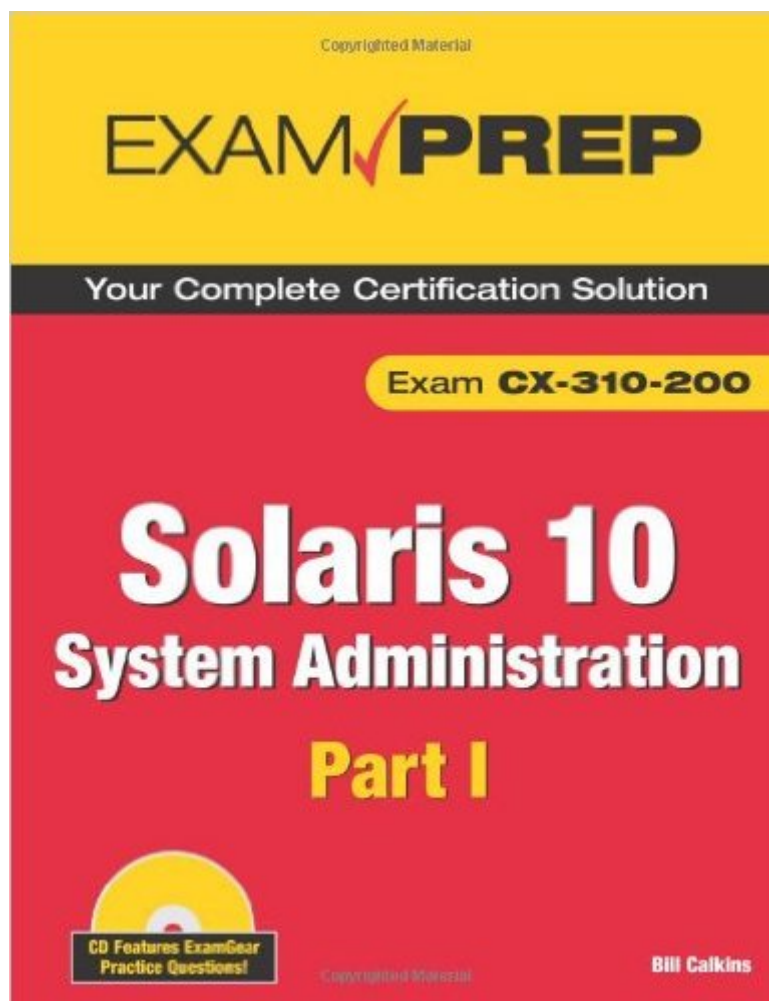


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# Solaris 10 System Administration Exam Prep: CX-310-200, Part I (2nd Edition) (Pt. 1)



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In This Book You'll Learn How To: Install and configure the Solaris 10 operating environment on SPARC and x86/x64-based platforms Set up, manage, back up, and recover file systems Execute System Boot and Shutdown Procedures for SPARC and x86/x64-based systems Manage services using the Service Management Facility (SMF) Perform User and Security Administration Set up and manage printers and system processes Perform system backup and recovery operations

Bill's original Cert Prep guides were used throughout Sun's service organization as the SEs studied for Certification. This was not mandated by Sun management but happened through word-of-mouth by those software engineers who had successfully passed the exam. In this new edition, Bill adds a chapter to explain the boot process (from POST to service initialization through SMF) on both SPARC and x86 systems. All chapters have been updated to reflect the Solaris 05/08 updates including detailed coverage of the x86 platform. This new guide is still the best source I know of to study for the exam.

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If you are planning to take the 200 exam this book will help you pass the test. Unlike the book by Sanghera this goes into the depth needed to pass the test. Test requires more than just the knowledge of what commands to use but what switches are required to get the proper outcome. This book is roughly the same size as SCSA Solaris 10 book from McGraw Hill which covers the 200 and 202 exam while this book only cover the 200 exam. The wealth of knowledge that is achieved by reading this book not only allowed me to pass the exam but to increase my skills on areas that I do not normally use as a sysadmin. Now I am waiting for part II to be published.

Note: The Kindle version does NOT have the CD contents. I was hoping would post the contents to their web servers for you to redeem with your account, but no. This will be the last time I purchase a technical book as a Kindle; for one, I tend to flip back and forth very quickly in these kinds of books, leaving my fingers in one page and looking at the other. The Kindle doesn't lend itself well to that. For another, there's the loss of CD content as I already mentioned. Also I couldn't get past the first chapter; I've passed the very basic Solaris exam and I've used versions 8, 9 and 10 SPARC off-and-on for the past two years but this author jumps in at what seems to be a very high level. Seems I'll need a book for intermediate help before going back to this. Three stars because it seems to be a very thorough help for the exam.

First off, this book covers a lot of what is on the Sun Solaris 10 System Administration part 1 exam. In fact there are many lines that are word for word out of this book ON the exam. With that said, this book is not enough. In fact I found out the hard way that this book only covers part of exam 1 while book 2 covers the rest. I went ahead and read the entire part 1 book and failed the exam by 1 point (65 out of 66 passing score). I went home very frustrated because many of the questions on the exam were not covered in this book. Then by chance I started looking through the part 2 book. The questions from the part 1 exam that I did not know were covered in the part 2 book!!! Reading through both part 1 and part 2 books will cover all of the material on the part 1 exam. Buy both of

the books in this series, and read them both. Practice what is in the books on a real machine, and go take the exam. You will pass. This book does cover a lot and is actually quite good, however I'm rating 3 stars due to the fact that this book by itself does not cover all of the part 1 exam as advertised. I hope people read this review before they take the exam in hopes that they will not go through the same experience I had. Failing by 1 point was bad enough, then to find out the rest of the exam material was in the part 2 book was extremely aggravating.

I took a Solaris 10 Advanced System Admin class several years ago while working primarily on IBM's AIX platform. Currently I am a contractor who has to work on Solaris, Linux and AIX. I was unable to find the books from my Solaris 10 class and purchased this book. So far it has helped me with my current position and I highly recommend the book as a useful tutorial and reference.

This book may have been OK a few years ago (when written), but it seems a bit lacking in some areas such as ZFS and x86. The practice exam on the included CD seems to be just a come-on to buy more practice answers from their web site. It seemed to bear little resemblance to the actual test. I bought the book, read it and took the practice exam. I got a 78 (or thereabouts) and thought I was prepared to take the test. I got a 44 on the real test and failed. If I had unlimited time and a copy of the book to refer to, I don't think I could have passed the test.

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