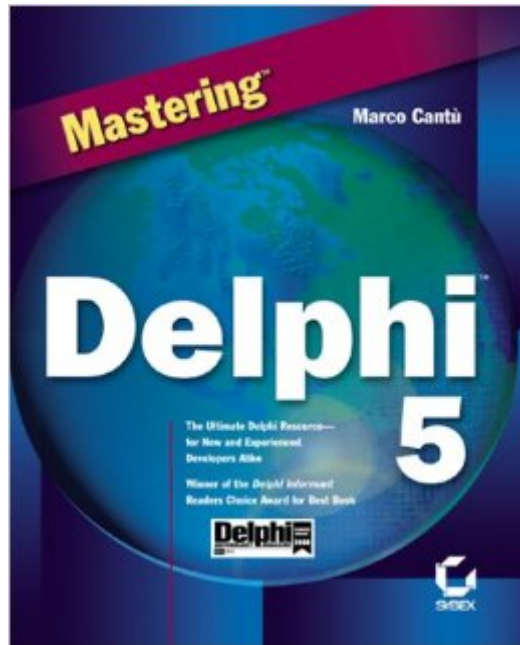The book was found

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express? These are only 2 of the most important topics in Delphi 5 that's missing from this book. (ignore the topic holder chapaters....)

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This book continues the series of "Mastering..." books Cantu has authored. However, this volume is rather lighter on some of the basics that were part of earlier editions. That's a plus for persons familiar with Delphi already. Cantu wastes few words and to get maximum benefit one needs to work carefully along step by step using the examples downloadable from the internet. Of particular value are the tips and undocumented features Cantu shares. This is as good an introduction to Delphi 5 as anyone could hope for!

OK - a very simple review. We have this book at the office both in the 4 and 5 versions. We also have the Teixeira book ("Developers guide"). Cantu actuallly does a good job for beginners and the text quality is ok. There could easily be some more depth and better (intelligent) examples.We actually have a joke that you *never* find anything in this book. For language reference/tutorial: this is *not* it. For the components: This is definitely *not* it. I really don't know what this is for, except as an introductory overview... in... 1250 pages ! Pretty strange really.So I dunno - nice book but still not very helpful. Does *not* go beyond Delphi's own documentation. Doesn't even cover that much. Your still gonna be looking through source and wondering what's going on here and there.Sidenote: Still haven't found any good book on Delphi components. For language, real-world programming - Teixeira is much better. We ordered the O'reilly book, hope it's good.

This was one of the first books to cover the newest version of Delphi. It's too big to just sit down and

read, so I originally used it mainly for reference. I've had no trouble looking things up in the index and finding just the right place in the book that covers the topic I need right away. But I'm finding it's better than just a reference tool. As I read and am presented with new knowledge, Marco seems to anticipate my next question and answers it immediately! I often find myself exclaiming, "Yes, I WAS wondering about that!" He doesn't dwell on any one topic too long, but leaves you with enough direction and curiosity to easily discover the rest of the solution on your own. I've used Borland's Pascal tools for many years and yet this book seems to shed new insights into this powerful object-oriented language.

This book has helped me understand Delphi 5 with minimal problems. ALL of the examples worked, and that alone says something for this Author! Although I am not a starting fresh programmer, I found this book to be very helpful with understanding Delphi structures/components. I am transitioning from VB to Delphi, and this book really has shown me the ropes of Delphi! Much of the content overlaps what I already knew in VB, but showed me how it was done using Delphi.I have read dozens of books written for C/C++, Java, VB, HTML, ASP, and this one really gets into the "meat" of what is going on (unlike most). Don't worry about non-intelligent examples -- THE POINT IS: to show how the component or methodology works, and if you are talented enough to understand this, you will easily turn those examples into real situations/solutions. I have found that by using the simple approach, a beginner will understand how something works one step at a time; instead of getting a real-world situation all at once to only be confused by its complexity. Have an open mind while reading ANY book, and you will understand it much better :-)Anyway, this is a great book -- No doubting that. Marco Cantu really knows Delphi, and explains it very well. Great Job!

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