

Windows 7, The Missing Manual

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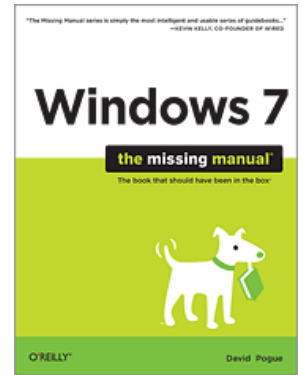
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Reviewed by Gregory West

As a computer user since 1984 and an instructor for the past ten years, I found this book an amazing read. David Pogue's humor keeps me turning pages and I simply could not put it down. The information on this new operating system herein is an invaluable resource for both the novice and the well seasoned computer user.

Overview

This book is packed with so many excellent tips, tricks and general computer knowledge I highly recommend reading it from cover-to-cover. However, most people won't and that is good too. You can follow along in a systematic manner, or simply use the Table of Contents or the vast 30-page Index to quickly find what you need within the 8 parts and 27 chapters.

The Table of Contents begins with "Getting Started" covers the desktop and start menu and is an excellent place for novice users to begin. This is where you learn how to search the computer, organize files, decorating your Windows screen and most importantly: "getting help".

Coverage of Features

Internet Explorer 8 (web browser) and Windows Live Mail (email) are fully explained from setup to tricks and tips that will take you well beyond the average user if you care to go that route. A complete step-by-step for your email setup from sending, reading, calendar syncing, RSS feeds, and the infamous junk mail.

Part Four will interest many these days with the complete guide to pictures, music and TV. The main topics include: Live Photo Gallery, Media Player, Media Center. Part Five takes the pain out of setting up how to Print, Fax, and Scan. Part Six can save you money. This is aptly named: PC Health, Maintenance and Speed Tweaks. I know that most people don't backup, but if you do want to change, Chapter 22 takes you through the easy steps in preserving your data for that day when things go bad.

Recommendation

This book is for those who want to not only learn Windows 7, but who do not want to hire an in-home computer tutor. I recommend keeping this book close to your computer for easy reference. For me, it is a great read, packed with information, help, and neat tips and tricks.