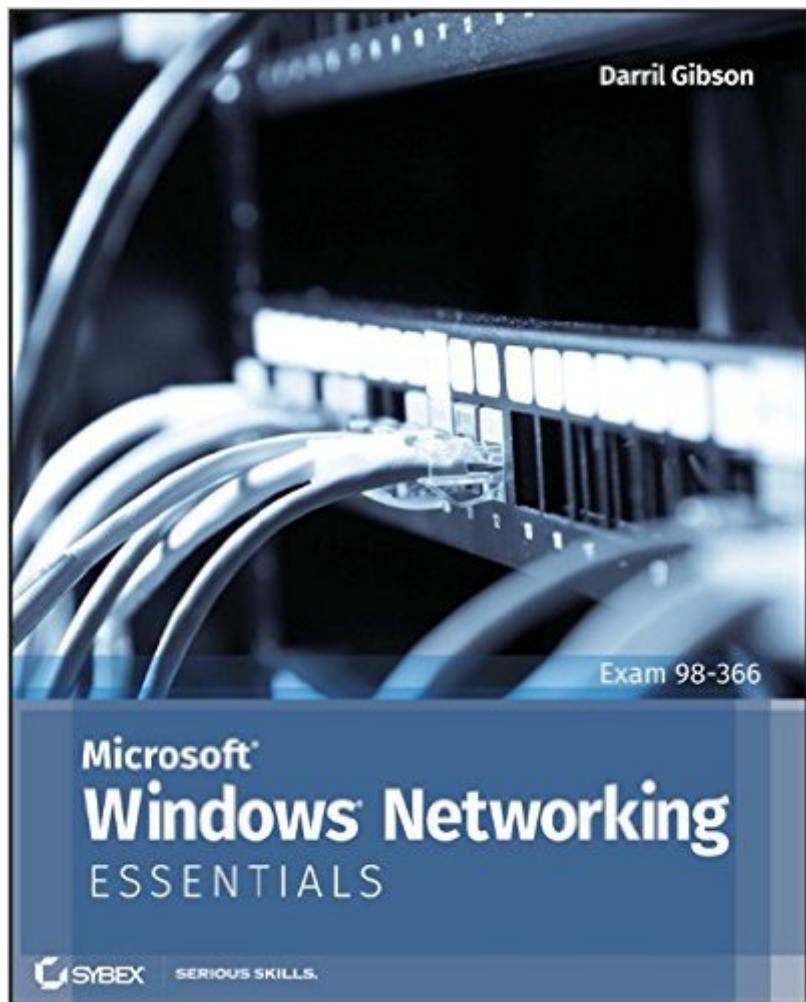


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# Microsoft Windows Networking Essentials



## Synopsis

The core concepts and technologies of Windows networking Networking can be a complex topic, especially for those new to the field of IT. This focused, full-color book takes a unique approach to teaching Windows networking to beginners by stripping down a network to its bare basics, thereby making each topic clear and easy to understand. Focusing on the new Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) program, this book pares down to just the essentials, showing beginners how to gain a solid foundation for understanding networking concepts upon which more advanced topics and technologies can be built. This straightforward guide begins each chapter by laying out a list of topics to be discussed, followed by a concise discussion of the core networking skills you need to have to gain a strong handle on the subject matter. Chapters conclude with review questions and suggested labs so you can measure your level of understanding of the chapter's content. Serves as an ideal resource for gaining a solid understanding of fundamental networking concepts and skills Offers a straightforward and direct approach to networking basics and covers network management tools, TCP/IP, the name resolution process, and network protocols and topologies Reviews all the topics you need to know for taking the MTA 98-366 exam Provides an overview of networking components, discusses connecting computers to a network, and looks at connecting networks with routers If you're new to IT and interested in entering the IT workforce, then Microsoft Windows Networking Essentials is essential reading.

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This book is a great book to read to get a good foundation on networking. The book is clear, concise, complete, and of small size in covering network essentials. I have read some other good rated network books and the problem I had with those books was that the authors would throw network jargons that they would not explain well or not at all. In this book the author defines every technical terminology he mentions. Also the author uses illustrations and everyday life analogies to make the subject easy to understand. I would recommend this book to anyone looking for clarity in computer networking foundations.

I passed my exam within three weeks of study, using only this book. The book is easy to understand and most of the chapters are short. Some of the labs in the book don't require Window's Sever 2008 R2 (Which I don't have access). 80% of them can be done using Window's 7. A great first stepping stone for networking.

The book has been good for the most part up until chapter 5, which is on IPv4. There are so many errors in the subnetting section of this chapter, even the correction (from book website) for the error for the End of Chapter Solution is incorrect. It asked to divide a network into 2, but the corrected solution shows two subnets from a network that was divided by 4. Also an end of chapter question solution explanation is totally off the wall. And another question has two answers, but it only shows one solution. I hope the rest of the book isn't like this. Also in this chapter, the method for subnetting isn't really spelled out, you kind of have to put pieces together and figure it out. Poorly written chapter. I guess the positive of these errors was that I learned more and understand more by finding and correcting these errors. Other than this chapter, the book has been good. Now onto the chapter on IPv6..... I took the exam, and it was easy. This book covers more than enough for passing the exam.

I am an IT instructor. This book is great. Buy it and you will like it. It is well written, has color illustrations and is clear but concise. Highly recommend it to anyone. I am using it to teach Network+. Covers all but a few topic such as structured cabling.

I'm completely new on the networking field. So far this book is great, really great! It explains everything in a really good and easy way to understand! I really do recommend this book for anyone who wishes to learn about networking. Like I said, I'm really new at this and so far I've learned a lot!

As a library administrator I was given the job of supervising the libraries' computer tech. The only problem was that I had no background whatsoever in computer networking. I purchased Networking Essentials and read it through a couple of times, with lots of highlighting. The book does what it is supposed to do. It takes a very complex subject, and for the most part, explains it in simple terms. After I read the book through twice, my organization purchased a subscription to an online study source, so Networking Essentials and the study source helped me get my certification. If you are starting with little or no knowledge, this is a worthy foundation book.

This is probably one of the most valuable IT books I own, it really covers a lot of information, it is well-written, and it's worth having regardless if you plan to take the exam or not. I wish I had this book over a decade ago when I started my corporate IT career, it filled in some gaps for me. The author has a skill for keeping the reader interested. I'll be keeping my eye out for more books by Darril Gibson. One thing worth mentioning is that this book did not cover a network topology, the difference between distance-vector and link-state routing, or a three-homed perimeter network. You can find what you need in these articles:[...]

For what could be a very dry topic, this book is remarkable engaging. I wouldn't quite call it a page turner but a couple of times I really didn't want to stop reading. It covers the main topic of networking in a logical order and makes new topics easy to understand. Overall it's an excellent book.

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