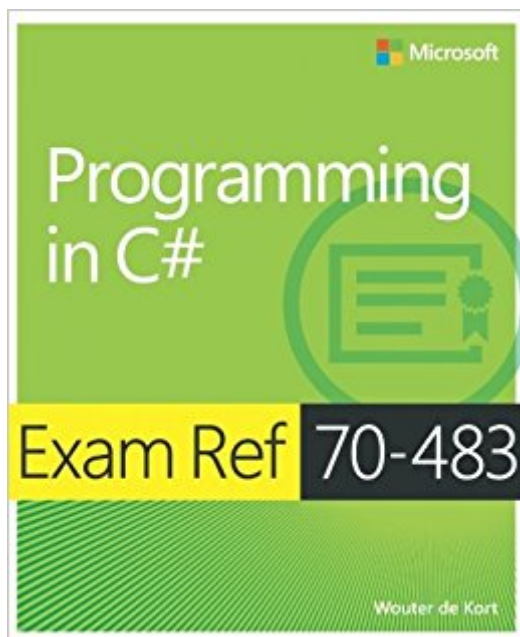


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Q&A with Wouter de Kort, author of "Exam Ref 70-483: Programming in C#" Q. Why is your book important right now? A. C# is one of the most popular languages of this time. In 2012, C# was even chosen as the programming language of the year. Certifying yourself as a C# developer can be a great asset for potential employers. Studying for your certification will also help you in exploring areas of the C# language that you don't have much experience with. Programming in C# helps you by showing you aspects of the language that are important deepening your understanding of the language. This could be new areas like the async and await support in C# 5 but also some difficult subjects like properly implementing IDisposable. Programming in C# is important both for new developers who want a head start and for experienced developers who want to make sure they

understand all aspects of the language. Q. What do you hope readers will walk away with? A. After reading this book you will be prepared for getting your certification as a C# developer. But even if that's not your goal I'm certain that you will learn new tricks from this book that can help you in your work as a developer.

Wouter de Kort is an independent technical coach, trainer, and developer at Seize IT. He is MCSD certified. As a software architect, he has directed the development of complex web applications. He has also worked as a technical evangelist, helping organizations stay on the cutting edge of web development. Wouter has worked with C# and .NET since their inception. He loves solving complex problems and teaching others how to become a better developer.

A wonderful supplementary study resource, but by no means a primary resource. Before I write too much, I am a junior dev with 2 years of C# under my belt, and failed the 483 exam after reading this with a 679/1000 (need a 700 to pass). The book is formatted in a way that is great for studying the exam. The chapters are relevant to the topics suggested to study on the site and is rich in content and examples. I was able to read the book cover to cover relatively easily in chunks, certainly not a book I would want to power study in 1-2 days. As for the bad, the general portion of the examples have no real world context. Although the code will compile, often the examples have no purpose. Perhaps this is to cut down on the size of each example, but richer examples would definitely help during the learning process. I don't have any specific examples in mind, but I remember the sections with async/await, events, and trace/debug being particularly weak. The end of each chapter has a thought experiment to apply what you have learned, and three questions per chapter to test your knowledge. When I said secondary resource, what I meant is that even at several hundred pages, the book still feels too shallow to have a firm understanding of the language that you would need to pass the exam. It's great for brushing up on topics, or seeing a bit of syntax, but I feel that for the time on the MSDN, or for a similar cost having a Pluralsight course for a month and using their path. Once I am done with this exam (hopefully second time is a charm) I will most likely never read this book again.

I honestly didn't like the book, not enough depth and details. IMO, this book alone as reference won't help you pass, so you'll be better off looking elsewhere to augment your learning if you're new to C sharp. Not a beginner's book to use as reference for the exam. If only I could return this, I would.

My job wants me to obtain an MCSD cert and I was looking for the most expedient way to gain the information as an experienced C++ programmer but with limited C# experience. It seems like the book is trying to give me what I need to know for the test and not teach the material. I find the book often confusing and the concepts not well explained. I often have to find videos that explain what the lesson is trying to say. Even as I try to write code to better understand the lesson in the encapsulation section when I try to use some of the get set syntax I get run time exceptions. Many of the examples are not clear and the code is not clear. I am not sure if it is the author or faults of the language that allows this confusing syntax.

It's good for what it is. It's not "how to learn to code in C# by reading this book from cover to cover exactly in order", nor was it meant to be. It's good for covering the topics you need to cover in the order YOU need to, and as a good reference tool for the subjects it covers. This is the first Microsoft Exam Ref I've ever bought that did not have hands-on practices, but again, practices for the specific items you need help with are available on the Internet, with a little help from Google.

While reading this book I enjoyed getting introduced to a lot of features in C# which I didn't try before and I think will help me be more productive. It makes me love C# and .NET more. I don't think this book is for newcomers to C# or new to programming in general. I didn't take the exam yet but I feel this is not enough to pass the exam. While reading this book I did search for the mentioned topics on MSDN and other sources just to be more clear on things and maybe see more examples. Even though I'm not new to programming the book got me confused. The organization of this book is so confusing. So what I did now is I read the book for the first time doing some highlights and notes and then I will do a second read on the topics which needs to be read one more time.

It's an OK review for the exam, but I struggled to enjoy the read and have the material sink in for retention. I'd recommend a lengthier version with examples, images, and other things to draw the reader's interest. I also spotted some code and grammar issues, so more review...

Shockingly bad organization of the material which is presented in an order that makes no sense whatsoever. Grammar mistakes, programming mistakes, and just general mistakes.

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