SAP R/3 System Administration : The Official SAP Guide
Synopsis
Set up and administer your R/3 system - with expert tips from SAP

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Customer Reviews
I passed the SAP Certification exam with the help of this book. All information you need as far as basic SAP Basis administration is simply explained in this book. Easy to read and very well organized. I wish I had that book at the beginning of my first SAP project. Also it is a great reference book for experienced Basis Admins. It just does not cover Change Management, Performance Tuning, Database Administration and User Administration in detail. I bought Sap R/3 Change and Transport Management : The Official Sap Guide (Official Sap Guide) and Sap R/3 Performance Tuning : The Official Sap Guide (Official Sap Guide). Good Luck!

SAP R/3 Administration itself is a vast subject and it is really foolish if one expects that a book will provide reference to every aspects of it. I have been working with SAP for the past 6 years and worked practically with all versions of the ERP. I find this book very handy as it tries to address the basics (4.x version) and has given structured and correct info. The author has not tried an impossible task of providing info about everything which eventually ends up in a mess. For a starter this book is a must.
I bought this book after taking the BC360 SAP Basis course. It does a great job treating the material on SAP R3 Basis administration. However my only beef with the text is that it fails to cover the majority of database and SAP administration issues and tasks ie: SAPDBA, SAP R3 database tuning etc. It also covers authorizations and user account maintenance very lightly. However, I will say that I wish I had read this book a week before the BC360 class since I would have been much better prepared. Great as an introduction for advanced R3 Basis get Schneider's Performance Optimization R3 book and Jose Hernandez R3 book.

I currently support some some 2.2 and 3.x systems, and I bought this book looking for 4.x knowledge. To this end, it succeeds. However, there are many important parts of System Administration that are not covered, or that are barely touched on (i.e. Authorisation Administration, Backup and Recovery, Disk Management etc). Essentially, the book is written for someone who never (or rarely) exits the SAP GUI. Operating system and DBMS issues are not covered very deeply at all. I won't be using it as a BASIS reference book.

I purchased this book three weeks before going to the SAP BC360 Class (Unix/Oracle Technical Core Competence). This book covers Installation issues, Transports (TMS), Client Administration, the profile generator, Output, Data Archiving and System monitoring in detail. This book is so good that it is used in the SAP BC360 course. Each student was given a copy of this book and we used it as a reference. I strongly recommend this book for SAP R/3 Administrators.

I would say this book is pretty good. Even though I am on 40B I still use the Jose Hernandez book for the most part and this book for "some" 40B related subjects. Medium depth in subjects, good screen prints and lots of them, does not tackle extremely difficult subjects but not bad for a BASIS reference book. Definitely not a waste of money like the SAP Certification Guide by Stewart Miller is.

SAP BASIS is very much a "where the rubber meets the road" art, and is subtly different from shop-to-shop. The craft of BASIS is almost always learned at the feet of a self-proclaimed guru, whose credentials may or may not equal what they are advertised to be. Why is this so? The entry barriers (into SAP) are high, and the audience small. No company realistically wants to hand over multi-million dollar systems to beginners; they will instead seek out seasoned professionals and quickly task those veterans with training the next generation. There is, however, little incentive for the seasoned BASIS guru to share knowledge. This small, highly technical club remains exclusive.
because the members of that club wish it to remain so. But this grim situation may be changing. The doors may be opening, light may be shining on these arcane subjects. Liane's book is a step in that direction. BASIS covers every point where the SAP VM touches the underlying OS and RDB. That's a huge amount of real estate; no single book could cover it all. But Liane Will's text does a good job, and provides pointers for where to look when the answers you need are not in his book. If you are learning BASIS or are working with SAP and want to know a little more about it, this well-written, understandable book is for you. Highly recommended!

I recommend this book very highly to anyone who needs to understand the Basis component of SAP. This book is well-written, follows a logical sequence, and should be thoroughly helpful to even those who have some experience with SAP administration.

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