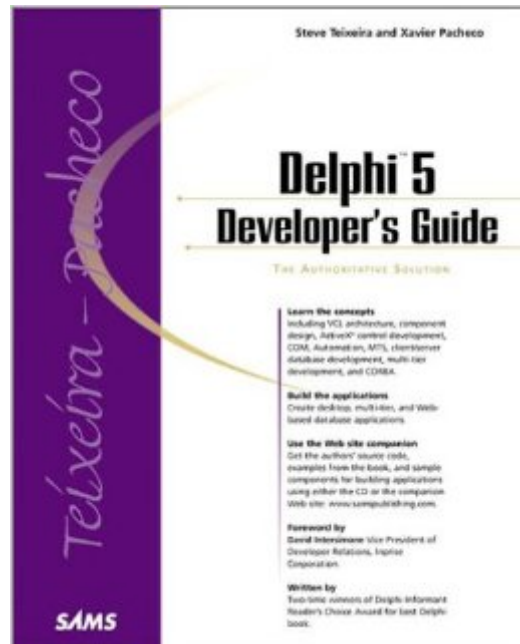## The book was found

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Synopsis

The Delphi 5 Developer's Guide is a complete reference showing developers what they need to know most about Delphi 5. The text begins with a tour of Delphi 5 basics, including improvements since version 1. After observing object-oriented Pascal programming, including advanced language features, the authors turn to the strengths of using the Visual Component Library (VCL) application frameworks. They include several invaluable sections for corporate developers, including a "coding standards" document. Sections on combining VCL with ActiveX controls round out the basic tour. Advanced topics include graphics programming, building dynamic link-libraries (DLLs), printing, and multithreading.

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Ok, first things First. Click The Buy Button and come back and read this review. You simply cannot go wrong with this book. Previously I had brought Mastering Delphi 3 & 5 and thought they were good (which they are), but sorry Marco, the best delphi book mantle has been past on.Ok, D5 Developer's Guide. What this book doesn't cover isn't worth knowing. A brief contents listing... * History Of Delphi (Interesting Read) * Object Pascal Language Overview (For the newbies) * Win32 API overview (and yes, you do need to deal with the API from time to time) * Coding Standards (I mean, this book even tells you how you should write the code!) * Using ActiveX Controls * Graphics Programming * DLLs * Printing * Multithreading * Help with Porting your apps to Delphi 5 (And we

are only half way through the book) * Writing your own components (400 pages to this alone) * Database Development (Desktop, Client Server, Midas and Corba) (4 Chapters)Over 1500 pages of information. What with this book, the two Tomes Of Delphi, Win32Api references and Mastering Delphi 5, there should be enough information there to make a Guru out of a first year college student. Seriously, I cannot rate this book high enough. Don't worry about it not being worth the money - it is. Every Penny.The only problem with this book is that some of the chapters are on the CDROM (however, they are the ones that you might want to read once in a while) and that you might pull your back picking the book up. (Just remember the correct lifting stance).

I recieved it within one week. I've been a Delphli developer since D1, but since my usual work requires a narrow focus on projects of similar type, I've not been exposed to all the "acronyms of the day". I needed a book that would spell out, in recipe format, HOW to get into MIDAS, and Web enablment. This book reaches it's target audience very well. It catches the developer up on the new syntax available, tells 'beginer' developers where more info is available, and for experienced developers it SPELLS OUT step by step HOW to get MIDAS and Web enablement going. Some of the chapters are written by other authors besides Steve and Xavier, but the format of each chapter is consistent. JOB WELL DONE!As an example, I learned this from the book:D1 Syntax: S := Table1.FieldByName('EmpNo').AsString;D5 Syntax: S := Table1['EmpNo'];I skipped D4 because it was a bag of bugs. I told the Delphi development team not to 'do that again' at BorCon/INPR Conference '99. D5 is a SOLID product Borland can be proud of, and Delphi 5 Developer's Guide is a SOLID BOOK, the authors can be proud of! It's about 8 pounds, not including the chapters that are on the CD only.It also has a beautiful cover and because it's so big, it makes me look real important while I walk around the office reading it. Ha ha ha! Plus I'm actually getting what look like small BICEPTS from holding it up while I read. COOL!BUY THIS BOOK! It's a WINNER!Kev.Hey, BTW, Teixeira, Pacheco, are those Spanish names? Portugese? They sound cool.

This book contains a lot of technical and undocumented information about Delphi programming, the IDE, components, etc. Not written for the novice but it does compliment Marco Cantu's "Mastering Delphi 5". I highly recommend it. Only "drawback" is the chapters on the CD. I certainly understand wanting to keep the physical size of the book down but it does make it hard to read in bed (monitor takes up a lot of room). All kidding aside, you can't go wrong purchasing this title.

Although this book in immense and contains many, many chapters, I found some issues that greatly

concern me. I've been programming in Delphi since 1.0, and it is very obvious that this book is an update from previous versions of Delphi, not one written specifically for Delphi 5...I found a chapter that explains how to use a VCL interface unit that is no longer available in Delphi 5, but was in all previous versions. The book explains how to use features that the Delphi 5 readme files tell you that you can no longer use... I think the authors should have spent more time ensuring that they were providing accurate information to the development community.Also, their chapters on the internet features of Delphi 5 are short and shallow. Who out there today does not want to take full advantage of the internet when writing code? And Delphi's embedded TWebBrowser object (an api wrapper around IE) is a powerful object that allowed me to embed a browser inside my application. This object is not ever mentioned within the book.My overall impression is that it was simply an update from a previous book, and more attention should have been paid to the actual workings of Delphi 5 specifically.

The problems with this book are many. First and foremost, it's mostly just a rehash of the D4 book of the same title. I bought the book looking for all the nifty new stuff in D5 to be covered and was sorely disappointed. Where's the IE wrapper component? Where are the new COM servers? This is obviously just a minimal update of the D4 book. Second, this book is physically too large. I'm not impressed by 1500p book that's half-filled with screen shots, chapter summaries and the like. This book resulted in enough trees deaths to deserve a GreenPeace alert. C'mon, is all this really necessary?Bottom line: if you have the D4 book, you already have this one. Save your money.

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