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Delphi XE2 Foundations



Synopsis

Provides a comprehensive guide to the language and core non-visual libraries of Embarcadero Delphi XE2, from basic language syntax to multithreading. Adopting an integrated approach, the book covers both newer and older features alongside one another; while it won't teach you how to program, it assumes little Delphi knowledge specifically. Includes coverage of XE2's support for Mac OS X. (Edition note: the printed version combines the three parts of the eBook version, which is available separately.)

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The title of this book gives the impression that it covers the XE2 IDE and the libraries that support its visual components but it only covers the programming language itself. Plus, having XE2 in the title gives the impression that your book is outdated because Embarcadero cranks out a new version of the IDE/language about every 6 months. Unfortunately language updates are published with each new version of the IDE so when I say XE2, am I talking about the IDE, the Delphi language, or both. It's not always clear. From what I've seen, most language changes during these 6 month updates are very minor and the majority of the update is in support of the iOS and Android platforms. I'm new to Delphi but I believe language updates should be tracked with their own version numbers that differ from IDE like every other language I've dealt with. This would allow Embarcadero to update the libraries that support iOS and Android without necessarily updating the IDE and makes it easier for developers to keep up with the current IDE (\$\$). Unfortunately this is complicated by the fact that Borland used to call their language/IDE updates "Delphi #.0". XE# should only refer to the

IDE and the unique features it implements. XE2 could now refer to RAD studio which also incorporates C++. Ok, I'm done ranting for now. With that said, this is a great Delphi language reference. It's not as comprehensive as the online RTL reference at the following link but it's easier to find things in the book.[http://docwiki.embarcadero.com/RADStudio/XE6/en/Using_the_RTL_\(Run-Time_Library\)](http://docwiki.embarcadero.com/RADStudio/XE6/en/Using_the_RTL_(Run-Time_Library)) I find stuff much faster in this book. Searching the online API library seems kind of hit or miss. Nothing beats a good old fashioned table of contents / index combination.

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