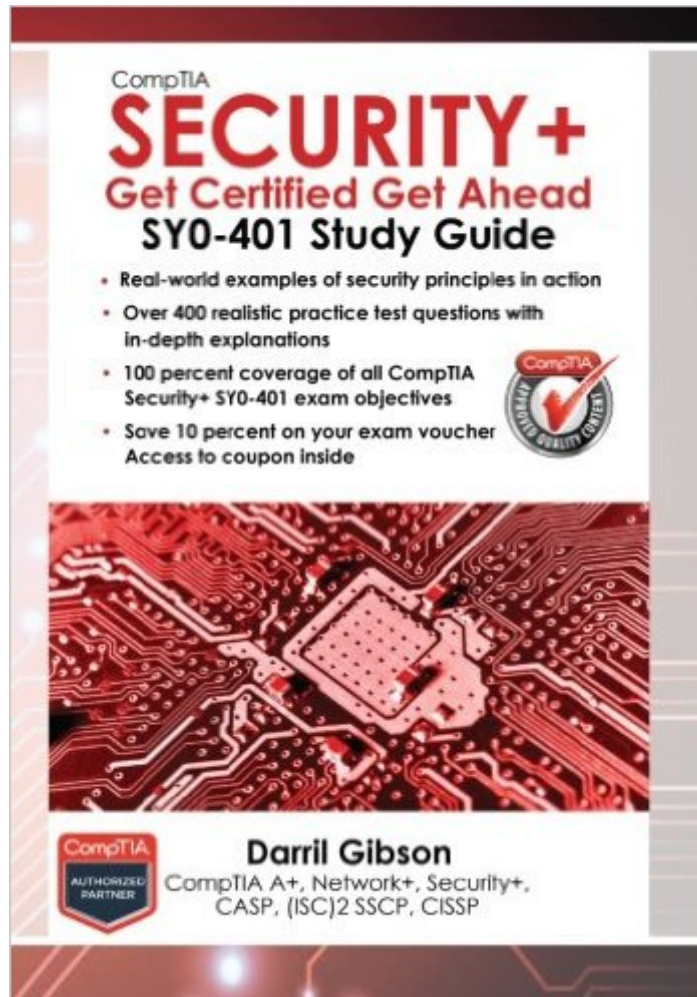


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# CompTIA Security+: Get Certified Get Ahead: SY0-401 Study Guide



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Pass the First Time. The CompTIA Security+ Get Certified Get Ahead SY0-401 Study Guide is an update to the top-selling SY0-201 and SY0-301 study guides, which have helped thousands of readers pass the exam the first time they took it. After a comprehensive review by ProCert Labs, the SY0-401 version has been certified as CompTIA Approved Quality Content (CAQC) and covers every aspect of the SY0-401 exam. It includes the same elements readers raved about in the previous two versions. Each of the eleven chapters presents topics in an easy to understand manner and includes real-world examples of security principles in action. The author uses many of the same analogies and explanations heâ€™s honed in the classroom that have helped hundreds of students master the Security+ content. Youâ€™ll understand the important and relevant security topics for the Security+ exam, without being overloaded with unnecessary details. Additionally, each chapter includes a comprehensive review section to help you focus on whatâ€™s important. Over 400 realistic practice test questions with in-depth explanations will help you test your comprehension and readiness for the exam. The book includes a 100 question pre-test, a 100 question post-test, and practice test questions at the end of every chapter. Each practice test question includes a detailed explanation to help you understand the content and the reasoning behind the question. Youâ€™ll be ready to take and pass the exam the first time you take it. If you plan to pursue any of the advanced security certifications, this guide will also help you lay a solid foundation of security knowledge. Learn this material, and youâ€™ll be a step ahead for other exams. This SY0-401 study guide is for any IT or security professional interested in advancing in their field, and a must read for anyone striving to master the basics of IT systems security. The author supplements the book with blog posts here: <http://blogs.getcertifiedgetahead.com/>. This page provides a full listing of mobile device apps from the author: <http://learnzapp.com/partners/darrilgibson/>.

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If I had to describe this book, it's a good starting resource for people who have never taken the test before and might not be familiar with the material from working within an IT environment....however, it's not a single source for passing the test as many reviews here would have you believe. It's absolutely not. I hadn't taken Sec+ since the 201 test, so I was familiar with all of the concepts having had a long term of actual IT experience and having taken the test back in 2008, but I was a little rusty on the material as far as definitions and acronyms and such. I used this book as my sole refresher, and while I skipped many chunks of the book because it was knowledge I already knew by heart, the things I needed to brush up on weren't sufficient for the test. I like how the author didn't get overly technical in explanations, because with the stupid CompTIA test, technical knowledge really doesn't matter. It's about how much of the semantics you can memorize like acronyms and their definitions - not so much a knowledge of the actual working concepts of these protocols, etc. I believe this book has a lot of fluff, white space, and padding pages as well. If the author just took the time to abridge the book and boil it down to the core items and definitions, port and protocols, etc. it would have been a more lean read. To understand where I'm coming from, you need to have taken one of these horrible tests before. The test doesn't test your knowledge as an IT professional - they're not even designed to test your knowledge on the material - they're designed to make you struggle and fail so that CompTIA can sell you re-test vouchers at an inflated price, and keep people paying out to them.

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