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CSS In Easy Steps



Synopsis

Cascading Style Sheets is an essential stylesheet language to designers who want their webpages to stand out among the trillions on the Web. In straightforward language, this book explains CSS. Author Mike McGrath begins with a brief history of Web design and then explains how style sheets determine the presentation of elements within HTML documents, and how CSS makes for a simpler and more streamlined HTML markup. Examples show how CSS rules control the appearance of text, content boxes, lists, tables, backgrounds, and how they can create dynamic effects. This updated edition covers Web 2.0 components and includes useful screenshots illustrating each aspect of CSS.

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Customer Reviews

I had bought two books on "advanced" CSS, but they left me doubting about how well I knew the basics. CSS in Easy Steps has given me a great grounding the fundamentals of CSS. I really enjoyed the colorful examples--both the color-coded code snippets and their results. I almost didn't buy the book as I thought the cover art looked garish and sloppy. For whatever reason (perhaps it was price) I decided to give the book a try and I wound up being very satisfied with my purchase.

This series "In Easy Steps" are great learning tools. They are like regular instructor-led manuals that we use to teach from. They come with practice files for the students to use during class. These

books are also a good resource for after the class for the student to reference back in their office. The only drawback is that they have a regular spine instead of the combs used in other training manuals (that's the only reason I gave it 4 out of 5 stars). Well worth the price!

The book is short in pages but long on substance. Never knew what all the attributes were for cascading style sheets but now I do. This is a concise manual with colorful illustrations that make reading it easy and fun. If you need to understand CSS then buy this book.

It's hard to find a book about programming languages that is easy to follow. Compared to "Visual Quickstart Guide" (the books with the rabbit logo) - "In Easy Steps" is visually much easier to follow. Compared to the "Class Room in a Book" (Adobe) - "In Easy Steps" has enough of the basics to cover what you need without all that superfluous information. The best part about this book is that it is divided into small easy to follow chapters and sections. The sections are color coded for quick and easy scanning. There are color images of how the code will look once produced. There is a glossary in the back with terminology and small sidebars that contain tips throughout the book. Keep in mind this is a beginners book - but it has all the basics you need for a good foundation in CSS. My one critique is that some of the code examples are inconsistent in how they are typed. Sometimes they have "spaces" between words and sometimes it does not. (however, this would not really effect the outcome of the code, it just might confuse a beginner)

This book was very helpful and answered a lot of my questions. I appreciate that it is in full color, it makes it easier to read and understand.

This is a great book in my opinion for any beginner it breaks it down nice and clear don't expect to create something like the pros after this book you have to get a more advance book than this but it's a great introduction.

The book came very quickly and was in great shape. As for the book in itself, it's a great reference guide to have handy when trying to remember CSS coding. Highly recommended.

I have no education in CSS but write a website and have maintained it for the past couple of years. I picked up this book plus "HTML in Easy Steps" in the hopes that they would make a nice quick desk reference. In general, this has not been the case. On the surface they are well laid out and

contain simple, concise sections. My struggle is that I can rarely get anything out of them useful. Instead I end up Googling whatever it is I am looking into and find explanations and sample code which is far more useful. This was just not the book I expected.

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