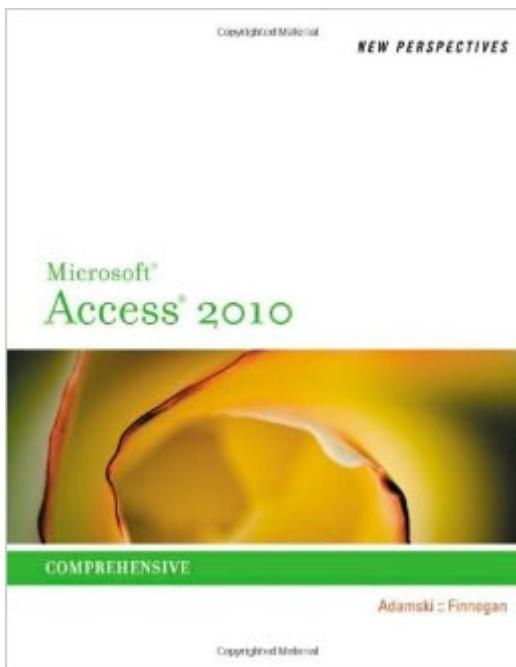


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I too purchased this book because it was a required text for a computer information systems course. As my title suggests, this book could have been a serviceable workbook for a some other course textbook. As a standalone resource for Access 2010, it is a disaster. The book is "case" driven. That is, concepts are explained by referencing a model database created for a fictional company. Concepts are illustrated by having the reader follow along on his or her computer making changes to the "case" database. Ideally, the reader would learn by doing. The problem is that the examples overwhelm the concepts. Even a diligent student comes away from the lesson with only a rudimentary understanding of the core concepts because the examples are so narrow and the text generally lacks discussion on how one might apply the concepts in a different context. There is very little discussion about program syntax and few tables or charts summarizing program commands.

The index appears to have been thrown together by monkeys. Additionally, the authors spend an inordinate amount of time on formatting and other tangential issues. The examples are replete with change this font to that font, change this color, add a line here, delete a picture there, capitalize this, highlight that. One of the "key terms" for the chapter on queries is "F2 key". A review question at the end of the chapter on analyzing data is "What is the World Wide Web?" It is torture for the student who actually wants to learn something substantive about Access or relational databases. The examples themselves are pretty easy to follow and execute. If only the rest of the book were the same.

Going into my Intro to Databases class I had zero experience with Microsoft Access and this book is perfect for anyone in that situation. It works with you to learn Access as you work through lessons in the chapters. It's not like some texts where it's laden with technical jargon that puts you to sleep. This book guides you through the basics with hands on examples that you do as the chapters progress. For example, every chapter has you work on updating a pre-made database that you will finish after chapter 1 and then immediately pick up where you left off for chapter two. The later problems get more complex without feeling overwhelming. Having some experience with Microsoft office will help to a certain extent, but if you are at the point where you are ready to tackle databases you are probably familiar with Office, Windows, etc. anyway. And it probably goes without saying but this book doesn't come with a copy of Access to install, you have to have it already on your system. It's a great text, very simple without being elementary, and it will teach you how to make, maintain and expand your databases like you never thought you would be able to do. 5 out of 5.

I was excited to get this book because I'm taking courses on building databases. This book, however, does not live up to its ludicrous price tag. You can easily learn more, and get better instruction on countless free websites and YouTube videos. We're half way through the course and no one in the class has opened the book. Do not waste your money.

I was so happy when I saw I am able to purchase an ebook version and not just rent it (no huge book cluttering up your apartment). Anyway, I can't recommend it. 1.) The writing is so little that I had to constantly zoom the pages. Another review mentioned that you can see only half of the page and I confirm this statement. You only see a little part of the page. 2.) You can't read it on your Kindle. Only on the Kindle fire (not that big of an issue, but thought worth mentioning it). 3.) The big bummer is, you can't search the book for a keyword. What works well on the Kindle with every novel I have

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This is for a class so it will never get 5 stars..lol It is pretty detailed for an Access 2010 class. I lovehe colleges teach the oldest version of a current program. It takes you through everything step by step and covers all the shortcuts, trick and multiple ways to get the final results you need. It is good to know how to use all of the toolbars, shortcut menus... Even if you have never touched Access this will help you get comfortable. I don't think it will be used next semester so get them while they are cheap!

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