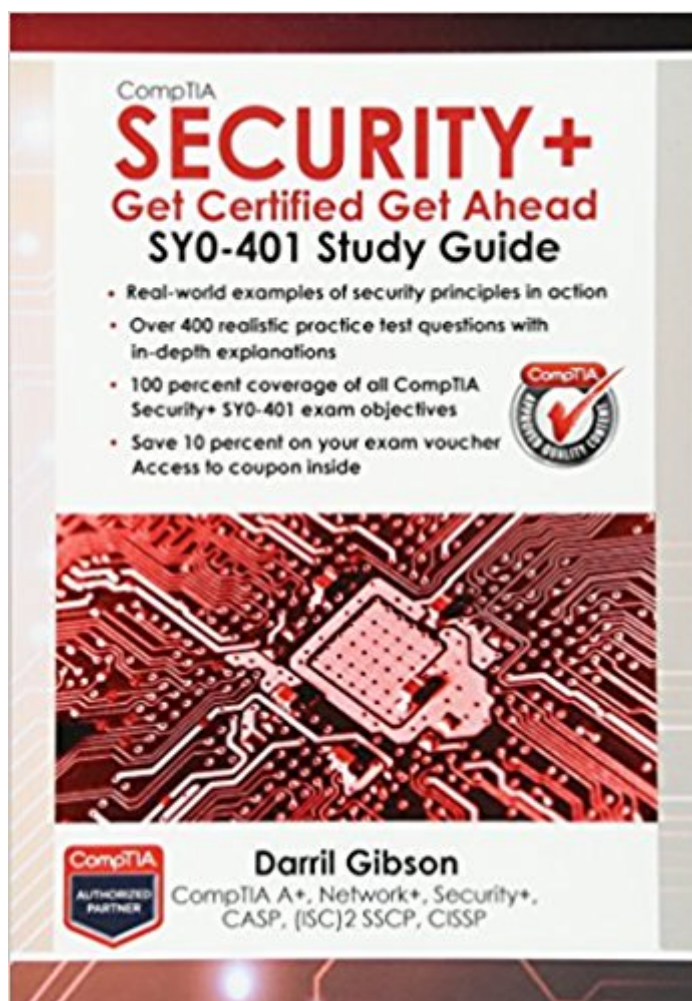


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# CompTIA Security+: Get Certified Get Ahead: SY0-401 Study Guide



## Synopsis

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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This was the only study material I used. The test isn't easy, and without this book I would have had no chance of passing. Pay special attention to the "Remember This" sections - they have very appropriate and useful suggestions. Good luck!

I'm in the Air Force and my job required me to pass the SY0-401. Many people failed with the book that was given to us, but this book helped me pass with an 806. Good luck to all who takes the test!

I never write reviews for products I buy, but I'm grateful for those of you who do. Your raving reviews of this book is what prompted me to buy it. And I couldn't agree more! I needed to pass the Security+ exam for a potential job, knowing that I'm losing my job at the end of this month. I was not given much time to prepare for this exam, and I wanted to do everything I could (within reason) to learn what I needed to learn to pass this certification. So I bought this book, read it from cover to cover. Taking all the practice tests at least twice. And after a little over 2 weeks of studying this book alone, I was able to pass the exam on the first try. A little bit about my background, so as to help base your judgment on where I started and what it took for me to pass this test...I graduated with a bachelors in management information systems in 2012. In my studies, I only took one basic networking class and one network security class (neither of which I did well in, but I passed them both). Since, I have worked as an IT systems analyst, not a networking position by any means, but I have been exposed to normal IT security awareness (i.e. password rules, disaster recover plans, clean desk policies, etc.). The CompTIA recommends 2+ years of networking experience and

having the Network+ certification before attempting the Security+ certification. I did not have either of those. Just this book and a determination to learn the material as best as I can a short amount of time. What worked for me: I started with the pre-assessment to judge my knowledge level. Then just read a chapter a day, taking notes on all the "Remember this" bubbles and answering the chapter practice questions at the end of each chapter. This book is great with the practice questions in that the answer sections didn't just provide the right multiple choice answer. They provided explanations as to why the answers were correct, and more importantly, why the wrong answers were wrong. When I finished the last chapter I jumped right into the post test. Pre-assessment: 64/100; Post-assessment: 83/100. A decent improvement, and I knew which were my trouble chapters. Went back and reread them. Read my notes. Retook all the tests and chapter quizzes and felt ready for the test. I'll admit, that test is not a joke, and the questions were not easy. I came out of the test thinking I failed. But that's the crazy thing about those types of tests. You never know how you did until you actually get the results. Needing a 750 to pass, I got an 833. So you might need a little more than I did. You might need a little less. But if you're needing to pass the Security+ certification, this book is a great place to start.

I bought this in January and procrastinated taking the exam. About 3 weeks ago, I broke down and scheduled my exam. I studied the book for two weeks straight and did the performance based questions. This book is definitely the reason I passed. CertMaster didn't help very much at all. I definitely recommend this book if you are going to take this exam!

I highly recommend this study guide for anyone planning to take the SY0-401 Security+ exam. This was my primary source material for preparing for exam, and I passed on my first attempt. The author has a strong grasp of the subject matter, and this book is very easy to read and maintains reader's interest with interesting anecdotes and analogies. Mr. Gibson provides one of the easier explanations on the sometimes arcane subjects of cryptography, symmetric, and asymmetric encryption. Though I have over 20 years experience in IT, I was still able to learn more about the fascinating security field from this exam guide. I also recommend that prospective test takers consider the premium online content offered by the author, with many additional practice questions which really help prepare you thoroughly to pass this exam.

I studied the book completely and in addition studied 360 questions of an older version COMPTIA prep tests (V5) and passed the test at the first attempt by 780 but with some struggle. This is a good

book for passing the exam but you need to study at least 500 additional questions and I do recommend the latest versions. This book is not by any means a comprehensive book of the topics. Studying it will make you familiarize with key concepts about 70 percent of what you need for the exam. But then you need practice tests and you will find many tests that this book has no answer for it. For example during the practice tests I saw few questions about FM200 fire suppression system that is not mentioned in the book or terms such as war dialing. Having said all of these I do not know a better book for newbies who want to pass the exam. I like the simplistic approach of the writer that make the hard topics easy to digest but I noticed on few topics the book approach is too simple to explain some core concepts. You will notice that when answering prep tests.

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