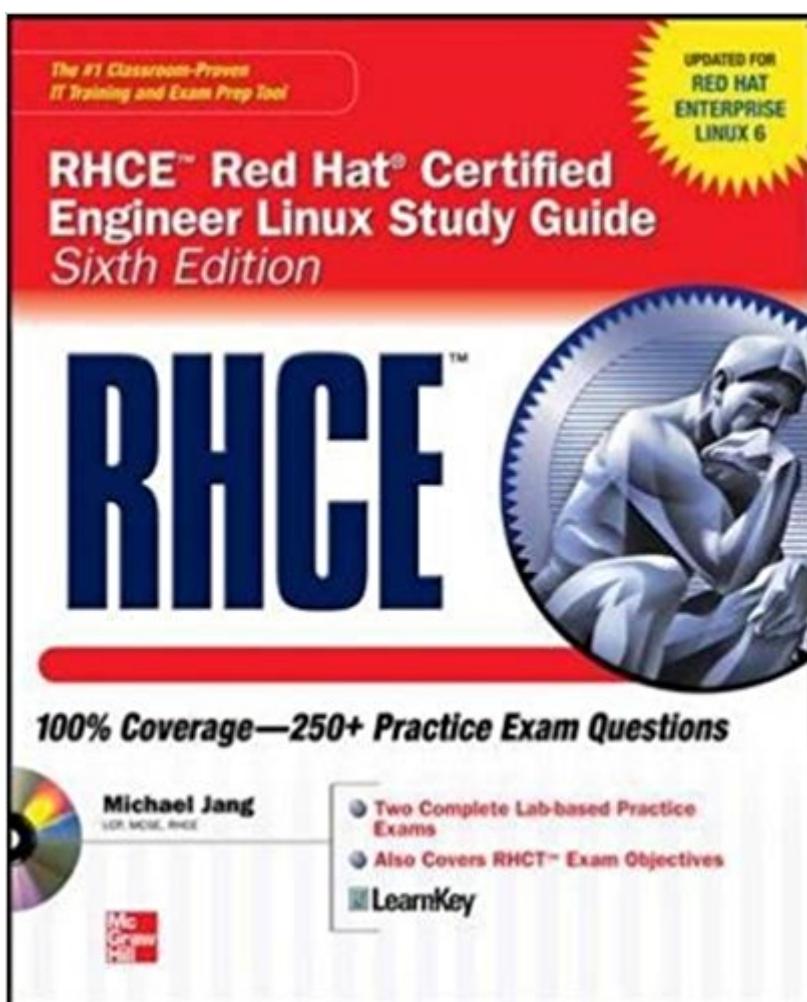


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Synopsis

The best fully integrated study system available (Exams EX200 and EX300) With hundreds of review questions and complete coverage of performance-based requirements, RHCSA/RHCE Red Hat Linux Certification Study Guide, Sixth Edition covers what you need to know--and shows you how to prepare--for these challenging exams. 100% complete coverage of all official objectives for Exams EX200 and EX300 Exam Readiness Checklist--you're ready for the exam when all objectives on the list are checked off Inside the Exam sections in every chapter highlight key exam topics covered Two-Minute Drills for quick review 100+ lab questions--two full lab-based RHCSA exams and two full lab-based RHCE exams--match the format, tone, topics, and difficulty of the real exam Covers all the exam topics, including: Virtual Machines and Automated Installations * Fundamental Command Line Skills * RHCSA-Level Security Options * The Boot Process * Linux Filesystem Administration * Package Management * User Administration * RHCSA-Level System Administration * RHCE Security * System Services and SELinux * RHCE Administration * Mail Servers * Samba * File Sharing * DNS, FTP, and Logging CD-ROM includes: Complete lab-based exam preparation, featuring: Two full RHCSA practice exams Two full RHCE practice exams Lab-based chapter self tests In-depth answer explanations for all labs RHCSA and RHCE Glossary PDF copy of the book for studying on the go Michael Jang, RHCE, LPIC-2, UCP, LCP, MCP, is the author of three previous bestselling editions of RHCE Red Hat Certified Engineer Linux Study Guide and several other books on Linux and professional certification.

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When I saw the changes that Red Hat announced in November of 2010, I knew that I'd have to make serious revisions for the 6th edition. When Red Hat revised those objectives again a month later, I restarted the revision process to make sure I included complete coverage of every objective. To address the new RHCSA certification, the changes to the RHCE objectives, as well as the new features included in Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6 (RHEL 6), I've rewritten and added hundreds of pages of new material. I actually had to delete a couple of hundred pages of now unrelated material from the fifth edition to make room. Every command in this book has been tested on a RHEL 6 system. Much of this book has also been tested on the freely available Scientific Linux 6, built from RHEL 6 source code. (You don't have to buy RHEL 6 to prepare for the Red Hat exams.) While the best way to prepare for the RHCSA and RHCE exams is with Red Hat's prep courses, I hope you'll find this book to be invaluable in your studies and on the job. The book describes how you can satisfy the latest objectives for both the RHCSA and RHCE exams. At over 1000 pages, it includes detailed descriptions on how to configure real-world systems based on those objectives. Due to the hands-on nature of the exam, the book includes 109 labs. (That's nearly double the number of labs in the fifth edition.) Red Hat's director of certification has stated that exam tasks will be "presented electronically". To reflect this change, most lab questions and all four sample exams are available only on the CD, in the subdirectories for each chapter. (All labs in Chapter 1 and one lab in Chapter 2 are still shown in the printed book.) When I used the fifth edition to teach a Linux course, I realized how important it is to have separate chapters for the RHCSA and the RHCE. It took a bit of extra time, but I hope you agree that it's worth it. If you want to study for the RHCSA first, focus on Chapters 1 through 9. To study for the RHCE, read Chapters 10 through 17. Every chapter includes at least 12 fill-in-the-blank review questions to help you confirm mastery of this material. In addition,

Chapters 1 and 2 include instructions on how to use Red Hat's KVM software to create the virtual machines to set up test scenarios for both exams. As suggested by the RHCSA and RHCE objectives, the "performance-based testing means that candidates must perform tasks similar to what they must perform on the job". Security, especially SELinux, is more important than ever. This book describes the RHCSA-level tools needed to configure KVM, to automate installations, to customize how a system boots, to set up different filesystems, to administer users, to update packages, and more. Of course, it also addresses the RHCE skills associated with servers for e-mail, web sites, Samba, NFS, FTP, NTP, and Logging. For both exams, you'll learn to configure firewalls and SELinux in all the detail that you'll need. Thank you, and good luck!

The do to book when it comes to getting certified. Used Mr. Jang's RHEL 6 book to get certified last time and am using this one (RHEL 7) to get updated. Complete and proven in my case, PDF's included for on the go studying, with no DRM!

The book is great (I have not taken the RHCSA 7 test since I started using this book). I have read other RHCSA 7 books and feel this is the superior book. The information for the different tasks is concise. I really appreciate this fact. I'm not a super smart person so I need things to be explained clearly. My only complain would be the fact that the author provides the minimal amount of information on the different subjects. In order to get a deep dive of certain things, I had to do some self study on the matter. However, the author makes this fact clear from the very beginning. He advises that the book will not cover everything you need to know on a topic and that RHCSA 7 attempts are not for Linux beginners. He also suggests additional study material if you're a newbie or alternate certifications that would be more appropriate for a less experienced Linux user/administrator. If you have a decent Linux background (regardless of distribution) and can move around in the command line and do simple stuff, or have a little bit of Red Hat experience, this book is for you. If you lack an overall understanding of Linux, the command line, directory tree structure, configuration files, etc. this book will certainly teach you things but you'll have to fill the knowledge gap with more "beginner" level study material.

The book is adequate for RHCE. I didn't need to take RHCSA as I already had RHCSA/RHCE in RHEL 6 and just needed to renew my RHCE. This was my only study source it covered all objectives adequately for RHCE as described by Red Hat. For both RHEL 6 exams I used Jang's RHCSA/RHCE 6 guide plus his lab book. I couldn't wait for his RHCSA/RHCE 7 lab book to be

released so I had to do without (the delays in publishing this book and the lab book have been a bit ridiculous). Anyway, though I haven't used the version 7 lab book, I'd recommend waiting for it if you're able. You'll want as much practice material as possible. Also, do all labs, repetitively, on all available minor releases of RHEL. Do NOT focus on one release. Do 7.0, 7.1, 7.3, ... You can screw yourself if you're not familiar with the nuances of each release.

I waited for many months for this book to come out. I heard Michael Jang's books are the gold standard for RHCSA/RHCE study guides and now I know why. This book was definitely worth the wait. This guide is very thorough and very informative. The included labs are a great way to work learn hands on, which is what these exams are.

So, I haven't used this for the RHCE yet, but I passed the RHCSA on the first try. Since I can't talk about the RHCSA, let me just talk about my experience with this book. I had very little prior Linux experience. I read the first 9 chapters (RHCE) sections of this book and got a job as a Jr. Linux Admin. I waited 1 year and then scheduled my exam. I re-read this book, did all the exercises + test questions + two practice exams. I was able to pass well over the required passing score. The practice exams really give you a feel for what type of questions/format to expect. So, I loved this book and as I study for my RHCE, let me tell you that it lines up well with the Red Hat objectives, just like the RHCSA section did. Mr Jang does a fabulous job of giving you a lot of background and knowledge on a subject, so even if you don't know how to do something, you have a base to build a solution on and know what to look for. I'd highly recommend this book for studying, and make sure you study for RHCSA objectives that Red Hat provides. If you can do all those fast and well, then you're fine. :)

This is the sixth edition of Jang's Red Hat Linux Certification Study Guide, though it has in previous editions been known under slightly different titles due to the change in Red Hat's test titles. With the transition to Red Hat Enterprise 6 and the introduction of Red Hat's RHCSA (Certified System Administrator) test, this book has undergone a significant revision cycle. First things first - the book comes with a CD that contains a total of four practice exams, two for the RHCSA exam and two for the RHCE exam. It also contains a full copy of the book, in PDF form, broken up in chapters. This is a huge benefit for those that travel with a laptop or for those that wish to study without toting the book along. This CD alone is worth the cost of the book. Startling to those familiar with previous editions of this book is the edition of coverage of the KVM early into the book (chapter 2). According

to Jang, the exam now is conducted through virtualization and as such one must have some familiarity with the environment before taking the test. Being relatively new to virtual operating system environments, this is very helpful material and is applicable to things that happen in the workplace when looking for ways to make the most of the hardware available. As in previous editions this book has a breakdown of what chapters cover each exam, and this table is covered early. For people studying for the RHCSA exam, this makes it a little easier to narrow down the scope of material. There are 17 chapters of study materials in this book, plus the practice exams: Preparing for the RH Hands-On Certification, Virtual Machines and Automates Installations, Fundamental Command Line Skills, RHCSA-Level Security Options, The Boot Process, Linux Filesystem Administration, Package Management, User Administration, RHCSA-Level System Administration Tasks, A Security Primer, System Services and SELinux, RHCE Administrative Tasks, Electronic Mail Servers, The Apache Web Server, The Samba File Server, More File-Sharing Services, and finally Administrative Services: DNS, FTP, and Logging. Each of these chapters dives deep into the topic matter and offers up self-quiz questions and exercises to help learn and/or master the material. With this coverage passing the exams are within reach. This is not just an exam preparation manual, though. It is also a superb reference. It is not feasible to remember everything there is to know about Linux and Red Hat in particular, but this book keeps everything close by and accessible - and the PDF version is invaluable just for the searching capabilities alone. I keep this book close by. Previous versions of this book have helped many people pass the RHCE and the RHCT (superceded by the new RHCSA) exams, and this book is suited for doing the same for many more people. Even if you're not prepping for certification, consider picking up this book as it will be a very valuable reference. By the way - after working with this book almost to the exclusion of other references, I passed the RHCSA on the first try. I have not yet pursued the RHCE but it's on the horizon. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** It should be noted that this book does NOT cover configuration of the X Window system. According to Red Hat's published exam objectives for RHEL 6 (as of summer 2011), X configuration is not required for passing the RHCSA or RHCE exams and as such this book does not include X coverage.

A bit too wordy; some exam criteria not covered. Not as thorough as Mr. Jang's RHEL 6 book.

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