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Windows 8.1 Bible

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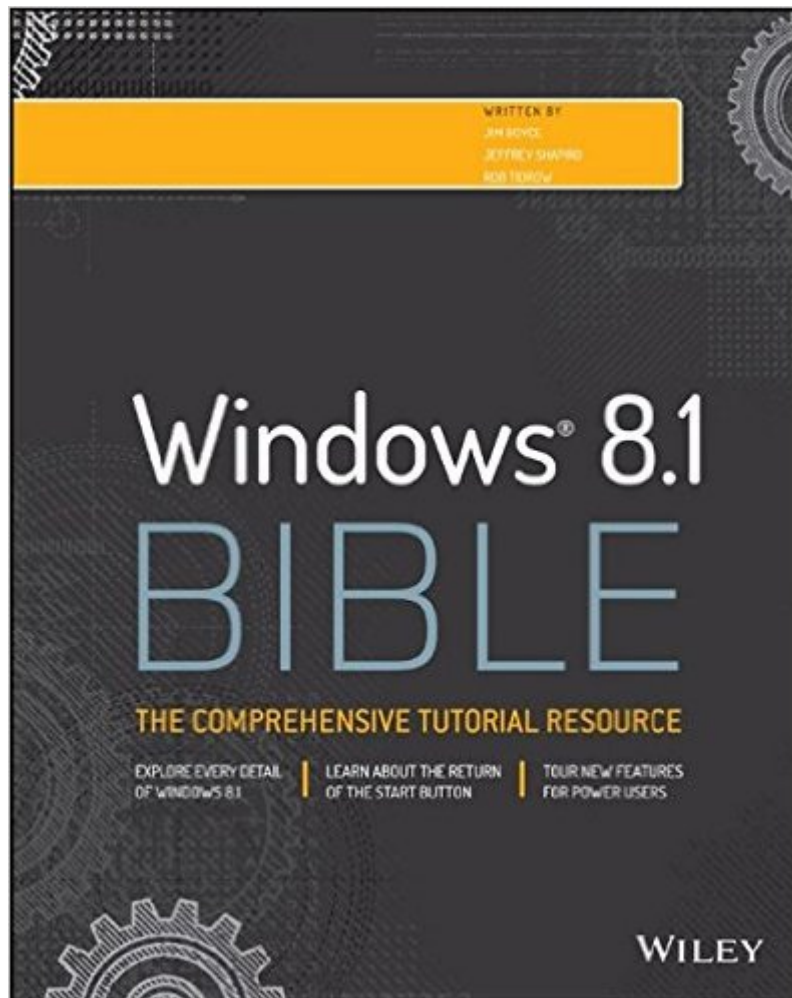
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Synopsis

Windows 8.1 coverage that goes above and beyond all competitors? Serving as an evolutionary update to Windows 8, Windows 8.1 provides critical changes to parts of Windows 8, such as greater customization of the interface and boot operations, return of a 'start button' that reveals apps, greater integration between the two interfaces, and updates to apps. Weighing in at nearly 1000 pages, Windows 8.1 Bible provides deeper Windows insight than any other book on the market. It's valuable for both professionals needing a guide to the nooks and crannies of Windows and regular users wanting a wide breadth of information. Shows you how to get started and discusses security and updates, personalizing Windows 8.1, and going beyond the basic desktop Highlights ways to manage your content and install and remove programs Discusses printing, faxing, and scanning; enjoying and sharing pictures, movies, and music; and performance tuning Windows 8.1 Bible leaves no stone unturned when examining this important Windows update.

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Customer Reviews

This book was informative for any new users. I believe there should be a version that is for more experienced users that would make more sense and not have to read through all the "newbie" language. I plan on getting a different book that has more in-depth information but this is a great start to someone that doesn't know much about Windows.

This book is a very thorough treatment of Wndows 8.1, with one glaring exception in my opinion,

i.e., like most books of this nature the Index leaves much to be desired.A very technical book like this needs a really detailed Index in order to be effectively used by someone looking for an explanation of, or solution to, a specific process or problem. This is where a really comprehensive Index can be a godsend. Someone in a hurry doesn't need (or want) to have to read through page after page of overwhelming detail in the main part of the book - they need to go to an Index that specifically points to their issue or problem and gets them to the answer or solution in a hurry.This book doesn't have that.That having been said, the book is very comprehensive (other than the Index),m ands is a very good reference book for a Windows 8/8.1 user to have on the shelf.

Since the introduction of Windows 8, followed by what is little more than a service pack update that restored (sort of) the Windows Start button and that turned 8.1 into a tolerable (with tweaking) operating system, I've been through about every user experience with this operating system's upgrade path. These include:-Desktop upgrade to Windows 8 from Windows 7 (planned)-Laptop upgrade to Windows 8 from Windows 7 (totally unplanned...but a Hail Mary after a factory restore went totally FUBAR)-Netbook upgrade to Windows 8 from Windows 7 (with the twin challenges of no optical drive and hardware on the very edge of system minimums for WIndows 8-Later upgrades of each of these to Windows 8.1 (along with a laptop that shipped with Windows 8).The "Windows 8.1" is comprehensive reference for both experienced Windows tweakers and those being forced to the 8/8.1 experience after the purchase of new hardware running Windows 8.1. Its over 900 pages are organized into 9 sections of categorical content, plus a four-part appendix and a very comprehensive index.The authors do an excellent job of balancing the handholding that less technically savvy users may need with the more advanced skills that experienced alpha geeks may bring to the table. The early chapters of the book offer excellent advice on understanding (and often, overcoming) the new interface quirks of Windows 8 and 8.1 that frustrated many users during their early interaction with this operating system.Even though I seldom refer to them, during the most challenging times of operating system "issues", a strong reference at your fingertips can help you navigate to a solution. This book can serve that purpose. And if you only have room on your bookshelf for one Windows 8.1 reference book: this is one of your candidate volumes.

This book is primarily dedicated to using the keyboard and mouse. It seldome tells how to do something both ways. The Tablet that I purchased does not have the left mouse click button or the right click button. Thus I have to use touch operations except where I need to type. Otherwise it is a good book.

Very disappointing.To begin with, I downgraded the star rating because this book represents itself to be far beyond the reality of what it is. The cover of the "Windows 8.1 Bible" states that it is a Comprehensive Resource. Relative to other books I have on Windows 8.1 and all Windows Operating System books I have read dating back to Windows 95, comprehensive is an exaggeration. Furthermore, the back of the book states that it is written for "Beginners to Advanced Users". I cannot envision an advanced user making frequent use of this book. Had the book represented itself to be Windows 8.1 "Basics for Beginners to Intermediate", I would have rated it 3 stars, as further explained below, and furthermore, I would not have purchased this book.As a Basics book, the TOC is generous. However, the index for a reference manual is inadequate, as any publisher/author should know and also accounts for a deduction in star rating. Try using a reference manual of 900+ pages that has too few keywords to time-efficiently pinpoint the page number you need. Otherwise, there are far too many omissions for: troubleshooting the Operating System; resolving performance issues unique to Win 8.1; details and changes in system services; any changes to advanced system management tools; any changes to advanced Windows components and their use, and on and on.

I bought this book so I could move the hibernate function (which is hidden) to the power options menu. This book does not come close to that task. After comparing the table of contents with The Missing Manual by Pogue I see the mistake I made in purchasing the "Bible".

Very good source on Windows 8.1. It's so large that it's not something you would normally read from cover to cover, more of a reference. However I am going to eventually read the whole thing since there is so much useful information in it. It really is like a bible.

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