UNIX Web Server Administrator's Interactive Workbook

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Learn Apache, the world’s leading Web Server software, hands-on -- and get exclusive access to an up-to-the-minute Web-based training site! This is soup-to-nuts Apache coverage -- all of it hands-on and interactive! Walk through compiling, modifying, installing and configuring Apache, step by step. Learn how to develop and organize your site, implement search and index capabilities, extend HTML with graphics, image maps, frames and tables; and secure your system with firewalls, authentication and SSL. Create forms; run news and mail services; analyze your traffic; use JavaScript and Perl scripting; even implement multiple servers and domains. The accompanying Web site includes a Virtual Study Lounge where you can meet authors and other users; interactive testing modules that offer instant feedback; bonus projects and solutions; updates, new info, feedback areas and more.

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This is an excellent book for someone who wants to learn by doing, as the subtitle suggests. One needs an Apache server to work with, but the book comes with a CD that includes the Apache server. One can experiment with the different modules and try different things. The book is filled with review questions (and answers). A big plus is that it covers more than just Apache. It has stuff on HTML for the HTML non-expert. (It has a whole chapter on frames.) This makes it a great book for beginners. The book is easy to read, and flows nicely. The coverage of the basics, the fundamentals
and the theory of running a real Web server under different circumstances far outweighs the fact the book is a bit outdated. The Apache version discussed in the book is not the current version, so there may be a few things that are slightly different with today's Apache server. I am really glad I bought the book.

First of all, this book should be called, "The Apache on Caldera Linux Web Administrators workbook". The information is heavily geared toward Caldera Linux and Apache, without any hints as to how the differences translate to other versions of Unix. Second of all, I don't feel that most operations are explained in enough depth to give a webmaster any help. It's a good overview of how someone could set up a basic web server for their home, but not nearly in depth enough for a professional admin. There's a lot of cross-references to other chapters that make you think a thought is going to be well explained somewhere else, but when you look at the other chapter, you see no further explanation. Then there's the random chapters on HTML. These pages should have been used to further delve into admin info, not developer info. If I cared about building webpages, I would have bought HTML in 21 Days. The demo pages used to demo your newly built website should've just come pre-built on the cd. If you don't know anything about web servers or Linux, this is probably the best book you could get. If you are a web admin, then you're better off getting a book on your flavor of Unix, and separate documentation on your exact web server.

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