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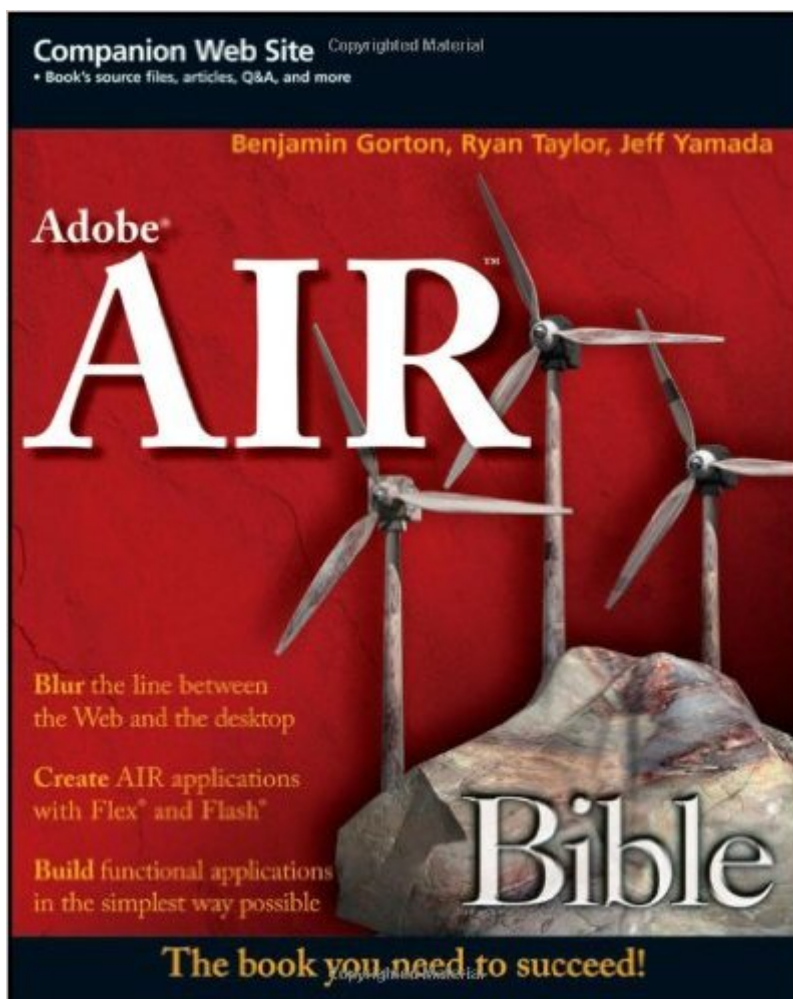**Build** functional applications in the simplest way possible

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Adobe Integrated Runtime (AIR) lets you use scripting languages you already know and frees you from the dull parts of developmentâ ”so you can focus on creating exciting and cost-saving application user interfaces using Flash, Flex, and JavaScript. Find all the tips, techniques, and best practices you need to succeed in this comprehensive reference, including installing AIR across Windows, Mac, or Linux; learning AIR programming, development, and debugging essentials; and much more.

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I've been looking for a solid Air book, and the Bible series delivers once again. So far, i like the fact the book goes beyond the framework and gives incite into application development and best practices. An added bonus is the chapter on automation using ANT.

The book provides a good overview of the Air framework and some helpful advice in how to structure and think about developing a complicated application in Air. There are however several large shortcomings. As someone else stated, the book is described as being for both flash and flex, however all of the major coding examples are done in flex and not in flash, so if you are not familiar with both you will have a hard time figuring out the examples if you are a flash user. Also there are problems with the examples in the book. There are mistakes in the sample code, and the sample

code in the descriptions does not match up with the full code when they pull it all together (example in chapter 8 there is a simple text editor which instructs you on the use of accessing the file system. You go through step by step with a description of the code you are writing, in step 8.15 it tells you to type in one thing, then at the end of the chapter in 8.23 you get the full code as it is supposed to be when done, and the code is different.). I even went to the website to download the sample files, so I could see which one was correct, but the sample files for this chapter were not there, all the other ones were though. There is nothing more frustrating than when you are trying to learn a new aspect of programming, then being given examples that don't work in the first place. Since accessing the file system is the major reason for using air, instead of just flash or flex on its own, the book really is lacking. I would not recommend purchasing it if you are planning on using it for flash, if you are using it for flex, you will probably be fine, but be aware up front, that there are mistakes in some of the example code.

This book was an invaluable reference for me while I was building my first AIR applications, like my Web Video Bitrate Starter app (see [...]). I've since learned how to build bigger and better AIR applications, like a large source file uploader for [...]. Thanks to Ryan, Ben, and Jeff for writing the definitive resource on the matter!

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