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# Beginning HTML, XHTML, CSS, And JavaScript



## Synopsis

An indispensable introductory guide to creating web pages using the most up-to-date standards This beginner guide shows you how to use XHTML, CSS, and JavaScript to create compelling Web sites. While learning these technologies, you will discover coding practices such as writing code that works on multiple browsers including mobile devices, how to use AJAX frameworks to add interactivity to your pages, and how to ensure your pages meet accessible requirements. Packed with real-world examples, the book not only teaches you how to write Web sites using XHTML, CSS and JavaScript, but it also teaches you design principles that help you create attractive web sites and practical advice on how to make web pages more usable. In addition, special checklists and appendices review key topics and provide helpful references that re-enforce the basics you've learned. Serves as an ideal beginners guide to writing web pages using XHTML Explains how to use CSS to make pages more appealing and add interactivity to pages using JavaScript and AJAX frameworks Share advice on design principles and how to make pages more attractive and offers practical help with usability and accessibility Features checklists and appendices that review key topics This introductory guide is essential reading for getting started with using XHTML, CSS and JavaScript to create exciting and compelling Web sites. Note: CD-ROM/DVD and other supplementary materials are not included as part of eBook file.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a reasonably good text that balances a course of instruction with reference material that

might be used in implementing the information the book presents. The text is comprehensive in that it provides, as promised, a solid introduction to HTML, XHTML, CSS, and JavaScript -- all of that is quite good. There is, however, one huge and frustrating drawback. Either in the book or in the code that can be downloaded in tandem with the text, there are just too many careless errors and discrepancies. One can almost count on any exercise or example's having at least one misleading mistake. Many errors are just obvious looking at material on the printed page (as just typical examples: Why would there be two "TO:" boxes on an e-mail form? see page 212; why isn't there a "

This is one of the best written technical books that I've read lately. If you've wanted to know, "how do I make a web page from scratch?" this book will explain how, step by step. I'm already comfortable with most aspects of HTML, so I'm moving on to the more interesting areas: CSS and JavaScript. One of my frustrations with CSS is remembering what properties to use, and this book has nice tables, examples, and exercises on this topic. This is almost like a textbook, or a self-help book. You don't need to be an absolute beginner to appreciate the organization of this book! I'm also interested in reading about the various JavaScript libraries that are popular today, including YUI and scriptaculous, which are discussed briefly. I don't really have anything that I'd like to see changed about this book. It's really up to the reader to decide what area to learn about next.

Overall, I really like this book. It's very practical and shows useful applications for each new thing taught. And the lessons do build on each other and flow together well. The exercises are helpful as well. My problem comes from the "Example Cafe" website, which is the website you build and add to throughout the book. The code examples found on the publisher's website seem like they were made out of sync with the book itself. A lot of examples include code never explained or shown before, code that's just plain wrong as well as things implemented but never requested from the website. I don't copy and paste, so these errors aggravate me. I almost spend as much time breaking down the example code and figuring out where the editors messed up as I am actually implementing features into my practice site. It's annoying and frustrating. As a reference, very well structured and explained. As an exercise resource, aggravating and not worth using.

This book teaches you what you are suppose to know about HTML/XHTML. It goes over all the basic/fundamentals of HTML and XHTML, including the rules and properties of CSS. It gives you an insight on JavaScript but does not go to far into it. It's very beginner friendly and throughout the

book you build a website called "example cafe" which is very basic at first -- you eventually finish it around Chapter 7 after learning the CSS properties/rules. So if you don't know any languages, this is a book where you should start since the author does not assume you know anything about programming languages or scripting. The book also good for referencing with a pretty big appendix. My only complaint is that the author's source code for the examples and exercises were not up to sync with what he lays out in the book. He also occasionally leaves out the XML tags which an X/HTML developer should get used to writing, although he does say they are important, he leaves them out in his examples but his source code contains these tags -- this is just minor confusion. Overall this book was well worth it for what you pay for it.(NOTE: This book does NOT go over HTML5 or CSS3)

I would caution against using this book if you are a beginner looking for a good text to learn these web development fundamentals. There is a lot of information presented in the book, but the narrative is fairly dry (think a very boring college textbook) and the exercises presented throughout the book do not flow together in a progressive manner. I struggled through almost 2/3 of this book, and then moved to another book (CSS - The Missing Manual) that was far far better in terms of the ease of the narrative and the presentation of exercises.

I had no experience in HTML, XHTML, CSS or JAVASCRIPT, but a couple of hours dedicated to this book and off to the races. It is easy to follow, defines things well, and provides great examples that allow you to further develop the lessons.

Got this book to learn Javascript and have written references for html / css.it is a big, rich book. teach you the old fashion way by describing you ALL the elements in every language but doesn't have very useful "in-use" examples. it is also getting kind of old and doesn't really cover fluid media querys.

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