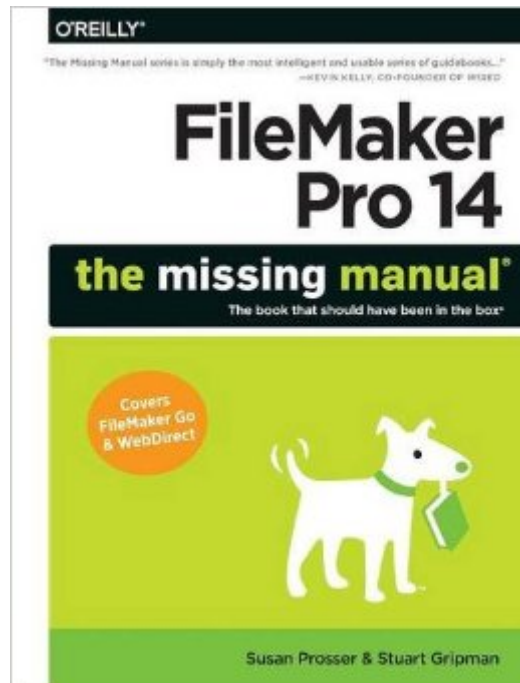


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FileMaker Pro 14: The Missing Manual



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You don't need a technical background to build powerful databases with FileMaker Pro 14. This crystal-clear, objective guide shows you how to create a database that lets you do almost anything with your data so you can quickly achieve your goals. Whether you're creating catalogs, managing inventory and billing, or planning a wedding, you'll learn how to customize your database to run on a PC, Mac, web browser, or iOS device. The important stuff you need to know: Dive into relational data. Solve problems quickly by connecting and combining data from different tables. Create professional documents. Publish reports, charts, invoices, catalogs, and other documents with ease. Access data anywhere. Use FileMaker Go on your iPad or iPhone or share data on the Web. Harness processing power. Use new calculation and scripting tools to crunch numbers, search text, and automate tasks. Run your database on a secure server. Learn the high-level features of FileMaker Pro Advanced. Keep your data safe. Set privileges and allow data sharing with FileMaker's streamlined security features.

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dozens of times a day), you'll find that FileMaker doesn't play favorites. The features you need for both roles are equally accessible. FileMaker Pro 14 introduces a boatload of new features to make database creation more powerful and efficient. Here are the most notable items you learn about in this book:

- The Script Workspace is a fundamentally new way to create scripts. The endless clicking and scrolling has been replaced with quick and efficient composing and editing from the keyboard. You can now work on multiple scripts in the Script Workspace's tabs, and the script steps are color-coded for better readability.
- Calculation editing also has a new look and feel. Extensive use of predictive type suggests functions as you start to type them. Better still, it offers to fill in the names of your fields as you start to type them, too.
- Buttons can now have embedded icons along with, or instead of, text. You can also create Button Bars—single layout objects comprised of several independently clickable areas.
- Navigation parts are ideal spots for those Button Bars. These non-printing parts remain anchored to the top and bottom of the FileMaker window regardless of how much scrolling takes place in between.
- Placeholder text offers a new way to label your fields. The text appears when the field is empty, but disappears as soon as some information has been entered.
- Security gets a streamlined interface with easy access to the most frequently used options and all the more complicated stuff just a step away.
- The improved color palette gives a leg up to the chromatically challenged with a wider range of colors, collections of hues that work well together, and the ability to paste hexadecimal color values right into the palette.
- Twelve new or improved script steps including Refresh Portal to update related data in a portal without having to update the whole screen, and Set Allowed Orientations to protect your finely crafted iOS solutions from undesired screen rotations.
- Twelve new or improved functions bring more control over touchscreen keyboard and information about the state of the improved Audio/Visual player.
- New script triggers aimed at improving the user experience on iOS.
- Gesture support comes to Windows 8 touchscreen users.

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