

Introduction

If you're preparing to take the Security+ exam, you'll undoubtedly want to find as much information as you can concerning computer and physical security. The more information you have at your disposal and the more hands-on experience you gain, the better off you'll be when attempting the exam. This study guide was written with that in mind. We have attempted to dispense as much information as we can about computer security. The key was to provide enough information that you'll be prepared for the test but not so much that you'll be overloaded with information outside the scope of the exam.

This book presents the material at an intermediate technical level. Experience with and understanding of security concepts, operating systems, and applications systems will help you get a full understanding of the challenges facing you as a security professional.

We've included review questions at the end of each chapter to give you a taste of what it's like to take the exam. If you're already working in the security field, we recommend that you check out these questions first to gauge your level of expertise. You can then use the book mainly to fill in the gaps in your current knowledge. This study guide will help you round out your knowledge base before tackling the exam.

If you can answer 80 percent or more of the review questions correctly for a given chapter, you can probably feel safe moving on to the next chapter. If you're unable to answer that many correctly, reread the chapter and try the questions again. Your score should improve.



Don't just study the questions and answers! The questions on the actual exam will be different from the practice questions included in this book and on the CD. The exam is designed to test your knowledge of a concept or objective, so use this book to learn the objective behind the question.