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Sams Teach Yourself UML In 24 Hours, Complete Starter Kit (3rd Edition)



Synopsis

Learn UML, the Unified Modeling Language, to create diagrams describing the various aspects and uses of your application before you start coding, to ensure that you have everything covered. Millions of programmers in all languages have found UML to be an invaluable asset to their craft. More than 50,000 previous readers have learned UML with Sams Teach Yourself UML in 24 Hours. Expert author Joe Schmuller takes you through 24 step-by-step lessons designed to ensure your understanding of UML diagrams and syntax. This updated edition includes the new features of UML 2.0 designed to make UML an even better modeling tool for modern object-oriented and component-based programming. The CD-ROM includes an electronic version of the book, and Poseidon for UML, Community Edition 2.2, a popular UML modeling tool you can use with the lessons in this book to create UML diagrams immediately.

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Customer Reviews

I'm a graduate student in a Systems Engineering class, and I was having problems following the instructor's lectures and homework because the instructor was throwing in a lot of UML-based work without introducing UML in class first. I had downloaded a community version of a UML diagramming tool (Astah) from which I hoped to pick up enough of the syntax and semantics to get up to speed, but I found the lack of "help" files and the foreignness of the UML prevented that approach from being successful for me. I spoke with the instructor, who recommended the Sam's "Teach Yourself UML in 24 Hours" as a good starter text. He also recommended "UML Distilled..."

by Martin Fowler et al. (now in its third edition). I skimmed the Fowler book first, and found it useful but heavily focused on software. When I read through the Sam's "Teach Yourself" book, I found it both more approachable as a novice and more general in terms of the application of the UML to things other than software. I still had some learning to do, as not every UML tool implements every UML concept in the same way, and my instructor kept using a "context diagram" that was nowhere to be found in the UML! I later discovered he was using the IDEF0 context diagram without labeling it as such. However, the Sam's book was instrumental in my quickly grasping basic UML diagramming. I can't comment on the included CD, because I haven't used it.

This is a good introduction to the greatness of UML. It gets you up to speed quickly on what UML is, the various types of diagrams, and how to use UML in the real world. If you are looking for comprehensive coverage of the topic you will probably want to read some books by Martin Fowler and/or Scott Ambler next.

It's a great book, simplified the whole concept of UML to me. I have always had it tough to understand UML as a programmer, the teach your series (UML) has contributed immensely to my understanding of UML. A big thanks to the author.

I'm studying UML in college; this is one great book and Joseph explains very well. One clear and crystal speaks to me, one not English native. Buy it and learn UML easily.

Reasonably clear introduction to UML. I've tried others (O'Reilly for instance). This is best.

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