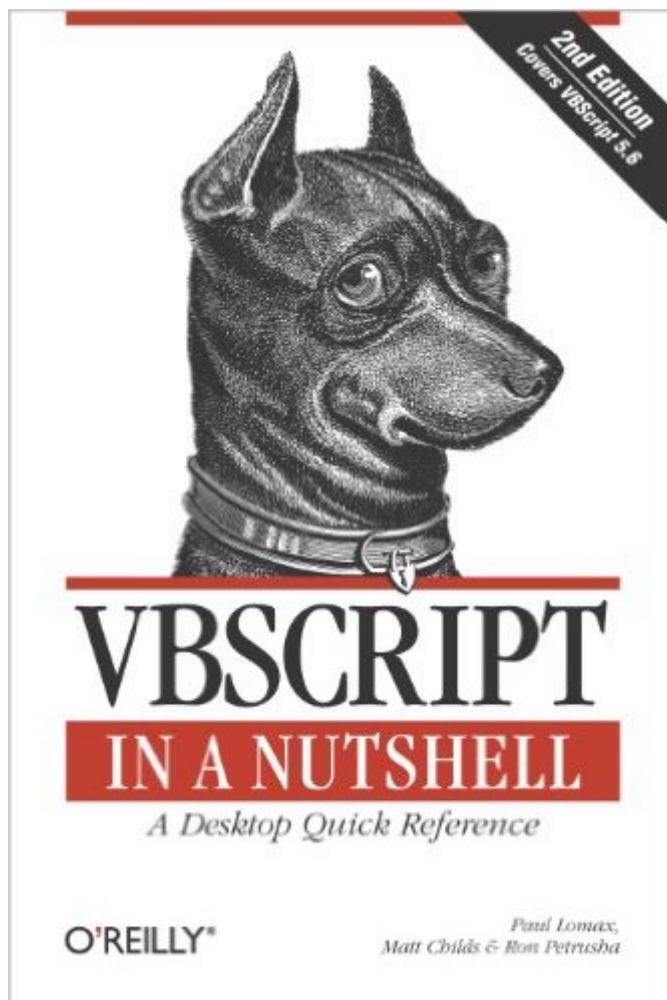


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Lightweight yet powerful, VBScript from Microsoft® is used in four main areas: server-side web applications using Active Server Pages (ASP), client-side web scripts using Internet Explorer, code behind Outlook forms, and automating repetitive tasks using Windows Script Host (WSH). VBScript in a Nutshell, Second Edition delivers current and complete documentation for programmers and system administrators who want to develop effective scripts. Completely updated for VBScript 5.6, WSH 5.6 and ASP 3.0, VBScript In a Nutshell, Second Edition includes updated introductory chapters that will help you keep current with the significant changes since the first edition was published. New chapters introduce the Windows Script Component for creating binary COM components, and the Script Encoder. The main part of the book is a comprehensive reference focusing on VBScript essentials with an alphabetical reference to all statements, keywords and objects, and a section of notes and solutions to real-world gotchas--various undocumented behaviors and aspects of the language--to help you avoid potential problems. Each entry in the reference section details the following: The keyword's syntax, using standard code conventions; A list of arguments accepted by the function or procedure, if any exist; A discussion of how and where the keyword should be used within the scripting environment; A discussion of the differences between the operation of the keyword in Visual Basic or VBA and in VBScript. Regardless of your level of experience programming with VBScript, VBScript in a Nutshell, Second Edition is the book you'll want by your side--the most complete, up-to-date, and easy-to-use language reference available.

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I've had my copy of "VBScript in a Nutshell" for months now, and it's made my programming life a lot easier. Forget the syntax for something? Can't remember if that function is named InStr() or Substr()? In no time, this neatly organized volume will yield your answer with a minimum of fuss, especially for those of us who switch languages between (or even within) projects and tend not to remember language elements at the margins. Perhaps the only failing of this book is that it is occasionally light on code examples. Especially when I'm in a hurry, a few lines of code make more sense than mentally parsing the complex array of options that might be presented in "definition form." But in most cases, in the places you most yearn for an example of source code, one is provided. One of the more valuable aspects of the reference material presented here are the numerous hints and kinks... The little traps that you can fall into with a given statement or function that ordinarily can only be gleaned from lots of hands-on experience. Sure, some of the tips are more valuable than others, but an attempt is made to cover the bases for both newbies and seasoned VBScripters. As is typical of most O'Reilly books, a very solid index makes a big difference, especially in a book like any of those from the Nutshell series where you're using it mostly for reference and not for front-to-back reading. In addition to the index, in the back of the book, you'll find language elements grouped by type. Want a refresher on all of VBScript's string handling? A complete list is right there waiting (and quite a boon to multi-language programmers).

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