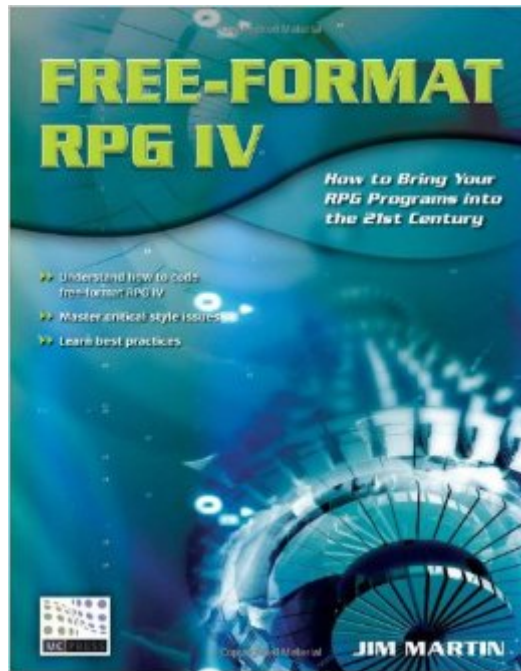# Free-Format RPG IV: How To Bring Your RPG Programs Into The 21st Century

Synopsis

What could be more important than upgrading your RPG skills? Traditional fixed-format style RPG IV programmers everywhere are embracing the increased productivity, better readability, and easier program maintenance that comes with the free-format style of programming in RPG IV. This book, a "how-to" guide and the first of its kind, will provide you with concise and thorough information on this powerful new way of coding RPG IV.Though free-format information is available in IBM manuals, it is not separated from everything else, thereby requiring hours of tedious research to track down the information you need. With this book, your search is over. Free-Format RPG IV is the "one-stop" resource that will save you time and frustration. In it, you'll find everything you need to know to write RPG IV in the free-format style. Author Jim Martin not only teaches rules and syntax, but also explains how this new style of coding has the potential to improve overall programmer productivityâ"from initial development through maintenance. He methodically covers the "how to" involved in free-format RPG IV, including many style issues, such as named indicators and built-in functions. He also addresses input and output, program flow, data manipulation, and math operations. There is even a chapter on prototyping and APIs.Free-Format RPG IV is the definitive guide on the topic and just what you need to get started with this exciting, powerful style of programming.With Free-Format RPG IV you will:- Learn not only the "how-to," but also the "why" of free-format RPG IV- Acquire essential, free-format style tips to help you write good, maintainable code- Find complete-program solutions for specific problems, including associated display and printer files- Discover how upgrading your RPG skills to free-format can take your programming career to the next level.

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This book has been a great help in switching our new development to free format. It is filled with coding examples that clearly illustrate the free format syntax. It also provides insight into good coding techniques. All in all, a great book for the modern RPG programmer.

This book is one of those examples of "all good things come in small packages". It is a very pleasant read and excellent for reference. Besides the free format syntax, the book also explains other things such as the use and syntax of Built In Functions and some aspects of ILE. Highly recommend this book to anybody thinking of using RPG Free.

This book is good for the developer that just needs to know the new syntax for the opcodes and new %BIF's. The examples are clear, but not every situation. I think overall it was good. It took me from standard RPG IV to free format and it was pretty painless.

A very clear and concise book. Author knows his topic well and explains everything is very clear language. Strongly recommend for any programmer working with this new and exciting version of RPG.

The book is well organized. Covers the basic topics in RPG free format.Served me as a good starting point for RPG Free Format.Doesn't cover advanced topics such as DDS (Display Files, Printer Files, Phisycal Files or Logical Files) and SQL as well.

This is a very easy book to learn RPG from. It is explained in easy to understand terms and language. If you know RPG IV and are trying to learn free format this is the book to buy. I have met the author and sit in two of the classes he thought and he is easy to learn from and makes learning fun.

Good overview of RPG IV Free-Format, topics covered included BIF (built in functions), Math Operations, and Call/Return Plenty of examples showing Free-Format coding techinques.

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