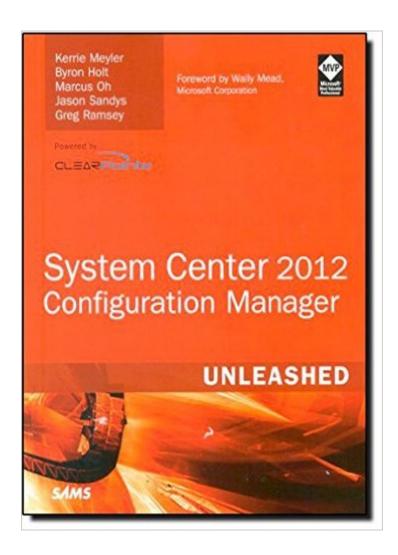
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# System Center 2012 Configuration Manager (SCCM) Unleashed





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This is the comprehensive reference and technical guide to Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager 2012. A team of expert authors offers step-by-step coverage of related topics in every feature area, organized to help IT professionals rapidly optimize Configuration Manager 2012 for their requirements, and then deploy and use it successfully. The authors begin by introducing Configuration Manager 2012 and its goals, and explaining how it fits into the broader System Center product suite. Next, they fully address planning, design, and implementation. Finally, they systematically cover each of Configuration Manager 2012's most important feature sets, addressing issues ranging from configuration management to software distribution. Readers will learn how to use Configuration Manager 2012's user-centric capabilities to provide anytime/anywhere services and software, and to strengthen both control and compliance. The first book on Configuration Manager 2012, System Center Configuration Manager 2012 Unleashed joins Sams' market-leading series of books on Microsoft's System Center product suite: books that have achieved go-to status amongst IT implementers and administrators worldwide.

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OK slightly better than TechNet.I'm thinking they wrote this book too early in the SCCM 2012 product lifecycle.A bunch of filler inside that frankly no better than whats on TechNet already.Additionally found :Slight differences between RTM release capabilities than what's listed in

the bookLarge differences between SP1 capabilities than what's listed in this book.Big fan of other unleashed series of books.This one falls a bit short of expectations.Will buy other unleashed books..but tough to recommend this one unless you know nothing about SCCM 2007 or SCCM 2012..AND have no access to TechNet.

A great coverage of the new SCCM with feature coverage of the new changes and differences between the 2007 version. Thorough coverage of new features. A great reference book for any SCCM 2012 administrator to keep on their bookshelf. If you want to get SCCM 2012 deployed and setup then combine this with the book by Deployment Fundamentals and you can bypass the hurdles and be productive much sooner with confidence.

I'm new to SCCM with the 2012 version, so I needed something to help me learn how to use it. This book was one of the only ones available at the time I ordered it. I've read through most of the book, some chapters several times. It has become a handy reference manual. It covers the basic concepts of SCCM, then dives in depth into each area to discuss what SCCM can do and how to do it. There's a lot of comparison to the prior versions of SCCM, which wasn't much help to me since I never used it, but that information should be quite useful to anyone upgrading from an older version. The only downside to this book is that I bought it just shortly before SP1 for SCCM 2012 was released. SP1 was a major update to SCCM, adding support for Windows 8 and Server 2012, but also adding new features and changing how some things worked. We're using the SP1 version, so I've had to find information on those updates elsewhere in cases where the book had information that was already out of date. I can't really fault the publisher/writers for that, as SP1 came out about 9 months after SCCM 2012 was released, which is a relatively short time for such a big update to come out. Still, it would be great if, when a 2nd edition of this book is released, they offer chapters related to updates in SP1 as an ebook or web reference for those of us who own the 1st edition.

Having read almost all pages, I must say I'm surprised with the technical knowledge I gained. It was quite a job for me as English is not my first language, but the used words are luckily not too complicated. I passed my exam 70-243 after reading this book. I would really recommend this book, just as a guide during the job, as well as for study purposes.

You think you're getting a lot more than you do. Sure the cover is recognizable and it's really thick. But it's probably 50% repetition, fluff and just plain wordiness and poor writing interspersed with

screenshots and an occasional gem of useful information. I'm on chapter 14 and have resorted to skipping all paragraphs of text. The chapter intros are notoriously just...well...words and more words. And also the intro is mostly words. And the intros all repeat themselves. And then there are the conclusions that repeat... Also, if you want to feel like you missed something by not caring about SCCM 2007 this book will do the trick. Oh and it's not "SCCM". The reader is lectured about that early on. If I didn't have to use microshit at work I sure as hell wouldn't if this was the de facto literature.

It took me a very long time to work through this book. The authors do a very good job of detailing the inner workings of ConfigMgr and the surrounding infrastructure. Sections on WMI, SQL replication, and SSRS Report authoring were very helpful, and I used this book as a reference for my consulting projects. The writing style is boring but clear. Unfortunately, I found it to be the case with the majority of the â œUnleashedâ • books about Microsoft System Center products.

Pretty much a nuts-and-bolts explanation of how/why sccm 2012 works. This covers the components involved, how to set stuff up, design/planning considerations, covers the roles, and has been a very helpful technical reference book. I wish I'd had this book when I first implemented SCCM 2012 about a year ago.

There is no DVD version included, which I could live without, but the pages are bound OUT OF ORDER! Page 906 leads into Page 955. Page 1002 leads into Page 955. Yes, there are multiple copies of duplicate pages. Everything appears to be there, just thrown in helter-skelter. Good luck finding anything you need. Pass on this one.

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