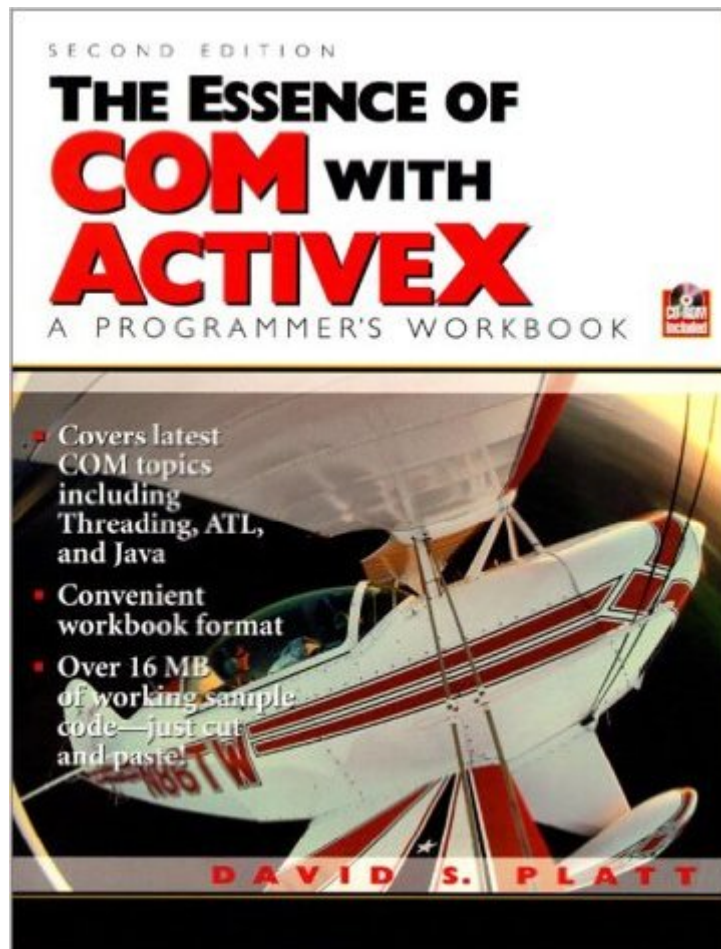


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I bought this book one year ago because there were some good reviews from two authors I

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