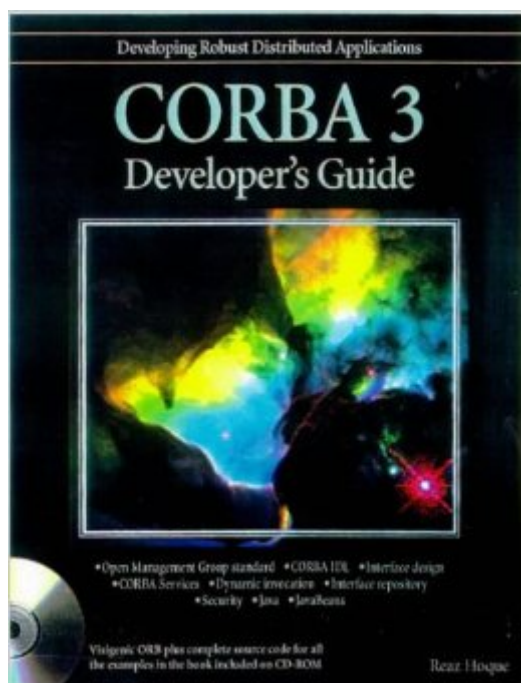


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Synopsis

This guide is divided into three parts. The first covers the essentials of the CORBA model, including the CORBA IDL, interface design and CORBA services. This section is aimed at those who want to learn enough to get started but who have little time. Section two shows developers how to create CORBA client/server applications with examples that they can reuse in their own work. These tutorial chapters cover dynamic invocation, the interface repository, security and other key CORBA services. In this part, the author also presents new features of the CORBA 3 specification. The final section shows how to create CORBA Web applications, with examples that use Java, JavaBeans, and the new CORBA component and scripting features. A final chapter discusses the future of CORBA. This guide includes a Quick Reference to the Java IDL and planned CORBABeans specifications, as well as a glossary of hot links to relevant Web sites and other online resources. The accompanying CD-ROM includes all sample code from the book, as well as third-party tools and middleware.

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Customer Reviews

The title is misleading. What is CORBA 3.0? Certainly not the 3.0 spec. The book does not cover the POA at all. Isn't that part of CORBA 2.2? I found many errors in the book. The discussions are vague. I have read and recommended other IDG books, but this one... no way!

I bought this book to help prepare for a new job in which I would use my Java programming experience to develop CORBA applications. I had a basic familiarity with CORBA, but no practical experience with it. That said, I found the book to be an extremely tedious read. While the author certainly does know, and convey, plenty of information about CORBA, much of that information is obscured by the redundant definitions, excessive use of acronyms, and poor editing (grammatical errors and words that should have been edited out abound.) The thing I found to be most frustrating about this book is the fact that it would be outstanding if only it were readable. I read 30-40 computer books every year, and of those I have read this year, on subjects ranging from Java and DHTML to network security and object-oriented data structures, this one was by far the least inspiring read in the bunch. If you can wade through the numerous grammatical errors and (intentionally?) very dry text, you will find that this book contains a lot of good information about CORBA. If you want to learn CORBA and enjoy the experience, pick something else.

Since the OMG has only come up with a CORBA 2.2 standard it seems really weird that this book is already available for 3.0! On a cursory glance at my local bookstore I noticed that it doesn't even cover the recently adopted POA. Author.. what's up?

The book is very confusing. While the OMG bozos have done their best to make the CORBA as confusing as possible, the author doesn't even try to make it a bit more clear. All examples are given "as is" with the API explained in a "by the way" manner. The examples are VisiBroker oriented, yet the author doesn't even try to cover other ORBs and to give any hints on portable CORBA programming. I found the information flow very hectic and boring to read and the figures quite confusing (looks like more effort was spent on all those borders and shades). Finally, some examples are not indented (sic!), making them look like the winners from the Obfuscated C Contest. Conclusion: if you are considering purchasing this book - don't. Instead go for something from more reputable publishing houses (Prentice Hall or AW maybe).

This is one of the worst technical books that I have ever seen. Clearly the 5-star ratings are from the author's friends and cronies. This book has sparse examples, many typographical errors, and is a generally jumbled mess of English prose. If I had not opened the CD then I would return it. Don't make the same mistake that I did.

This book tries to cover too many areas with unnecessary amount of jargons that serves only to

confuse the readers. I am forced to look for another book on this subject.

Once again, IDG has used a misleading title to sell a book. There is nothing in this about the new CORBA draft standard. There oughta be a law!

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