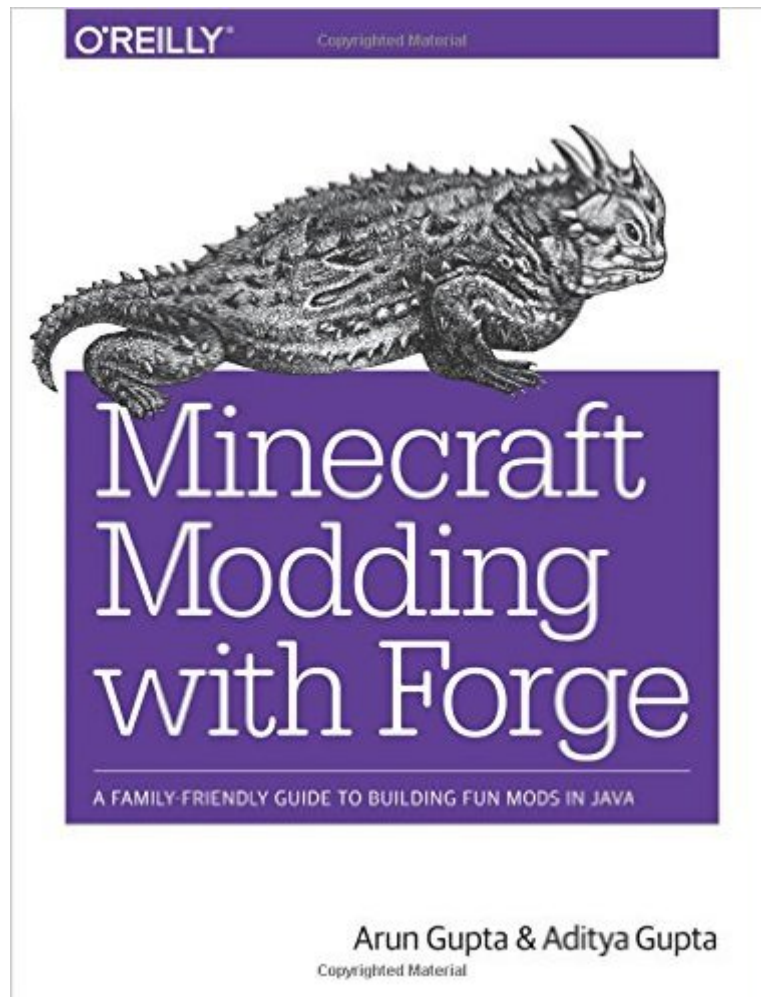


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Minecraft Modding With Forge: A Family-Friendly Guide To Building Fun Mods In Java



Synopsis

Playing Minecraft is a lot of fun, but the game is more engaging, entertaining, and educational when kids learn how to build mods—small programs that let them modify game elements and add content. This family-friendly guide teaches kids and parents how to create mods of different types, using the Minecraft Forge modding tool. No programming experience is needed. You'll not only build some amazing mods with the book's easy-to-follow instructions, but you'll also learn how to work with Java, the same programming language that Minecraft uses. Why wait? Get started with computer programming and be more creative with Minecraft while you're at it! This book will help you: Learn the fundamentals of Minecraft Forge and other tools, such as Eclipse Start out by building and testing a simple chat message mod Build cool mods that make things explode on contact, and help entities jump higher and climb walls Introduce new Minecraft content, including commands, blocks, items, and recipes and textures Work with Java fundamentals such as classes, methods, annotations, control structures, and arrays Learn techniques for creating your own mods This guide is based on workshops the authors deliver to kids around the world.

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First, content-wise, this book is a very good place to begin learning to create mods for Minecraft 1.8.x (the version is important as it differentiates this book from others). It's by no means perfect

(especially for someone you does not already know how to do Java programming on a PC); but it tries to walk the inexperienced reader through all the environment and third-party toolkit configuration that is required to begin modding and all that information is one place. It also has a very clear set of "lessons" it uses to get you started with a variety of modifications you are most likely to want to attempt (at least as a beginner). If not for this book, you're basically stuck going through the myriad of online tutorials, articles, forums, videos, and existing mods source code as best you can. That said, this review (and its rating) is for the Kindle e-book variant specifically and is meant to influence those unsure of which format (digital or tree) to purchase. I bought this e-book specifically to use as a side-by-side companion to the running development environment (on a PC) with the expectation that I could cut-and-paste from the e-book (reader for PC) into the source editor with minimal fuss and follow the author's flow easily. This I thought was the major value-add of the digital kindle copy over the tree-based variant. I was wrong. Really, really, really wrong. With 's push into textbooks on Kindle I am surprised how bad an experience this is. In a nutshell, you cannot cut-n-paste the code snippets with some semblance of useful formatting and each copy attaches a massive copyright notice of some kind (so if I select and copy the text "org.devovx4kids.forge.mods" I also get three sentences of legalese-junk that is not part of what I've selected).

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