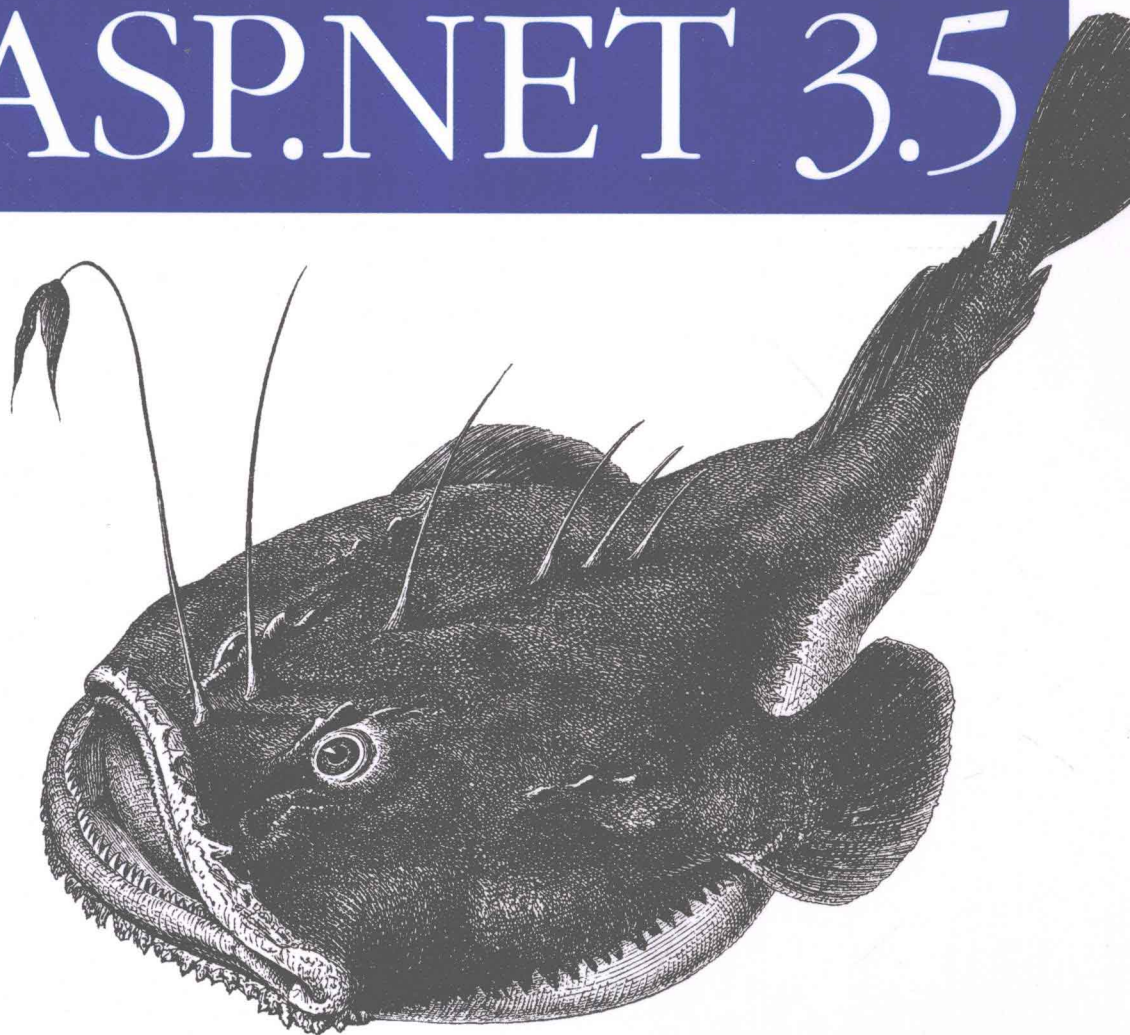


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Preface

ASP.NET 3.5 is arguably the fastest, most efficient, most reliable, and best-supported way to create interactive web applications available today. Combined with the development tools available from Microsoft (both free and commercial), it is incredibly easy to create web sites that look great and perform well. Best of all, most of the “plumbing” (security, data access, layout, and so on) is taken care of for you by the .NET Framework.

About This Book

This book will teach you how to build professional quality, interactive, robust data-driven web applications using Visual Basic 2008.

ASP.NET is not difficult to learn. All of the concepts are straightforward, and the Visual Studio and Visual Web Developer environments simplify the process of building powerful web applications. The difficulty in ASP.NET is only that it is so complete and flexible that there are many pieces that must be woven together to build a robust, scalable, and efficient application. This book cuts to the heart of the matter, showing in clear, easy-to-follow steps how to understand and build a web site.

ASP.NET makes it possible to create sophisticated and useful sites with minimal coding. You can enhance the functionality of your sites with Visual Basic or C#, if you choose, but the amount of code that you *must* write is surprisingly small. We’ve adopted that philosophy throughout this book, showing you how to take the most advantage of the tools Microsoft and ASP.NET provide while keeping the coding to a minimum. Whenever you need to write code, we walk you through each step and explain what it all does.

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Learning or Programming?

We have written two ASP.NET books: the one you are currently reading and another named *Programming ASP.NET 3.5* (O'Reilly). This book, *Learning ASP.NET 3.5*, is intended for beginning ASP.NET developers, and answers the question, "What is the quickest way for me to build real web applications with the least amount of coding?"

Our other book, *Programming ASP.NET*, is for developers who are saying: "Help me learn in depth—show me how everything works, and then help me put it to work in web applications." The key difference is this book is aimed to make you productive quickly, while the second book is designed to explore the technology in more depth. They complement each other, but if you are starting out and want to get to work fast, *this* is the one for you.

Learning ASP.NET 3.5 assumes you know some HTML and have some familiarity with Visual Basic 2008 (VB) or C#, or can pick up what you need along the way (or you're willing to run right out and buy *Programming Visual Basic 2008* by Tim Patrick [O'Reilly], although for what you'll be doing here, you won't really need it). To help with this, we have included VB Cheat Sheets throughout the book to explain and clarify some of the VB topics for newbies.

VB Versus C#

A quick note on Visual Basic versus C#: some people choose a .NET book based on what language the examples are given in. That's a natural reaction, but it's really not necessary, and here's why: there is very little actual VB or C# code in any given ASP.NET application, and what there is, you can easily translate from one to the other "on inspection." Besides, the two languages are strikingly similar, and both produce the same output. If you know one, it's quite simple to learn the other. In fact, there are software tools that can convert one language to the other with amazing accuracy. Finally, ASP.NET programmers benefit terrifically by being "bilingual"—that is, having the ability to read VB and write C# (or vice versa).

In the end, we had to choose one language over the other, and we elected to do the examples and exercises for this book in Visual Basic. However, if you prefer C#, you'll find every single example and exercise solution reproduced in C# free for download from this book's web site at <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596518455>.

How This Book Is Organized

Chapter 1, *Getting Started*, walks you through creating your first web site, *HelloWorld*.

Chapter 2, *Building Web Applications*, goes over the fundamentals of web sites and covers the basic controls available to you in ASP.NET.

Chapter 3, *Snappier Web Sites with AJAX*, shows you how to integrate this powerful client-side technology into your ASP.NET pages.

Chapter 4, *Saving and Retrieving Data*, shows you how to make your site interact with data stored in a database. You'll see controls to retrieve data, allow your users to interact with that data, and then save it back to the database. We'll also discuss the Language Integrated Query (LINQ), new to the .NET Framework.

Chapter 5 looks at *Validation*. ASP.NET provides extensive support for data validation, including ensuring that users provide required information, checking that values are within a range, and matching regular expressions.

Chapter 6, *Style Sheets, Master Pages, and Navigation*, shows you how to make web sites that are professional quality, good looking, consistent, and easy to navigate.

Chapter 7 examines *State and Life Cycle* in ASP.NET. Understanding how, and in what order, a page and its controls are created on the server and rendered to the browser is crucial for building successful interactive web sites. State is the current value of everything associated with the page. This is mostly handled automatically, but this chapter shows you how useful it can be to the developer.

Chapter 8, *Errors, Exceptions, and Bugs, Oh My!*, shows you how to use Visual Studio's tools to debug your application, and also how to handle errors in your code before users see them.

Chapter 9, *Security*, shows you how you can protect your web site from malicious users. You'll find out how to register your users and how to hide parts of your site from users who don't have the appropriate privileges.

Chapter 10, *Personalization*, shows you how to allow your end users to customize the look and feel of the web site according to their personal preferences. You will see how to use themes and skins to accomplish this.

Chapter 11, *Putting It All Together*, is a single, large example that integrates almost everything you have learned throughout the book.

Appendix A, *Installing the Stuff You'll Need*, tells you what hardware and software is required to run the examples in this book and helps you set up your environment.

Appendix B, *Copying a Web Site*, describes the process of copying a web site to a new web site. This is a technique used often throughout this book when building up examples.

Appendix C, *Publishing Your Web Site*, covers the steps to take a web site from the development stage to being publicly available on the web.

Appendix D, *Answers to Quizzes and Exercises*, presents detailed solutions to all of the quiz questions and practice exercises found at the end of each chapter.

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