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The topic of Â“The COMPLETE Effect and HLSL GuideÂ” (ISBN 0-9766132-1-2) is the development of graphical shaders and their management. It is written for any developers who have an interest in being efficient at using and integrating shaders within their applications. This book is written to serve as both a teaching and reference manual, making it a must-have to everybody from hobbyist programmers to professional developers. The approach taken throughout Â“The Complete Effect and HLSL GuideÂ” makes it the perfect book for anyone who wants to integrate shaders into their application and take advantage of the power of the DirectX SDK and the HLSL shading language. The book covers the following topics:

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* Complete reference with performance considerations to every HLSL and assembly shader instructions.
* Introduction the DirectX Effect Framework and complete overview to its API.
* Optimization tips and tricks to make the best out of your shaders.
* Coverage of all the main components of the DirectX effect framework in addition to putting the pieces of the puzzle together allowing you to develop a shader management framework.

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