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The Korn Shell: User And Programming Manual (2nd Edition)



Synopsis

If you are a UNIX novice or an experienced shell programmer, The Korn Shell User and Programming Manual, Revised Edition will provide you with the practical advice and technical tips you will need in order to become proficient in all aspects of the Korn shell. From basic introductory concepts through to advanced programming techniques, you will learn how to: *customize your UNIX environmen *write and debug Korn shell script *fine-tune Korn shell scripts for faster execution This new revised edition has been thoroughly updated to include extensive UNIX command listings, a quick reference section for easy-to-find answers and solutions, plus a World Wide Web site providing time-saving, downloadable Korn shell scripts and programs. Illustrated throughout with expansive sample programs and examples, this book will prove an indispensable tutorial and technical reference for the Korn shell. The associated web site can be found at <http://www.aspinc.com>

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People who write computer books often make one classic error -- in explaining a topic they refer to other commands and topics briefly, with no explanation. If you are new to the subject you are left bewildered. If you have some experience you know what they are talking about. Apparently most authors find it impossible to comprehend that people are reading their books to learn. They write as if people already understand most of the material. This is a good book if you already have worked with another book on shell programming, have taken a class or have some experience. But if you

are just starting out try Teach Yourself Shell Programming in 24 Hours. The author of the 24 Hours book has the rare ability to have each of the chapters cover one topic, without dropping references to other topics he has yet to explain, so you keep learning and learning, one thing at a time. If you already have a knowledge of the basics this is a good book. I found many of the explanations to be clear and crisp, and understood with ease a few things I was fuzzy on. But that was only because I already had enough knowledge so that when the author just dropped some command into the discussion without explaining it, I already knew the command so I could follow along.

This is the best Korn Shell book I've seen I presently have at least 5 different books on shell programming in Unix. I actually was able to read this book cover to cover AND am able to use this as a reference. The O'Reilly Korn shell book is good BUT, you have to read TOO MUCH to find what you're looking for. I found this book to be very complete.

I found this book to be an excellent introduction to ksh. The explanations are down to earth and the sample scripts are a fantastic teaching tool. I particularly like the appendixes which contain a command quick reference, printouts of the MAN pages and sample scripts. Thank you, Anatole Olczak.

This book will get you up and running fairly quickly. All the information you will need is in there somewhere, the trouble is finding it. I was not at all impressed with the layout. There are however some useful tables which list related syntax, it is a pity that they are scattered all over the place.

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