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Windows, Mac OS X (with XCode) or Linux

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Review

"To those of you wondering how to use Cucumber effectively, The Cucumber Book is the answer. Not content to write just a testing book, Aslak and Matt have packed it with practical insights on many aspects of software development. Studying this book will make you a better software developer."

—Pat Maddox, B.D.D.M.F., RSpec Core team

"Teams can use Cucumber to get a better understanding of what software to build for their customers. In this book, Aslak and Matt do a brilliant job explaining how you get started with Cucumber with plenty of easy-to-follow examples."

—Rachel Davies, Author, "Agile Coaching"

"I devoured the Cucumber book on a train ride from Grenoble to Brussels a few days after watching Matt's presentation "BDD As It's Meant to Be Done." These two resources helped me understand in just a few hours how to avoid dozens of common mistakes writing scenarios in the Cucumber style. It's as though I received an injection of perhaps two years of experience writing scenarios poorly so that I didn't have to go through it all myself. What a gift. I recommend this book to everyone working with Cucumber."

—J. B. Rainsberger, Author, "JUnit Recipes"

About the Author

Matt Wynne works as an independent consultant, helping teams like yours learn to enjoy delivering software to the best of their abilities. In his spare time he is a core developer on the Cucumber project, and he blogs at <http://blog.mattwynne.net> and tweets as @mattwynne

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