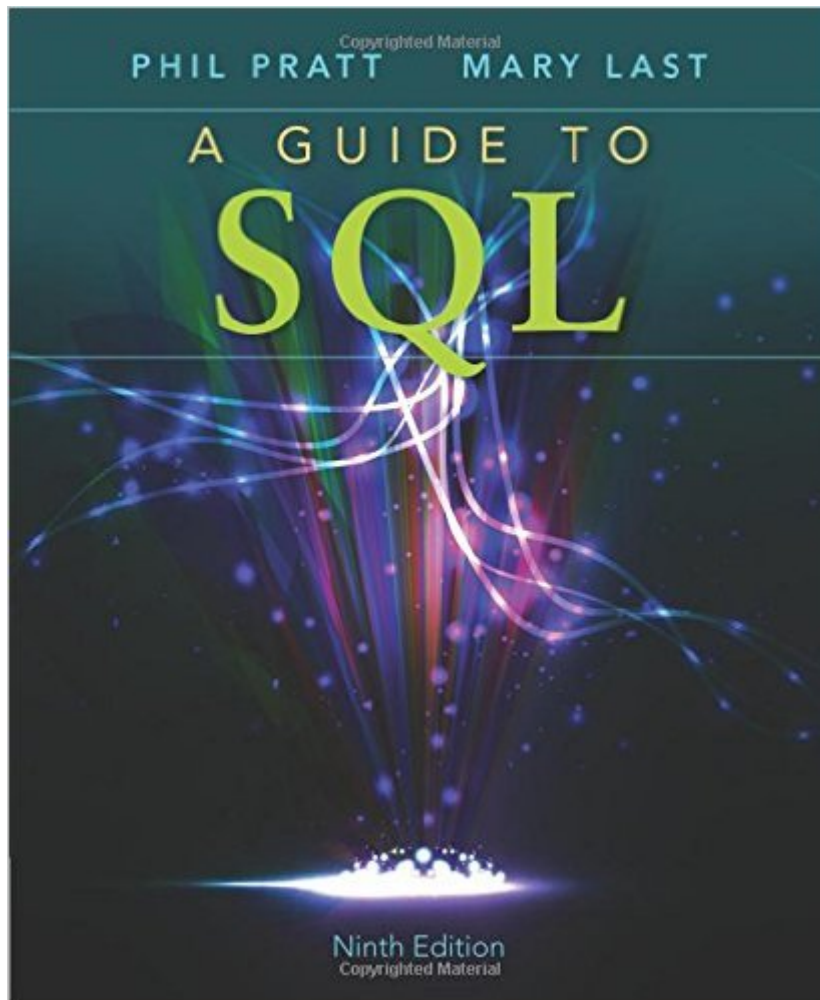


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# A Guide To SQL



## Synopsis

A GUIDE TO SQL, Ninth Edition, provides an effective introduction to SQL programming using straightforward instruction, extensive hands-on exercises, and a strong foundation in real-world business applications. The Ninth Edition builds on the longstanding success of this proven text by presenting basic SQL commands in the context of a running case, in which a business uses SQL to manage orders, items, customers, and sales reps. The authors emphasize that fundamental principles and practices apply regardless of the database environment chosen, and they include examples from the latest versions of Oracle and Microsoft Access, and SQL Server throughout the text.

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This book is NOT user friendly and the concepts taught are confusing and cluttered, not because of the actual difficulty of the material but because the authors have done so with poor writing and structure (which is odd as framework is what SQL is all about). You are required to use diagrams that are listed in previous chapters when working on future chapter problems, however this isn't because you are building upon what you've learned but rather falling back to something that was overlooked while initially learning it. How this book and its previous additions are considered to be used in a scholastic environment is infuriating. If not a required reading for your program I would suggest finding an intro to SQL written by different authors. SQL is not very difficult to learn and understand, this book however, is.

Not at all what I was expecting when I bought it. As other reviews have mentioned, it presents the material in a very unorganized and hard to follow manner. It is most certainly not for beginners and only someone who had previous experience would likely be able to understand what the author is trying to convey. There's some useful info in it but overall it's very hard to follow the author's writing structure.

This Cengage book has been especially annoying for me. It seems my school requires Cengage books only so I had no choice. The tables that you use are in the first chapter. That's okay, except that when you're in chapter 7 you have to flip back to the tables which span several pages. Also, you have to flip back to the chapter you're on to lookup what command you need to type in. Get your book markers ready, I usually had 4 or 5 going. Sometimes the chapter exercises (TAL, Colonial, Solmaris) are as hard to read as the chapter itself, and a few times the exercises asked for a command that I could not find anywhere in the book. Here at the end of the semester I can tell that SQL should have been way easier to learn than this. After checking websites and other books, I can see that it's this book that's the problem.

This book is absolutely TERRIBLE!!!! Save your money. This author is all over the place and leaves questions unanswered, hard to follow. Hands down the worst book I have ever read! Complete waste of time trying to learn from this book. It leaves you more confused than when you started. Database concepts are easy, but these guys found a way to make the topics incredibly muddled. Hard to follow and completely worthless if you are trying to learn this subject. It poses questions in the text and then NEVER ANSWERS THEM FULLY?!?! SERIOUSLY! What are these authors on while writing this? Editors, do your jobs! This is a terrible textbook! Incomplete ideas galore! Huge disappointment!

Overpriced book. Went well with my CIS117 class at sbcc. Besides that I would have not bought it. If you have a friend you can borrow it from that would be better use.

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Book came in perfect condition. Its a great entry level book to SQL. I went from 0 knowledge to a

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