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NEW BOOK GIVES WICKED JOLT TO JAVA CODE

November 15, 2005, San Francisco – The Java programming language lurks behind both basic computing technology and everyday gizmos like Pocket PCs, handhelds, computer operating systems, and even some cell phones. Despite its pervasiveness, many developers don’t take full advantage of the language. Long-time programmer and Java expert Brian D. Eubanks answers the call with Wicked Cool Java: Code Bits, Open-Source Libraries, and Project Ideas (No Starch Press, November ’05), an idea sourcebook containing 101 useful tips, techniques, examples, and project ideas that will bring new excitement to readers’ Java code.

Not intended as a basic tutorial, Wicked Cool Java will help developers, system architects, and even advanced hobbyists to leverage their existing knowledge and get the most out of the programming language. The book is filled with example code and ideas for combining Java libraries — those built into the core API as well as the thousands of open source libraries available — into useful projects. Wicked Cool Java also covers tools for open-source environments and explanations of multimedia, graphics, and XML in Java.

Readers of Wicked Cool Java will find tips on:
• Converting a non-XML text structure into XML using a parser generator, and working with XML APIs from the Java core and from open-source projects
• Experimenting with a Java simulator for the Cell Matrix to build and test cell circuits, and then connect them in a distributed system with others across the Internet
• Working with open-source class libraries for scientific and mathematical applications
• Creating dynamic music and sound in Java, and applying some Java APIs for simple data sonification
• Reusing code in ways that open-source Java projects allow by taking advantage of the wealth of free Java libraries

“This is a great addition to our burgeoning Wicked Cool series,” said Bill Pollock, founder of No Starch Press. “All of these books have tons of examples that can be mixed and matched to program more effectively, and Wicked Cool Java is no exception.”

This book will be a welcome find for professionals looking to enhance their code and make their jobs easier, as well as for those who enjoy experimenting and modifying Java code — and who want to make their code wicked cool.
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