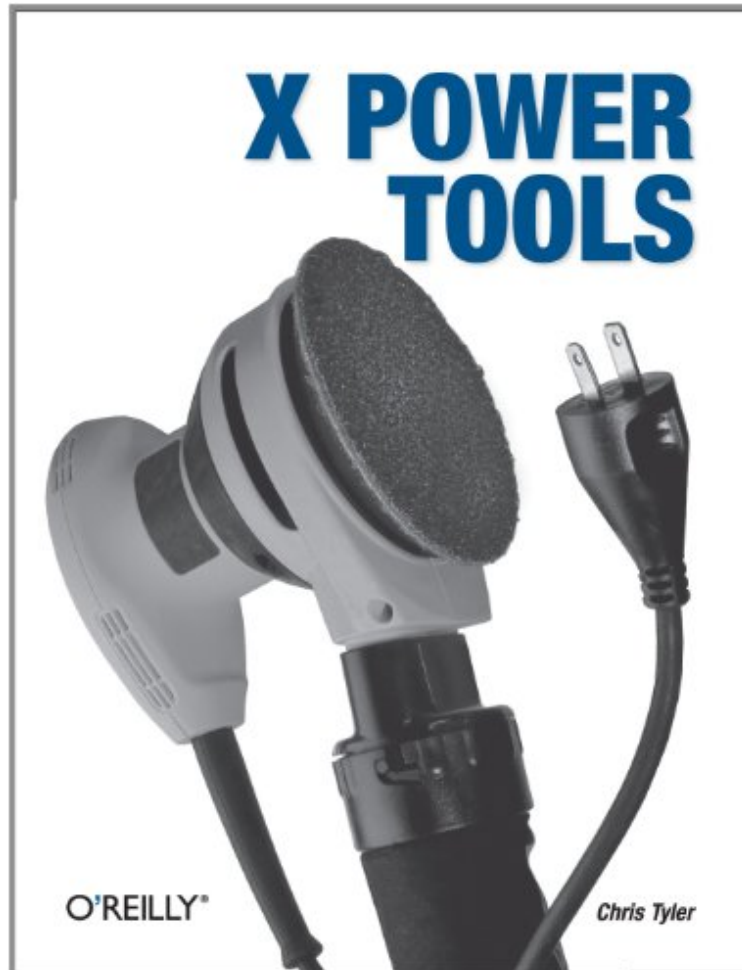


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Chris Tyler : X Power Tools before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised X Power Tools:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great information on XBy Unix ListsX is rapidly changing these days, owing to development of newer hardware (e.g. KMS) and the desire of certain Projects such as Canonical to implement their own versions (Mir etc.).Nevertheless, this is a great book with some neat tricks to boot. Not every machine which I personally own--which actually runs a display--has the latest-and-greatest Hardware, and I was therefore pleasantly surprised to learn several things I did not know about X. It is my personal hope that MIT's X Implementation will continue to be a mainstay for years to come.5 of 7 people found the following review helpful. An Introduction to XBy Burlen LoringAlthough a bit superficial technically speaking X Power Tools pieces together a survey of generally useful X11 knowledge in a quick and easy read. Think of this book as a good place to begin an exploration of X. For those who know next to nothing X11 or windowing systems, and have little experience configuring or running Linux the book is a perfect introduction (5 stars). For those who have a lot of experience

configuring or running Linux, who certainly have had to interact with X before, much of this material will already be familiar (3 stars). I fall into the latter category and still found the book useful. Here is a list of the "x" commands on my linux box cross referenced with the book's index. Note this isn't necessarily a complete list and the book is more than just a command reference, as it goes into detail explaining configuration file formats and options. Still this list gives an idea of the scope of the book.

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NO1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Rare coverage of X windows and VNC
By Book Reader
This book has rare coverage of X windows and VNC that is not findable in the internet. When I search for similar material on the internet I usually get outdated material or cryptic explanations. If you are working with or configuring X windows or VNC on servers, this book is worth getting. It covers these topics and the explanations are good.

This book puts you in charge of the most flexible and adaptable graphical interface in the computer industry. The X Window System underlies graphical desktops on Linux and Unix systems, and supports advanced features of modern graphics cards. More people use the X Window System than ever before, but there are few books about X in print. X Power Tools fills that hole with the most practical and up-to-date information available. Written in O'Reilly's popular Power Tools format, X Power Tools offers dozens of standalone articles, thoroughly cross-referenced, on useful tools and techniques for using X. This unique inside look at X gives Unix/Linux system administrators, owners of self-administered systems, and power users a lot of useful ways to harness the power of this system effectively. This book: Offers a thorough grounding in X configuration and how the system works Provides the complete ins and outs of changing a desktop's behavior, such as fonts, keyboard settings, and remote security Includes articles on how to take advantage of X's "network transparency" -- its ability to display graphical applications on a remote machine Explores intriguing areas such as using multiple monitors, building kiosks, and accessibility Features discussions on X Window innovations and the future of the system X Power Tools covers configuration and use of X, focusing on Linux but also including notes on other operating systems such as Solaris and FreeBSD. Each article in the book gives you insight into X; the entire book gives you a real grasp on this system and what you can do with it.

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