Chapter 1 : Kathy Sierra - Wikipedia

Kathy Sierra, SCJP, was a codeveloper of the SCJP SCEA www.nxgvision.com was a master trainer for Sun Educational Services, where she taught Java instructors. She is the sole founder of the world's largest Java certification website, www.nxgvision.com Kathy has worked for Sun Educational Services in the course development, customer training, and certification departments.

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reference, while I threw out the "Passport". This book is good if you have limited time to prepare for SCJP. The authors have done excellent job to extract out core concept from exam point of view. However, there are some typos and cds is not useful. I did refer Khalid Mughal book to clear some of the funda and practice examples. What a fun book to read! I really liked it There are other books that go into greater detail, but you will pay 2x more. There is too much assumed to just pick this book up as your first Java certification book. Excellent Java book to clear concept, but not for newbies. Sun on Mar 23, This is a very good Java book for not only the certification exam but also the one which helps you to get clear concept. I have experience in programming Java and now decide to go certified. I do feel this book help me quite a lot in the exam preparation. It serves as a very good review for the Java knowledges I have. The price of the book is also very nice. I can say that you get far more than you paid. One thing I would like to mention is this book probably a little bit tough for the newbies. Although most of comments here are negative, I still want to give this book a high rating. Just the stuff that you need By on Feb 01, In addition to liking the easy reading it was nice to stick to JUST the stuff that I need to get through this exam. This book does just that. The reading was clear and to the point. The tips and stuff were great. The CD is a bit flakey though. Add a Book Review Book Summary: This particular edition is in a Paperback format. To buy this book at the lowest price, Click Here.

Chapter 2 : Ocp Java Se 7 Programmer Study Guide by Kathy Sierra

I have had a couple of years of experience in Java before I started reading this book. So, my review may not be appropriate for beginners. However, this book covers a lot of concepts that explain the underlying working of Java.

Chapter 3 : OCA/OCP Java SE 7 Programmer I & II Study Guide - PDF Book

Hi Thomas Field, First of all, a warm welcome to CodeRanch! Thomas Field wrote:Any update? Unfortunately the book is still not listed on McGrawHill's www.nxgvision.com with the OCA / OCP 8 Programmer Certification Kit, there is a very good alternative available.

Chapter 4 : Top 2 Books for OCPJP8 Certification - Java 8 1Z, , Exam

Java 5 has a class called www.nxgvision.comties that can be used to access a system's persistent information such as the current versions of the operating system, the Java compiler, and the Java virtual machine.

Chapter 5 : 2 Books to Prepare Oracle Java Certification Exams - OCA and OCP Java SE 6,7, 8 OCPJP 8

Kathy Sierra has 30 books on Goodreads with ratings. Kathy Sierra's most popular book is Head First Design Patterns. Mike Meyers' Java 2 Certification.

Chapter 6 : * Welcome Kathy Sierra, Bert Bates, & Elisabeth Robson (OCPJP forum at Coderanch)

Finally, the book "OCA Java SE 8 Programmer I Exam Guide (Exams 1Z) (Certification & Career by Kathy sierra " is going to be published on 27th May Check it out by clicking on the above link, It will take you to the Amazon page.

Chapter 7 : Books by Kathy Sierra (Author of Head First Java)

This book's primary objective is to help you prepare for and pass Oracle's OCA Java SE 7 and OCP Java SE 7 Programmer I & II certification exams. If you already have an SCJP certification, all of the topics covered in the OCP 7 Upgrade exam are covered here as well.

Chapter 8 : OCA Java SE 8 Programmer I Exam Guide (Exams 1Z) [Book]

Though I followed Java Certification book from Khalid Mughal, It seems this book will cover, what needed for Java SE 7 exam. Khalid Mughal books were quite popular earlier but seem Kathy Sierra books has been more popular nowadays.

Chapter 9 : OCA Java SE 8 Programmer I Exam Guide (Exams 1Z) - Kathy Sierra, Bert Bates - Google Bo

The book is written by Jeanne Boyarsky and Scott Selikoff and it is the second book by them on Java 8 certification. The first book was on OCAJP8 which was also a great book. If you read this book cover to cover, you would be in very good shape to clear the OCPJP8 exam, which is a lot harder than OCAJP8.