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## Editorial Review

### Amazon.com Review

The title of this book invites comment. "Some things weren't meant for dummies and Unix is one of them," you might say. Wrong! Levine and Young take advantage of the Dummies format's strength with command-line operating systems. They flatten the learning curve and have even the greenest beginner doing useful work with Unix in mere hours.

Once you get past a couple of pointless chapters about offering pizza to Unix experts in exchange for help, you'll find conceptual explanations of files, directories, permissions, and redirection. Command explanations take a hybrid form; they mix "type this verbatim" statements with tables showing switches and parameters.

Much of *Unix for Dummies* is task-oriented. You'll find a whole chapter on printing, for example, that covers the commands you'll need to know to format and print a document on the right printer. Other chapters cover file searches, software installation, and X Windows navigation. The book also provides cursory coverage of four text editors--ED, vi, Emacs, and pico--but you learn little more than how to enter and save text in each.

Levine and Young include an eminently useful "DOS-to-Unix Rosetta Stone" that immediately tells you, for example, that the approximate Unix equivalent of DOS's copy is cp. DOS experts who are new transplants to a Unix environment will appreciate this translation guide. The authors wrap up with a wealth of basic troubleshooting information and a command reference.

This book, along with its companion, *More Unix for Dummies*, is the perfect choice for those who have no knowledge of Unix and need to learn it quickly.

### From the Back Cover

Administer UNIX on a LAN and use the newest utilities

Understand the UNIX shell, go online with new browser options, and get things doneSo you're using UNIX these days? Sure, it can be a little tricky, but this friendly guide will lead you through all its peculiarities. Soon you'll understand the GNOME™ and KDE™ desktops, know the secret names of your Web files, Samba with the file server, and most importantly, know how to sidestep common problems.

### The Dummies Way

- Explanations in plain English
- "Get in, get out" information
- Icons and other navigational aids
- Tear-out cheat sheet
- Top ten lists
- A dash of humor and fun

### Discover how to:

- Find out which flavor of UNIX you have
- Manage UNIX on a LAN
- Handle files and directories for Web sites
- Build good directory structures

- Recover missing or damaged files

#### About the Author

John Levine and Margaret Levine Young are the dynamic For Dummies duo with more than 50 books to their credit, including eight editions of The Internet For Dummies.

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