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CGI Programming 101, Second Edition: Web Programming Made Easy

People who build web pages will eventually want to add a guestbook, order form, page counter, or other interactive elements to their website. *CGI Programming 101*, by Jacqueline Hamilton, explains how to do this in simple, easy-to-understand terms. The book shows readers how to write useful, real-world web programs, starting with simple guestbook forms and building up to more advanced applications.

Since its first release in 2000, *CGI Programming 101* has become a valuable resource for many web developers. UK web designer Chris Evans says, "I bought the first edition of *CGI Programming 101* when it first came out. Since then I've used it on more or less every project I've worked on. It's fantastic. It's simple to understand, is presented in a logical order, it's good to read from cover to cover, and good to dip into."

The second edition has been substantially revised, with 100 pages of new material. It teaches good programming practices from the beginning, including use of the industry-standard CGI.pm Perl module. Readers will learn how to protect their form-to-mail programs from being hijacked by spammers, how to build a cookie-based shopping cart, and how to develop a password-protected website. Quick-reference pages and an improved index help readers find information easily.

There are also several online tutorials to help readers set up their own web server and write CGI programs on any computer system - including Windows, Mac OS X, and Unix.

The first six chapters of *CGI Programming 101* are available on the book's website at <http://www.cgi101.com/book/>. These chapters teach the basics of CGI programs, how to create a guestbook form, how to send mail from a CGI program, and how to read from and write to data files. This material alone has helped many people get started with CGI programming. Jason Silver of Intelliscript.net says, "About four years ago I stumbled onto CGI101.COM and read the free chapters on Perl programming. Somehow, some way, it inspired me to program my first script. Since then I've become an incorporated business, selling Perl scripts and doing custom programming. My scripts are in use all over the Internet - I've sold thousands of them!"

The 2nd edition of *CGI Programming 101* (ISBN 0-9669426-1-2, 320 pages, \$29.95) will be available in bookstores in April 2004. Visit <http://www.cgi101.com/book/> for more information or to order the book.