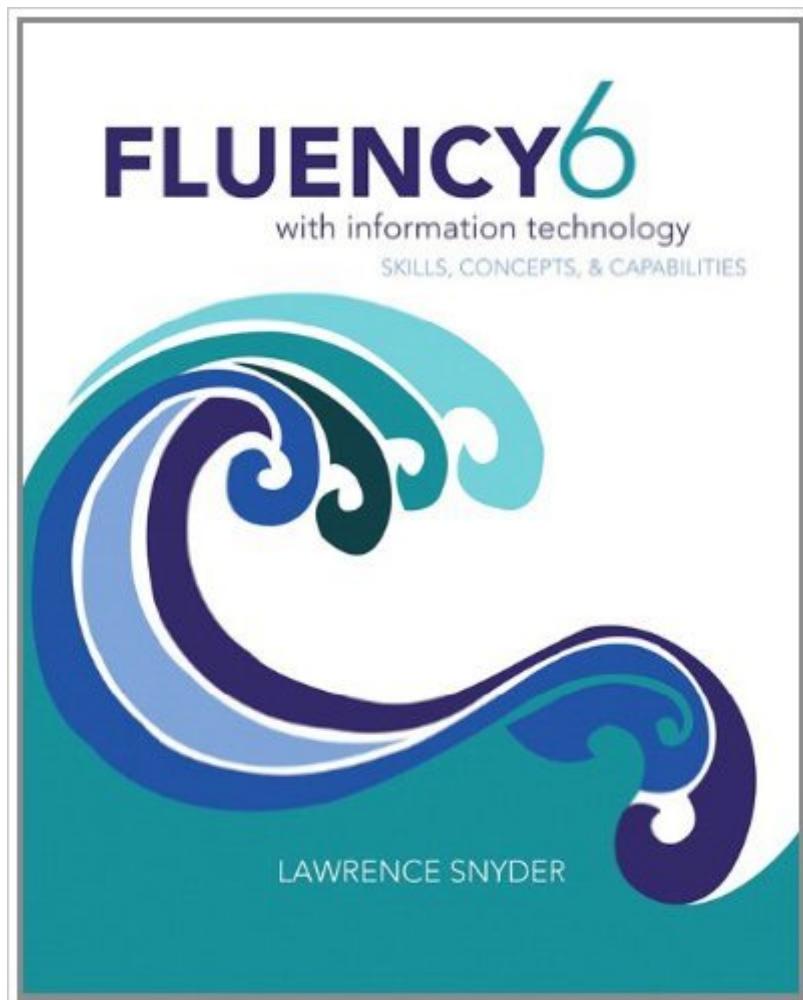


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# Fluency With Information Technology (6th Edition)



## **Synopsis**

Fluency with Information Technology: Skills, Concepts, and Capabilities is intended for use in the introduction to Computer Science course. It is also suitable for readers who wish to become fluent with information technology. *Fluency with Information Technology* 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. *Teaching and Learning Experience* This program presents a better teaching and learning experience "for you and your students. *Skills, Concepts, and Capabilities Promote Lifelong Learning:* Three types of content prepare students to adapt to an ever-changing computing environment. Topics are Explained in Contemporary Terms Consistent with Student Experience: The text has been rewritten to accommodate how students encounter computation, positioning the presentation squarely in the second decade of the 21st century. *Engaging Features Encourage Students to become Fluent with Information Technology:* Interesting hints, tips, exercises, and backgrounds are located throughout the text. *Student and Instructor Resources Enhance Learning:* Supplements are available to expand on the topics presented in the text.

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I want to first start out by providing some background. I have been working in the IT industry for several years now. My first job was as a full time Google employee within engineering, I have also worked at other high tech and bio-tech companies since. This is by far one of the worst books I have ever read. The author must be really great at interviewing otherwise I don't know how any established educational program could ever use this material. If you are being forced to read this book in one of your classes, get a refund and take a credit in something worth your time. (Bad information) The writer "Lawrence Snyder" likes to make claims that Apple computers are completely immune against spyware and viruses in contrast to anything else. This is an example one of many false, and dangerous, statements in this book. (Reading and Exercises) While some of the reading is interesting, most of the text rambles on and on making me think that the writer "Lawrence Snyder" of this book has (ADD). You will find that the text commonly goes off topic and then suddenly resumes the original topic 20 pages later. While there is some useful information in this book much of it would hardly apply in a day to day IT job. Many of the exercises in the book are tedious and cumbersome and will not help any student trying to learn information technology. (Quizzes - trivial pursuit) Many of the pre-generated instructor quizzes for this book would be better suited for a game of trivial pursuit. Many of the other questions are completely out of date. Some of the questions are completely up to one's own interpretation, but if you do not have the author's interpretation the student will get the question wrong.

It did have a little wear and tear around the edges but besides that it was fine

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