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About the Starter Kit

Our first book, *The Pragmatic Programmer: From Journeyman to Master*, is a widely acclaimed overview of practical topics in modern software development. Since it was first published in 1999, many people have asked us about follow-on books, or sequels. Toward that end, we started our own publishing company, the Pragmatic Bookshelf. By now we have dozens of titles in print and in development and have received major awards and five-star reviews.

But the very first books we published are still some of the most important ones. Before embarking on any sequels to *The Pragmatic Programmer*, we thought we'd go back and offer a prequel of sorts.

Over the years, we've found that many of our pragmatic readers who are just starting out need a helping hand to get their development infrastructure in place so they can begin forming good habits early. Many of our more advanced pragmatic readers understand these topics thoroughly but need help convincing and educating the rest of their team or organization. We think we have got something that can help.

The Pragmatic Starter Kit is a three-volume set that covers the essential basics for modern software development. These volumes include the practices, tools, and philosophies that you need to get a team up and running and productive. Armed with this knowledge, you and your team can adopt good habits easily and enjoy the safety and comfort of a well-established "safety net" for your project.

Volume I, *Pragmatic Version Control*, describes how to use version control as the cornerstone of a project.

A project without version control is like a word processor without an Undo button: the more text you enter, the more expensive a mistake will be. *Pragmatic Version Control* shows you how to use version control systems effectively, with all the benefits and safety but without crippling bureaucracy or lengthy, tedious procedures.

This volume, *Pragmatic Unit Testing*, is the second volume in the series. Unit testing is an essential technique because it provides real-world, real-time feedback for developers as we write code. Many developers misunderstand unit testing and don't realize that it makes our jobs as developers easier. This volume is available in two different language versions: in Java with JUnit and in C# with NUnit.

Volume III, *Pragmatic Automation*, covers the essential practices and technologies needed to automate your code's build, test, and release procedures. Few projects suffer from having too much time on their hands, so *Pragmatic Automation* will show you how to get the computer to do more of the mundane tasks by itself, freeing you to concentrate on the more interesting—and difficult—challenges.

These books were created in the same approachable style as our first book, and they address specific needs and problems that you face in the trenches every day. But these aren't dummy-level books that give you only part of the picture; they'll give you enough understanding that you'll be able to invent your own solutions to the novel problems you face that we *haven't* addressed specifically.

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