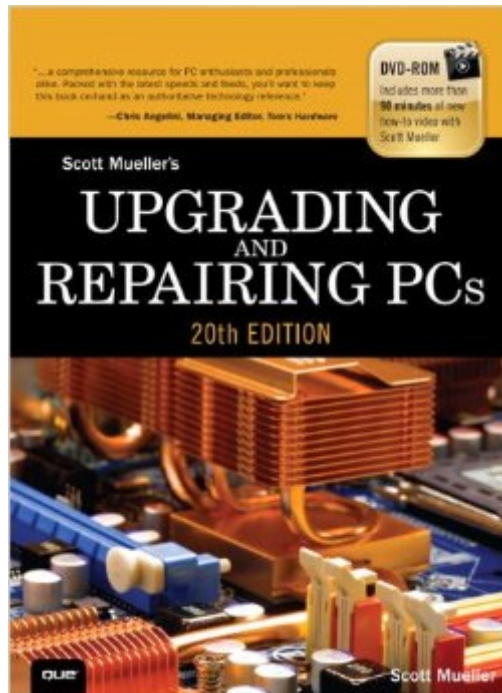


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computer system. Second, you can utilize it as a technical reference, to find detailed information on a specific computer topic or component. Of major importance is the fact that the text covers not only current data and information, but also historical content on older systems and components that may still be in use. The chapter on "PC Diagnostics, Testing and Maintenance" is of special interest, as troubleshooting problem systems is a significant concern for our membership.

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