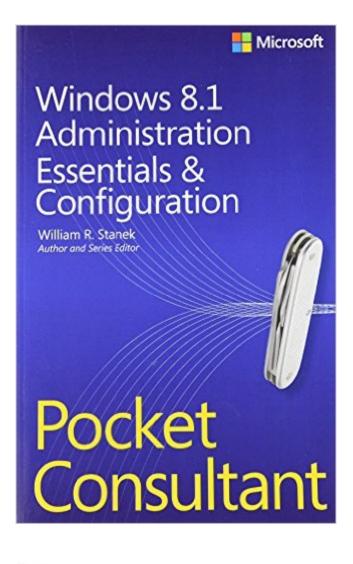
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# Windows 8.1 Administration Pocket Consultant: Essentials & Configuration





### Synopsis

Portable and precise, this pocket-sized guide delivers ready answers for core configuration and administrative tasks in Windows 8.1. Zero in on the essentials through quick-reference tables, instructions, and lists. You'll get the focused information you need to save time and get the job done - whether at your desk or in the field. Coverage includes:Configuring and optimizing Windows 8.1 computers Customizing the desktop and interface Configuring user and computer policies Automating configuration Managing user access and security features Installing and maintaining programs Managing hardware devices and drivers Handling maintenance and support tasks

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Well written and easy to use. It is packed with correct and useful information. I highly recommend it. I require my students use it as a reference as they learn to configure Windows 8.1 for client computers.

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Windows 8 is not my favorite OS. It reminds me too much of the Vista days, but you do what you

have to do, and I had to spin up on 8.1 over a weekend. This guide saved my bacon and made me look like a friggin' GENIUS in a mere 48 hours. Comprehensive? No, of course not. But if you are an average techie with experience in windows environments and have worked with the last couple at a minimum, this is just fine. Sometimes, you just need to know how to change a flat, not how to make a new tire. This is that solution level. Great for self-studiers and those handed ridiculous assignments without time to properly come up to speed.

Although retired, I am an experienced computer engineer with prior responsibility for network security - So I am not a newbie, and have grown-up with computers from the early microprocessor days of the late 70s. I recently upgraded my Windows XP systems to Windows 8.1. Administration "pocket consultants" are suppose to be easily accessed regarding whatever problem or question is at hand. I have found this book lacking in anything but the author's love of Microsoft mixed in with unabashedly apologies to look somewhere else. Those upgrading from various Windows platforms will have a difficult time accessing useful information - Go ahead and take the sneak peek. The lack of a table of contents accentuates this difficulty and indicates a lack of thought organization. I do have one forte worth mentioning: While wondering through the aimless definitions of how to use your desktop/laptop like a cell phone (swipe, tap, etc.), I discovered the major difference between Windows 8 and Windows 8.1 - And that is the unseen and undervalued system security enhancements over version 8 (Although how a system that stubbornly guides the user towards an email address for local sign-on and storing personal data in a cloud - NSA anyone? - How this can be deemed secure is beyond my comprehension - But I digress). I was able to point this internal system enhancement out to a friend that regretted upgrading from version 8. Small comfort. I'd tell you the reference page number, but I'll be damned if I can find it again. However, its inclusion by the author is worth the plus one star. By the Grace of God, I successfully struggled through my Windows 8.1 installation sans any help from this pocket consultant - And I have XP Pro 32b and Windows 7 Pro 64b running on Virtual Box (free) on CentOS 6.5 64b (again free), protected by a well-configured iptables (free again). Thank you Lord!

Very well put together and written using step by step instructions that makes it a great tool to reference when needed.

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