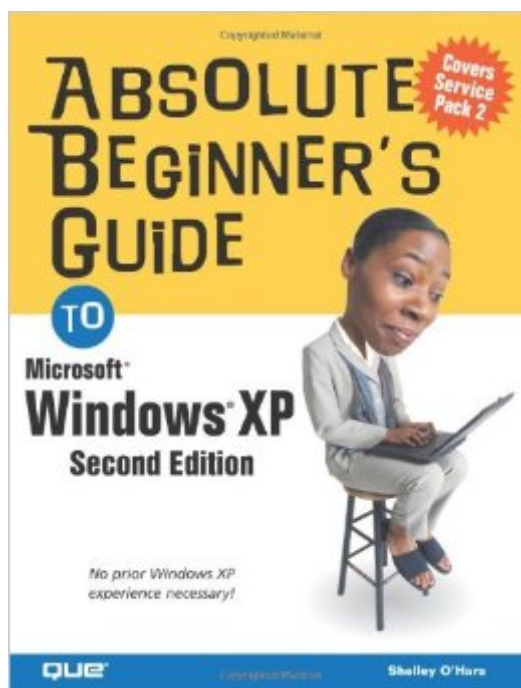


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# Absolute Beginner's Guide To Windows XP (2nd Edition)



## Synopsis

Upgrade to a digital lifestyle! Absolute Beginner's Guide to Windows XP, Second Edition is not just about using Windows, but also about how to live in a digital world where you can share pictures over the Internet, download music from websites, communicate with long-distance family and friends on the computer, and more. Step-by-step instructions will show you how to accomplish key tasks and take precautions to protect your computer from viruses and spyware. Some of the tasks covered include: Starting programs Understanding file management basics Getting wired for communication Working with photographs Playing music and videos Improving your computer's performance Upgrading Windows Updated to include information on Service Pack 2, Absolute Beginner's guide to Windows XP, Second Edition will show you how to work with Windows XP to make your life easier!

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This guide serves to introduce Windows XP and is attractive because it distills XP operations into the simplest possible terms. There are numerous illustrations (of varying quality) to show onscreen functionality, which is a plus. There are also numerous text boxes designed to list the important features being discussed in bullet format, which is another plus. The problem I have with the book is that it oversimplifies many issues, which has the side effect of making the book less than helpful as a reference book, and as a troubleshooting book it is likewise generally inadequate. Compounding the problem is the wholly inadequate index, and occasionally counterintuitive organization of the

book. I have tried referring to this book on several issues and literally not once could I find the information I needed to solve the problem within it (as an example, the latest issue involved a problem of registry settings causing errors in CD writing). Granted, these problems are not strictly problems for "absolute beginners" but a beginner would be even more poorly served by the book for troubleshooting. For its noble intention to write a book about XP for beginners, I give the author credit, but for real-world practicality and utility, the book falls short, and on balance there are better choices available.

Good basic guide for beginners using computers and ones more experienced who need to refer to basics occasionally.

I found the book to be very easy to use and understand and it has enhanced my ability to work with my computer. The book has proved to be more than adequate in my understanding of Windows XP.

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