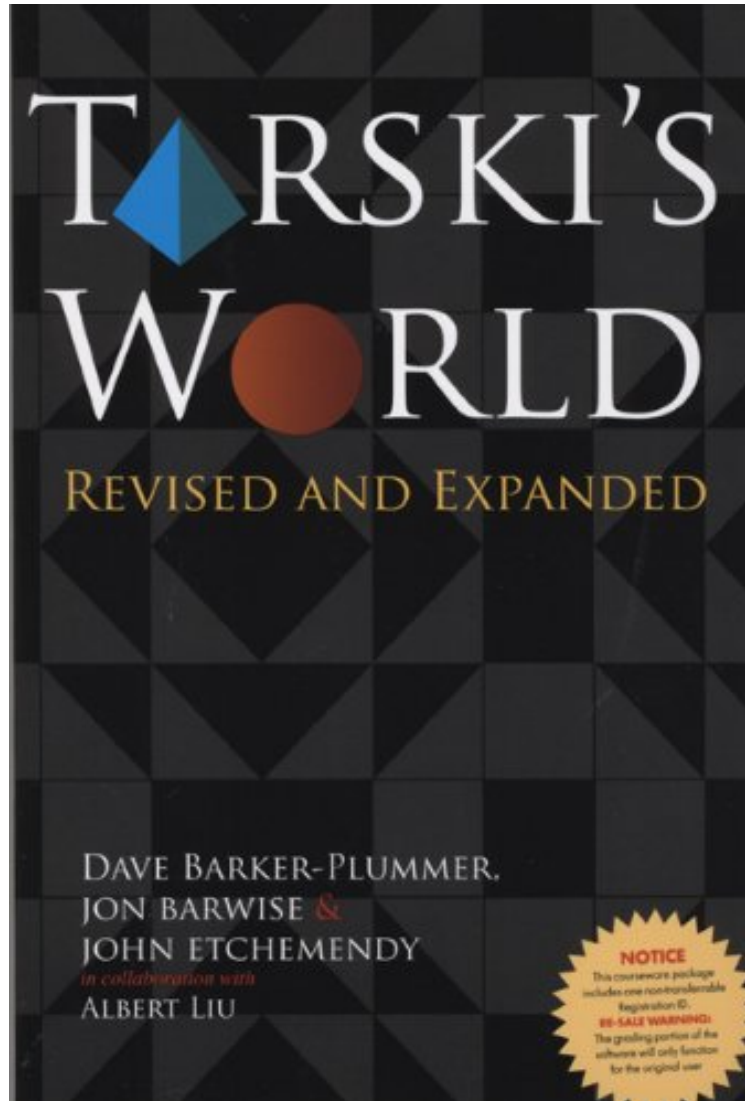


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6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. So out of date as to be unusableBy John WaughI was really looking forward to tearing into this when it arrived from today. I was stunned to learn that the program only runs on Power PC machines - in other words, Apple has not made a Mac in half a decade that supports this software. Nowhere in the product description or on the product itself does it say that it will only work with a Power PC Mac. Wary about this, I

had looked at the website prior to purchasing ([...]). Again, nothing. And while the software may be old because it has been sitting on the shelf, that's no excuse for either or Stanford U. That is what I call sloppy implementation, and for that, one star.*an update*

The phone numbers for assistance in the book were disconnected but some very helpful people at Stanford U. responded to the support email. With their help I got through a rather convoluted process of downloading an Intel Mac compatible piece of software which enabled me to register on their site, which in turn enabled me to download an update. Hours of correspondence, obscure instructions and trial and error resulted in software and a PDF of the manual being installed. Eventually I'll write a review of the book itself. For anyone who really wants this and has an up-to-date Mac, you will need to go to [...] and download the Lion compatible version of Submit, which is the software program you use to interact with the Stanford server to submit exercises for grading. Once you install Submit (be sure to change your finder preferences to display hard drives on your desktop or it won't install) - you can connect to GradeGrinder, the server. After that, you have to go to page 5 in the book and read the fine print about a dummy file to send to Grade Grinder - because only if you haven't given up yet, and send the right file, will you be registered. But, once registered, you can download a Lion compatible version of the Tarski's World software that comes with the book. But even that is not straightforward - if you click on the "Mac OS X" version link you get the same 2007 version that ships with the book. You have to look below that for Tarski's World applications (Lion update). Only then do you get the download package. All I can say is that it had better be good!!! I'm not ready to change the rating just yet.

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By Luis Hernandez
In great condition and with everything that was supposed to have.
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Tarski's World is an innovative and exciting method of introducing students to the language of first-order logic. Using the courseware package, students quickly master the meanings of connectives and qualifiers and soon become fluent in the symbolic language at the core of modern logic. The program allows students to build three-dimensional worlds and then describe them in first-order logic. The program, compatible with Macintosh and PC formats, also contains a unique and effective corrective tool in the form of a game, which methodically leads students back through their errors if they wrongly evaluate the sentences in the constructed worlds. A brand new feature in this revised and expanded edition is student access to Grade Grinder, an innovative Internet-based grading service that provides accurate and timely feedback to students whenever they need it. Students can submit solutions for the programs more than 100 exercises to the Grade Grinder for assessment, and the results are returned quickly to the students and optionally to the teacher as well. A web-based interface also allows instructors to manage assignments and grades for their classes. Intended as a supplement to a standard logic text, Tarski's World is an essential tool for helping students learn the language of logic.

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