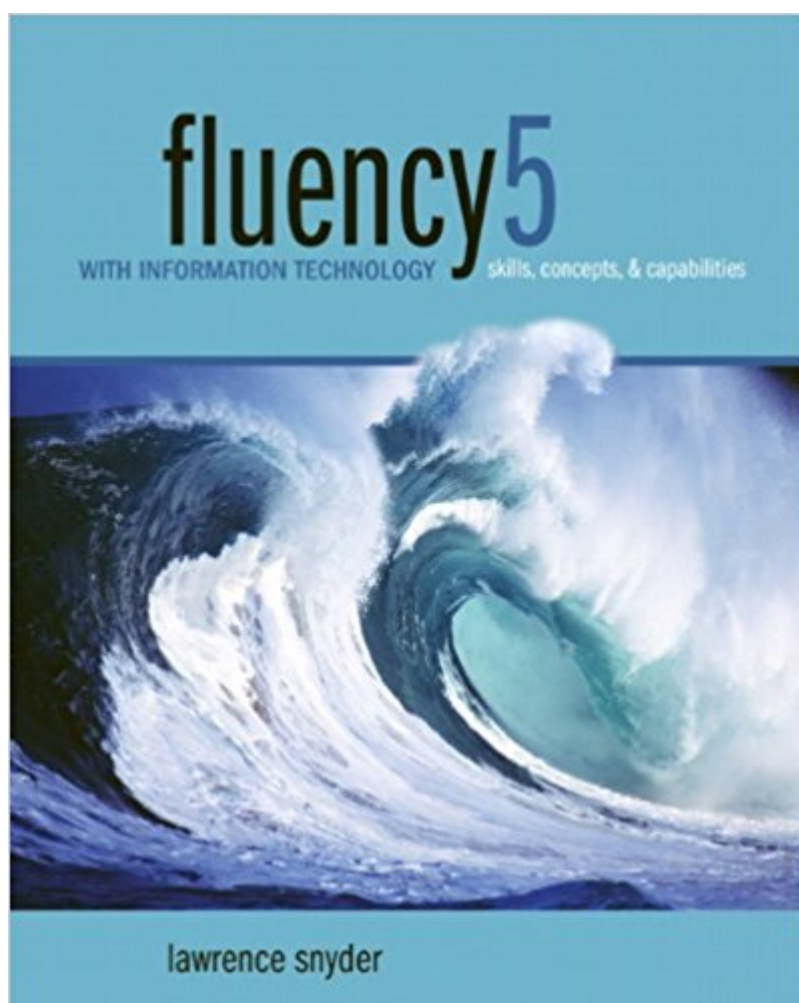


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# Fluency 5 With Information Technology: Skills, Concepts, And Capabilities, 5th Edition



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Fluency with Information Technology: Skills, Concepts, and Capabilities equips readers who are already familiar with computers, the Internet, and the World Wide Web with a deeper understanding of the broad capabilities of technology. Through a project-oriented learning approach that uses examples and realistic problem-solving scenarios, Larry Snyder teaches readers to navigate information technology independently and become effective users of today's resources, forming a foundation of skills they can adapt to their personal and career goals as future technologies emerge.

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## Customer Reviews

Larry Snyder was the chairman of the National Research Council's (NRC) committee that issued the report, "Being Fluent with Information Technology." It is this NRC committee funded by the National Science Foundation that identified the three types of knowledge needed in Fluency. Larry received his BA in 1968 from the University of Iowa and his Ph.D. in 1973 at Carnegie Mellon. He taught at schools such as Yale, MIT, Harvard, and Sydney University before settling down at the University of Washington in 1983, where he is currently a professor of computer science and engineering.

Don't judge a book by its cover, because this one is nothing more than a postcard of an ocean wave. It would be an interesting book if it was fiction, but the writers claim otherwise. This book was

required for a college class I took. The class was terrible because it revolved around this book. The company supplied the teacher with power point slides, premade tests, homework assignments, labs, the whole works. So with the teacher spending little attention to the class (just redistributing the book's material) , the errors and inefficient styles went unnoticed. The chapters were poorly made, hard to follow, or in some parts, contained flat out wrong information. As a transfer student, I was over qualified for the class but had to go back and take it as a major requirement anyway. It's designed for students who want to learn about information technology but know nothing at all about technology. But because they know little about technology, they don't question the material that's incorrect. I found many errors in definitions or looping definitions, and the incorrect use of lingo as if the writers created the words them self. It's the easy way out for teachers earning pay, headache for students who actually care for the knowledge, and paycheck for the company for creating an eight edition of nonsense with an attractive "scholastic" format. To sum things up, it came off as a book that does all the work for the teacher, but hazes students fundamental knowledge of the base of information technology.

I came to write a positive review because I'm using this book in my information science class, not (computer tech). But after reading the reviews by people who actually specialized in technology I am disappointed that I have been trusting in a book that has so many errors. I have found errors in my professors quizzes for this book so I am wondering now if it is because they come from the company that wrote the book...I honestly thought the book was easy to read and entertaining at times. But I'm sure the technology majors who have written reviews know more than me about the terms.

did an amazing job at delivering the product, my problem is that I've found a number of different things in the book to be completely inaccurate for example DHCP is referred to as Dynamic Host Computer Protocol, when in reality it really means Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol, you'll come to find a lot of things like this and from what the instructor told me the previous versions of this book are even worse so the writers and publishers obviously don't care about anything else other than making capital. I bought the book for a class im taking and because I have a lot of experience I am familiar with the material, it is in my opinion that this book is complete trash.

I'm an average computer user. I am familiar enough with the Office suite, have dabbled in html, and happen to be married to someone with a Masters in CS (and working in the tech field). Both the

books and slides (administered by the professor) have errors that I can easily pick out, and when I discuss things with my husband he often disagrees with terms or definitions. The author makes declarations about computer science that are conflicting, and sometimes writes opinion as fact. Bolded "key" words seem to sometimes be made up by the author. There is a glaring need for a knowledgeable editor.

This textbook was all right. It is very easy to read and it is a good introduction to different topics such as HTML, CSS, Javascript, Binary, simple spreadsheets etc. The book assumes that you own a desktop/laptop and have opened a web browser before. It's at a 6th grade reading level, but if there's something you don't understand then you can easily look up what it is that you don't understand. To be honest, you could look up just about everything that is in this textbook online and save yourself the \$100 (\$30 if you rent it). Unless you need this book for a school course or your pocket is literally loaded with \$100 bills, I wouldn't even bother buying it. Truthfully, unless your teacher is assigning homework from the textbook itself, you probably don't even need to rent it for school, but to each their own I suppose.

Often has inaccurate information. The writing is nothing to write home about. This is an old edition now, so if you need this for class, be aware that many names (and some terms) that are in the new version(s) are missing from this edition. If your professor uses the publisher's teaching materials, that may be a problem.

Anyone that is familiar with technology take a read. It could be a lot more straightforward, and not take as long to read. They could make this half the size with the same amount of info. The activities are tedious and teach little--they could be much better thought out.

Very interesting and informative if you're interested in technology

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