it because the activation codes that came with it do not work! I have had to contact Esri to get a new code which has taken close to a week of back and forth with them on the phone and through email. This is very inconvenient and frustrating to say the least.

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