

Computing for Seniors Quick Steps

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This would be a great book for Rip van Winkle after his long sleep.

It is basically an overview of the most common computer applications that an individual might be looking for. The only concessions to seniors is the bold typeface, wide line spacing and ease of use layouts.

The application areas that get the most attention are e-mail and the internet, socialization, digital photography, electronic books and music, on-line banking, and geneology. Each topic gets about 30 pages of coverage.

There is enough information for the reader to know if he wants to go further in that area. For each application area, the leading low-cost programs and their sources are listed and some examples given, complete with screen captures.

For example, for digital photography *Photoscape* and *Picasa* get extensive coverage. *Photoshop CS* is barely mentioned and *Photoshop Elements* is not even mentioned. Listings of available programs are generally limited to those that are free or very low cost. It is assumed that *Word* and *Excel* have been installed.



All of the examples are for PCs equipped with *Windows 7*. Apple computer software is mentioned in only a few places.

While the text is easy to read, the screen-capture examples are small and hard to read. To fully understand the material, the reader will need some

familiarity with PC computers, such things as file and folder creation, the use of *Windows Explorer*, and basic keyboard operations.

To actually work in any of the major subject areas the reader will need additional information in the form of books or help screens.

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