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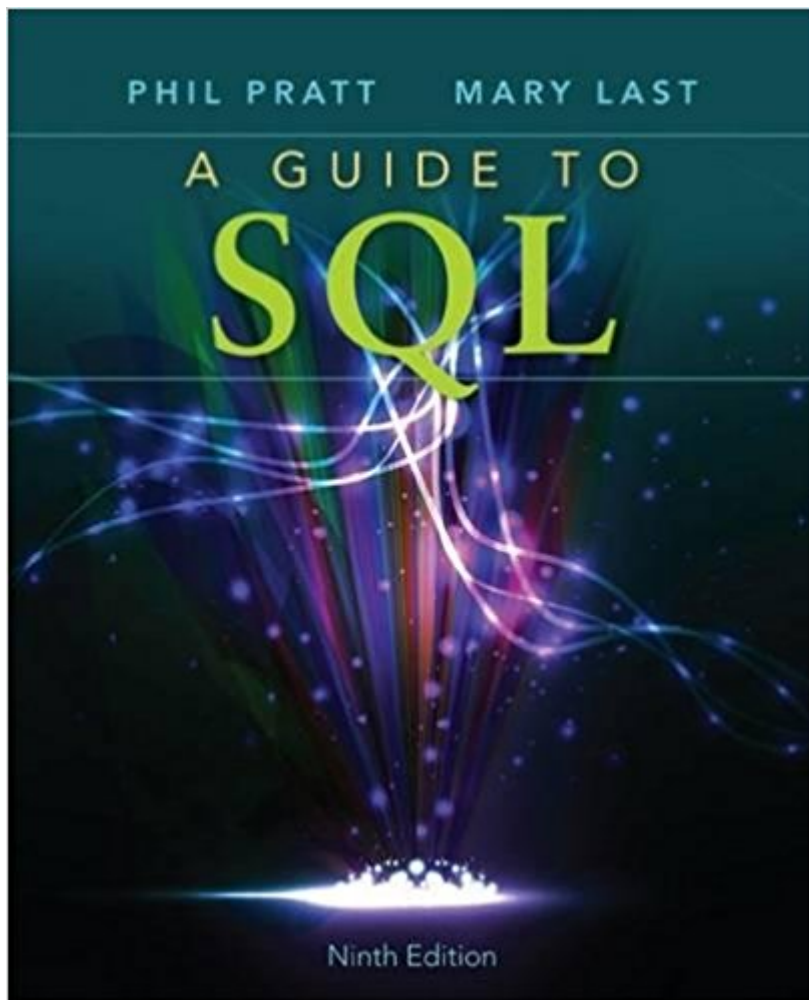Ninth Edition

Synopsis

A GUIDE TO SQL, Ninth Edition, provides an effective introduction to SQL programming using straightforward instruction, extensive hands-on exercises, and a strong foundation in real-world business applications. The Ninth Edition builds on the longstanding success of this proven text by presenting basic SQL commands in the context of a running case, in which a business uses SQL to manage orders, items, customers, and sales reps. The authors emphasize that fundamental principles and practices apply regardless of the database environment chosen, and they include examples from the latest versions of Oracle and Microsoft Access, and SQL Server throughout the text.

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Customer Reviews

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author to the Shelly Cashman Series since 1992. She also authors many instructor resources for database texts.

This book is NOT user friendly and the concepts taught are confusing and cluttered, not because of the actual difficulty of the material but because the authors have done so with poor writing and structure (which is odd as framework is what SQL is all about). You are required to use diagrams that are listed in previous chapters when working on future chapter problems, however this isn't because you are building upon what you've learned but rather falling back to something that was overlooked while initially learning it.How this book and it's previous additions are considered to be used in a scholastic environment is infuriating. If not a required reading for your program I would suggest finding an intro to SQL written by different authors. SQL is not very difficult to learn and understand, this book however, is.

Overpriced book. Went well with my CIS117 class at sbcc. Besides that I would have not bought it. If you have a friend you can borrow it from that would be better use.

This book is excellent for learning basic SQL. The chapters are easily read and understood and the lessons are helpful and well laid out.

absalutely terrible book!!!!! if you are taking a class that requires this book, find another class! its not worth the trouble this book is going to cause you!

Not at all what I was expecting when I bought it. As other reviews have mentioned, it presents the material in a very unorganized and hard to follow manner. It is most certainly not for beginners and only someone who had previous experience would likely be able to understand what the author is trying to convey. There's some useful info in it but overall it's very hard to follow the author's writing structure.

Lots of examples and information, great textbook

Book arrived with half the back cover torn off.

Many have already said what I am about to say. There are quite a few parts of this book that do not

completely develop ideas when presenting 'intro' level material to the reader. Chapter 8 specifically was a maddening exercise in futility. You will definitely need supplementary resources in order to compensate for that chapter.

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