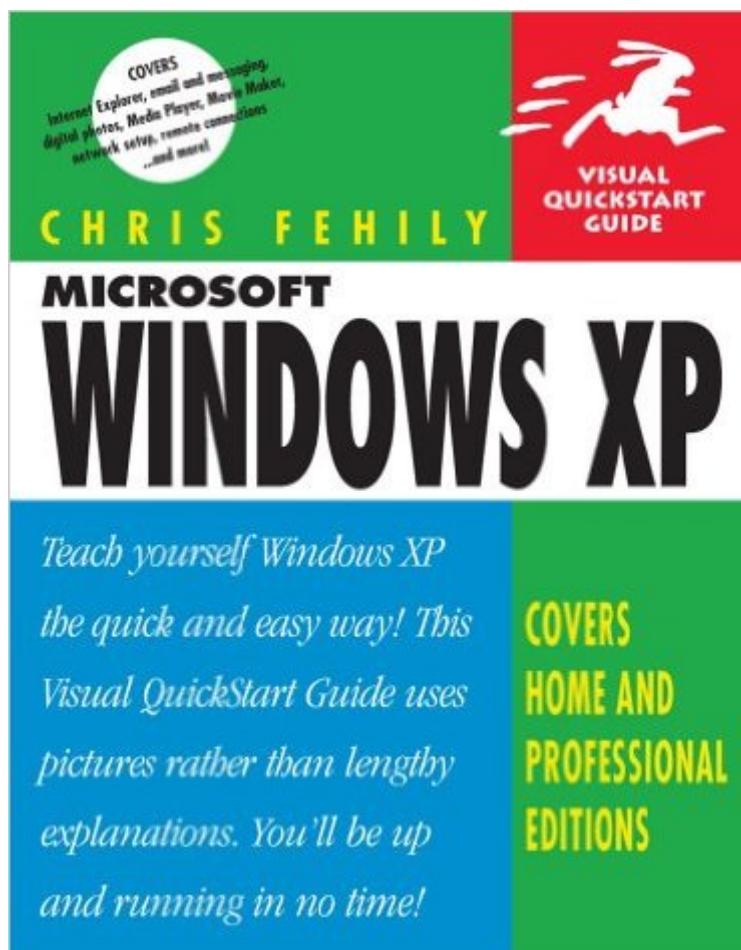


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# Windows XP



## **Synopsis**

If you have Windows XP on your computer, you'll want Windows XP: Visual QuickStart Guide on your bookshelf-it's as simple as that. Even veteran Windows users will quickly discover that the changes in Windows XP go far beyond a radically redesigned interface. And to get the most out of this powerful new operating system-including all of its bundled software and goodies-there's no place better to start than the straightforward, task-oriented approach of Peachpit's popular Visual QuickStart series. In this volume, veteran author Chris Fehily gets right down to business, covering both Home and Professional versions of Microsoft's redesigned operating system in this single edition. After a thorough introduction to the new interface, chapters cover topics such as installing and removing programs; working with documents, accessories, and multimedia; going online; printing; hardware issues; maintenance; and more. Along the way you'll find plenty of screen shots and other graphic aids to acclimate you to all that's new in Microsoft's operating system, as well as the types of undocumented tips and tricks that can only be gleaned from hard-won experience-the author's, not yours!

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Having just bought a new pc with Windows XP installed I thought it would be a good idea to get a book or two about the operating system or software I'm going to use. A problem I've found with computer titles is that they frequently handle, what is essentially a visual subject, with words, words and more words. An instructional screen shot and caption can save an awful lot of text. I had a quick glance through several titles dealing with XP, they were either:1. Huge, definitive, expensive

thousand-page jobs, all right for experts but not me.2. Lots of colorful screen shots and captions but too simple and too expensive3. Small, cheap, pocket-sized and text-crammed with a few screen shots and very boring to look at.I think I've found the ideal title with this 'Windows XP: Visual Quickstart Guide'. It is basically a reference book with step-by-step numbered instructions and tips with screen shots (in black and white) presented in two columns on each page. You can see some of the pages by clicking on 'see inside this book' under the cover picture above. The writing is simple, straightforward and in nineteen chapters I find it very comprehensive. It is aimed at the beginner and intermediate (that's me) pc user, so if you are just starting out you'll be pleased to find that chapter one begins with 'Logging on'. Another good test for a pc book is the quality of its index (I even looked at two that had no index) and this one has nineteen pages.I think that Chris Fehily's 'Windows XP' is an absolute bargain but if you do want something basic and colorful have a look at 'Windows XP plain & simple' by Jerry Joyce and Marianne Moon. Each page has plenty of screen shots and short numbered captions. It's a nicely designed landscape book aimed at the beginner and published by Microsoft but certainly not as comprehensive as the Visual Quickstart Guide.

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Simple, concise, to the point, very easy to follow. Several times this book has helped me to find something in 2 minutes that would have taken me 1/2 hr or more trying to figure it out myself. A great time-saver and headache-preventer. Grab it.

This book is really great for someone with limited computer experience. It very clearly explains how to do all that good stuff in XP. I highly recommend this book for those wishing to know how to get the most from one's computer.

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