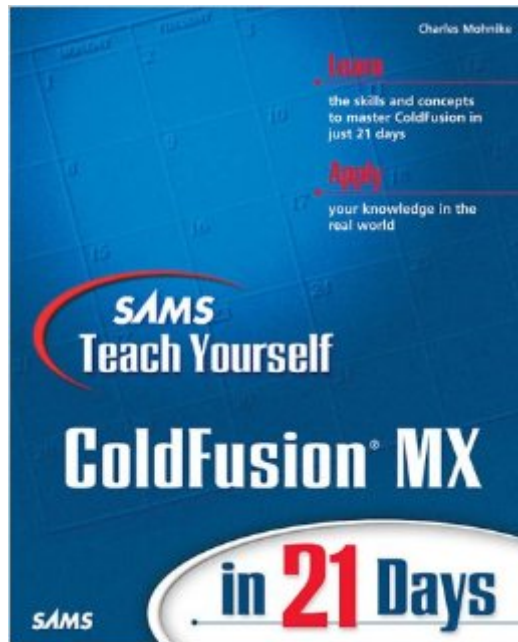# Sams Teach Yourself ColdFusion In 21 Days

Synopsis

While most other ColdFusion books--as well as Macromedia's product documentation--play largely to those who've honed their programming concepts elsewhere, Sams Teach Yourself ColdFusion in 21 Days taps the vast market of static-page designers who are ready to take their sites to the next level. Drawing on the success of his popular ColdFusion tutorial on Wired's Webmonkey site, author Charles Mohnike provides readers with a fundamental understanding of how ColdFusion works, and then guides them through the use of ColdFusion to create their own applications quickly and easily. ColdFusion's upcoming release capitalizes on the macromedia partnership by adding direct support for Flash, allowing developers to add dynamic content and database interactivity to their animations. In addition, the new version of ColdFusion anticipates the growing demand for Web services by increasing its integration with technologies such as XML and SOAP.

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Customer Reviews

Well, well, what can I say? This book did not get off to a very good start....and I'll tell you why. It is because I already have around 7 breeze block sized computer books, every single one of them has only had perhaps five dozen pages thumbed through before I gave up. They all started with the ubiquitous 'let me let you in on a secret, this stuff is pretty easy etc...'. Then they go off at wild and frustrating tangents leaving you high and dry. ...It says 21 days, but I finished it in 3, pulled up a chair and started coding away!! He mentioned several times in the book that he expects you to be

fairly proficient in HTML coding, so I was a bit apprehensive. Nothing could have been further from the truth. Every single tag of HTML is explained along with the ColdFusion stuff. This book not only taught me ColdFusion, but it also taught me both HTML and SQL!! This is totally unbelievable and makes SUCH a refreshing change from the norm! The style could not be criticised, it was humorous, but it was like he had his hand on your shoulder the whole time guiding you through the book and anticipating your every doubt and question and then taking pains to explain each and every step. The front-end back-end connectivity/interfacing issue was always a big mystery to me, until Charles explained it. So was the precise mechanics involved in setting up an e-commerce site. All that is now old hat in my mind and I am well underway to setting up a medium sized online store singlehandedly. In hindsight, had I been asked to pay a $1000 for this book, I would still think it a bargain of a lifetime. The one drawback is that it demystifies ColdFusion and makes it so simple, no holds barred, that those wanting to make a future as CF developers may well find their future under threat if this secret gets out!!! Anyway, go buy it....it's good and worth every purple cent.

If you have never used CF before this is a good book to get you started. Each days lessons are clear and concise, removing any ambiguity other books may create. The end of chapter summaries make a nice review tool allowing you to test your memory about what you have learned. This is probably why Ben Forta endorses this book. Charles Mohnike has filled a niche that seems to be lacking in other books. This is truly a beginners book.While being a good beginner's lesson book, I would not use it as a day-to-day reference book. This is where both of Ben Forta's books shine. I bought this book for one of the members in my team and once he finished with it, it was placed on the bookshelf and ignored. Everyone prefers to use Ben Forta's books as their reference material.As new team members come aboard we give them this book to teach them CF, so we are able to recycle its use continually.

Charles Mohnike's, `Teach Yourself ColdFusion in 21 Days', is an excellent tutorial for learning Cold Fusion. Sorry Ben Forta, Mr. Mohnike not only explains it better, but he even finishes up each chapter with a summary, Q&A, a workshop and exercises. All of which drive the lessons home. This book is especially good if you're thinking about taking the Cold Fusion certification course.

After waiting for what seemed like ages I received my CF in 21 days just 2 days ago. I am on page 362 and can't stop reading it. Although I have Ben Forta's Cold Fusion 4.0 Web application construction kit book (another great book) I needed something a little more, and I found it. Charles

has a way of explaining things at my not exactly a begginer status. I would recommend this book if your trying to make sense of it all or need to review in simple quick chapters. best part of this book is the fact that by Day 6 which ends on page 128 you have already built a Cold Fusion Application that you can show your friends. Buy it, it's worth it. Only negative things are that the database files on Sam's Publishing site are not there but its not the books fault. Then again you can make the access files yourself in minutes. If you find them let me know. I hope you enjoy it as much as I'm enjoying it.

If you're an "in the trenches" webmaster, like myself, who has to wear every single digital hat in his/her organization, you can't afford not to buy Sams Teach Yourself ColdFusion in 21 Days. Charles Mohnike deserves triple royalities for this title -- in fact, I wish I could have bought two!The strength of this work is truly in the writing. Mohnike covers the ins and outs of Cold Fusion with well structured, easily read chapters that teach, test and empower the reader in his/her quest forward to the next topic. Further, the tone of the text, at times quite humorous, has the feel of having your best, code crunching pal next to you the whole step of the way. Translation: It isn't arrogant and presumptive like so many computer training textbooks on the market.But, shucks, that's just rhetoric. The proof is always in the pudding. In a little under 8 weeks, I've used Cold Fusion to build 1 extranet site, an interactive vendor index and an online publishing system for my company's online legal newspaper. The latter project - built using the examples offered in the book - saved us from spending $22,000 for an extremely basic content management system.Any questions?

My only problem with this book was the missing database files, but the publisher (Sams) remedied the problem by posting them to their Web site for download. This book takes a very different approach to CF than Ben Forta's, which for me was a very good thing since I was having trouble understanding Ben's concepts. The Sams book is more of a sit-down-and-learn-it kind of tutorial, while Forta's is more like a reference that's good after you're already up and running with CF. This book is pretty funny too.

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