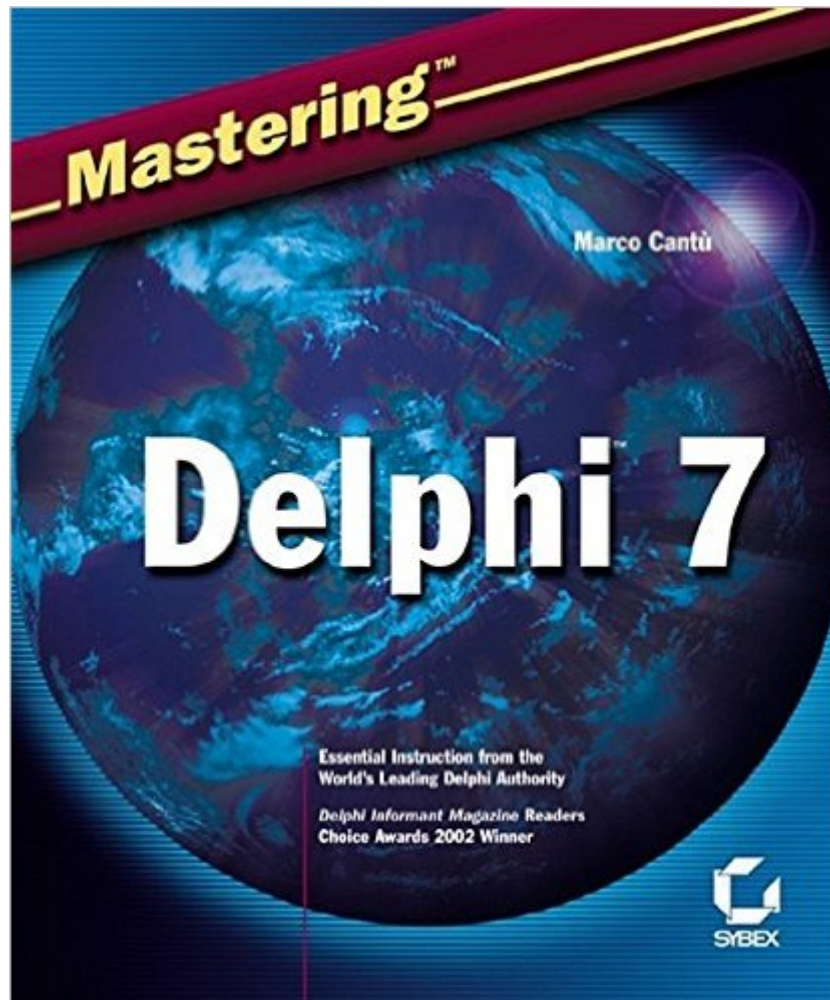


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Synopsis

Still the Best Delphi Resource--Now Fully Updated and Expanded Whether you're new to Delphi or just making the move from an earlier version, Mastering Delphi 7 is the one resource you can't do without. Practical, tutorial-based coverage helps you master essential techniques in database, client-server, and Internet programming. And the insights of renowned authority Marco CantÃ give you the necessary knowledge to take advantage of what's new to Delphi 7--particularly its support for .NET. Coverage includes:

- * Creating visual web applications with IntraWeb
- * Writing sockets-based applications with Indy
- * Creating data-aware controls and custom dataset components
- * Creating database applications using ClientDataSet and dbExpress
- * Building client-server applications using InterBase
- * Interfacing with Microsoft's ADO
- * Programming for a multi-tiered application architecture
- * Taking advantage of Delphi's support for COM, OLE Automation, and COM+
- * Taking advantage of Delphi's XML and SOAP support
- * Implementing Internet protocols in your Delphi app
- * Creating UML class diagrams using ModelMaker
- * Visually preparing reports using RAVE
- * Using the Delphi language to create your first .NET programs

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Customer Reviews

It's right that it's not for a complete new comer, it's somewhat based on its previous versions. Because there's not a lot of Delphi books(not like C#... so many of them) for Delphi developers, it's still a very good book you can get for Delphi, it gives readers basic introductions to the new features

of Delphi7... very concise introductions, as well as some "old" features but author wanted to highlight.

To cover all the reviews so far, they all have a bit of truth in them. The book is not for the absolute beginner, but then no one book can cover it all. The book is basically for anyone that has learnt to move past the "hello world" program and understands normal programming theory (variables, loops, records etc), and really wants to get involved in "real world" programming. This book teaches use of multiple forms in applications (how many single form applications, really exist in the real world, except for beginners books), differences in the use of Delphi Database Architectures, the use of the JET engine for access to Excel, etc., the use of Web Services and a little more in depth on Rave etc. as well as an introduction to .NET programming. If you are an absolute beginner programmer (nothing wrong with that), then another book may be more suitable, but if you are already across several languages, then this book is probably what you need to move to the next step. Yes it is true, that the absolute basics have diminished with each book, but how many ways can you write the if...then loop, and I still have my Delphi 2 and 3 books for the basics (if I hit a mental block). Anyhow, I hope this makes it a lot clearer, like all his previous books, it is well written and another welcome addition to my library.

This book is probably the most exhaustive material on Delphi programming...it contains at least 300 examples scattered throughout 25 chapters..apparently though this book is full of code snippets that had me printing code on paper just to get through one chapter (and a chapter contains an average of 15 examples chapter 2 had 19 examples and Chapter 7 had 33 examples) that by the time you finish a chapter you'll be exhausted...me on my part it got me on spending at least 20 minutes printing codes on paper due to all the snippets of the examples on this book..the chapter on Client/Server Programming with dbExpress is kinda cloggy....since it presented a convoluted approach to dbExpress..and in order to be able to at least understand the examples specifically on triggers and stored procedures you should have at least read the TEACH YOURSELF INTERBASE documentation kit that came along with Interbase...this chapter focuses more on Interbase Express rather than DBExpress so it kinda makes the substance of the chapter incoherent...For People wishing to dig deep into DBExpress I suggest ya read another book...DELPHI/KYLIX DATABASE DEVELOPMENT by ERIC HARMON The examples specifically on creating triggers is erroneous: Create trigger set_cust_no for customers before insert position 0 as begin new.cust_no = gen_id(cust_no_gen, 1); end cantu forgot about the termination statement issue on trigger

statements on SQL Servers he should have written set term ^; Create trigger set_cust_no for customers before insert position 0 as begin new.cust_no = gen_id(cust_no_gen, 1); end ^ set term ; ^ if ya wanna go up to speed in the book i suggest reading (Chapter 2,3,5,6,7,8,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22) Chapter 2 focuses more on the object oriented programming on delphi on the class level chapter 8 focuses on oop on the form design level Chapters 13 - 19 focuses on database programming Chapter 20 - 22 focuses on Simple object access protocol, XML and internet and server-side programming using sockets and TCP/IP Overall the book has not one complete code...everything is a snippet which would ultimately eat away a lotta time..youve gotta download the code on [...] and use a printer. In conclusion youll end up spending more money printing the codes than buying this book...But still its the best book around on delphi..but youve gotta be extremely patient and determined if ya wanna learn delphi programming because a chapter of this book will get you very very exhausted

This is the best general purpose Delphi Book on the Market. Mr. Cantu again shows that he knows Delphi as he continues this series of books. Ignore what adiv says; every review he writes is negative. If you are serious about Delphi programming you need this book!

This book is more of the reference type, not one you should try reading page by page as a tutorial. If that is what you are looking for, I recommend any beginner to check out 'Delphi in a Nutshell' , by O'reilly. Mastering Delphi 7 seemed to perfectly explain the IDE(Integrated Development Enviornment), but over a course of about 800 pages. I dont think that the Delphi programming language was discussed enough in this book, it was more like a in depth way of explaining every feature of Delphi 7, the program.

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