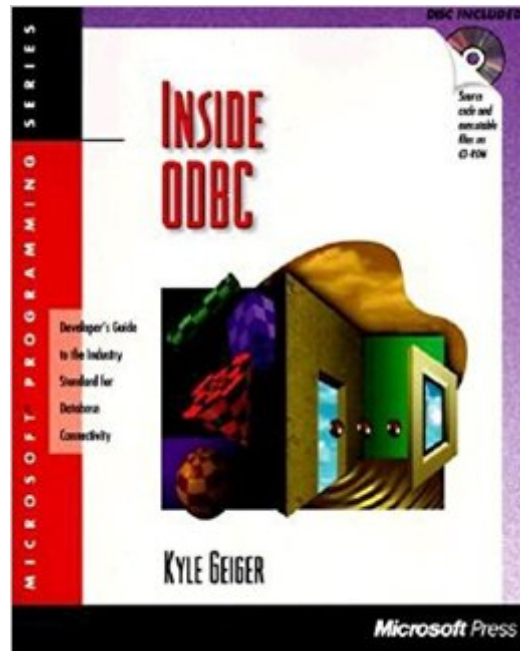


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Great book if you want not just to code ODBC, but understand how it happens. The guy doesn't leave anything to guess work. An absolute must for serious programmers. After all, it is written by the author of ODBC. Don't let the old publishing date keep you away from the book. Get it, if you can find it.

What you need to know (and what no one seems to understand) is that this book is much more than just about ODBC. Whatever API you use for database access -- be it ODBC, or DbLib, or embedded SQL, or OLE DB ('objectified' version of ODBC really), or its new, yet another incarnation in .Net -- all of these are nothing more than nearly identical functionally client interfaces to the same damn thing. The _guts_ of the system remain the same (cursors, etc.). This book is a must if you want to understand the workings of the whole database-access system, rather than just learn a few function calls (which you will never use efficiently if you don't know what takes place inside). The book should be renamed into something like "Programmatic Database Access Methods", augmented with OLE DB/.Net material, and re-issued. It's a shame it's out of print: most of it is totally relevant today; I don't know of another book that covers networking, cursors, and fetching as clearly and simply from the applications programmer's point of view.

This book is great. Taught what I needed to know in a relatively short time. Good sample code as well, very important in a subject like this. So when's the next version??

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