

Review of Web Design in a Nutshell by Jennifer Niederst
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Introduction

Web Design in a Nutshell by Jennifer Niederst is yet another must-have computer book from O'Reilly & Associates. I first discovered O'Reilly books when a highly skilled system administrator recommended their book, Webmaster in a Nutshell several years ago. I've been a webmaster since 1998, but I still reach for that book once in a while.

Web Design in a Nutshell is a well-organized, thorough collection of rules, tips, and background information that anyone who is serious about being a good web designer must know. Since I take my profession very seriously, and since I am serious about being a good web designer, I was afraid this book might not have anything new to teach me. I'm happy to say I was wrong.

Ms. Niederst shares many of my feelings regarding what constitutes good code, so I read her words with growing respect and began jotting down notes. I came away with a small handful of ideas that I plan to incorporate into my work right away.

For those of you who are new to web design, or those who want to graduate from amateur to professional status, get this book. It's more than just a reference book. If you read it, I guarantee you will learn at least 90% of what I could teach you if you were to sit down and watch me work eight hours a day for a couple of weeks. And Ms. Niederst is a far, far better teacher than I could ever be.

This book does not come with a CD ROM or downloadable samples, but it's packed with gems that you will value highly.

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