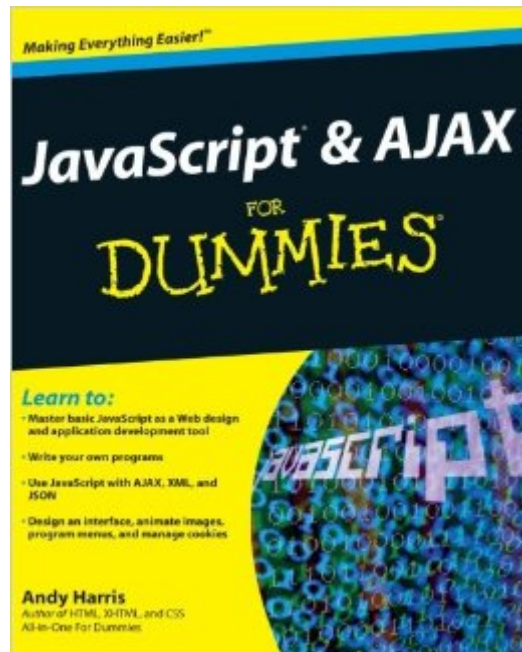The book was found

JavaScript And AJAX For Dummies

Synopsis

Learn to use these powerful tools together and build Web sites that work If you want to build Web pages that offer real value to your site's visitors, JavaScript and AJAX are top tools for the job. Even if you're new to Web programming, this book helps you create sites any designer will admire. With easy-to-understand steps and an emphasis on free tools, you'll be able to jump right into building a site using the same techniques as the pros. Down to basics — learn your way around JavaScript and choose an editor and test browser Manage complexity — use functions, arrays, and objects to create more sophisticated programs   Page magic — discover how to control what happens on your pages, animate objects, and put pages in motion   Get beautiful — Use the jQuery User Interface library to add sliders, tabbed interfaces, and custom dialogs to a site   Come clean with AJAX — build AJAX requests into your programs, use jQuery, and work with AJAX data   Open the book and find: How to choose a test browser How to discuss string concatenation with a straight face   Tips for debugging your code   How to add useful information to a dropdown list   Why AJAX connections should be asynchronous   The exciting possibilities of the jQuery library   How to use the Aptana editor   Online resources for JavaScript programmers

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Customer Reviews

If you're starting out with JavaScript for the first time, as most dummies book readers probably are, do NOT buy this one. I don't understand how the editors of the company could allow such a

complex, incoherent book to be described as one for dummies [beginners]. The only people whom I think would benefit are those who are already somewhat proficient in JavaScript. In sum, the author is an expert on his subject matter but doesn't have a clue when it comes to communicating. This happens all too often in the world of software, where programmers who become authors, have no idea how to communicate with non-programmers [beginners], the target audience of this book.The author commits a classic error when writing about topics he knows inside out. He assumes the reader understands and/or is familiar with a wide array of JavaScript/Programming related concepts that are of course 2nd nature to him. So instead of starting out with the absolute basics of JavaScript, explaining them, and progressing accordingly in an organized manner from simple to more difficult, he quickly jumps into somewhat complex programming concepts and procedures. I found this scattered approach a little baffling.To compound the classic error described above, he states that each element of the scripts he uses as examples, will be explained in detail, but that didn't always happen.There was another problem that confused me. Maybe the concept was clear to others, but it certainly wasn't for me. On page 36 he said using //

I am still in the early javascript basics part of the book, but I like it very much thus far. I think it is well conceived and planned out. I have some programming experience outside of javascript and I also have a pretty good math background so I wasn't bothered by the use of random numbers to put forth some concepts. I read the other reviews here and another reviewer was very unhappy with the use of random numbers, he wanted business/accounting type examples, so it goes to show you there is no pleasing everybody. Ironically, the same reviewer complained about the use of the ants marching song to put forth other concepts. The point of the use of the ants marching song is that everyone knows it so it shouldn't bother people that lack certain specialist backgrounds. As I said, there is no pleasing everyone. I would recommend anybody considering buying this book to take advantage of 's "Look Inside" feature, there is a good amount of material there for free, so you can make a judgement call before spending the money. That should keep away the unhappy readers/reviewers.Every technical book has errors. There seems to be no getting around that. I think it has to do with a combination of many cooks in the broth in tandem with tight schedules to release date. So whenever you read ANY technical book you have to keep awake for errors. I'll chalk up many of them in this book to unintentional "typos". But there are some other errors that are a bit more than that, I think. Like the program he references that ends in '.py' which has nothing to do with this book or javascript; that is a python extension. I think he meant the extension '.js'. To me, that's a bit more than a typo.

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