Teach Yourself VISUALLY Windows Vista (Teach Yourself VISUALLY (Tech))

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Synopsis
This book puts visual learners at ease by showing them how to maximize the new Windows features and interface. Concise explanations walk readers through more than 150 Windows Vista tasks, covering everything from customizing their desktop to maintaining Windows Vista and networking with another computer or printer. Explores the new interface and folder organization system of Vista, both of which enable users to find documents and files more easily than ever. Covers the latest release of MovieMaker, Media Player, Internet Explorer, and the new Media Center feature added to Vista. Features full-color screenshots and clear, step-by-step instructions.

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Customer Reviews
This was the very first Vista book I purchased last March, 2007 when Vista first came out. This book got me up and running from the move from XP to Vista very quickly. The topics that this wonderful writer wrote are I believe the most important Vista items so you can quickly get up and running with Vista. This is a very easy to understand book which I highly suggest for someone that is moving from XP to Vista, buying a new computer with Vista, or new to computers altogether. I have used computers for many years, however, I bought this book because I bought a new computer last year that was loaded with Vista. The night before I bought the computer, I read this book and then kept it next to my new computer for a quick reference. After reading and "graduating" from this book, and also because I liked the writer, I purchased another book he wrote called "The Top 100 Simplified
Tips and Tricks Microsoft Vista”. Be sure to read this review as well. All in all, I am super impressed with this book. It was so helpful to me because I needed a quick overview of Vista before I bought my new computer system. This book has worked 100% for me!

I read the reviews here before purchasing this item. I made my decision because another reviewer has stated that his 80ish Aunt was satisfied with this book. I am a 58yo retired engineer and use Win XP Pro. My 81 yo mother, who lives some distance from me, had just purchased a new PC with VISTA installed. She was having great difficulty in using the new VISTA, which is way different from the Win 95 that she had been using. I purchased this book as a gift for my mother. She is very satisfied, and the book has been very useful to her as she transitions to VISTA. The lady who was upset with the small print and "Batman Comic Book" like presentation, is correct. However, at 58 I have several magnifying loupes around here, and my mother also owns several magnifiers and uses them regularly so I didn’t see a problem with print font size. Although I have not yet seen this book, my mother has informed me on several occasions that she is excited with her progress in learning VISTA, primarily from her use of this (now dogeared) book.

Had it not been for the Teach Yourself Visually series, I might have buried my Dell Dimension PC in the backyard and taken up a quill pen. When I acquired a Dell Inspiron a few months ago, one of my first acts was to buy the Windows Vista guide from this series. Generally my experience has been positive. I use a computer primarily as a word processor so that some of the Vista features are of no value to me. The author assumes little or no prior computer experience and the first two chapters cover basics. There is a chapter on using Word Pad although I decided to install a version of the superior Microsoft Word. There is an excellent chapter on music including how to burn a CD and three chapters on the Internet. There are even four pages on setting up parental controls. I would highly recommend the book to the type of person who uses a computer as a versatile tool instead of a communication crutch.

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Great book for a hands on person. I understand things better when there are visual examples that I can use. The only problem (so far) is the fine print. I sometimes need a magnifier to read it and wish that part of it was more user friendly. If not for that issue, I would give it a 5 star review. So, if you don’t have a problem working with fine print, I would recommend this book.
I have been thrilled with this book!! Each lesson is covered in a clear, concise and easily followed outline. I began skimming it immediately on arrival and am now taking one page after another in order. The pictures are difficult for me to see as I have vision problems. I definately recommend the Teach Yourself Visually line of text books

Another great "Teach yourself Visually" book by Paul McFedries. Really great visual guidance for all you need to learn about the various subjects concerning each version of Windows, wish I had it way back when this was my 1st computer I owned, I highly recommend these books for those of you considering buying or just wanting to learn about the different versions of windows, well thought of and helpful guidance for learning the in's and out's of operating whatever system your currently considering or own. And you can't beat the price. Thanks.

This is a very good manual for learning Window Vista. It uses text and graphics to show you how to do a particular function. It has lost some clarity in graphics since the Marans longer do them. It is weak on virus protection and how to prevent them. It covers just about every basic function you will encounter in Vista and I would recommend it for people moving to Vista or those just starting out on a computer.

I bought this for my 87 year old mom. She likes it and thinks it is better than some other texts she’s tried. This one is well illustrated and not too complicated. It is organized into discreet learning excersizes that move the novice along at their own pace. She is happy with it. For others it might lack comprehensiveness found in more encyclopedic texts.

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