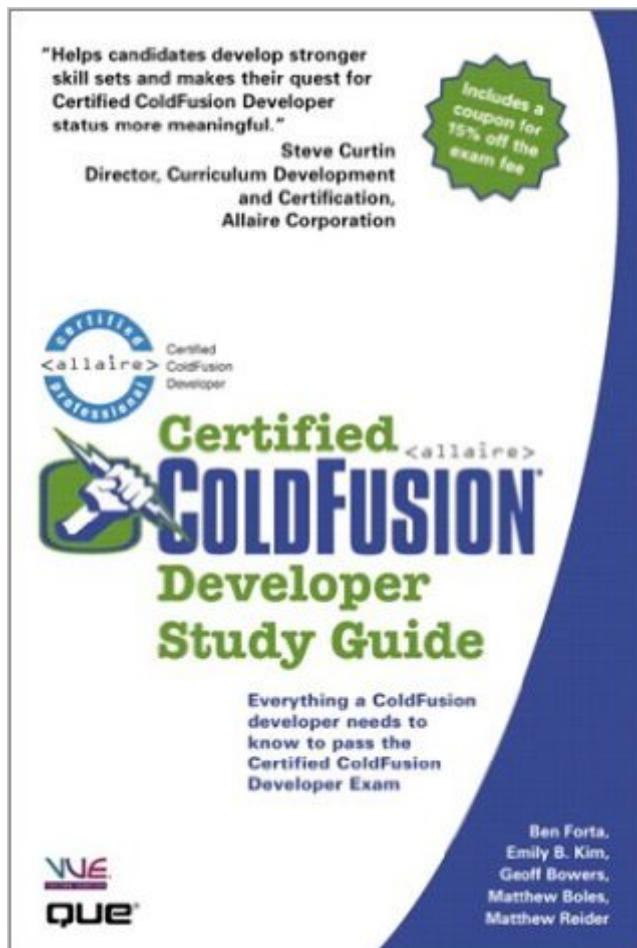


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# Certified ColdFusion Developer Study Guide



## **Synopsis**

The book will not teach ColdFusion, it will be a review guide and will provide helpful pointers for examinees. The book will look non-intimidating yet thorough, and will be highly readable in small bite-sized chunks. Each subject will be presented in clear and direct language, with useful and well explained code examples. Sample questions will accompany each subject, as will references to recommended reading (Allaire documentation, Allaire course work, and existing MCP ColdFusion books).

## **Book Information**

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This book will prepare you for the exam! Thursday: 4/5/01, I started reading from page one.

Saturday: 4/7/01, I was on the last page! That's how smooth it is written. Ben Forta emphasized that it is not a cheat-sheet, but instead it helps with all the fundamentals of CF. I highly recommend this book for those that have some experience on their hands but need the extra assurance to pass the exam. Today: 4/10/01, I took and pass the Certified ColdFusion Developer exam! I wouldn't say the book was the reason I pass, but it sure built a lot of fundamental skills and confident in me to pass. If you feel like you might pass the exam this book will make you feel even better about your skills. Xman

Ben Forta definitely hit a home run with this book. I am impressed with how much information was packed into such a small book. I have not taken the CF (ColdFusion) certification test as of yet, but I

feel a lot better prepared for it now. The chapters are loaded with good information, and are seriously condensed (no fluff, or unnecessary garbage to increase the number of pages). The quizzes at the end of the chapters are excellent. These questions are by far more difficult than anything else I have seen on CF certifications (i.e. the CF certification web site, and the CF\_Buster test prep). In addition, this book is a great reference guide. If you are unsure of how to do something in CF, this book more than likely will tell you how it can be done. This book offers a lot more than I would expect from a book that's under 400 pages. If you want to prepare for the certification test, buy this book; or, if you just want to take your CF knowledge to the next level, buy this book.

Ben Forta has done it again. I used his first two books to learn ColdFusion, and this new certification study guide is sure to be another bestseller and authoritative source for ColdFusion authors. It's packed with examples, easy to understand concepts, and great summary/review sections. A must-read for anyone who wants to be an Allaire Certified ColdFusion developer.

I can't recommend this book more highly. I have only been Web Developing for 8 months after falling into the job with a fluke departmental transfer. I trained on the job with the Allaire CD that came with the CF Application Server and read manuals. This is the first CF book that I didn't have to strain to understand. It made difficult concepts simple to a newbie like myself. I ended up not only passing the exam, but also made an 82% that now brings me to Advanced ColdFusion Certified status!!! It was a change they made last month where scores of 80% and above get extra recognition. This book not only was the reason I scored so high, but also was instrumental in pointing out fixes to a host of CF problems I was having in my daily coding. There were practice questions at the end of these chapters that were actually on the test with slight wording changes. I will say that there were about 3 questions on the test that were not covered at all in the book. So I would suggest supplemental study if you want to make a 90% or something. Now it is time for me to go negotiate that raise! Mike Arms Advanced ColdFusion Professional (P.S. I like the sound of that. You will too after your own name. So get this book, read once with a highlighter, read it again, then outline the chapters you are hazy on.)

Certified ColdFusion Developer Study Guide by Ben Forta, is a great book for learning/studying Cold Fusion. I have taken the CF Exam twice, and by reading this book, I boosted my score on the second exam by over 20 points. This is a cut-to-the-chase book that tells you what you need to know without all the fluff around it. Not only was the book helpful, but Ben Forta's CF Test Exam ...

was also excellent to help in the learning of CF.

No question about it. If you want to pass the Cold Fusion Certification exam in the first try, you NEED this book. The exam has questions that most CF developers don't know (and really don't need to) and Ben's book will prep you for those questions. A very easy to understand and follow study guide.

I have been working exclusively in cold fusion for a bit over 1yr. Just when I thought I knew everything there is to know to pass the CF certification test, reading this book was a humbling experience -- I learned something new in every chapter. This book was a quick read, it took about 20 hrs +/- to complete all 38 chapters. By the time I was done with this book, it only took me 25 minutes to complete the 60 questions (90min) exam. Best of all, quite a few of the questions on the exam came straight from the book. The only flaw, if that's what it is, is that it was written with CF 4.5 in mind -- Did not cover things such as CFFLUSH, CFGGRAPH, and other new tags. Even if you think you know all there is to know, you can still learn a few things from this book. It's a MUST GET!!

I hadn't written any ColdFusion in 4 months, read the book in the 3 days prior to the test and finished it in 18 minutes. I passed of course. I don't know what else really needs to be said, but I'll try anyway. The book starts off slow, and anyone familiar with ColdFusion can probably skip part one entirely where the basics of variables, loops, databases and logic flow is covered. The sections on data structures [lists, arrays and structures] is especially good and actually taught me several things. As did the sections on Advanced ColdFusion [ CF Script, dynamic functions, stored procedures, transactions, debugging and error handling] and Extending ColdFusion [custom tags, CFX, COM, CORBA, WDDX]. The handling of CF script is especially important for the test, where they focus a larger number of questions on it than I'd expected considering how little I have ever seen it used. There is also a nice section on services provided by the ColdFusion server itself [scheduling, LDAP, searches, etc] which may be of help to developers that don't normally handle administrative tasks on their servers.

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