Teach Yourself RoboHELP 7 Classic Edition (2nd Edition - Revised)

Synopsis

Teach Yourself RoboHELP provides beginning RoboHELP users with a firm foundation in the mechanics of using the tool and practical advice for good help authoring. You will learn how to create not just a help system, but a user-friendly one. Written by experienced help authors who are also certified RoboHELP instructors, the book is designed with both "big picture" and detail-oriented learners in mind. The first half of the book is a "Quick Start" overview, in which you can learn the basics and create a sample project in as little as a day. The second half, "Digging Down", covers the material in more depth. Numerous graphics and screenshots illustrate the text. Throughout the book, the authors include tips and cautions. "What if?" sections anticipate common beginning problems and help you troubleshoot them on the spot. Each unit concludes with a "What you've done" review and a "What's next" preview of the next unit. An enclosed CD-ROM contains all files referenced ! in the book so you can build the sample project as you progress. The CD-ROM also contains partially completed projects matching the "Quick Start" stages, so you can compare work or simply start the project at any step along the way. Teach Yourself RoboHELP is suitable for individual use or for classroom instruction. Registered owners of the current edition may upgrade to subsequent editions of Teach Yourself RoboHELP at a reduced price. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

You don't often find an effective training manual that is as entertaining as this one. Yes, it taught me how to create help files using RoboHelp with the usual point-and-click insructions, screen shots, and CD sample files, but what I really liked was feeling like the authors were giving me insider tips from real-world experience-not just the typical "this product is wonderful" stuff from the software

company. I was afraid I was the only one who who felt stymied over certain issues, but they actually had the nerve to point out a few things that aren't wonderful about RoboHelp and how to deal with them (e.g., you don't need the gaggle of Robohelp toolbars that crowd your screen, & you really CAN edit the project file, despite what RoboHelp says). It effectively got me up and running in a short time. I am an experienced computer user, but was new to RoboHelp 7-a behemoth of a program that seemed a bit overwhelming before going through the book. The book was well-organized and clear. I liked the discussions about design and the "big picture" explanations that satisfied my need to know WHY (not just how and what). It has an excellent index that will keep me using it as a reference until I think I can fly on my own. It was just right for my needs!

I am an ex-programmer, and I worried that this text would be too simplistic for me -- but it wasn't. It has problems in the exercizes but they weren't hard to see and correct for -- the book needs a careful test. I like the way the tutorial weaves in information on help writing, e.g. discussing why there are different window types as it teaches you how to create them. The ratio between hands-on work and reading was good. I'm glad I bought this book rather than paying for a class.

I have mixed feelings about this book. It has some good information, but a lot of it is technical mumbo jumbo that, frankly, I couldn't care less about. What I really needed was to create a help project quickly. I can't say that this book helped me all that much. I'd say that the user manual that came with my software (for free) did more for me than this book.The book's cover is terrible. It looks like it was designed by an amateur. There are missing pictures and errors (I guess they are typos) everywhere. I'd say to save your money and go to a RoboHelp class put on my a certified trainer.

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