Inside The Microsoft Windows 98 Registry (Mps)
Synopsis
Fortunately, most of us don’t need to fiddle with the Registry. But if it’s your job, this book is the reference you’ll want to have close by. The book-and-CD set provides an overview, starting from the baseline tools of the Registry that are directly accessible, like RegEdit and .INF files. Concepts and recurring features of the Registry are explained, so developers can ensure that their applications are well behaved in the many flavors of 32-bit Windows. They’ll also be able to extend the functionality of the various Windows shells through proper modification of Registry files. It’s a single comprehensive source of much-needed information and tools. "Inside The Microsoft Windows 98 Registry" topics include: - The basics- The Registry Editor and other Registry tools- Registering filename extensions- Customizing the desktop, Start Menu, and Control Panel- Customizing the Explorer menu and shell icon settings- Miscellaneous Registry settings- Programming issues

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Customer Reviews
This book is a good book, the problem is, is that is aimed at non-technical people. As a programmer, I was expecting a much more thorough review of the registry, in particular, the hardware section. The book does not touch on the Registry API functions enough, and assumes readers will make registry operations with windows (control panel etc..). For hardcore readers, Windows SDK and DDK provide much more thorough (albeit difficult) answers.
I’d like to add my voice to the cumulative opinion that this is an excellent book for those who are first learning to delve into the registry. Mr. Born’s explanations are clear, and he always gives several different ways to do everything. He shows the tradeoffs involved in doing something one way vs. another. I found the chapters on the Registry in Windows 9x Resource Kit, Expert Guide to Windows 9x, Mastering Windows 9x and Windows 9x Unleashed just did not teach me enough to know what I was looking at. Inside the Windows 9x Registry has done that. It even covers elementary .inf file programming. Helpful resources in appendices and tables explain cryptic commands; even the Shell32.dll icons are explained. One limit on my opinion: I have not read other books on the Registry, so I can’t compare this book to those.

It is an excellent book with a lot of screenshots, which is a real plus especially if you’re unsure of what you’re doing. The step-by-step explanations are sure easy to understand. The author tried to unfold the mystery of win98 registry to casual users and he did it in this book. It’s definitely a guide to know your win98 better than ever.I agree with the previous review, this book is not aimed at really technical person. For APIs, the win95 API programming book might be more appropriate.

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