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If you only need the buying answer: MindTap is the cheapest route in this snapshot, but only by a small margin over the current paperback. The current print listing is also below the sampled rental and below the sampled new-print comparator, which makes ownership much easier to justify than usual for an intro computing text.

## Current price comparison

| Format                         | Source   | Price   | Link                        |
|--------------------------------|----------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Paperback                      | Merybook | \$60.99 | <a href="#">Check price</a> |
| MindTap / eTextbook (180 days) | eCampus  | \$54.99 | <a href="#">Check price</a> |
| Quarter rental                 | eCampus  | \$87.27 | <a href="#">Check price</a> |
| Marketplace                    | eCampus  | \$65.23 | <a href="#">Check price</a> |

## What this book actually teaches

*Programming Logic and Design* is a foundations text about sequence, selection, iteration, pseudocode, flowcharts, and the habits of thinking that support actual programming. The book matters because it trains logic and problem structure, which is often more durable than any one beginner language syntax.

That gives the book a longer life than some students expect. Readers who move into later programming, systems, or IT coursework often discover that logic and design habits remain useful long after the first intro class ends.

## When print is still worth buying

The honest cheapest route is MindTap, but the margin over the current paperback is small. Since the paperback also undercuts rental and the sampled new print market, ownership is very easy to justify for anyone who expects to revisit logic-building later.

I would lean toward MindTap only if the platform is required and the goal is a single short-term course completion. I would lean toward print for readers who want a marked-up logic reference to keep for later computing work.

## Sources checked

- [MindTap market check](#)
- [eCampus rental check](#)
- [Marketplace check](#)