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*Understanding Japanese Information Processing* Ken Lunde. 470 p. Pbk. ISBN 1-56592-043-0 US\$29.95. Sebastopol, CA: O'Reilly & Associates, 1993.

This is an information-packed book of 470 pages covering all aspects of Japanese script automation. It is aimed at anyone who is interested in how Japanese text is processed on a computer.

Topics include: an overview of Japanese information processing; an explanation of the Japanese writing system; Japanese character set standards; Japanese encoding methods; Japanese input and output methods; Japanese information processing techniques; tools such as operating systems, text editors, word processors, page layout software, and online dictionaries; Japanese electronic mail and news systems. Detailed information on code conversion tables, character sets and standards, Japanese ftp sites, software suppliers, and mailing lists are supplied in 15 appendices.

This is good value at US\$29.95. It is a very thorough, comprehensive work which would find a ready place in any academic library with a Japanese collection. It is of particular interest to library computer staff now that multiscrypt automation is the next big hurdle in library automation. The directory information in the appendices, including Internet ftp sites and mailing lists, are timely and should also interest Japanese scholars and students.

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