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# Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Administration: Real-World Skills For MCSA Certification And Beyond (Exams 70-461, 70-462, And 70-463)



## Synopsis

Implement, maintain, and repair SQL Server 2012 databases As the most significant update since 2008, Microsoft SQL Server 2012 boasts updates and new features that are critical to understand. Whether you manage and administer SQL Server 2012 or are planning to get your MCSA: SQL Server 2012 certification, this book is the perfect supplement to your learning and preparation. From understanding SQL Server's roles to implementing business intelligence and reporting, this practical book explores tasks and scenarios that a working SQL Server DBA faces regularly and shows you step by step how to handle them. Includes practice exams and coverage of exam objectives for those seeking MSCA: SQL Server 2012 certification Explores the skills you'll need on the job as a SQL Server 2012 DBA Discusses designing and implementing database solutions Walks you through administrating, maintaining, and securing SQL Server 2012 Addresses implementing high availability and data distribution Includes bonus videos where the author walks you through some of the more difficult tasks expected of a DBA Featuring hands-on exercises and real-world scenarios, this resource guides you through the essentials of implementing, maintaining, and repairing SQL Server 2012 databases.

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Let's be clear: this book will not get you in the zip code of passing any of the three exams needed for the MCSA: SQL Server 2012 certification. If you are considering MCSA, pass without a second thought. If not ... the title still does not fit, as a book about SQL Server administration should not

have this much non-administration-related, occasionally basic, content. What this book is, then, is a SQL Server book with a focus on administrator tasks, plus a helping of SSIS. In my opinion, in this capacity it's actually not bad and could be a decent beginner's choice. PS. I am an MCSE: BI.

I had passed 70-461 and 70-462 when I bought this book because my teacher used this book to teach SQL 2012 at a community college. This book offers very little practice and lot of mistakes in the exercises. I tried to submit errata on sybex.com but it doesn't have a feature to view/submit errata like I can do with books at oreilly.com. If you already work daily with SQL and want to read more, this is a book for you. If you want to pass exams with this book, I am afraid you will be disappointed.

First and foremost I was rusty on DBA work and needed something to get me back into the game slowly but surely. Truthfully, I haven't taken the certification tests. At this point it is highly unlikely that I will do that. On the other side this book is GREAT for a beginner DBA. It really starts from Point A and takes you to about Point F. Yes, T-SQL and a whole lot of other elements such as best practices, security, etc,... are lacking. If you have to learn ALL of that then you should be looking at multiple books/sources anyway. If you have any passion for DBA work and want to be reasonably good at it and be in the right path towards your certification then I highly recommend this book. The fundamentals presented actually apply to other DB's I have and currently use as well (i.e. Oracle, MySQL, etc.). I do recommend this to anyone who believes that need to learn from the beginning. If you are already moderately skilled and just want the cert guide then I would consider other options only because this is not a pure certification guide. I have no regrets. It is exactly as presented. A beginner guide to MS SQL and a mild guide to the certification.

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So far the book has done well for real life scenarios. One thing I had noticed in the query portion was there wasn't enough emphasis on T-SQL. I had taken a pre-test and it was totally different from what was discussed in the book

I've used Sybex books for all of my Comptia certifications, and the MCSA series doesn't disappoint.

This book has all the information and practice tests that you need to pass the MCSA certification. Definitely recommend if you're interested in being a SQL administrator.

I downloaded the free sample of this book and read lot of excerpts online here at [http://www.it-ebooks.info](#), and I had a difficult time to convince myself that this could be a good MCSA preparation book. As a matter of fact, I also have my doubts this could be a good SQL 2012 Administration book. And here is why. 1st, the book touches too many topics but nothing goes in-depth. Granted, SQL 2012 is so complex, that writing a complete book will be massive and huge, but few authors have accomplished that before, Kalen Delaney, one of them, and Adam Jorgensen, another one. The book it's certainly really easy to read (like most of the Sybex books I have) but it does not go beyond simple explanations. I believe the author can be succinct while being more useful too but this book is too simplistic. To give you guys an idea, the chapter about Clustering, it's like 20 pages, and the chapter about Indexes, 20 pages as well or about that. Those two topics are key for any Professional DBA and they well deserved more than a few pages with simple theory of what they are or how to configure. The part that really "bothers" me more is reading "MCSA Certification and Beyond" at the title. This book may give you a brief idea of what features you will find and how to deploy few of them, but this book won't prepare you well enough for the actual MS test. And for its current price tag of above 40 dollars, I find it unacceptable, even misleading. Now, to be fair, I love the book's layout and writing style. The books reads like a novel and have outstanding graphs that make it even easier to understand. Very, very readable and enjoyable. So for someone totally new to SQL 2012 or databases in general, this could be a good primer. A similar book which I believe does a better job and at a lower price though, is *Professional Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Administration*. I've been using SQL for more than a decade, and still I've found lot of useful tips there. For a bit more than 20 bucks new at [http://www.it-ebooks.info](#) (at the time of this review) I believe it's a better choice.

The book seems to provide indepth SQL knowledge but I ended up selling due to a career change.

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