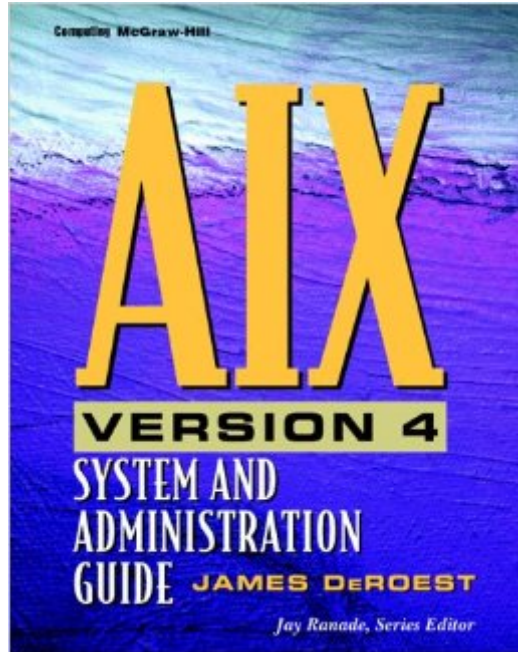


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Luckily I inherited this book from somebody that got fired. I would have been furious if I had paid for it. I administer several hundred AIX boxes from SP2's to workstations. Nothing in this book has ever been helpful to me. It is poorly organized and trying to find what you are looking for is impossible. Very disappointing. It makes me wonder why so many people have this on their bookshelf. Maybe because it's thick and cumbersome they think it's packed with goodies. It's NOT! Try something that is thinner and infinitely more helpful for AIX administrators: The AIX Survival Guide by Siebert. It has led me to all of my AIX answers.

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