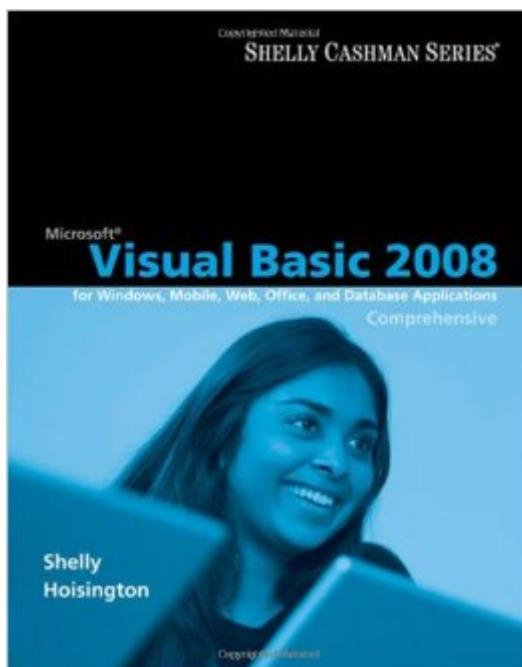


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Normally, Shelley-Cashman books are very good and very trustworthy. This book, although it does contain some very good information, is filled with lots of mistakes. I realize this is a first edition so some errors such as typos are expected. Up until chapter 7 the book is very good. You can tell, beginning with ch. 7, that the style of writing changes and a lot of the step-by-step information is wrong. I think either this was simply copied from another book or it was the work of another writer with little writing experience. Also, some of the info is outdated. The chapter dealing with writing

apps for smartphones keeps mentioning PocketPC and Windows CE. To my understanding, Windows Mobile replaced both several years ago. As for the projects, the steps to create forms could have been made a lot easier to understand. It is written in paragraph style. Instead, chart-style would have been easier for the student to understand. There are some lessons that seem to be out of order. In my opinion, the aforementioned chapters (7 deals with web apps and 12 (I think it is) deals with mobile apps) are out of place. By that, I mean they should have been placed at the end of the book instead of between chapters. The book takes you through forms and databases then suddenly it starts talking about web apps. Yes, I know web apps include databases, but the book should have talked about stand-alone apps in their entirety (as it relates to this course) then showed the neat stuff about web and mobile apps at the end to whet the student's appetite for more to encourage further learning of VB. I am sure the author knows her stuff and really meant to do a good job with this book.

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