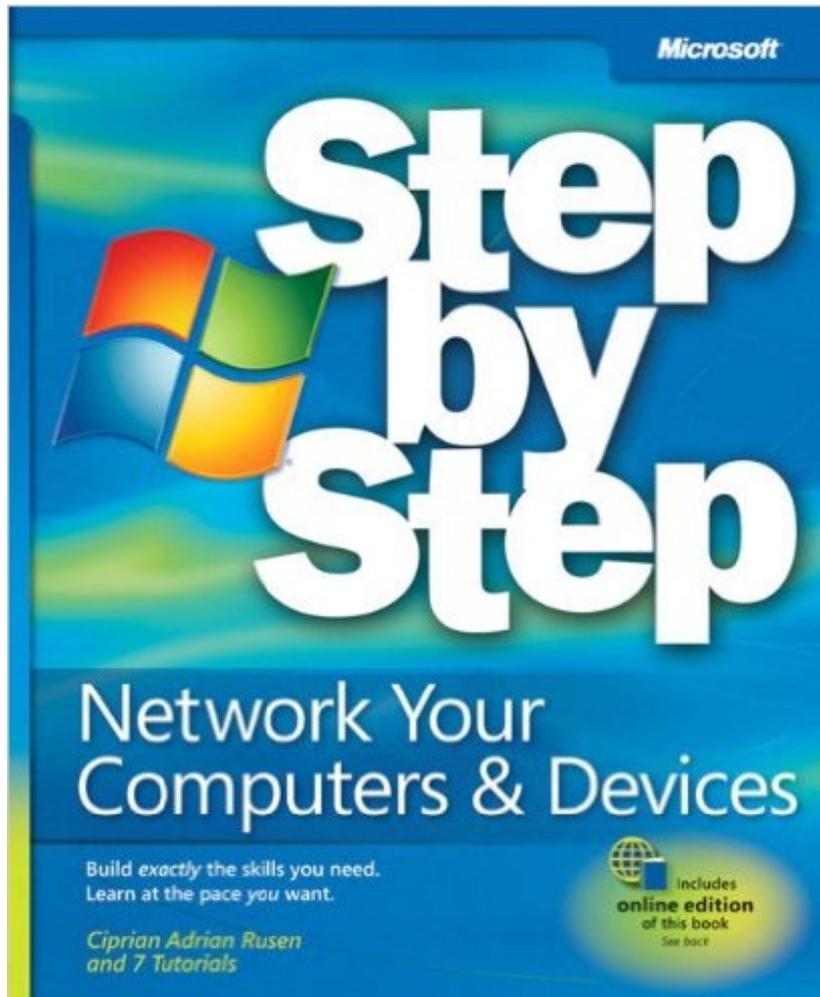


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# Network Your Computer & Devices Step By Step



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

(Full disclosure: This book was provided for review at no cost to me)Note: This book is geared towards a reader who is familiar with software installation and configuration. It also assumes you have a network card installed. This is mentioned in the introduction along with other requirements.Expecting the book would be too basic for a SysAdmin, I still learned some new things. It was surprising that a book with five authors stayed both cohesive and focused.Good Points:\* Instructions are detailed and accompanied by screen shots. Some steps are duplicated, but this helps each section stand on its own and references to relevant chapters are given.\* Both routers covered (in detail) are realistic choices based on popularity/price.\* WEP (Wired Equivalent Privacy) is discouraged and readers are encouraged to use WPA2-PSK to secure their wireless

network.\* The authors went beyond just networking your systems and also covered built-in security tools such as Microsoft Update, Windows Defender and Windows Firewall.\* Operating systems other than the book's focus (Windows 7) are covered including Windows Vista, Windows XP, Mac OS X 10.6, and even Ubuntu GNU/Linux 10.10. One thing I might change would be the 35 pages spent in chapter 9 prepping Windows Media Player 12 for content streaming. However, it could be argued that this was necessary in order to give a more realistic starting point. All in all, I would recommend this book to those looking to incorporate Windows 7 into their home network.

I believe this is intended for the novice and should help them setup a network for a variety of devices. There are loads of screen shots that should make the process easier. Chapters 10, 11, and 12 are helpful because the average home user will need a heterogeneous network. Make sure you also read chapter 13 on network security. No need to read the entire book. Just pick and choose what you need and set it aside until you decide to further enhance your network.

This book is well written and documented, serving well as compendium of useful networking concepts and instructions, clearly illustrated and explained. Similar to most technical books, I cannot imagine someone reading the book cover to cover, however skipping around among topics of need or interest appears to be the most valid way to use this book. Furthermore, I suspect the average computer user is challenged by the concepts of networking, though those willing to spend some time and effort could increase their competency and make themselves more proficient at networking their personal computing environment using the material contained in this book. In summary this book challenges the novice, may enlighten the proficient, and may even have some gems for the expert. I recommend this book to those who are looking to take the next step in the world of networking and have the will to learn. Thomas Eckle (I received a pdf copy of this book gratis so as to facilitate this review)

I am reasonably technically knowledgeable. I know how to set up a router, a bridge, mess around with IP addresses and so on. There were two computers one Windows 7, the other Windows XP, on which I was trying to set up file sharing. IP addresses on the network were fine, the computers could ping each other, and I could not get file sharing to work. It was one of those "there is something obvious you are not doing, it is staring you in the face, and you are not seeing it" situations. I searched through my Windows references, went online, and found nothing, spending hours and hours. Finally, it occurred to me to open this book, which I had sitting around and ignoring

because it was "too simple." I turned to Chapter 10, "Sharing Between Windows XP, Windows Vista, and Windows 7 Computers." I went step-by-step. If it told me to right click on something, I right clicked. If it told me to blow my nose, I blew my nose. FINALLY, I came to the missing steps. Things worked! I think I love this book.

Can I tell you how much I LOVE this book? The instructions in Network Your Computers & Devices Step by Step by Ciprian Adrian Rusen are so clear and easy to follow, now:1. Even my parents can network their devices (because I bought them a copy of this book)!2. I can keep my kids off the computer(s!) between certain hours (mmmuhh--hhwaahhh--hhhhaaa...)!3. My sister can figure out what is wrong with her wireless router (really--because I bought her a copy, too)!4. I don't have to travel to troubleshoot (oh, how I love to sleep in...)!If you are looking for a way out of fixing your kinfolk's Windows 7 networking issues, too, then this is the book for you--and them!

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