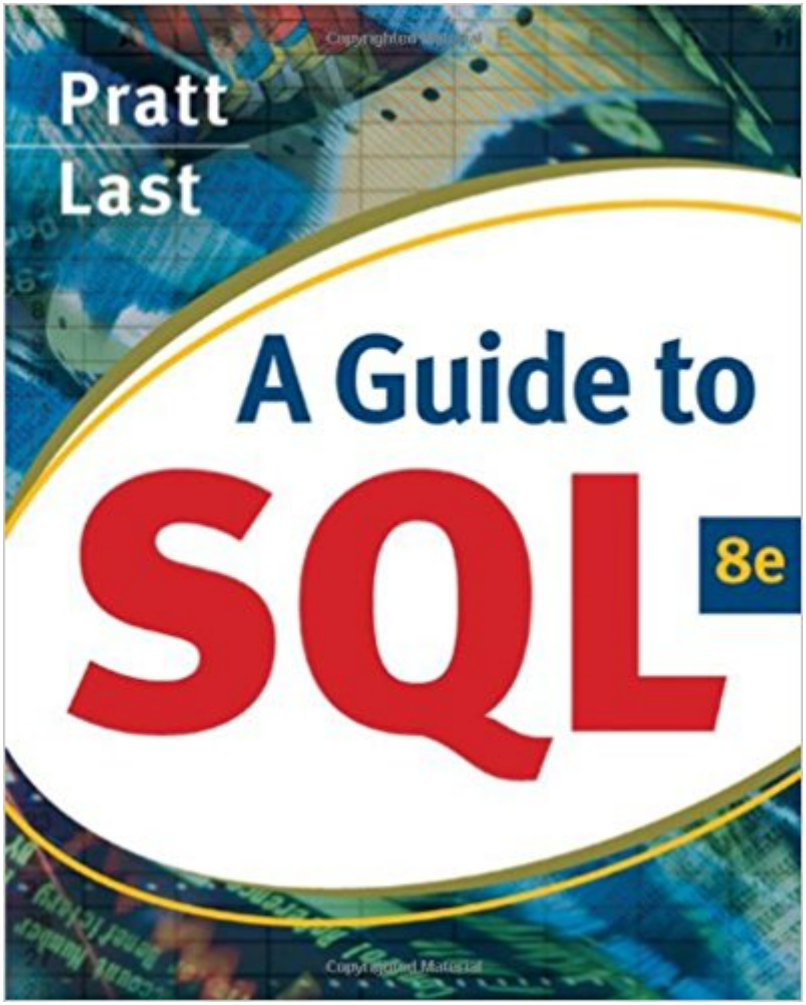
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Synopsis

A GUIDE TO SQL, 8E, continues to be the essential SQL reference. It builds on the success of previous editions by presenting basic SQL commands in the context of a running case in which a business uses SQL to manage orders, parts, customers, and sales reps. The book covers the fundamentals of SQL programming using straightforward instruction and extensive hands-on exercises. Continuing with its focus on learning the basics regardless of the database environment chosen, this edition features examples from the latest databases: Oracle 11g, Access 2007, and MySQL. The eighth edition expands on the use of running case studies by adding a third running case to the extensive hands-on pedagogy at the end of every chapter.

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This book is great for a beginner learning SQL programming. It was assigned in my Intro to SQL Class. I think having an instructor guiding you is important, but this book could still teach someone learning on their own. They walk you through the fundamentals of using SQL - creating tables, altering data, running basic to intermediate queries, creating indexes and views... and in the last chapter they start talking about more advanced stuff like Stored Procedures, cursors, and some specifics of T-SQL.This book was designed as a true basic guide to SQL, so they give you the most fundamental way of doing something, then explain how that would look different in various DBMS's like Oracle, Access, SQL Sever. Some people will probably be confused by the different rules of each DBMS - I would say focus on the one(s) you are actually using or able to use. At work I use SQL Server, but at home (where I was doing my homework) I was only able to use Access. So I focused on those two. Would I be slower if I tried to jump into Oracle tomorrow? Yes, but I have a good enough understanding of the basics of using SQL that I know I could get started in Oracle, and be able to solve simple syntax problems by referencing back to this book or going online. And if I wanted to be an Oracle expert, I would take an Oracle specific course, of which there are many.Last thought - especially if you are tackling this book on your own, you must do the exercises at the back of each chapter, at least for 2 of the 3 example databases. As our instructor explained it, repetition is key. Just like sports - someone can tell you how to shoot a jump ball, but you need to go out and do it a few hundred times to actually be decent at it. The exercises in the book provide the repetition you need to master these concepts. Some of it may seem menial at first, but they will make working in SQL second nature for you.

This book was an optional text in a database class I am taking. The professor said it was one of the best books he came across for those just learning SQL. Since I'm new to SQL and database design in general I ended up picking this book up.Aside from another book that I have related to database design, this is the only other database that I own that covers SQL commands. I don't really have any other point of reference to compare this book to in terms other SQL books, but I have to say that I am satisfied with the content of this one. The examples are clear and easy to understand for someone with no experience. If someone is new to SQL I would recommend this book.I knock one

star off the book due to the page and print quality. It doesn't feel like a high quality printing. Comes off as kind of cheaply done.

I purchased the physical copy of this book at my college's Barnes and Noble, but the reviews on here aren't lying: the print is freaking terrible!Being a book person, I relented and rented the Kindle version. Keep in mind that, due to the nature of the book, it is NOT AVAILABLE on the E Ink Kindles. I am using a Nexus 7 and it looks alright in landscape mode. Definitely a LOT easier to read, even if it's not a book I can put on my shelf :(

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Really a good book that has various videos in youtube. If you follow instructions and do the exercises, you will be proficient!!

The publisher intentionally makes the code unavailable for copying and pasting, which is one of the reasons to get a digital book covering coding of any sort. Also, many of the pages are dark with a semi-light text, meaning the contrast between the two are minimal. I had to crank up the brightness on my tablet to read some of them.

I am so happy to have sql bible back. It is the best way to start out learning the process and techniques of database programming and management.

The content of the book is helpful. The authors do a good job of giving an introduction to SQL programming and make it easily understandable. The book, in my opinion is very overpriced, though. It is not very long and the pages look like the publisher went printed them on a copier at the local public library. I would expect better quality considering the price.

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