Writing your own Zabbix book?

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✓ Privately owned company based in Nossegem (Belgium)
✓ Open-Future was found in 2009 by Danny Herreman and Nico Vercammen
✓ Focus is exclusively on the open source market
✓ Focus is on Partnerships but not limited to …
✓ Official trainingspartner: Zabbix, Bacula, Puppet, …
Who Am I?

✓ Patrik Uytterhoeven
✓ Open-Source consultant
✓ Certified Zabbix Trainer
✓ Interests:
  • Monitoring
  • Ansible
  • SeLinux
  • PostgreSQL
✓ Some books that I have written over the years
Different Options

✓ Use a service like ex: Leanpub, fultonbooks, ... and publish your own book
✓ Use a publisher like ex: pactpub, o'reilly, ... so you can count on them for help when writing your book.
Option 1

✓ You will have to figure out everything by yourself. Font, topic, format of the book, ..... 

✓ You have to promote the book by yourself. 

✓ You will maybe only have an electronic version of you book to sell. 

✓ You will earn most of the money and probably only pay a small fee. 

✓ You have more control over your own book, price, ...
Option 2

✓ Your publisher will help you with templates and questions.

✓ Books will be reviewed before published.

✓ There is a strict layout to follow from the publisher. Ex: for dummies, cookbook, ...

✓ Topics are decided together but some limits may be set like number of pages, topics to cover, ...

✓ You will only earn a fee from the book sales and maybe a bonus if you deliver before the deadline.

✓ The book will be promoted by a publisher so potentially more sales and it will also be printed.
Why write a book?

✓ It’s a fun project to do.

✓ It’s a great opportunity to get in touch with the community.

✓ It’s a way to promote yourself or your business.

✓ It’s a great way to get some extra cash to spend on gadgets.
Any drawbacks?

✓ You will not have a life during the time that you write your book.

✓ It takes lots of time to build a test environment make screenshots, ...

✓ You will spend more money on books as now you know how much work it takes to write one instead of downloading one illegal from the internet.

✓ You will not get rich from it but you can buy that new lens you always wanted to have ... ;)
Not sure if you can do it or not?

✓ Write a publisher that you like to review books. Some publishers are looking for reviewers this way you will have an idea about the time it takes to test things out.

✓ This also gives you the benefit that you can read books before they come out and it’s a cheap way to get books for free in a legal way.
Any Questions ?