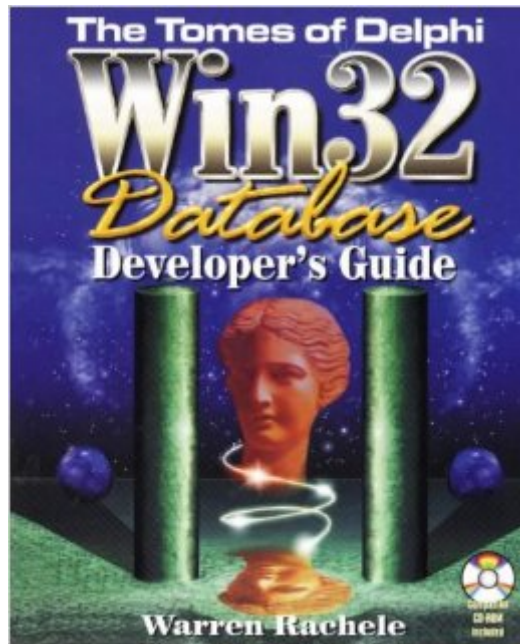


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I was dissatisfied with this book because I was looking for an advanced book on the BDE and got a beginners guide. This book should not even be considered as part of the Tomes Series...maybe a beginning series. This is not to say that this book is not worthy of buying, because it is if you are a beginner and wanting to learn the ropes of the BDE and SQL.

If you do not know database, or you need a very slow introduction to both databases and how to use them in Delphi, this may be the book for you. The book touts itself as Advanced on its back cover level rating. I don't know what marketing manager came up with Advanced, but this book is not even Intermediate -- it is Introductory. Do you know relational database design? Well, the table of contents divides this book into three parts, and Part One is relational database design. If you already know the basics, this is just a rehash of everything you already know. None of the examples in parts two and three could be called Advanced -- they are Introductory. This is a book for beginners. The only thing that might be a redeeming quality of this book is that the Appendix has an exhaustive list of BDE API calls, but if you don't need this text (sans examples, etc.), this book won't do you any good. I was very disappointed. CONCLUSION: LOOK ELSEWHERE.

I was very disappointed with this book. I have other books in the "The Tomes of Delphi" series and have been pleased with all of them. This book is nothing more than a beginners reference. It is listed as a 500 page book yet it contained only 357 pages. The first 74 pages were a review of basic SQL concepts and not well done at that. The last 80 pages contains BPE API interface quick reference that has no value at all. The rest of the book adds nothing to what is available in online help. TClientDataSet and other MIDAS components is not covered at all which I believe is essential in a book that claims to be for advanced readers.

This book vastly disappointed me. When I ordered it, no reader's comments were available and I pin my hopes only on its appearance in beautiful "The Tomes of Delphi" series and its "advanced" level. This misleads me. I am not sure that the book can be recommended even for beginners. Maybe it is good as some introduction to database programming giving general effect, useless for practical programming. It does not contain interesting examples and comments. Integrated Delphi help-system gives to user much more information than can be found in this book.

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