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Programming ArcObjects With VBA: A Task-Oriented Approach, Second Edition



Synopsis

If you're ready to take your knowledge of ArcGIS to the next level, then you need to learn how to work with ArcObjects. But with thousands of objects, properties, and methods, how can you ever hope to sort through the ArcObjects model diagrams? The first edition of Chang's Programming ArcObjects with VBA: A Task-Oriented Approach gave us the answer. The author's task-oriented approach shows you how to sort through the massive ArcObjects collection by examining only the objects, properties, and methods you need to perform specific tasks. What's new in the second edition? This edition adds macros and explanations for the new Geoprocessing object introduced in ArcGIS 9.x. Instead of treating this new feature in separate chapters, the author incorporates Geoprocessing code into the existing chapters. The code appears conveniently in boxes that allow you to easily compare sample macros. *Get Started with Ready-to-Use Code* The companion CD-ROM contains 95 complete ArcObjects macros and 33 Geoprocessing macros, along with datasets to execute the code. Each program begins with a short usage description and a list of key properties and methods, followed by the listing and explanation of the code itself. Regardless of your programming experience, Programming ArcObjects with VBA: A Task-Oriented Approach, Second Edition gives you the key to unlock the power and versatility of using ArcObjects to help you manage GIS activities.

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Customer Reviews

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Great book on ArcObjects, but extremely dated. Some formatting has changed in last decade, so be cautious and check Esri's website for any updates where applicable.

It is a quick starter, it is a phenomenal reference book, and it gives you real examples with plain English explanations! Everything that you need in order to start tweaking your ArcGIS environment!

The Arcobjects model is so complex and puzzling that it is no wonder there are few authors that can spare time from actually trying to understanding it, to write a book as good as this one about it, hands down the best in this topic to date. Some criticize it is too basic, but its closest rival, "Getting to Know ArcObjects (With CD-ROM)" is far simpler. I actually was dissapointed with that one. With this I'm actually learning something. If someone thinks "Programming Arcobjects with VBA" is simple, then they should write a book themselves. We can only hope the incoming "GIS Programming: Concepts and Applications" is even more informative than this one.

First-off, there is a new edition of this book coming out. So, i won't judge this one on 'outdatedness.' This is a very good follow-up to the 'getting to know arcobjects' book from esri (which are the only 2 guide books to arcobjects out there). It is fairly easy to read, and i like the code given in the text and on the cd, especially on the cd, because you can copy and paste it right into your ArcGIS. Overall a good instructional book on various arcobjects technics.

At my new job I was expected to program a ESRI ArcEngine/ArcObject Mapping Application in C#, but I had no relevant GIS experience. This book along with gis.stackexchange.com was critical to accomplishing the task.

Good examples. I wish more depth of knowledge with more application oriented examples required.

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