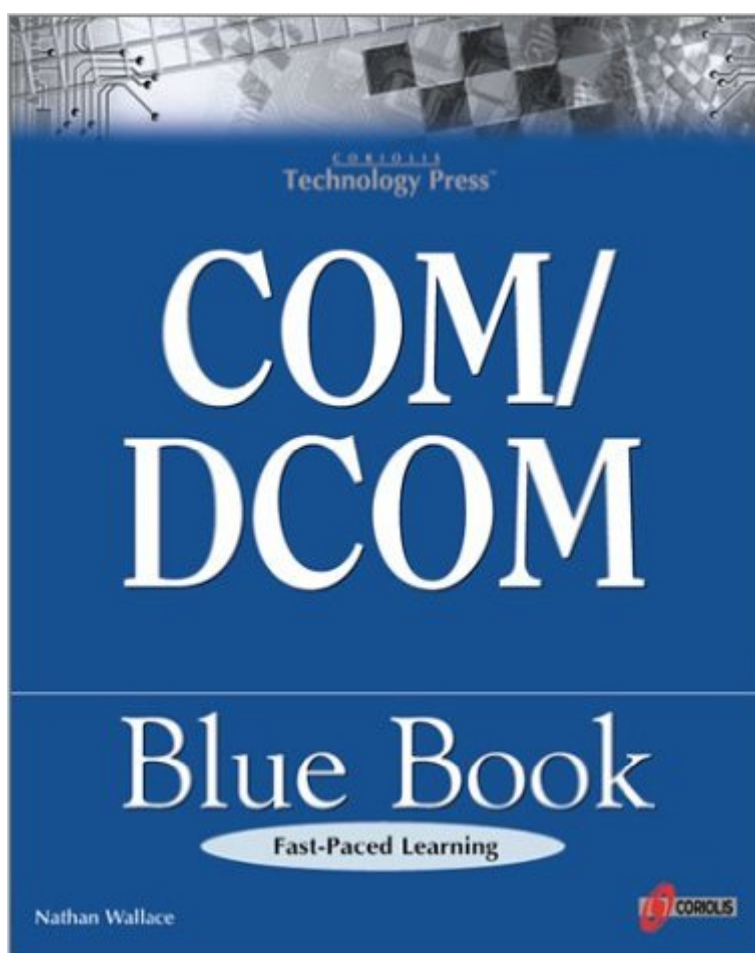# COM/DCOM Blue Book: The Essential Learning Guide For Component-Oriented Application Development For Windows

Synopsis

To demonstrate COM's language independence, the book develops projects in four different development environments from the industry's leading vendor--ATL, MFC, VB, and VJ++. Integrates learning about all four aspects of COM (Component Object Model): COM, Automation, ActiveX, and DCOM. Emphasizes component creation and use techniques independent of any single programming language. Focuses on technologies created atop COM: MTS (Microsoft Transaction Server), ASP (Active Server Pages), and OLE DB. Demonstrates COM techniques most appropriate for real-world development in the corporate world. No "ivory tower" demos!

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Customer Reviews

I like the writing style, and I really like the ambitious attempt to touch on the entire spectrum from basic COM to MTS, in each of ATL, MFC, VB, and Java. But, this book is riddled with errors. I fought my way through the examples up to chapter 5, correcting things which didn't work as described in the book by trial and error, and by comparing with the supplied CD (which is often considerably different from the printed code). In chapter 5 this just got too ugly, and even when I tried to resolve it by using the examples from the CD, one of those had a hard coded absolute path based on the author's E: drive and wouldn't compile! Coriolis's claims in the intro to "guarantee several important qualities ... technical accuracy ... several editing and proofreading passes" are laughable in hindsight. What could have been a great book is severely blemished by the level of

frustration it has incurred.

Yet another example of how dangerous it is to impulse buy a computer book at a bookstore based on it's potential.It's a great concept, but the depth of the errors and inconsistency in the language make it clear much of the content is surface level regurgation and not the teaching of someone who really gets it. There is much more wrong here than typos and cut and paste oversights; some of the errors are fundamental, and grievously misleading. Furthermore, I've tried to contact the publisher about corrections or explanations of specific issues and gotten no response.The bright side is you will actually learn something as you struggle to understand how to make the examples work. It was painfull but I made progress using MSDN info and ATL source. I've also formed plenty of questions that I'm sure I'll now better apreciate expert answers for.Beware, don't let it's potential suck you in. It took me way to long to give up on this book.Other lessons learned:1) Resist the bookstore computer book section, the odds are worse than the lotery. 2) Look for author's that stand behind their work with a personal email address for comments, questions, and suggestions. 3) Be extra suspicious of this publisher.

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This book has so many mistakes it should be used as a door stop or fuel for the fireplace. I ended up referring back to inside VC++ 5.0 and looking at the COM section in that book. If you need to learn about com see gopalan sureshes web site. He give practical information on COM and CORBA.

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