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Special Edition Using Java Server Pages And Servlets



Synopsis

Special Edition Using JSP and Servlets starts by detailing the evolution of web servers that led to the creation of ASP and JSP. It explains both the limitations of previous technologies and the benefits that JSP provides including platform independence. Includes coverage of: organizing applications with multiple files and client-side objects, generating well-formed XML using JSP, storing data in cookies and sessions, interacting with Enterprise Java Beans, displaying dynamic graphics with Java 2D, and using RMI and Corba to enhance JSP applications. The final chapters demonstrate advanced JSP & Servlet techniques, including using JSP to create wireless & XML-based applications. Appendices provide an overview of popular JSP & Servlet runtime environments, including Jrun, Tomcat and ServletExec.

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I've never been so happy to find a book as I've been to find this one! If you're like me, this is the perfect book for you, and from what I can tell, it's one of a kind. I'd seen books on Java (servlets), books on JSP, books on XML, and understand the concepts of presentation/application/data layers for web applications. Unfortunately, all the books seemed to treat these technologies as if they were stand-alone solutions. The clear focus of this book is how to get these technologies to work together to provide an elegant, modular, and easily maintainable solution to application problems. Even in the first chapters (basic JSP application), the book is already laying out it's

primary theme. It specifically draws your attention to the way the JSP's use Java in two basic areas. The first half being the creation and manipulation of objects, and the second half being the presentation of the data. It then explains that in a few chapters you'll learn that the top half should be in a servlet and the JSP should focus on the second half. IRT some of the other reviews I've read...Yes, you need to know some Java. This book isn't going to explain classes, polymorphism, inheritance, or interfaces to you -- it expects that you know what they mean. But simply working through a few Sun trails or a Java-in-24-hours type book will be enough. Also, if the phrase "multi-tier application architecture" sounds like a foreign language phrase, then this book isn't really focused toward the obstacles that you're currently dealing with. A good chunk (about 1/2, I'd say) of the book is meant to clear up how to use these technologies in a multi-tier environment. If you don't know what one is, then a lot of the book is going to seem irrelevant. But if you do know what "multi-tier" means, and you have understanding of the technologies, this is the book that fills in the gaps involved with integrating them together in a single solution.

Simply put - a must have for the serious web based application developer! Rarely (if ever) do you find a gem such as this, which serves as an unparalleled reference guide for the Java architect, provides a leg up for experienced software developers looking to delve into writing web applications using Java, as well as gives web designers some insight into server-side programming with Java. Nowhere else have I seen a work, in such a practical manner, fully explain Java web application architecture and how to implement JSP and servlets together, and apply them beyond HTML, to create XML documents and files and even applications for the wireless web! Also, where else do you find all this as well as indepth coverage of security, EJB, CORBA, and RMI?

Do not buy this book unless you have:- A very good knowledge of the Java language - Some experience doing HTML pages - A good idea about how a web server applications work Because the book will not bother to explain any of these points. It contains some good tips and highlights about JSP and servlet programming, but the subjects are so loosely organized that it cannot even be considered a tutorial on them. Part of the blame is to be attributed to the subject itself: it is a rapidly evolving one and there is not yet a standard way to address many of the issues covered in the book. But anyway ...For example: by the middle of the book the author realizes that, after going through dozens of servlet code examples, he still hadn't told you how to invoke them! Then he presents a by all means insufficient half-page outline. For example: There are some appendices about web servers, where in the web they are and how to make them work. If you know your way

through web servers, these appendices are useless, if you don't, they are insufficient. I am not saying that the book is bad, but after going through the previous reviews you may think that this book will transform you from an application developer into a web developer. Not so. It is aimed to a very specific kind of public that know their way into web programming and are looking for some conceptual highlights. By no means a tutorial or a structured reference.

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