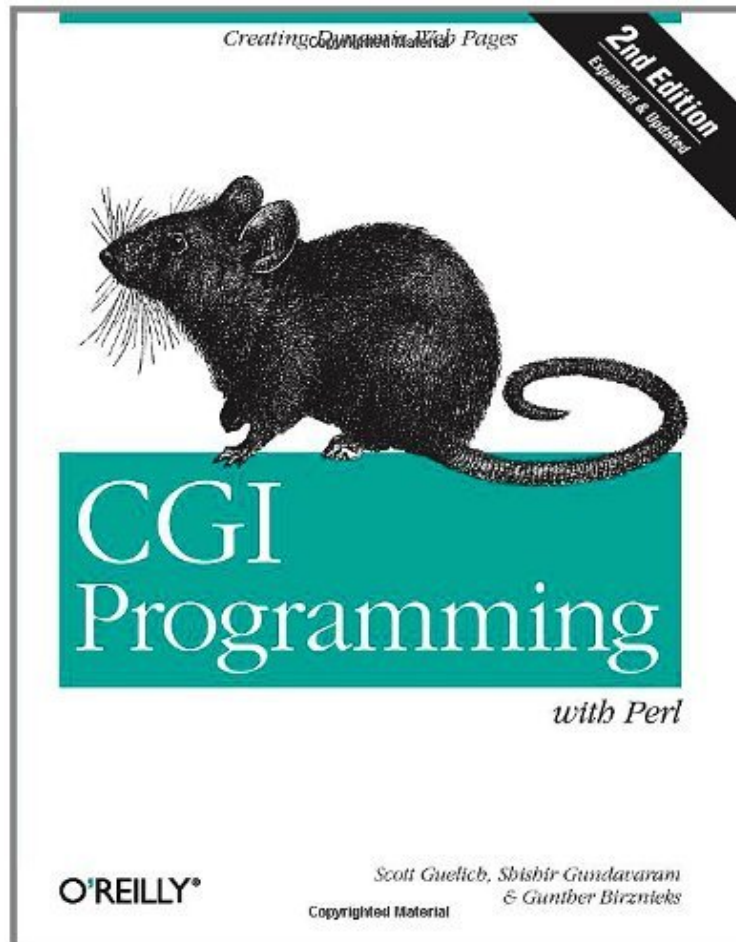


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This is "THE" CGI bookVon Harry ChouI've done many perl/CGI scripts. I've tried to find a really solid book on teaching me how to write a good perl/CGI script. But most of the book only teach you how to program CGI without teaching you why.This is it!The title is damn right. This is a book about CGI programming. Perl is the major language used in this book but not the main purpose of this book. You will learn a solid background about HTTP and CGI. You might need another Perl book to learn how to program perl, but you definetly will know how CGI works in this book.Thank you, o'reilly!0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Rush job and it showsVon Ein KundeThis book is full of typos, which is forgivable if the code examples don't have typos, but they do. For instance, in the code for

upload.cgi on pg 99, the following declaration is made: use constant UPLOAD_DIR =
"/usr/local/apache/data/uploads"; Note this does NOT end with a slash. Later, though, a loop is initialized as follows: until (sysopen OUTPUT, UPLOAD_DIR . \$filename, O_CREAT | O_EXCL)\$filename is taken from user form input, but unless the user was omniscient and put a slash at the beginning of the name he assigned, then the expression "UPLOAD_DIR" . \$filename would evaluate to something like: /usr/local/apache/data/uploads/bleedin_file_name instead of the correct: ".../uploads/bleedin_file_name". Oh, and speaking of putting a slash at the beginning of the file name....there is code that is supposed to prevent such, as evidenced by the line: error(\$q, "Invalid file name; files must start with a letter or number."); I don't know about slashes, but it didn't prevent me from sending a file name through that begin with a tilde. Yes the book covers some things you won't find anywhere else, but a lot of the stuff it covers is better covered elsewhere: O'Reilly's "Webmaster in a NutShell" has better coverage of HTTP. It (Webmaster) also discusses using the use statement to reference a library in a path where you might have had to manually install it in your virtual hosting directory if for instance you couldn't convince your ISP to upgrade to the latest version of CGI.pm. This wasn't covered in the CGI book, which is supposed to be solely about CGI, whereas the Webmaster book not only covers CGI/Perl, but also JavaScript, PHP, etc. Don't waste your money....I'm sorry I did!

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Von T W Foy
A great book that teaches you why not how. This book doesn't teach you Perl, it assumes you know Perl - instead it teaches you all the tricks with using Perl on the web. Useful both as an introductory guide and as a quick-reference manual.

Kurzbeschreibung Programming on the Web today can involve any of several technologies, but the Common Gateway Interface (CGI) has held its ground as the most mature method--and one of the most powerful ones--of providing dynamic web content. CGI is a generic interface for calling external programs to crunch numbers, query databases, generate customized graphics, or perform any other server-side task. There was a time when CGI was the only game in town for server-side programming; today, although we have ASP, PHP, Java servlets, and ColdFusion (among others), CGI continues to be the most ubiquitous server-side technology on the Web. CGI programs can be written in any programming language, but Perl is by far the most popular language for CGI. Initially developed over a decade ago for text processing, Perl has evolved into a powerful object-oriented language, while retaining its simplicity of use. CGI programmers appreciate Perl's text manipulation features and its CGI.pm module, which gives a well-integrated object-oriented interface to practically all CGI-related tasks. While other languages might be more elegant or more efficient, Perl is still considered the primary language for CGI. CGI Programming with Perl, Second Edition, offers a comprehensive explanation of using CGI to serve dynamic web content. Based on the best-selling CGI Programming on the World Wide Web, this edition has been completely rewritten to demonstrate current techniques available with the CGI.pm module and the latest versions of Perl. The book starts at the beginning, by explaining how CGI works, and then moves swiftly into the subtle details of developing CGI programs. Topics include: Incorporating JavaScript for form validation Controlling browser caching Making CGI scripts secure in Perl Working with databases Creating simple search engines Maintaining state between multiple sessions Generating graphics dynamically Improving performance of your CGI scripts