



Alpha Five Made Easy

The Basics and More for Version 8

by Susan Hussey Bush

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About the book and Alpha Five...

Alpha Five Made Easy is a step-by-step manual for learning the Alpha Five database software and is intended to be used with the companion databases provided with purchase of the book. It contains almost 475 pages of step-by-step exercises with screen shots.

The *Table of Contents* provides a look at the depth of the material covered therein.

Users of all levels will find this book is the quickest way to tap into the fabulous Alpha Five features.

**For more information and to purchase the book, go to
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Frances M. Peake, professional database designer and co-owner of Proctor & Peake, Inc., enthusiastically endorses Alpha Five Made Easy and answers a question about Alpha Five.

“The plain-English explanations of each Alpha Five feature in this book show Susan's experience applying the program in a real-world business environment. Readers will find every chapter full of valuable information, regardless of their experience level. On behalf of Alpha Five users and enthusiasts everywhere, thank you Susan, for writing this book!”

“With regards to Alpha Five, we are long time Q&A users and have been looking for a replacement that is easier than Access®, dBase®, etc., but has the power to write strong applications without a lot of coding. Is Alpha Five the product we are looking for? I would appreciate your opinion.” —RADeV, Jr.

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“Even when you need to automate a process, Alpha Five has a number of alternatives to writing code, such as “Action Scripting” that lets you perform the steps you want to automate and generates the code for you. There are, of course, some things that you might dream up that will require writing code in Alpha Five.”

—FMP

About the author



From her first computer experience in 1984 - a used Apple I presented by her father after he upgraded to an Apple II - Susan Hussey Bush has been hooked on this amazing (and sometimes frustrating) tool of the modern world. The 1985 purchase of the state of the art IBM XT with an astounding 10 mg hard drive opened the door to database development. That first flat database, *Nutshell*, showed her that one did not have to be a programmer to develop applications. Later, she began the search for a relational database that did not require programming skills. *Alpha Four*, a DOS product, met those requirements. When *Alpha Five* was released, she moved to the Windows version. After expending considerable effort learning the program and designing on her laptop, it was stolen. The only copy of the database was gone and a serious setback resulted. The good news is that by the time she started over,

Alpha Five version 3, with significant improvements over the earlier versions, had been released.

The development of a database for her government bidding company, Liberty Food Marketers Co., then began in earnest - this time with backups! Today, that application contains more than 60 tables and 75 sets. As a non-programmer, Susan has set up 100 saved operations to import, reformat and export data. She has since sold the business to her son, Dave, who continues to use *Alpha Five* to stay current with the demands of government bidding and to offer customers outstanding service.

Susan has a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Architectural Design. She brings that training to her database design, focusing on well organized, attractive forms and reports. *Alpha Five* allows her to create database applications reflecting her belief that software should be user-friendly. She is excited about adding Version 8 features to her databases.

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