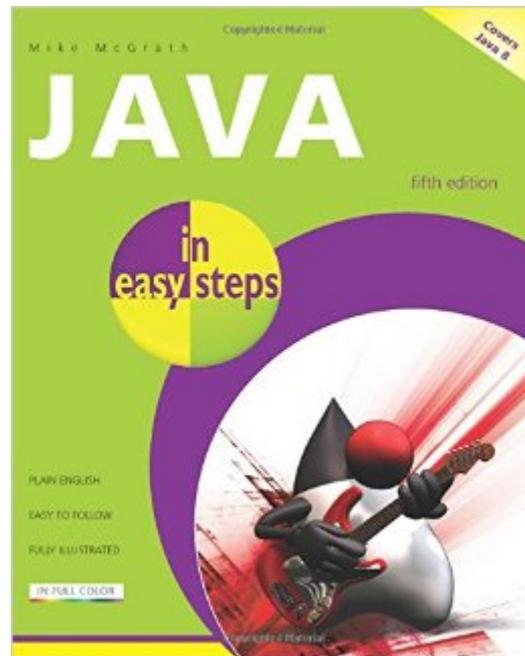


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# Java In Easy Steps: Covers Java 8



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Java in easy steps, 5th edition instructs you how to easily create your own exciting Java programs. Now, updated for Java 8, it contains separate chapters on the major features of the Java language. Complete example programs with colorized code illustrate each important aspect of Java programming - all in easy steps. Java in easy steps, 5th edition begins by explaining how to download and install the free Java Development Kit (JDK) for the Java SE (Standard Edition) platform. This allows you to quickly begin creating your own executable programs by copying the examples. The book assumes no previous knowledge of any programming language so it's ideal for the newcomer to computer programming. Each chapter builds your knowledge of Java. By the end of this book you will have gained a sound understanding of the Java language and be able to write your own Java programs and compile them into executable files that can be run on any Java-enabled computer. Covers Java 8.

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Java In Easy Steps offers a brief and superficial overview of Java syntax and some common classes. You can quickly learn to produce simple programs. With more work, and some imagination, you may be able to produce more complex ones. However, you will not master Java without looking elsewhere. As soon as you step outside the walled garden of its pre-programmed examples, you will

encounter issues for which the book provides no guidance. For example: the book shows you how to catch an exception, but not how to throw one. Neither does it explore various related issues such as the difference between checked and unchecked exceptions, or the need to provide throw specifications as part of a method's signature. This stuff is important. You can't write serious Java without knowing about it. Another example: I see no explanation of the difference between the equality operator ("==") and the Object.equals() method. If you naively compare two Strings with "==", you probably won't get the results you might reasonably expect. It took me some head-scratching to figure that out. You can run the examples on your own system, but that's just an exercise in typing. There are no exercises inviting you to modify or extend the examples. Of course, if you can't come up with your own exercises, you're probably not cut out to be a programmer anyway. In all fairness, the many syntax errors in the examples do provide opportunities to practice the important art of deciphering the compiler's error messages. As it happened, I created plenty of opportunities on my own, and didn't need the help. I noticed a more serious error in the section on writing files. A sidebar claims that the BufferedWriter.

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