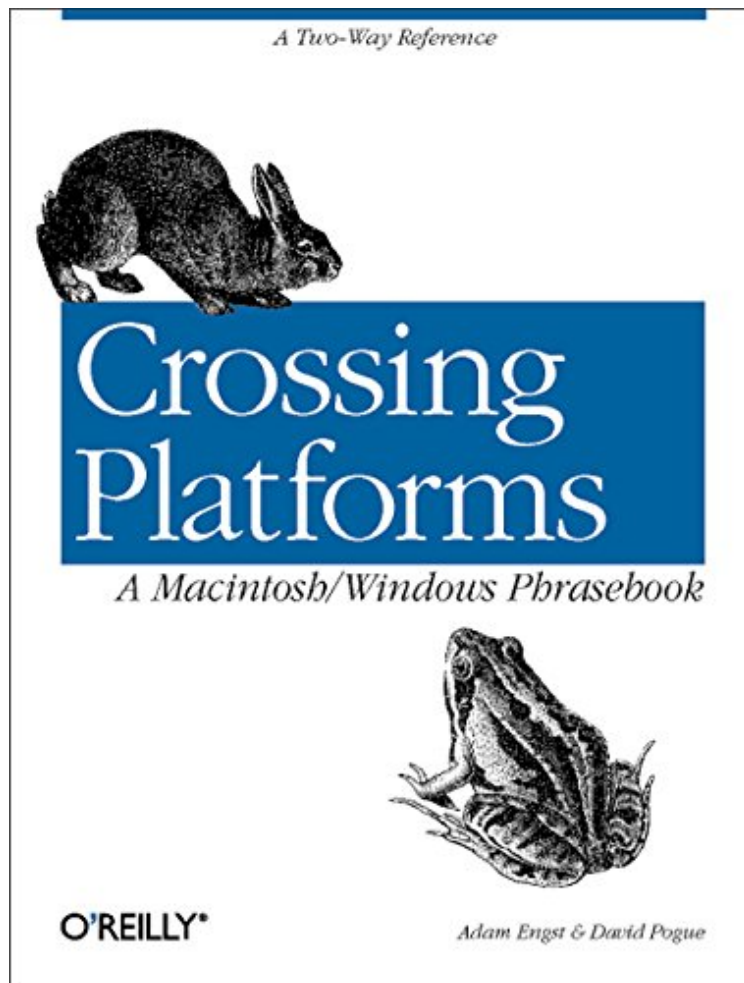


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The opposite of a "Dummies" bookVon John MorrisonRecently I took a job which required me to work in an office that was mostly Windows-driven. Knowing Adam's and David's reputation, I decided that their book was a good choice.After skimming through "Crossing Platforms," I was able to tell the Information Support guy how to do something under Windows that he wasn't aware of. Four days after I was hired! Within two weeks I was completely

comfortable using Windows (except for that silly mouse design and other poor UI choices, but that's another matter). Now I have a reputation as a computer genius. I just hope it's reflected in my paycheck. "Crossing Platforms" is, as the title of this review hints, as far from a "Dummies" book as you can get. It starts by assuming that you're an intelligent person who simply doesn't have the experience on one of the world's two major computer operating systems. Much of what you want to do on a computer is possible under either Mac OS or Windows-- after all, they were built to manipulate files, send and modify information, etc.-- but there are different terms and some different ways of treating the information. In other words, you know the music, but not the words. "Crossing Platforms" will allow you to make the paradigm shift and use what you've spent years learning. It helps you avoid the pitfalls and gotchas, and is laid out in a manner which makes it easy to reference. In short, twenty-four of the best dollars I've spent recently.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A "must buy" for.. Von Ein Kunde every new Wintel convert and for those of us who have to work on the "other" side occasionally. This is the second book of this genre that I have purchased for my wife the teacher who now teaches on the Wintel platform. The first, "Windows for Mac Users" is 421 pages of details, details. I would rate it 4 stars. "Crossing Platforms" is 321 pages of dictionary-like listings of phrases "cross" referenced to the other platform e.g. Force Quit (Mac) = End Task (Win); Key Caps = Character Map, etc. If you want a quick reference book to help you with that temporarily borrowed (or newly purchased) "other" platform, this is the one! (If I were providing marketing advice to Sears, CompUSA et al, this would be bundled with every iMac and IBook purchased by a Wintel user.)

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A useful guide to both MacOS and Windows Von Ein Kunde A long-time Mac and Unix user, I recently started a new job where I have to use a Windows system. I wish this book had been published a couple months earlier, as it would have saved me much time trying to figure out how to do things in Windows that are automatic for me on the Mac. Even still, it has provided valuable explanations for differences I'd encountered, and has helped me out a number of times in the last few weeks. The book is objectively written, complete, and serves as a useful guide to both systems. (I've even found myself browsing the "Mac for Windows users" section several times.) I only wish that the book contained a detailed index; the A-Z approach is fine but a little constraining for a reference manual. But overall an excellent book that sits right on my computer at work.

Kurzbeschreibung Like travelers in a foreign land, Mac users working in Windows or Windows users working on a Mac often find themselves in unfamiliar territory with no guidebook. Crossing Platforms: A Macintosh/Windows Phrasebook, with information presented in a translation dictionary-like format, offers users a handy way of translating skills and knowledge from one platform to the other. Whether it's explaining the difference between Macintosh aliases and Windows shortcuts or explaining how a Windows user would go about setting up Internet access on a Mac, this book provides readers a simple means to look up familiar interface elements and system features and learn how that element or feature works on the other platform.

Crossing Platforms: A Macintosh/Windows Phrasebook includes: A general introduction to the key differences between the Mac and Windows A to Z sections for each platform: one section where Mac users look up familiar Macintosh terms to find the equivalent function in Windows along with an explanation of the differences; and another section where Windows users find familiar Windows terms with pointers to the Macintosh equivalent along with full descriptions of how the function works on the Mac and important differences between the two platforms

The complete translation dictionary-like reference book, Crossing Platforms: A Macintosh/Windows Phrasebook provides a simple solution for everyone who has been confused and frustrated by the arbitrary and sometimes capricious differences between the Macintosh and Windows operating systems. This book bridges the Mac-PC knowledge gap many users are faced with when work or preference demands the use of both a PC and Mac. Whether you already know the Macintosh or Windows, this book helps you navigate in the other operating system using your existing skills and knowledge.