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Java The Complete Reference, Seventh Edition (Osborne Complete Reference Series)



Synopsis

The world's leading programming author offers comprehensive coverage of the new Java release. The definitive guide to Java has been fully expanded to cover every aspect of Java SE 6, the latest version of the world's most popular Web programming language. This comprehensive resource contains everything you need to develop, compile, debug, and run Java applications and applets.

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Customer Reviews

This was the text for a class I just finished. It's clearly written and does cover the new elements of the Java 6 platform. The author seems obsessed with AWT and applets in spite of neither having been used much this century. The book gives short shrift to swing. The book has nothing about java.sql and database connectivity. It touches briefly on servlets and ignores jsps. If you're interested in an introduction to the nuts and bolts of the language the book is OK, if not inspired. Don't expect it to serve as a reference; it's short on detail. I would have liked to have seen a stronger emphasis on OO design. Most of the code examples are written in a procedural style that wouldn't have been out of place in 1985. A positive for the code examples is that every one I've tried compiles and seems to run properly.

I am new to java but programmed in C before. Currently I use the Sun java tutorial and the contents

of the above book to get into Java. In some areas the Java tutorial is better understandable and in some others the above book. Using both gets most of the questions answered. The above book is quite good to have a fast reference to scan through, if one prefers to use a book than to sort it out on the computer. Unfortunately both are not providing real full proper understandable application examples when it gets more complicated, i.e. examples with proper multi thread operation with proper error handling, internationalization etc. These could be some kind of full application covering not more than a few pages. Internationalisation seems not to be covered by the above book at all. I don't think it matters much if the software is used only locally but as soon as it is posted on the internet, one should have serious thoughts about it.

Although you don't expect in-depth information from a reference book, it's fair to expect at least the basic concept. Part 1 I think did a decent job of that. Part 2 however was a disaster with it being nothing more than listing of the classes and methods (especially the collections framework). Examples were pretty ordinary probably just a step over Hello World. It lets you know the syntax but doesn't explain how it is used in real world. Overall not many of the 100+ pages were worth reading.

I do Java development for work so having a Java reference is useful. For the older version of Java I used the paperback book. But since I now have a Kindle, I purchased the newer reference in Kindle format. I like it for a couple of reasons - It was cheaper than the book, more convenient to carry when I travel and it's very easy to do quick searches in the reference to find what I need. When I got this, I read through it one time as a refresher. I now periodically use it to research items. But, over time, I am now finding it to be quicker to search online to find an answer about Java than it is to look at the Kindle and search. So I'm finding it to be less useful as time goes on. I still am glad I purchased it mainly so I can read through it when I'm not at my computer to keep my knowledge up.

I learnt Java using this book 8 years ago. With all the updates to Java 5, I wanted to know about generics and annotations etc. After failing to understand them using online materials, I turned to this book again. It does a wonderful job. I recommend this book for beginners. Don't be turned off by the huge book. The first few chapters, will give you all that you need.

It is an OK reference book - however - it is a bit of stretch to call it a complete reference. You are probably better off buying more specialized books if you are already well versed in Java. "Effective

Java" by Joshua Block is highly recommendable.

If you're looking for the one-stop reference book --- this is it. But like other reference books, this one may sit, unused on your desk gathering dust. It's a painfully dry read guaranteed to put you to sleep at night.

This is a nice book for Java beginners, especially for those who have some experience with C++. The first part discusses the basic Java language syntax and features. Mr. Schildt illustrates each of his points with some short pieces of codes and gives some insight about the reason why Java works the way it does. The second part of the book is about the Java libraries, and the third part goes into advanced topics about building applications with Java. I think reading the first part will get someone started with programming in Java. The second part serves better as a reference. This book is a good first step in one's study of Java programming before delving into more advanced books.

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