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#### **Editorial Review**

From the Author

Writing this book was a great experience, especially because I started before the RTM version of Windows Server 2012 was released (so I got quite a bit of early exposure to the product)! Readers will enjoy the cookbook format because it allows for browsing, skimming, and referencing in any order. Often, readers will find value in just browsing through looking for recipes that are interesting or pertain to a specific problem that they are facing.

The main change from the previous version (which is now over 5 years old) is that VBScript is mostly gone (although it pops up from time to time when it is the best way to accomplish something) and a PowerShell method is shown for the vast majority of recipes. For administrators that are hoping to dive further into PowerShell and incorporate it into their daily routine, this book is a great place to start.

The following 3 things are what I think readers will enjoy most about this book:

- 1. The recipes cover the vast majority of administrative tasks for Active Directory. There will be immediate time savings for most readers and the explanations of the recipes will allow readers that are interested a way to dive deeper into the solutions.
- 2. Most recipes include at least 3 different methods a GUI method (updated for Windows Server 2012), a command line method (including third-party utilities that are widely regarded), and a PowerShell or VBScript method (mostly PowerShell). While each person has their own way of working and unique preferences, the different solutions for each recipe will provide value for just about everybody.
- 3. The book was written for all of the latest technologies including Windows Server 2012, Exchange 2013, FIM 2010 R2, and PowerShell 3.0. In addition, the book shows the newer tools available such as the Active Directory Administrative Center.

I hope you enjoy it and find it useful. Don't read it all in one night!

About the Author

Brian Svidergol specializes in Microsoft infrastructure and cloud-based solutions around Windows, Active Directory, Microsoft Exchange, System Center, virtualization, and MDOP. He holds the MCT, MCITP (EA), MCITP (VA), MCITP (Exchange 2010), and several other Microsoft and industry certifications. Brian authored Microsoft Official Curriculum (MOC) course 6426C - Configuring and Troubleshooting Identity and Access Solutions with Windows Server 2008 Active Directory. He has also worked on Microsoft certification exam development and related training content for several years. When he isn't working on technology projects, he enjoys family time, basketball, and gaming.

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