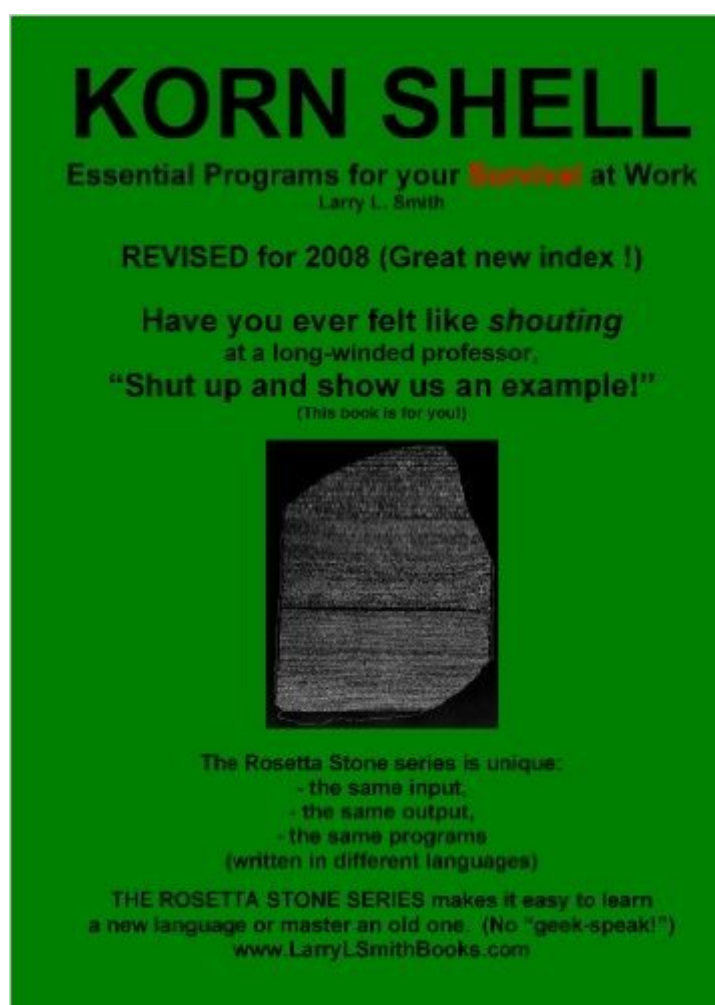# Korn Shell / Ksh: Essential Programs For Your Survival At Work: Book 1 In The Rosetta Stone Series For Computer Programmers And Script-Writers

Synopsis

This book, for UNIX-LINUX computer users, provides the beginner AND the 'guru' with practical, real-world examples and Korn shell (ksh) scripts that make tough jobs easy. With this book, you can ... - Make your boss happy right NOW! - Learn a new language. - Master an old language. - Write scripts that solve problems. - Provide Quality Assurance. - Be a master troubleshooter. - Analyze logs, verify data. - Make tough jobs easy!

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Customer Reviews

This is a great book of Korn Shell examples and techniques. However, to understand it, one would first have to have read a good book on Korn Shell syntax and programming. So, this is a second-book for new Korn Shell programmers, not a first book. This is a book that will take you from new/aspiring Korn Shell programmer to a polished/professional Korn Shell programmer. The only reason it does not get five (5) stars is because of no index.

I bought this book a few days ago (2008 revision). It is a book comprised of solid examples with clear commenting in them. Examples range from "Hello World" simplicity to creating a menu-driven interface for managing a contact database, and everything in between. The examples given are useful in real-world situations, or easily modifiable by the user to fit situations they are scripting against. In that aspect, the book's main purpose is to give the reader plenty of real-world examples to try out and learn from, and the book certainly delivers there.The table of contents and index are marginally helpful. The material in the book is all sorted alphabetically by script name, so they're only useful for skimming. A topical index or topical set of contents would be more functional and

helpful, especially to those looking to cut their teeth on some of the easier examples found in the book. The index was added for 2008, but you can tell it was basically an afterthought meant to appease those who were upset that it was missing. If you're looking for a script to solve a specific type of problem, you basically need to guess at the name of the script as the author would have created it.The biggest issue with the book is that there are no digital resources. Every script and/or example must be typed to try it out. There is no companion CD, and the website referenced is nonexistent as of 7/18/2010 [...]. Having those available would help vault this book closer to the level of high necessity as a reference or training book for those learning to script. However, with these issues the book is merely useful, if overpriced for that value.

Many folks might complain about the "readability" of this book, but that mindset basically misses the approach taken with this book. It is not a read from start to end type of book.We learn by doing and this book is entirely about "doing" - the details are explained as your read and run the scripts themselves.If you actually need to acommplish real-world tasks in the Korn shell, this book becomes unrivaled!Kind Regards,Randall62

I read the posts and agree with many there is good value to the book but not enough to warrant the price tag. This book is stated as something for the novice/newcomer but it misses the mark on that. There are lots of problems with the syntax and it would be helpful for a disclaimer of the system/systems he developed this on. The arrangement of scripts is not helpful..please by alphabet? Anyway, it isn't too bad as a paper weight.

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