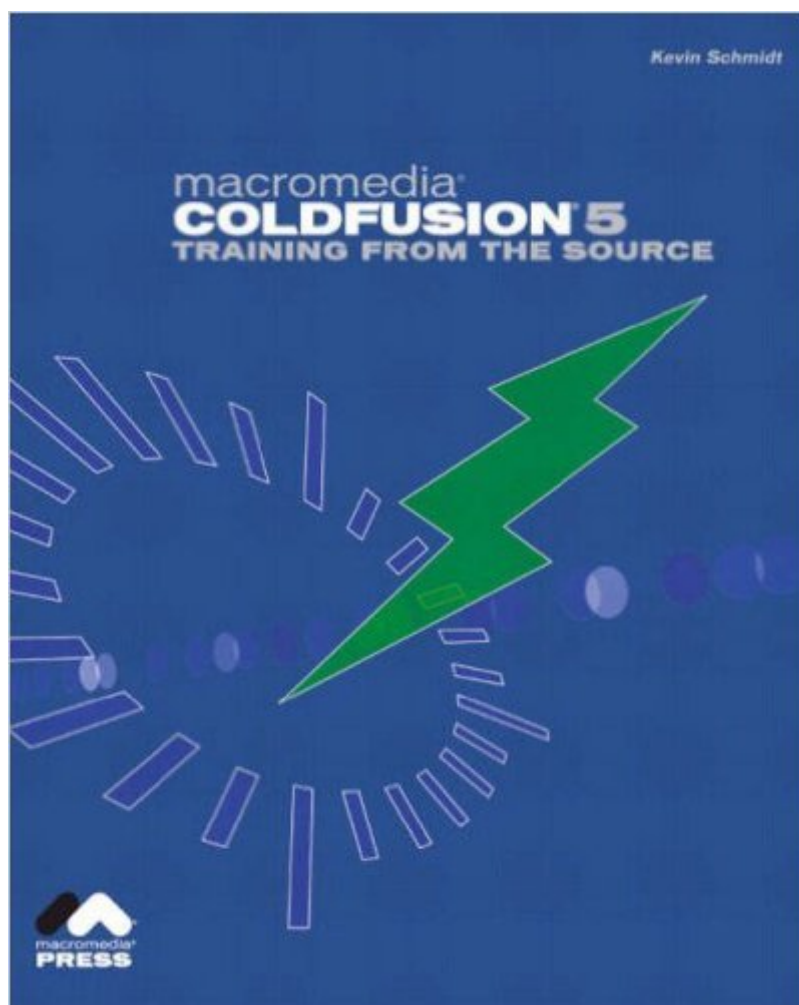# Macromedia ColdFusion 5 Training From The Source (With CD-ROM)

Synopsis

UntitledMacromedia ColdFusion is a powerful Web application server that lets companies build and deploy industrial-strength Web applications, such as those behind dynamic content sites and online stores. Non-programmers find the application easy enough to use for site-maintenance tasks, while developers find it powerful enough to use for writing code that supports large and complex Web sites. Although the program itself may seem intimidating, Macromedia ColdFusion 5: Training from the Source proves that learning it doesn't have to be. Macromedia ColdFusion 5: Training from the Source breaks the key features of ColdFusion into manageable, real-world projects that let you learn as you work. It begins with an introduction to understanding how ColdFusion works. From there, you'll learn how to install the ColdFusion Administrator and configure ColdFusion Studio. In proven Training from the Source style, each chapter builds on what you learned in previous lessons, and each lesson is supplemented with support files on the book's CD, which also includes demo versions of ColdFusion Server and ColdFusion Studio. The advantage over the classroom course? You set the pace. Whether you just want to learn the basics of ColdFusion to perform minor tasks, or you're the driving force behind a complex e-commerce site, Macromedia ColdFusion 5: Training from the Source will have you up and running on this powerful Web application server in no time.

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Customer Reviews

Contrary to the experience of some of the reviewers I have seen here, I worked through ColdFusion

5 Training From the Source with neither confusion nor significant errors.What I liked about the book is that each task in each lesson was focused on a single, core functionality. These include tasks like passing variables between pages, connecting to a data source, working with web forms, form validation, creating SQL queries, displaying the results of SQL queries, creating customized user experiences, and creating web-based database interfaces (insert, update, delete records). Towards the end, the book moves on to complex data structures (like arrays) and coding methods (like functions).I think the book is quite successful in what it sets out to do: offer a sequence of tutorials that ushers the newbie into the world of ColdFusion. It is not a reference book and does not attempt to provide all of the answers. Nor is it an advanced book that will have you building power applications like a CF veteran. But the book does let you get your hands dirty, build several core CF applications, and it explains each step well enough that you know why do what you do, which makes it easy to transfer the knowledge to your own ColdFusion applications--which is exactly what I have since done.

I purchased this title with the intent of learning ColdFusion. I was able to do so quite easily. There were some minor problems such as file locations and a few other things here and there, but nothing that couldn't be worked through. Overall it was a good title and I would recommend it to anyone wanting to learn ColdFusion.

If you don't know Cold Fusion and can only learn by looking at pictures, you might have a chance to learn something from this book. If you are mildly educated, you would be much better off to buy a book from an author that knows what they are doing. Why buy a book that only goes over the basics when Ben Forta's books go over basics and advanced topics for about the same price. My final comment is that this book is about 1/3 pictures. Don't let the number of pages fool you, cause there is little to read...

I am a CF instructor, and I do use this book as a guide to teach beginners on developing in ColdFusion. However, I do not recommend this book to my students, nor anyone else. The book contains several errors, as well as the Complete code samples on the CD. Often they present 'A' means for setting up your CF site, not necessarily the best. There are plenty of other books to go by that have solid material with solid examples. This is not one of them.

I justed went to a ColdFusion training class that used this book. It has more errors than it does

correct lessons. It refers to databases that do not exist on the CD. The class decided the only thing good for the book was the fireplace. It would be a good book if you did not have to debug their code. New users will have a great deal of difficulty with this. It proved to be so confusing that our instructor stopped using it and came up with his own lesson plan.

...the book itself has a majordrawback.....no support!Nowhere can I find any help on how to troubleshoot the installation of the ColdFusion Server....(it installed, but I can't login as Administrator).There is no website, faq, or email address in the book or readme file on the CD....you're on your own.I know I'll figure it out eventually, but the information should be a basic feature of a technical book like this."Burned"

This book was written for a new ColdFusion developer, someone with no ColdFusion experience. However, it does require you to have knowledge of HTML and some Javascript. This book is a great starting point for anyone wanting to learn the basics of ColdFusion. Once you're finished with this book you'll be ready to move on to another book that covers a wider range of topics. If you're ready to make that move, I highly recommend the books from fellow Macromedia Press author Ben Forta.

This book is essentially a getting started guide to ColdFusion 5.0 for people running Windows 98/XP or NT/2000, it comes with a cdrom with 30 day, Trial software for ColdFusion Server and Studio for Windows (but no other operating systems).When [all] the options are manually checked to install, an SNMP MIB is installed in the path: [C:\CFusion\cfam\Database\lhmib.mib] (coldfusion advanced management) if the snmp service is running, the server will respond to snmp queries to allaire OID .1.3.6.1.4.1.7138Table of Contents (paraphrased)Ch1 Installing ColdFusion ServerCh2 Installing ColdFusion StudioCh3 Using Variables and Functions, passing variables between pagesCh4 Forms and server-side validation, using a function to email the inputCh5 Database connections, running queries from a web page, how to output and cache the resultsCh6 How to insert, update and delete records from a web pageCh7 CFML logic - cfif/then/else, cfswitch, cfcase and cfloopCh8 CFML elements--- lists (variables with membership)--- arrays (variables with position)--- structures (variables with keys)Ch9 CFML functions - function call builder, examples; trim, round, isdefinedAppendix A quick reference pages for the cftags used in the bookAppendix B quick reference for the cffunctions used in the bookIndex277 pages, about 3/4" thickcdrom:\ColdFusion 5 tryouts\+>coldfusion-50-win-us.exe 81 MB 06-07-2001+>ColdFusion_Studio_5_Trial.exe 21 MB 01-22-2002Lesson Files\+> Lesson2+--->Start+--->Complete...ReadMe.txtCF5 was created in 1995

mostly by one man, Jeremy Allaire in 1995 using Visual C++ on the East coast. Then in 2001 it was sold to DreamWeaver maker MacroMedia on the West coast. Coldfusion had several versions written in Visual C++ and ran on many operating system platforms including UNIX using a Windows to UNIX function call interceptor. CF5 was the last version written in Visual C++ and developed by the preacquisition team. It was a step up from a Common Gateway Interface (CGI) web server to custom backends using a script language designed for the Web.

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