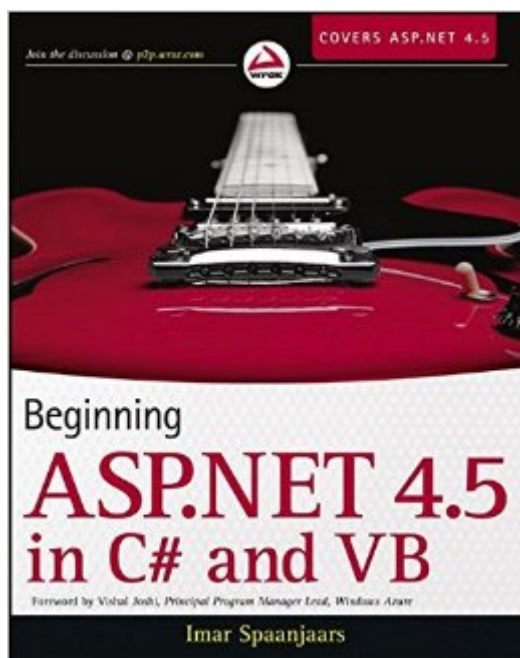# Beginning ASP.NET 4.5: In C# And VB

Synopsis

The ultimate programming guide to ASP.NET 4.5, by popular author and Microsoft MVP Imar Spaanjaars Updated for ASP.NET 4.5, this introductory book is filled with helpful examples and contains a user-friendly, step-by-step format. Written by popular author and Microsoft ASP.NET MVP Imar Spaanjaars, this book walks you through ASP.NET, Microsoft's technology for building dynamically generated web pages. This edition retains the highly accessible approach to building the Planet Wrox website example, an online community site featuring product reviews, picture sharing, bonus content for registered users, and more. Contains the comprehensive guide to the latest technology additions to ASP.NET 4.5 Shows how to build basic ASP.NET web pages and configure their server Includes information on how to add features with pre-built server controls Reveals how to design pages and make them consistent Contains the information needed for getting user input and displaying data Beginning ASP.NET 4.5 in C# and VB uses Spaanjaars's distinct writing style to put you at ease with learning ASP.NET 4.5.

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I've picked up copies of Beginning ASP.NET 2.0; Build Your Own ASP.NET 2.0 Web Site Using C# & VB; Beginning ASP.NET 2.0 E-Commerce in C# 2005 From Novice to Professional; and Microsoft ASP.NET 3.5 Step by Step (the only one I can recommend). With all of these, I struggled to read them and didn't feel as though I learned much, or in the case of the last, failed to get much more than an overview of ASP.NET (albeit a good one).However, with Imar Spaanjaars' book, I finally feel

comfortable with ASP.NET 3.5.In this book Imar works through the steps of creating of an actual, fully-functional, ASP.NET 3.5 Web site, that's actually not that bad (ignoring some questionable design).Unlike other books, Imar covers both the Express and commercial versions of Visual Studio, in a very unobtrusive way. In addition, Imar doesn't rely solely on the ASP.NET components, but gives a good deal of actual programming, in both C# and VB (in a very clean, comfortable, way).While it's true that he references a number of other Wrox books, such as Professional ASP.NET 3.5: In C# and VB (Programmer to Programmer), there is very little that needs to be examined to get a site up and running, that would suit the majority of business needs.Overall, my faith in the ability of Web developers to write good books has been restored by this tome (and at over 700 pages, tome it is). A Web developer Imar is, and to us, as equals, is to whom he speaks.

I work as a C (C++) programmer. Much of what I do uses MFC code to talk to SQL Server and Access. The company decided to migrate my software to the Internet and since it wasn't time critical, gave me the option of learning the technology and doing it myself. And so I have messed around when I had spare time for several months not really getting it to work. The two skills I felt like I really needed to acquire into order to be up and running were (1) the ability to access databases securely and reliably from a Web site (logins, etc.), and (2) the ability to call dlls (Web Services) from a Web site. This book gets me through the first, but not the second.Part of the reason that I'm further along now is that I was using ASP.NET 2.0. Version 3.5 has added so many widgets to resolve common problems that it really feels to me from the perspective of a rank beginner like an entirely different beast, though under the hood, the fundamentals are the same. For example, the beginning ASP.NET 2.0 book I read devoted a whole chapter to Request and Response. There are just a couple references to them in this book, and they're not even mentioned in the index. Version 3.5 has been so structured that you don't need to know even these very basic details.This is not a reference book. I couldn't easily look up how to add a background image to my master page having forgotten it, and having read it once, I'm now reading it again cover to cover and taking notes to create the reference I need, because I don't even remotely remember it all. And I will need to read the advanced book to get where I want to be.Instead of a reference, you build a fully functional Web site throughout the course of the book.

This is a long review so that people serious about buying such a book can make an informed decision about this book.I regularly use self-paced learning books. This was singularly the finest self-paced tutorial book I have ever read. The author is the reason.Imar is a natural and tireless

teacher who has worked hard to provide meaningful and accurate material. Beyond that, throughout the book he gently expands the reader's knowledge with different techniques to do things without overwhelming the reader while they are learning the broader themes of ASP.NET. He is very thorough with great depth.Not only does the book take someone from 'zero to sixty' regarding ASP.NET, it also briefly but very reasonably reviews Visual Studio, object oriented programming, JavaScript, JQuery, the incredible Entity Framework and database principles necessary to support efficient website creation. Detailed and accurate help is provided to get the required software installed on your machine. And while Visual Studio/ASP.NET is certainly not the only way to go, one needs to accept that it is indeed a potent and efficient combination made even more so by this book. In addition, sound programming principles are reinforced to remind the reader of the importance of organized and encapsulated techniques so important to today's programming environment to achieve consistency in a finished software project. The inclusion of both VB and C# is transparent and does not detract from the reading. I think it's great both languages are included so both 'camps' have access to this excellent work.Although I would fairly classify myself as technically oriented, before this book my knowledge of websites was effectively limited to visiting them.

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