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### Editorial Review

#### Amazon.com Review

Designed for someone who's getting into network firewalling--and computer security in general--for the first time, *Check Point FireWall-1 Administration and CCSA Study Guide* does a good job of getting novices up to speed on the state of the art in blocking unauthorized access. Steven Dangerfield's approach to his potentially confusing topic is measured and apparently thought out with care, which means his readers should be able to pick up what they need to know about Check Point FireWall-1 in order to pass the Check Point Certified Security Administrator (CCSA) exam and do well on the job as a firewall administrator. He steers clear of obscure problems and unusual requirements, but then so does the CCSA exam, and there's something to be said about having a simple, easily understood security policy, anyway.

After a brief (and generally commonsensical) introduction to security concepts and strategies, Dangerfield takes on FireWall-1 one module at a time. He begins with the user interface, which he documents with lines and labels in a manner reminiscent of books about office productivity applications. Screen shots are numerous. The later and more important sections--on configuring objects and establishing rules--are more conceptual in style, but equally clear. The author continues to use screen shots where he can, and makes great use of annotated network diagrams to clarify "what can access what" rules. The certification material seems as if it was added as an afterthought--it takes the form of some exercises and practice questions at the back of the book--but it serves the purpose. An annotated answer key would make the questions far more useful, though. --*David Wall*

**Topics covered:** After discussion of installation under Windows NT, Solaris, and (minimally) the Nokia IP Network Access Point (NAP), the author explains how to use the various object managers, the Rulebase, and the Network Address Translation (NAT) facility of FireWall-1 to compartmentalize and protect a network. Versions 4.0 and 4.1 are covered.

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- FireWall-1's Stateful Inspection Architecture: maximizing security without compromising performance or scalability
- How and where to deploy FireWall-1 for maximum effectiveness
- Day-to-day firewall administration, security policy generation, and management using FireWall-1's

automated tools

- Working with the Network Objects Manager, Services Manager, Resources Manager, Server Manager, Users Manager, and Time Objects Manager
- Simple, modular techniques for building more effective rule bases
- Practical techniques for managing authentication and Network Address Translation (NAT)

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Whether you're managing FireWall-1, preparing for your CCSA certification exam, or both, this is the authoritative, comprehensive, practical resource you're searching for.

#### About the Author

STEVEN DANGERFIELD is a consulting internetwork security analyst currently working with a major U.K. telecommunications and Internet Service Provider. He has been working with FireWall-1 since its introduction and holds a number of industry certifications including Check Point's CCSA.

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