CompTIA A+ Training Kit (Exam 220-801 And Exam 220-802) (Microsoft Press Training Kit)
**Synopsis**

Ace your preparation for the CompTIA A+ Exams 220-801 and 220-802 with this 2-in-1 Training Kit from Microsoft Press®. Work at your own pace through a series of lessons and practical exercises, and then assess your computing technology skills with the online practice test featuring multiple, customizable testing options to meet your specific needs. Your Training Kit includes:

- In-depth coverage of all 10 CompTIA domains in Exams 220-801 and 220-802
- Instructive case studies to enhance your performance on the job
- Online practice tests to help you assess your exam readiness
- The entire Training Kit in searchable eBook format
- Assess your skills with practice tests. You can work through hundreds of questions using multiple testing modes to meet your specific learning needs. You get detailed explanations for right and wrong answers including a customized learning path that describes how and where to focus your studies.

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**Customer Reviews**

This book is really pleasant to read and learn from. At first I took cbtnuggets.com videos for CompTIA A+ and I am really happy I did it. 95% of the info you need its there but sometimes you need some more specific info on particular subjects like how basses work, clock speeds etc. This book can fill this gap and at the same time it will be really enjoyable to read because of the clear and concise writing approach that the author uses. One more advantage is that it covers all new topics CompTIA A+ has included like Mobile Devices Chapter.
1 Introduction to Computers
Chapter 2 Understanding Motherboards and BIOS
Chapter 3 Understanding RAM and CPUs
Chapter 4 Comparing Storage Devices
Chapter 5 Exploring Peripherals and Expansion Cards
Chapter 6 Exploring Video and Display Devices
Chapter 7 Exploring Printers
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Chapter 9 Understanding Mobile Devices
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Chapter 17 Troubleshooting Windows Operating Systems
Chapter 18 Introducing Networking Components
Chapter 19 Exploring Cables and Connectivity
Chapter 20 Understanding Protocols
Chapter 21 Comparing IPv4 and IPv6
Chapter 22 Network Security Devices
Chapter 23 Exploring Wireless Networking
Chapter 24 Connecting and Troubleshooting a Network
Chapter 25 Understanding IT Security
Chapter 26 Recognizing Malware and Other Threats

It has plenty of info, well laid out. I've found typeOs here and there. The practice test has a few problems, but is overall useful. i.e. “A user's hard drive failed on his laptop computer. He wants to replace it with the fastest hard drive he can find. Which of the following drives should he purchase? 1) Optical drive 2) Flash drive 3) PATA drive 4) SATA drive” Hmmmm... I confidently chose SATA, but the answer was Flash drive. Since when are SSDs referred to as a Flash drive. Try googling “flash drive” and see what comes up. In the explanation of the answers, “A flash drive or solid state drive (SSD) is the fastest.” Had it said “flash drive or solid state drive” this would have been my choice but i would have been wondering about why flash drive was included. Flash memory yes, flash drive, that's misleading. Does Comptia consider a “flash drive” an SSD? If i saw this question on the Comptia test, i'm not sure how i would answer it. I've found a few questions with questionable answers. Overall the book is great, i guess these weird questions just make me have to study harder and verify some answers at other sources.

Good book for passing A+. I do have some IT background, but purchased this book to brush upon the topics covered on the exam. The author does a great job of explaining everything in a way that is easy to understand and not too wordy. I read the book, took notes on some of the most important topics and passed first time. There were a few errors, so I'd definitely recommend checking out the errata page, which you can find in the book. There are practice tests on the CD. Once you take the full practice exam once or twice, you'll notice you get the same questions. I memorized the answers
quickly, but they were still helpful. There were a few hands-on type questions on the exam that I was not expecting. One was configuring a home router with specified settings (SSID, encryption type, etc.) and one was ‘building' two PCs based on the type of user (gamer, professional workstation) with a list of parts. The practice exams did not have any of these types of questions. All-in-all great book for a great price! I'd recommend it to anyone studying for A+.

I have been passively studying for the A+ as I do not need it for my current job, but I am seeing it listed on nearly every new job that is posted these days. So I want to be prepared to take it when the need arises. (Or when I feel confident that I'll pass with flying colors, and just want to get it over with.) I have used a couple of older resources including an online course and a DVD course for the 220-701 and 220-702. I was happy to see that the 801/802 tests get rid of some of the ancient content that was still covered in 701/702. For the 800 series, I have also read CompTIA A+ Complete Study Guide: Exams 220-801 and 220-802 which I also recommend. I feel that this book is more concisely written and the other has a few hundred more pages which seem a little denser than this book. Truly both are great books and I have actually enjoyed reading the same chapters in both when I can. Even day to day in my current job, I have already benefited from a deeper knowledge that I would not have gotten in my day to day duties...I know a lot more about the laser printing process as a great example. If you are studying for the A+ I don’t think you can go wrong with this one.

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