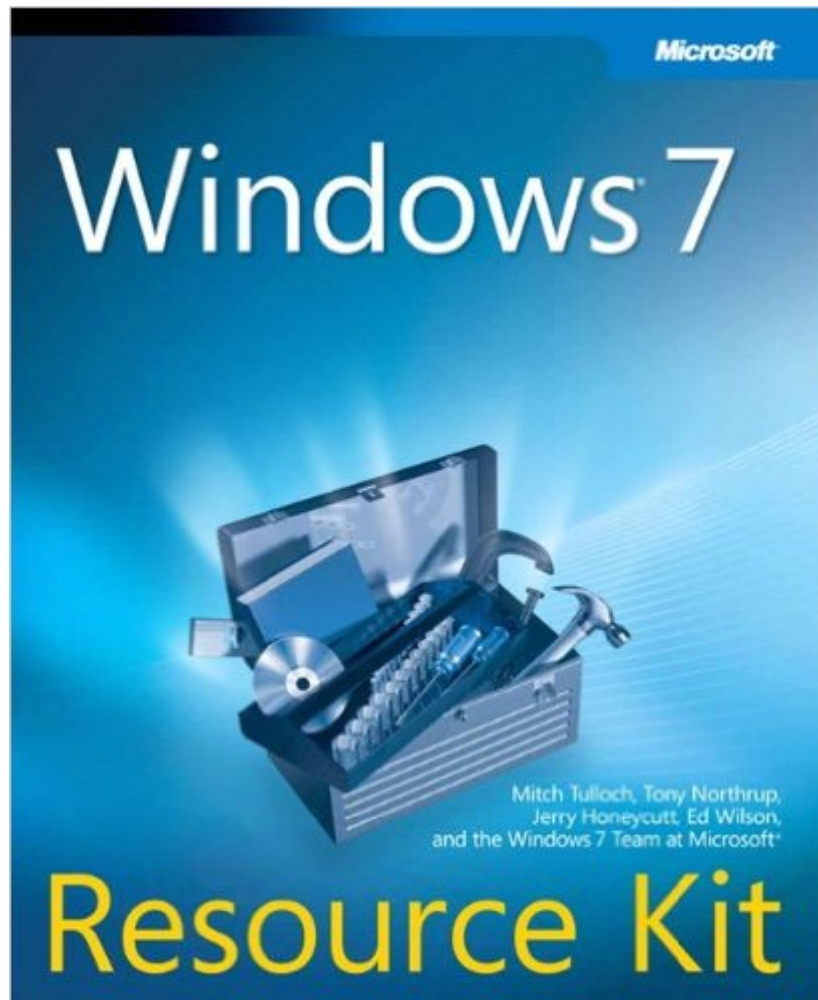# Windows 7 Resource Kit

Synopsis

In-depth and comprehensive, this official RESOURCE KIT delivers the information you need to administer Windows 7 in the enterprise. You get authoritative technical guidance from those who know the technology bestâ "Microsoft Most Valuable Professionals (MVPs) and the Windows 7 Teamâ "along with hundreds of scripts and other essential resources on CD. Get expert guidance on how to:br/> Apply best practices for using Microsoft Deployment Toolk Plan user-state migration; test application compatibility; manage update Manage Group Policy Objects using Windows PowerShell Administer Windows Firewall and Windows BitLocker Implement Ipsec, IPv6, wireless, and VPN connectivity Install and configure printers, devices, and services Manage disks, file systems, storage, and data security Administer search and indexing with Group Policy Diagnose and resolve startup, hardware, and networking issue CD FEATURES: Nearly 200 Windows PowerShell scripts created specifically for this bookâ "customize to administer your environment Windows 7 Resource Kit PowerShell Packâ "700 cmdlets and functions to extend Windows in-box functionality Links to author Web sites Sample chapters from Microsoft Press books Fully searchable eBook For customers who purchase an ebook version of this title, instructions for downloading the CD files can be found in the ebook.

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Customer Reviews

For a first edition, this RSK shows great promise. Too much information for those who wish to only

be power users of the OS, but for anyone who needs to master and administer Windows 7, you can't go wrong with this behemoth. You would be hard pressed to not find an answer to general question or administrative need therein.Continuing the trend set forth in prior Windows RSKs, this RSK introduces a lot of topics, but requires you to purchase additional books or read additional (and most of the time lengthy) TechNet material to fully make use of the technology or to completely understand what information they did present. A good example of this is PowerShell. The RSK and CD make heavy use of PowerShell scripts to automate tasks, but you do need to follow their How-To link if you actually want to learn the language. Another good example is the section on automated deployment. Although an excellent overview, most of the information you will need to completely perform the task you must get from one of the 7 links they provide you for resource materials.I have also been somewhat surprised at the amount of information which is just missing, items that any administrator opting to customize the environment might need. As an example, if you're looking to deploy Win7 using the WIM on the install DVD instead of capturing your own, you will probably want to configure the Default User profile - a topic you will find minimal information on beyond folder locations and establishing mandatory profiles. Something as simple as how to configure the default background image is nowhere to be found. There are also no references to OEM configurations, such as changing the stock background image displayed when at the logon screen. Countless web sites publicize the information, but not the RSK.Yes, this RSK is well written and an invaluable addition to your administrative library, but it won't be the last book on Windows 7 you buy/read.

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This book is like an encyclopedia for Windows 7. I got this book, the administrators pocket consultant and the MCTS Windows 7 exam book to ramp up on Windows 7 which we will be introducing at work in the next few months. What I liked about this book is that it had material that was not easy to find on TechNet. This is a good book to keep at the office because of its size and depth. The deployment chapters and the chapter on direct access are both very useful.

This is an absolute must have for anyone that will be or is running windows 7. This book is massive think two phone books stacked together. While you can get a lot of this information from MS TechNet, sometimes it is just nice to have a hardcopy resource. I really like the eBook on the CD that comes with this it makes it handy to have on my laptop when I go out in the field. This is not a book that you just chill out and read with coffee. That is unless you are really board. I highly recommend this book for any Administrators bookshelf.

As an owner of all previous Windows Resource Kits (except VISTA), it was an absolute necessity for me to purchase! I have always found the Kits extremely informative, and this one is no exception! Admittedly, it is not for the "average" user, as it goes into an enormous depth of technical detail (and weighs a lot!), but for everything a System Administrator needs to know, it is SUPERB! As a retired System Administrator, I have found it extremely helpful already, resolving a few (relatively simple) issues: e.g. Remote Assistance; between different Windows versions, over VPNs etc. Can't recommend it more!!

This book is of most use to would-be windows admins, with about 1/3 of the book being a blow-by-blow breakdown of how to properly deploy and manage windows workstations across the enterprise from a single location.Then there's the other stuff of real interest to those of us who want to leverage the windows experience and maybe tweak the performance a little.There's also stuff that falls in between those extremes, including a section on Powershell scripting.Coupled with the Windows 7 Inside Out book you would have a very good reference library for this operating system from both the administrator's and user's perspectives.The disk includes powershell scripts, which is good because examples are my favorite way of learning a new way of doing stuff, and best of all, a pdf of the book itself so I don't have to tote that cinderblock-sized paperback around with me.Good value for the admin, interesting for the power-user.

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