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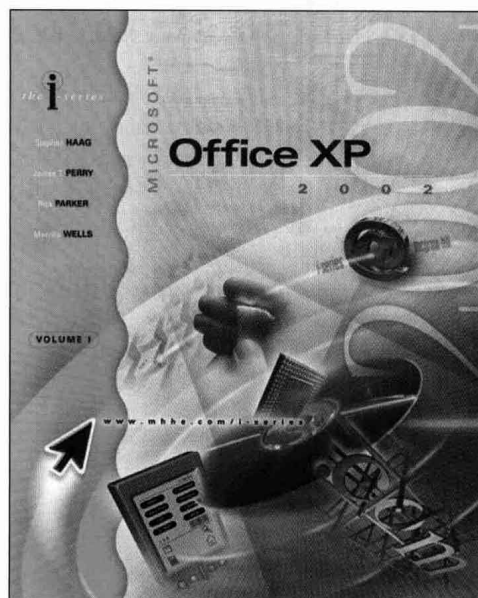
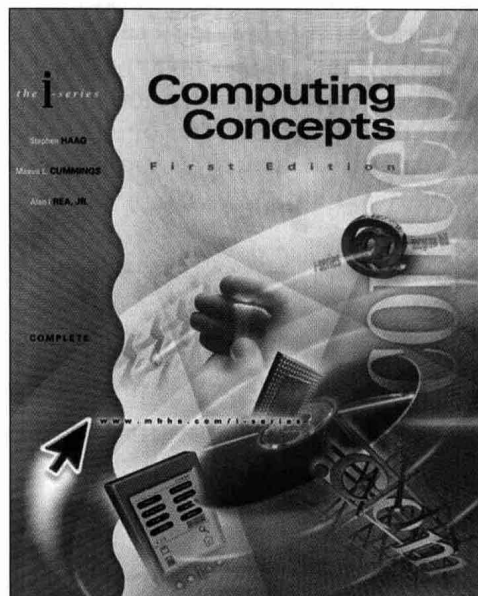
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- Microsoft Access 2002 (Brief, Introductory, Complete Versions) 12 Chapters
- Microsoft PowerPoint 2002 (Brief, Introductory Versions) 8 Chapters
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The I-Series applications textbooks strongly emphasize that students learn and master applications skills by being actively engaged—by *doing*. We made the decision that teaching how to accomplish tasks is not enough for complete understanding and mastery. Students must understand the importance of each of the tasks that lead to a finished product at the end of each chapter.

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The I-Series chapters are subdivided into sessions that contain related groups of tasks with active, hands-on components. The session tasks containing numbered steps collectively result in a completed project at the end of each session. Prior to introducing numbered steps that show how to accomplish a particular task, we discuss why the steps are important. We discuss the role that the collective steps play in the overall plan for creating or modifying a document or object, answering students' often-heard questions, "Why are we doing these steps? Why are these steps important?" Without an explanation of why an activity is important and what it accomplishes, students can easily find themselves following the steps but not registering the big picture of what the steps accomplish and why they are executing them.

I-Series Applications for 2002

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Brief Covers the basics of the Microsoft application and contains Chapters 1 through 4. The Brief textbooks are typically 200 pages long.

Introductory Includes chapters in the Brief textbook plus Chapters 5 through 8. Introductory textbooks typically are 400 pages long and prepare students for the Microsoft Office User Specialist (MOUS) Core Exam.

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In addition, there are two compilation volumes available.

Office I Includes introductory chapters on Windows and Computing Concepts followed by Chapters 1 through 4 (Brief textbook) of Word, Excel, Access, and PowerPoint. In addition, material from the companion Computing Concepts book is integrated into the first few chapters to provide students an understanding of the relationship between Microsoft Office applications and computer information systems.

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Each textbook features the following:

Did You Know Each chapter has six or seven interesting facts—both about high tech and other topics.

Sessions Each chapter is divided into two or three sessions.

Chapter Outline Provides students with a quick map of the major headings in the chapter.

Chapter and MOUS Objectives At the beginning of each chapter is a list of 5 to 10 action-oriented objectives. Any chapter objectives that are also MOUS objectives indicate the MOUS objective number also.

Chapter Opening Case Each chapter begins with a case. Cases describe a mixture of fictitious and real people and companies and the needs of the people and companies. Throughout the chapter, the student gains the skills and knowledge to solve the problem stated in the case.

Introduction The chapter introduction establishes the overview of the chapter's activities in the context of the case problem.

Another Way and Another Word Another Way is a highlighted feature providing a bulleted list of steps to accomplish a task, or best practices—that is, a better or faster way to accomplish a task such as pasting a format onto an Excel cell. Another Word, another highlighted box, briefly explains more about a topic or highlights a potential pitfall.

Step-by-Step Instructions Numbered step-by-step instructions for all hands-on activities appear in a distinctive color. Keyboard characters and menu selections appear in a **special format** to emphasize what the user should press or type. Steps make clear to the student the exact sequence of keystrokes and mouse clicks needed to complete a task such as formatting a Word paragraph.

Tips Tips appear within a numbered sequence of steps and warn the student of possible missteps or provide alternatives to the step that precedes the tip.

Task Reference and Task Reference

Round-Up Task References appear throughout the textbook. Set in a distinctive design, each Task Reference contains a bulleted list of steps showing a generic way to accomplish activities that are especially important or significant. A Task Reference Round-Up at the end of each chapter summarizes a chapter's Task References.

MOUS Objectives Summary A list of MOUS objectives covered in a chapter appears in the chapter objectives and the chapter summary.

Making the Grade Short answer questions appear at the end of each chapter's sessions. They test a student's grasp of each session's contents, and Making the Grade answers appear at the end of each book so students can check their answers.

Rich End-of-Chapter Materials End-of-chapter materials incorporating a three-level approach reinforce learning and help students take ownership of the chapter. Level One, review of terminology, contains a fun crossword puzzle that enforces review of a chapter's key terms. Level Two, review of concepts, contains fill-in-the blank questions, review questions, and a Jeopardy-style create-a-question exercise. Level Three is Hands-on Projects.

Hands-on Projects Extensive hands-on projects engage the student in a problem-solving exercise from start to finish. There are six clearly labeled categories that each contain one or two questions. Categories are Practice, Challenge!, On the Web, E-Business, Around the World, and a Running Project that carries throughout all the chapters.

We understand that, in today's teaching environment, offering a textbook alone is not sufficient to meet the needs of the many instructors who use our books. To teach effectively, instructors must have a full complement of supplemental resources to assist them in every facet of teaching, from preparing for class to conducting a lecture to assessing students' comprehension. The **I-Series** offers a complete supplements package and Web site that is briefly described below.

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The Instructor's Resource Kit is a CD-ROM containing the Instructor's Manual in both MS Word and .pdf formats, PowerPoint Slides with Presentation Software, Brownstone test-generating software, and accompanying test item files in both MS Word and .pdf formats for each chapter. The CD also contains figure files from the text, student data files, and solutions files. The features of each of the three main components of the Instructor's Resource Kit are highlighted below.

Instructor's Manual Featuring:

- Chapter learning objectives per chapter
- Chapter outline with teaching tips
- Annotated Solutions Diagram to provide Troubleshooting Tips, Tricks, and Traps
- Lecture Notes, illustrating key concepts and ideas
- Annotated Syllabus, depicting a time table and schedule for covering chapter content
- Additional end-of-chapter projects
- Answers to all Making the Grade and end-of-chapter questions

PowerPoint Presentation

The PowerPoint presentation is designed to provide instructors with comprehensive lecture and teaching resources that will include

- Chapter learning objectives followed by source content that illustrates key terms and key facts per chapter

- FAQ (frequently asked questions) to show key concepts throughout the chapter; also, lecture notes, to illustrate these key concepts and ideas
- End-of-chapter exercises and activities per chapter, as taken from the end-of-chapter materials in the text
- Speaker's Notes, to be incorporated throughout the slides per chapter
- Figures/screen shots, to be incorporated throughout the slides per chapter

PowerPoint includes presentation software for instructors to design their own presentation for their course.

Test Bank

The I-Series Test Bank, using Diploma Network Testing Software by Brownstone, contains over 3,000 questions (both objective and interactive) categorized by topic, page reference to the text, and difficulty level of learning. Each question is assigned a learning category:

- Level 1: Key Terms and Facts
- Level 2: Key Concepts
- Level 3: Application and Problem-Solving

The types of questions consist of 40 percent Identifying/Interactive Lab Questions, 20 percent Multiple Choice, 20 percent True/False, and 20 percent Fill-in/Short Answer Questions.

ONLINE LEARNING CENTER/WEB SITE

The Online Learning Center that accompanies the I-Series is accessible through our Information Technology Supersite at <http://www.mhhe.com/catalogs/irwin/it/>. This site provides additional review and learning tools developed using the same three-level approach found in the text and supplements. To locate the I-Series OLC/Web site directly, go to www.mhhe.com/i-series. The site is divided into three key areas:

- **Information Center** Contains core information about the text, the authors, and a guide to our additional features and benefits of the series, including the supplements.

- **Instructor Center** Offers instructional materials, downloads, additional activities and answers to additional projects, answers to chapter troubleshooting exercises, answers to chapter preparation/post exercises posed to students, relevant links for professors, and more.
- **Student Center** Contains chapter objectives and outlines, self-quizzes, chapter troubleshooting exercises, chapter preparation/post exercises, additional projects, simulations, student data files and solutions files, Web links, and more.

RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

Interactive Companion CD This student CD-ROM can be packaged with this text. It is designed for use in class, in the lab, or at home by students and professors and combines video, interactive exercises, and animation to cover the most difficult and popular topics in Computing Concepts. By combining video, interactive exercises, animation, additional content, and actual “lab” tutorials, we expand the reach and scope of the textbook.

SimNet XPert SimNet XPert is a simulated assessment and learning tool. It allows students to study MS Office XP skills and computer concepts, and professors to test and evaluate students’ proficiency within MS Office XP applications and concepts. Students can practice and study their skills at home or in the school lab using SimNet XPert, which does not require the purchase of Office XP software. SimNet XPert will contain new features and enhancements for Office XP, including:

NEW! Live Assessments! SimNet XPert now includes live-in-the-application assessments! One for each skill set for Core MOUS objectives in Word 2002, Excel 2002, Access 2002, and PowerPoint 2002 (total of 29 Live-in-the-Application Assessments). Multiple tasks are required to complete each live assessment (about 100 tasks covered).

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did you know?

the Penny is the only coin currently minted in the United States with a profile that faces to the right. All other U.S. coins feature profiles that face to the left.

the world's largest wind generator is on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. The windmill has two blades 400 feet long on the top of a tower, twenty stories high.

the only house in England that the Queen may not enter is the House of Commons, because she is not a commoner. She is also the only person in England who does not need a license plate on her vehicle.

former U.S. Vice President Al Gore and Oscar-winning actor Tommy Lee Jones were roommates at Harvard.

Chapter Objectives

- Plan and document a workbook
- Create formulas containing cell references and mathematical operators (MOUS Ex2002-5-1)
- Write functions including Sum, Average, Max, and Min (MOUS Ex2002-5-2)
- Use Excel's AutoSum feature to automatically write Sum functions
- Learn several ways to copy a formula from one cell to many other cells
- Differentiate between absolute, mixed, and relative cell reference (MOUS Ex2002-5-1)
- Adjust column widths (MOUS Ex2002-3-2)
- Set a print area (MOUS Ex2002-3-7)
- Move text, values, and formulas (MOUS Ex2002-1-1)
- Insert and delete rows and columns (MOUS Ex2002-3-2)
- Format cells (MOUS Ex2002-3-1)
- Create cell comments (MOUS Ex2002-7-3)

Chapter Objectives

Each chapter begins with a list of competencies covered in the chapter.

CHAPTER

2

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Planning and
Creating a
Worksheet

Task Reference

Provides steps to accomplish an especially important task.

task reference

Changing Relative References to Absolute or Mixed References

- Double-click the cell containing the formula that you want to edit or click the cell and then press **F2**
- Move the insertion point, a vertical bar, to the left of the cell reference you want to alter
- Press function key **F4** repeatedly until the absolute or mixed reference you want appears
- Press **Enter** to complete the cell edit procedure

Making the Grade

Short-answer questions appear at the end of each session and answers appear at the end of the book.

SESSION 2.1

making the grade

1. Explain how AutoSum works and what it does.
2. Suppose you select cell A14 and type $D5+F5$. What is stored in cell A14: text, a value, or a formula?
3. You can drag the _____, which is a small black square in the lower-right corner of the active cell, to copy the cell's contents.
4. Evaluation of a formula such as $=D4+D5*D6$ is governed by order of precedence. Explain what that means in general and then indicate the order in which Excel calculates the preceding expression.
5. Suppose Excel did not provide an AVERAGE function. Show an alternative way to compute the average of cell range A1:B25 using the other Excel statistical functions.

FIGURE 2.16
Copied formulas' results

Copied a formula from one cell to many cells:

1. Click cell **G4** to make it the active cell. The cell's formula, **=F4/B4**, appears in the formula bar.
 2. Click **Edit** on the menu bar and then click **Copy** to copy the cell's contents to the Clipboard. Notice that a dashed line encloses the cell whose contents are on the Clipboard.
- tip:** You can press **Ctrl+C** instead of using the Copy command. Those of you who keep your hands on the keyboard may favor this keyboard shortcut.
3. Click and drag cells **G5** through **G8** to select them. They are the target range into which you will paste the cell G4's contents.
 4. Click **Edit** on the menu bar and then click **Paste**. Excel copies the Clipboard's contents into each of the cells in the selected range and then adjusts each cell's formula to correspond to its new location. Notice that the Paste Options Smart Tag appears below and to the right of cell G8 (see Figure 2.16). The Paste Options Smart Tag provides several formatting and copying options in its list. You can access the options by clicking the Smart Tag list arrow.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Aluminum Can Recycling Contest							
2								
3	City	Population	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Per Capita	
4	Arcata	19255	10505	24556	12567	47628	3003974	
5	Los Gatos	28951	24567	21777	26719	73063	2523678	
6	Pasadena	142547	10					
7	San Diego	2801561	271					
8	Sunnyvale	1689908	152					
9	Total		437					
10	Minimum		1					
11	Average		875					
12	Maximum		271					
13								
14								

tip: You can press **Ctrl+V** to paste the Clipboard's contents.

5. Press **Escape** to clear the line from the source and view the formula bar.

Step-by-Step Instruction

Numbered steps guide you through the exact sequence of keystrokes to accomplish the task.

Tips

Tips appear within steps and either indicate possible missteps or provide alternatives to a step.

Screen Shots

Screen shots show you what to expect at critical points.

hands-on projects

practice

LEVEL THREE

End-of-Chapter Hands-on Projects

A rich variety of projects introduced by a case lets you put into practice what you have learned. Categories include Practice, Challenge, On the Web, E-Business, Around the World, and a running case project.

anotherword

... about Smart Tags

Microsoft Office Smart Tags are a set of buttons that are shared across the Office applications. The buttons appear when needed, such as when Excel detects you may have made an error in an Excel formula, and gives the user appropriate options to change the given action or error.

Another Way/ Another Word

Another Way highlights an alternative way to accomplish a task; Another Word explains more about a topic.

task reference roundup

Task	Location	Preferred Method
Writing formulas	EX 2.9	• Select a cell, type 5, type the formula, press Enter
Modifying an AutoSum cell range by pointing	EX 2.11	• Press an arrow key repeatedly to select leftmost or topmost cell in range, press and hold Shift , select cell range with arrow keys, release Shift , press Enter
Writing a function using the Paste Function button	EX 2.17	• Select a cell, click Paste Function , click a function category, click a function name, click OK , complete the Formula Palette dialog box, click OK
Copying and pasting a cell or range of cells	EX 2.21	• Select source cell(s), click Edit , click Copy , select target cell(s), click Edit , click Paste
Copying cell contents using a cell's fill handle	EX 2.23	• Select source cell(s), drag the fill handle to the source cell(s) range, release the mouse button

Task Reference RoundUp

Provides a quick reference and summary of a chapter's task references.



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For all that they do to support me when writing
isn't easy and to celebrate the times when it
goes well.

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did you know?

the “XP” in Microsoft Office XP stands for “experience”—specifically, an exciting new set of experiences enabled by this new release?

Microsoft was created by Paul Allen and Bill Gates in 1975 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, long before they moved their offices to Redmond, Washington?

Allen and Gates developed a version of the BASIC computer language for the first personal computer, known as the Altair 8800?

the inventor of the Altair 8800, Dr. Ed Roberts, is now a family physician in Cochran, Georgia?

Dr. Roberts coined the phrase “personal computer” since it was the first computer designed for personal use?

what was the basic configuration of the Altair 8800?
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Common Microsoft Office XP Features

Chapter Objectives

In this chapter you will:

- Be introduced to the Office XP suite
- Find out what new features exist in Office XP
- Become familiar with the different versions of Office XP and which four applications are included in all versions
- Learn about the common screen elements such as the title bar, menu bar, and toolbars
- Learn how to switch between two or more open applications
- Learn how to use Office XP’s newest features: the task pane and smart tags
- Become familiar with how to get help in an application
- Learn how to customize your Office Assistant
- Learn about the newest Help features: Answer Wizard and Ask a Question

CHAPTER OUTLINE:

1.1 Introducing
Microsoft Office XP

INTRODUCTION

Office XP is the newest version of the popular Microsoft integrated application suite series that has helped personal computer users around the world to be productive and creative. Specifically, an **application** is a program that is designed to help you accomplish a particular task, such as creating a slide-show presentation using PowerPoint. An **integrated application suite**, like Office XP, is a collection of application programs bundled together and designed to allow the user to effortlessly share information from one application to the next.

SESSION 1.1 INTRODUCING MICROSOFT
OFFICE XP

There are several versions of Office XP available to users with a diversity of personal and business needs. They include the Standard edition, the Professional edition, the Professional Special edition, and the Developer edition. Each edition comes with a collection of different programs, but all include the basic applications of Word, Excel, Outlook, and PowerPoint, which is the collection known as the **Standard edition**. The **Professional edition** adds Access to the collection, whereas the **Professional Special edition** includes Access, FrontPage, and Publisher. A summary of some of the more popular applications available in Office XP is listed in Figure 1.1.

FIGURE 1.1

Application programs available
in Microsoft Office XP

<i>Office XP Application</i>	<i>Summary of What the Program Does</i>
Word 2002	Word is a general-purpose word-processing tool that allows users to create primarily text-based documents, such as letters, résumés, research papers, and even Web pages.
Excel 2002	Excel is an electronic spreadsheet tool that can be used to input, organize, calculate, analyze, and display business data.
PowerPoint 2002	PowerPoint is a popular presentation tool that allows users to create overhead transparencies and powerful multimedia slide shows.
Access 2002	Access is a relational database tool that can be used to collect, organize, and retrieve large amounts of data. With a database you can manipulate the data into useful information using tables, forms, queries, and reports.
Outlook 2002	Outlook is a desktop information management tool that allows you to send and receive e-mail, maintain a personal calendar of appointments, schedule meetings with co-workers, create to-do lists, and store address information about business/personal contacts.
FrontPage 2002	FrontPage is a powerful Web publishing tool that provides everything needed to create, edit, and manage a personal or corporate Web site, without having to learn HTML.
Publisher 2002	Publisher is a desktop publishing tool that provides individual users the capability to create professional-looking flyers, brochures, and newsletters.