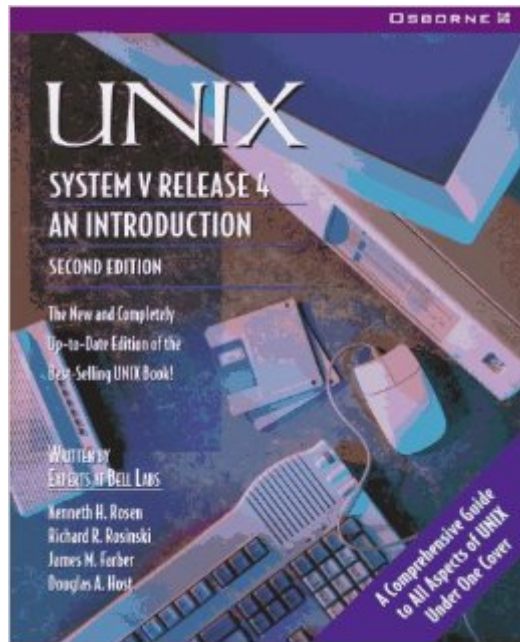


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Synopsis

This book is the most comprehensive introduction to UNIX available. New users should appreciate its straightforward approach, while experienced users should find it worthwhile for its unmatched coverage of new material. The book covers basic UNIX, programming UNIX, communications and networking, as well as the new UNIX tools, such as Perl. The book also contains in-depth discussions of the Internet (including sections on Mosaic and other browsers), Windows, Linux, the best-selling UNIX systems, X-Window and internetworking and interoperability. The DOS section in the book is updated from the previous version and aimed at those who are seeking cross-platform solutions.

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I bought the original version of this book in 1991-1992. It's still the best UNIX "How-to" book on the market. Absolutely no other book in my "UNIX library" provides more useful information on such a wide variety of topics: shells, networking, user environment configuration, mail, etc., etc., etc. It's all in here. It's especially great for beginners, since it covers all of the basics that normally provide stumbling blocks for beginning UNIX users. I highly recommend it.

I used the 1990 book when I was developing a project that required my taking the role of the sysop of a Unix system at a remote site. This book was great for me, even though I'm really a Windows guy. It answered all my questions and functioned as my only resource for several months until the

project completed. I have to admit, I read a great part of the 1000 or so pages. I believe this was unbelievably nerdy on my part- I really didn't need to do it. Probably I fell into reading so much because the book was well written and easy to follow. I now consider myself fluent in Unix. The authors helped me to become a better engineer by writing such an accessible and complete book. (Thank you.) It's been about 15 years since completing the project and only now am I reluctantly parting with the book. I'm running out of space and I haven't done one single thing with Unix since then. I figure if I need this book again, I can repurchase it for \$0.01 (used) or get it on the Kindle. If you feel shaky with Unix, but have had some minor exposure to it in the past and now need to take some big responsibilities, and are a computer person, I highly recommend this book.

I have had this book for about 1 year. In that time, I have had the opportunity to use it to demystify the world's most interesting operating system. There is something for everyone. What makes this book the default? It does not waste time, and is a fast read. The authors understand that your time is valuable. There are 1016 pages divided into 31 chapters, and 119 pages divided into five appendices. You will be so excited and glad to learn how everything works, that you won't even know that you missed Voyager, Deep Space Nine, and the convention you and your dying buddy were supposed to go to. There truly is no other thick UNIX book that efficiently explains what you want to know. I suggest downloading a copy of FreeBSD and following along. With this book, you'll be getting things done, while others are still plowing through the rhetoric of the other guys.

Had to give this one four stars, though, instead of five. The chapter on Tcl/Tk and Expect (chapter 20) is loaded with errors - probably editorial in nature (lots of places where parentheses are used instead of brackets "{}" and these WILL cause errors if you try to run the commands.). Otherwise, this is a fine book for learning Unix or going beyond the beginner level. The authors not only know their stuff, but they communicate it well. Highly recommended!

I own the first and second editions of this book. I keep a copy at home, and one at work. It is a comprehensive guide to the UNIX operating system. I always look here first for any questions or help I need with UNIX. I would recommend this book for anyone that uses UNIX.

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