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# The Language And Its Development Environment (AutoCAD Expert's Visual LISP Book 1)





## Synopsis

This book aims at guiding he who uses AutoCAD on a daily basis in becoming a true expert. That kind of AutoCAD expert that is acquainted with, understands and can manipulate the programâ <sup>™</sup>s inner workings to achieve the desired output in a fast and efficient way. That expert who is not satisfied with what comes out of the box, but demands more. Like automating the creation and shaping of 3D objects, whether 3DSolids, subdivision meshes, associative or NURBS surfaces and setting the points of view and visualization modes that help in understanding the generated models. To these and other advanced techniques, including parameterization, reactors, the graphical user interface and building applications, more than half of this book is dedicated. For this we use Visual LISP, the tool of choice to customize and extend AutoCADâ <sup>™</sup>s features, be it by its capabilities as a basic scripting language to automate repetitive tasks or taking advantage of advanced drawing database access possibilities and the management of properties and methods exposed through the ActiveX interface. LISP programming techniques, including the use of the Visual LISP Integrated Development Environment, are explained starting from scratch. No previous experience in programming is required to profit from this book's contents. Volume 1 includes Part 1 (Introduction) and Part 2 (The Language and its Development Environment) of the paperback edition. User support is available at http://lispexpert.blogspot.com/. The source code for all the examples included in the book can be downloaded freely from the author's website http://www.togores.net/autocadexpert.

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Great book but the order of the book and the concepts seem to jump around instead of building concepts. Also the autor seems to be concerned about protecting his content that are available in the app store so building a "protected symbol" gets confusing for us beginners who later on in the book forget that we have to recreate his protected symbol in ht e beginning of the book. My suggestion would be to take this out and make each application ion the book be standalone and not use this symbol approach. Suggest it but don't make it mandatory for every application in the book. Make example applications for the book that the students can easily understand on their own.Would also suggest the structure of the book to logically build upon each concept

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