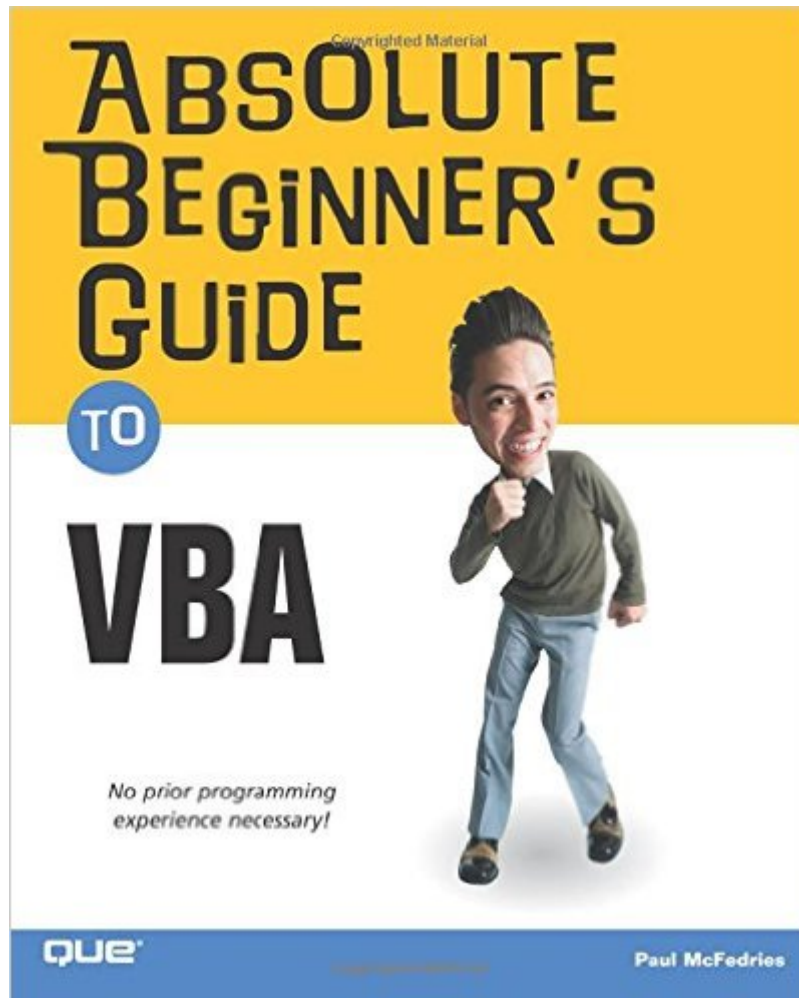


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Absolute Beginner's Guide To VBA



Synopsis

Visual Basic for Applications (VBA) is a set of tools based on the Visual Basic language. The great thing about using it to enhance Office applications is that it's easier to learn than Visual Basic and it comes with your Office license. After reading this book, the reader will be proficient in the VBA language and will have extensive knowledge of the Office 2003 Object Model. This book will cover all features of the VBA editor and show how to program some of the more useful new features in the Office 2003 applications. This book assumes no prior programming experience, so even programming novices can get up to speed quickly on the basics of the VBA language. It is very practical and offers the reader tested programs and projects that he or she can implement right away. This book reinforces the reader's learning by presenting useful, end-of-chapter pedagogical resources, including question-and-answer sessions and quizzes, as well as practical exercises that cement and extend the reader's knowledge. It explores not only the object models of Word and Excel, but also other members of the Office 2003 suite, including PowerPoint, Access, and Outlook.

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The book is what it says: for ABSOLUTE beginners. If you have some computer experience and a working knowledge of the MS Office suite and you are ready to begin leveraging the power of VBA, this book is for you. If you are afraid of VBA, have tried VBA before and failed, or know nothing about programming, this book is for you. I found the book to be of the appropriate length ~350 pages or so. There was also plenty of side bar information that did a great job of explaining WHY

you would or would not want to do something. Coverage also included "good to know" gotchas that would definitely cause a beginner some heartburn. The Good: The book starts out with the obvious introductory items like recording macros, building custom macros, programming control structures (if-then, for loops, etc). The book also has an entire chapter that covers "objects". They are well written, easy to follow, and definitely target the beginner. At about Chapter 7 the book begins dedicating one chapter to each of the MS Office (2000) suite - starting with Word. Then Excel, Powerpoint, Access, and even a chapter on Outlook. All the chapters had good BEGINNER examples. The chapter that covers Access has an example of how to move data between Excel and Access - quite useful. The last few chapters cover more intermediate topics like debugging, custom dialogs, and toolbars. As before, the book does a good job of introducing and illustrating (through useable examples) how to do the task at hand. All chapters and examples are on topic. Little or no author dialog, no extemporaneous page fill, and no pay-per-page bloat to distract you from the code.

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