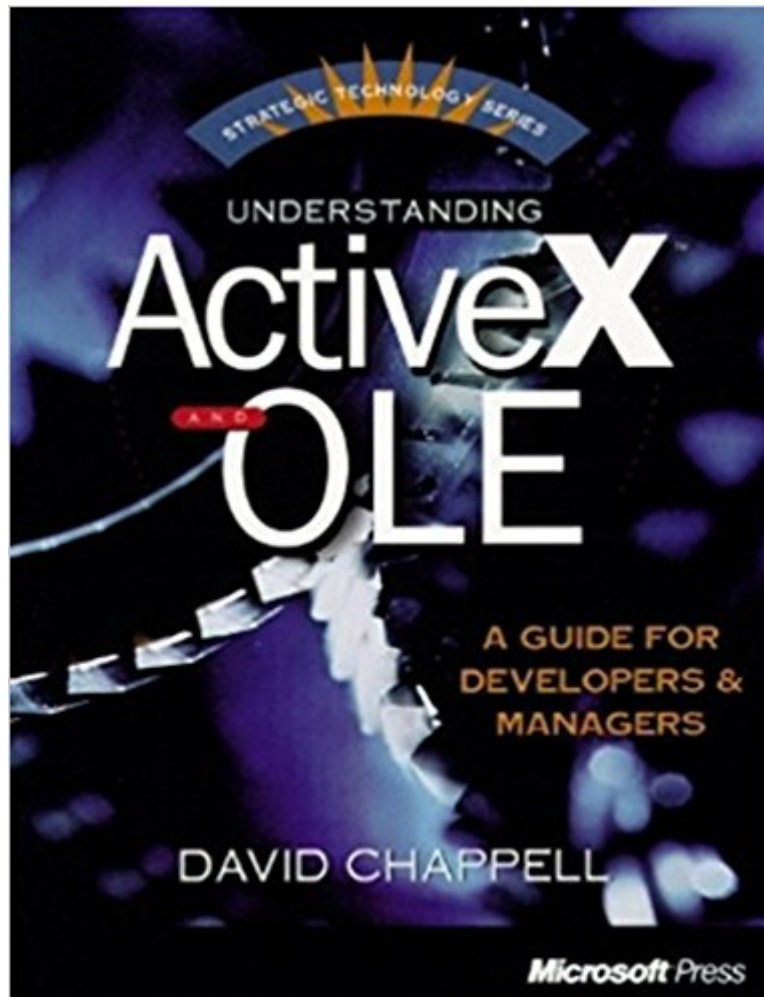


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# Understanding ActiveX And OLE: A Guide For Developers And Managers (Strategic Technology)



## Synopsis

David Chappell, the author of professional courses and articles on Microsoft OLE and the Common Object Model (COM), introduces readers to OLE's importance and strategic significance. He delves into how component software led to OLE and then to COM. He also covers topics such as structured storage, monikers, Uniform Data Transfer, and OLE Automation.

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I found this a useful book. I've been working with OLE for about a year now and what this book does

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I bought this book knowing absolutely nothing about COM/DCOM. This book does a good job of orientating you to the world of COM. In the process it does a pretty good job of explaining object-oriented programming. The only remotely bad thing I can say about this book is that it shows some favoritism towards C++ (too many C++ references and not enough Java/J++ and/or Visual Basic). otherwise this is a great book for gaining understanding about COM/DCOM.

\*If you want to establish a good foundation first, I recommend reading this book before reading other COM books (and getting confused^\_^). \*This book is very easy to understand and enjoyable to read. However, it is just an introduction, and only contains some snippets. I strongly recommend "Inside COM" for further study. \*DON'T read "Essential COM" unless you have finished "Inside COM".

When I purchased this book, I had no clue what COM/DCOM was, besides maybe what the initials meant. This book did a nice job of easing one's understanding into COM. I think this a great book whether you are a project manager just trying to get a clue, an experienced programmer trying something different, or a newbie. This book is a solid high-level beginning for learning COM. If you want to have a better understanding of COM, buy this book. If you want to learn how to code COM components look for a good VB, C++, or Java book.

This is one of my favorite books. This book gave me an excellent understanding of COM architecture. It's concise and has just the right amount of info. If you are looking for a ready made set of code sample to cut & paste in your project or if you are more interested about 'how' than 'why' of COM then this book is not for you. I have recommended this book and also lent my copy to many. I couldn't keep the book down. An excellent read. David Chappell has done a great job!

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