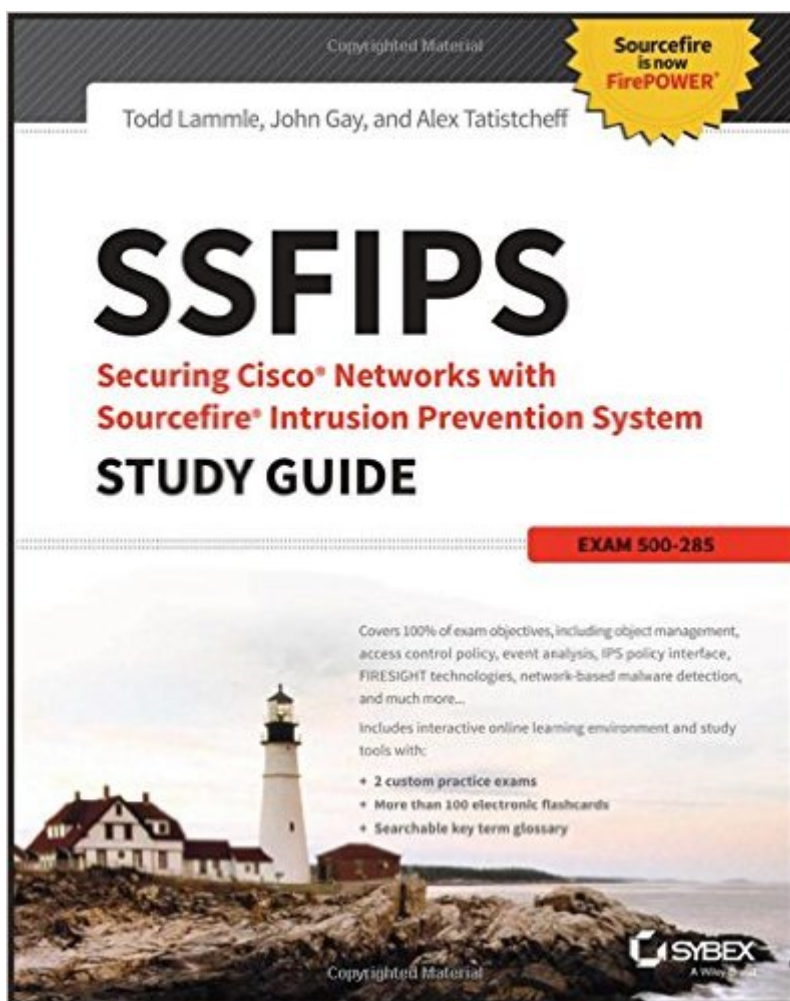


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# SSFIPS Securing Cisco Networks With Sourcefire Intrusion Prevention System Study Guide: Exam 500-285



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As far as the book goes, it covers most of what you need to pass the exam. Todd is one of the best at explaining stuff. Although not absolutely necessary, it does help to have hands on experience with the Management Center. If you don't have access to a Management Center, I recommend a pretty decent SSFIPS course offered at [udemy.com](https://www.udemy.com/). As for the exam, I don't recommend it. I didn't think it was that challenging. I blazed through it in half the allotted time. Also as with most Cisco exams, some of the questions are pointless. For example, you might get a question like what is the inactivity timeout interval for an admin account in the Management Center. Really, you're going to test me on that Cisco? Certs are just another revenue stream for Cisco. I don't think they put a lot of thought and effort into them. Lastly, I did not get a certificate after passing the exam so I emailed Cisco and got the response below. WTH? I can't find that information anywhere on Cisco's website nor is it mentioned in this book. I assumed I would get a certificate after passing the 500-285 exam. What a racket!"The 500-285 SSFIPS exam that you passed on Jun 3, 2016 is just one of the 2 exams required to achieve the Advanced Security Architecture Field Engineer Representative certification. You can see from your certification tracking system's history section as well as certification progress that upon passing that exam, it shows that you got enrolled to Advanced Security Architecture Field Engineer Representative certification. To achieve that certification, you still need to pass the 500-275 SSFAMP exam. Please also note that specialist exams are only valid for 2 years so I recommend that you pass the remaining exam before your 500-285 SSFIPS exam expires on Jun 3, 2018."

I was in Todd Lammle's class earlier this summer and receive a copy of this book from that author since I attended his class. Great class by the way! ([Lammle.com/firepower](http://Lammle.com/firepower)) where all we did was labs – tons of labs. I learned a lot, but the book is filling in good information and helping me provide more admin on my network. So, just an fyi: I paid for the class, but got the book from the class, so take this as you will. Love the layout, tons of screen shots and figures, and the topics are laid out perfectly for my admin needs. He very knowledgeable and very helpful. So glad I took the class and was able to get a copy of the book. Highly recommend both the class and the Book.

Previously had taken the SSFIPS course provided by a vendor and thereafter purchased this book. I have to say, that both the class and this book were great material to prepare me for the exam (passed today). However, on its own, it would have suffice. Todd's approach is very entertaining. Throughout the book he references previously covered topics with slight humor, further enhancing

the experience. I did not utilize the tools provided by the book, namely the online resources, because I had my own resources in my personal lab. At the very least, if venturing into this exam, the reader should make every attempt to gain practice. The book does an excellent job with screen shots and explanations. Scenarios for using features are also plentiful. This is a good read and more importantly, a great reference for the exam and production environments.

I work with Sourcefire / Firepower products often and this book is definitely the Sourcefire bible, which can also be leveraged as an excellent reference book for spur of the moment information. Highly recommended.

This book along with Todd's FirePOWER online video training at <https://itpro.tv/course-library/firepower-advanced-firesight-administration/introduction-firepower/> is a great way to learn. It helped me get up to speed on using the technology.

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