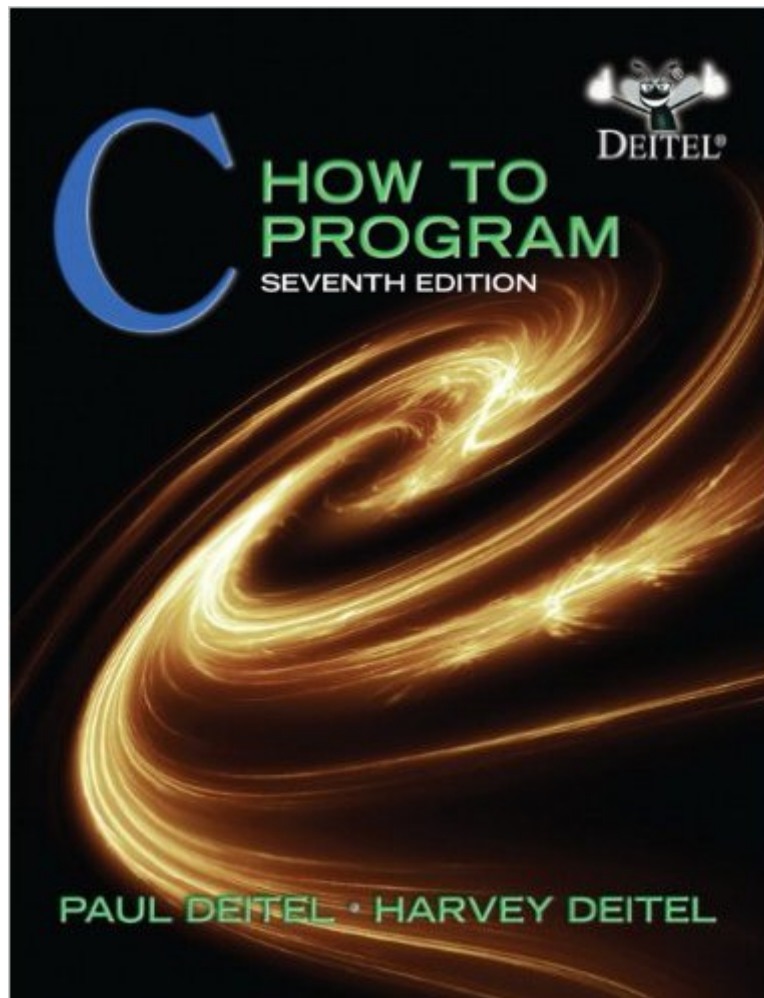


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This book suffers from all the shortcomings of the 8th edition. I was first planning on doing a detailed review, but came to realize I would be repeating exactly what many readers pointed out in the previous editions. Besides, the authors don't care much to read them. The prudent reader would do well to read the reviews of the 8th edition to have an idea of what to expect at C++ How to Program (8th Edition). For the sake of completeness, I will point out a few things. You are looking at the most expensive book on C++ ever written, with nothing magical to show for that \$110+ price [edit: with the fall semester underway, the price is now \$135+]. We know books marketed as textbooks are targeted towards students who allegedly have deep pockets (from grants, parents' savings, or

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