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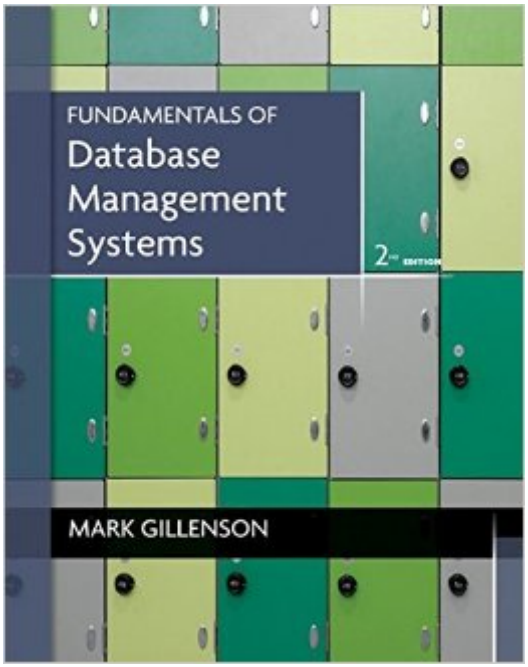

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Synopsis

Gillenson’s new edition of Fundamentals of Database Management Systems provides concise coverage of the fundamental topics necessary for a deep understanding of the basics. In this issue, there is more emphasis on a practical approach, with new "your turn" boxes and much more coverage in a separate supplement on how to implement databases with Access. In every chapter, the author covers concepts first, then show how they’re implemented in continuing case(s.) "Your Turn" boxes appear several times throughout the chapter to apply concepts to projects. And "Concepts in Action" boxes contain examples of concepts used in practice. This pedagogy is easily demonstrable and the text also includes more hands-on exercises and projects and a standard diagramming style for the data modeling diagrams. Furthermore, revised and updated content and organization includes more coverage on database control issues, earlier coverage of SQL, and new coverage on data quality issues.

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I understand this is a tough subject to explain in a textbook, but the author doesn’t really define many of the key terms or properly explain some of the concepts. Instead, the text relies on examples to do the teaching. For example, if the book contains section on what a database is, it never actually says "A database can be defined as....." or anything like that. It says something to the extent of "And what is a database? Well if we look at the example below we can see that the information on Acme Company represents a database." Very difficult to follow and required lots of

looking up terms and cross referencing information with other sources.

Most of the material here can be found online for free in various MYSQL documentation however, this book does a good job of providing examples and builds upon them from beginning to end.

Browsing through it, it looks like it has some good information in it. There are some charts that help you understand the concepts and review questions to help you study for tests.

This book went over the basic principles of database management. Some of the material is outdated but the basic SQL commands are still relevant.

Pro: It does not read like a text book. Con: The Index is subpar and you are going to have to google a bit to understand some concepts.

MBA Reading. Alright for a non technical person, if you are technical like myself it may bore you a bit.

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