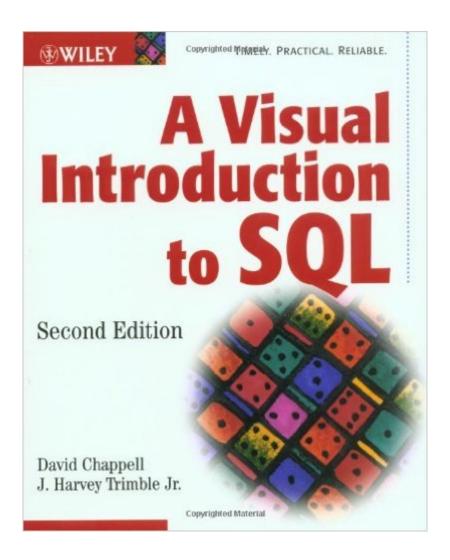
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A Visual Introduction To SQL





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Learn SQL basics quickly with this visual tutorial featuring over 125 graphics SQL (Structured Query Language) is the tool used to access nearly all databases, which means that most software professionals should understand at least the basics. This hands-on tutorial offers an accessible introduction to SQL using over 125 graphics to illustrate the lessons. The book's unique visual approach makes it much easier for the reader to learn SQL. This Second Edition has been updated with new graphics and covers such subjects as the SELECT statement, joins, subqueries, views, granting and revoking privileges, and creating and destroying tables.

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I am currently enrolled in a Database Management (Oracle/SQL) class at Boston College. Right off the bat, I knew I was in trouble when we were told the professor would be unavailable for help and most of students in class were computer science majors. (I was taking the class to broaden my computer skills above and beyond front-end web design.)The textbook in class was the heinously monstrous 1200+ page Oracle 9i The Complete Reference by Kevin Loney. After struggling through many chapters and finding our professor's teaching style very unhelpful, I decided it was time for another resource. I checked on ... and found Sam's Teach Yourself SQL in 10 minutes to be semi-helpful. Then at the Harvard Coop, I stumbled upon it - - A VISUAL INTRODUCTION TO SQL. The problem, I realized, was that I am a visual learner and need to see all the schema tables and step-by step actions to describe what happens as I develop queries. This books is key for any

layman, like myself. It walks you through very basic (and more complex) problems in an easy-to-read visual approach. While using SQL on the PC, viewing the tables is difficult and this book helps you map out the problems to figure them out. I was especially impressed after emailing the author about a table question and getting a personalized response. If you are in a bind to learn SQL on your own, this book is great and won't kill you lugging it around either. P.S. A great addition I found to this book was a Mac client software (that can access Oracle Databases) called SQL Grinder. Like the book, this program is also very visual and the GUI (MAC) clearly reigns over any PC. Sorry Windows users! Thanks for your help, David Chappell! ;-)

This book doesn't assume that you are familiar with databases or the SQL programming language. It teaches you the programming language step-by-step using a graphic approach. A great way to learn SQL.

If you want to learn SQL, or brush up on SQL, this is the best book I have found (and I have several SQL books). I have the first edition and also purchased this edition. I also recommend it to peers who are just getting started with database technology.

Needed a quick refresher on SQL and this book was perfect. Helped me relearn SQL before a Job interview. Loved it!

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