

Real World FreeHand 3

by Orav Martin Kvern, \$27.95 from Peachpit Press.

A very good Table of Contents and an Excellent Index are the least of the qualities of this book.

Real World FreeHand 3 starts out with an excellent description of the basics of using FreeHand 3.0 and quickly jumps to power user level. Unlike other books on drawing programs this book doesn't stop at power user, it soars into areas where even experts can learn things. This book has expert tips you will not see anyplace else. No matter who you are, I am sure you will find much you did not know and can use.

One of the strongest features of **Real World FreeHand 3** is that it helps a person learn to think in the terms of the way Real World FreeHand 3 operates, this to tell you the truth, is the only book I have ever read which truly teaches the reader how to think the way the program works. After reading this book and experimenting with **Real World FreeHand 3** you should be able to do almost anything FreeHand can do and do it right and as in most complex drawing programs you should be able to print it or fix your drawing if you can't print it.

It's hard to believe that in a book of this magnitude you can also find a sense of humor, but Mr. Kvern imparts wisdom, philosophy, and humor in **Real World FreeHand 3**.

Real World FreeHand 3 is also rife with many fine illustrations, these illustrations will get you through almost all the trick problems that face a computer artist. Surprise **Real World FreeHand 3** also is one of the few books with full color illustrations in it's color section.

In the Postscript section Mr. Kvern shows how to use postscript code to enhance your drawings and gives many fine examples and samples which the reader can incorporate in his own work.

An adjunct to **Real World FreeHand 3** The Book is **Real World FreeHand 3** The Disk which contains FHX3 files, ResEdit templates, FreeHand templates, some useful color libraries, ColorMaker

(an application for generating color libraries, and more tips and tricks (not included in the book). **Real World FreeHand** 3.0 The Disk can be ordered with a coupon in the back of the book for \$20 plus \$4 shipping and handling.

Everyone who uses or is learning FreeHand 3.0 can use this book to good advantage.

True to form another Peachpit Press winner!!!

Here's how it scores:

Information vs. Cost: A+

Reference Material: A+

Quality: A+

Overall: A+

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