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Oracle Forms Interactive Workbook



Synopsis

For DBMS and Oracle courses. Ideal for the new user, this complete, interactive tutorial focuses on the Oracle Forms development environment and provides descriptions of programming techniques for developing data entry and query screens.

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Customer Reviews

This book is rare find. It is by far the best book for someone new to forms. It walks you through (step by step) the creation of an Oracle Form. The presentation is solid and easy to follow. Other books on this subject are scattered and confusing. All the major topics are covered and then some more (Wizards, LOV, Alerts, Triggers, Built-ins, Canvases, Windows, Subclassing, Property Classes, Visual Attributes, Program Units, Multiple Form Applications, Parameter lists and Menus). It should be noted that this is not a manual, you learn by working through the lab exercises. The book covers far more than the two Oracle Education class Forms I and Forms II, so forget about taking them if you complete this book. The companion web site includes forms to download that are the solutions to the exercises at the end of the chapters. This book will keep you plenty busy but if you want more the web site also includes some multiple choice practice questions.

We need more books like this. The pace is logical and thought provoking. The questions that are asked, and the research required to get the answers, lead the reader from very simple solutions to very complex ones. I found material covered in this book that wasn't even mentioned in the Oracle

books. There are no missing steps or "assumptions". You cannot fail, even if you mess up a lesson, because the next lesson starts with all new, and correct, forms.

I work in a position where I train professional programmers for our client. Most of our programmers are transferring from Legacy systems to our new Oracle system. We have started using this book as an alternative to more expensive classroom/online training and have found it very useful. The chapters are small enough to do in a sitting and the exercises help reinforce what was learned in the chapter. The current users are programmers who have been doing mainframe programming for 10-20 years and are just now transitioning to Windows programming. I'm amazed at the progress they are making through the use of this book. All of the data and sample forms are available online at a website listed in the book's introduction. It's designed to be run on a personal installation of Oracle DB, but I was able to run the provided data creation scripts in our enterprise installation without issue. I used our development environment and created the data without any modifications to the scripts and no DBA security rights (other than the right to create new tables). Took about 5 minutes of setup and then all my students were able to work with it under their normal developer rights. There is only one downside I've found, and that's the binding. For a book that's designed to be read while doing exercises on the computer, it should have a spiral bound rather than normal book binding. The book does not want to stay open, the margins are too close to the binding, and after several times of forcing it open the bindings are wearing very badly after just a few months. Some copies even have pages starting to fall out. It's a minor thing in comparison to the content, but is awfully frustrating for my students. In summary, we've looked at countless resources and have found this to be one of the best (cost vs. effectiveness) training tools for our programmers.

I have studied Baman Motivala's book thoroughly and found it extremely helpful. The author has done a great job making it an interactive textbook. He begins each chapter with simple well-defined learning objectives and then clearly explains the material step by step making the student perform a lot of exercises which is very important if one wants to acquire certain skills in Oracle Forms. Multiple-choice Self-review Questions at the end of the exercises of each chapter help to test those skills and motivate students in deeper studying.

I would say, this book is strictly not for new forms developers, because some of the reviewers have given bad reviews for this book, it is only because this book goes only with some knowledge of developing application using forms. The main objective is not to teach you how to develop an

application using forms but to understand, better way of developing application using forms. So if you are new then I would recommend, read Oracle Certified Professional Application Developer Exam Guide first and then try using this book. This book has got an excellent way of explaining things in the simplest manner as well as same techniques can be applied in your day to day project requirements. Some programs which you are suppose to download and you have to work on those are excellent in nature because there are no errors as well as it works in the same manner, way it is mentioned in the book. Last 3 topics about Multi Form Application, Passing Parameters and Menu Application Role concepts, I am sure you will not find such examples in any books or even in manuals. So I would say, it is worth going through this book provided you are smart enough to work on forms.

I found the coverage of material to be excellent and the fact that you are given a database to load and all examples and excercises directly pertain to this database to be extremely helpful. Yes I found the workbook style slightly annoying and felt that Prentice Hall should let you download all of the "Test Your Thinking" quizzes in one fell swoop-instead of one at a time. These slight annoyances were small compared to the quality of the book and the detail of the excercises. I'd buy it again!

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