

Extreme Programming With Ant Building And Deploying Java Applications With Jsp Ejb Xslt Xdoclet And Junit Jeremy Poteet

Explains how to build applications with Jakarta Struts, discusses the development framework and its architecture, and provides sample applications.

Apache Ant is a Java based build automation tool. Research suggests that the present solutions to Ant IDE integration lack ways in which a developer can create or edit a build file by receiving structured support from a user friendly interface. This work describes the development of a new application: Ant's Genie. Development techniques used include Extreme Programming as software development methodology, JUnit for testing and Ant for build automation. Ant's Genie strives for user friendliness, has refactoring support and has support for Ant best practices. The tool has syntax highlighting and follows consistent style conventions.

You have a choice: you can wade your way through lengthy Java tutorials and figure things out by trial and error, or you can pick up Java Cookbook, 2nd Edition and get to the heart of what you need to know when you need to know it. With the completely revised and thoroughly updated Java Cookbook, 2nd Edition, Java developers like you will learn by example, try out new features, and use sample code to understand how new additions to the language and platform work--and how to put them to work for you. This comprehensive collection of problems, solutions, and practical examples will satisfy Java developers at all levels of expertise. Whether you're new to Java programming and need something to bridge the gap between theory-laden reference manuals and real-world programs or you're a seasoned Java programmer looking for a new perspective or a different problem-solving context, this book will help you make the most of your Java knowledge. Packed with hundreds of tried-and-true Java recipes covering all of the major APIs from the 1.4 version of Java, this book also offers significant first-look recipes for the most important features of the new 1.5 version, which is in beta release. You get practical solutions to everyday problems, and each is followed by a detailed, ultimately useful explanation of how and why the technology works. Java Cookbook, 2nd Edition includes code segments covering many specialized APIs--like those for working with Struts, Ant and other new popular Open Source tools. It also includes expanded Mac OS X Panther coverage and serves as a great launching point for Java developers who want to get started in areas outside of their specialization. In this major revision, you'll find succinct pieces of code that can be easily incorporated into other programs. Focusing on what's useful or tricky--or what's useful and tricky--Java Cookbook, 2nd Edition is the most practical Java programming book on the market.

Extreme Programming has come a long way since its first use in the C3 project almost 10 years ago. Agile methods have found their way into the mainstream, and at the end of last year we saw the second edition of Kent Beck's book on Extreme Programming, containing a major refactoring of XP. This year, the 6th International Conference on Extreme Programming and Agile Processes in Software Engineering took place June 18-23 in Sheffield. As in the years before, XP 2005 provided a unique forum for industry and academic professionals to discuss their needs and ideas on Extreme Programming and agile methodologies. These proceedings reflect the activities during the conference which ranged from presentation of research papers, invited talks, posters and demonstrations, panels and activity sessions, to tutorials and workshops. Included are also papers from the Ph.D. and Master's Symposium which provided a forum for young researchers to present their results and to get feedback. As varied as the activities were, the topics of the conference which covered the presentation of new and improved practices, empirical studies, experience reports and case studies, and last but not least the social aspects of agile methods. The papers and the activities went through a rigorous reviewing process. Each paper was reviewed by at least three Program Committee members and was discussed carefully among the Program Committee. Of 62 papers submitted, only 22 were accepted as full papers.

This book is written for users experienced in using Java with databases but inexperienced in the use of the open source, lightweight Hibernate, the most popular de-facto object-relational mapping and database-oriented application development framework. The book has plentiful examples and handy reference sections, including a comprehensive reference for Hibernate O/R mapping strategies. Beginning Hibernate 3 is packed with brand-new information on the latest release of the Hibernate persistence layer and provides a clear introduction to the de facto standard for object relational persistence in Java. Readers will get started right away with building transaction-based engines and applications.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 4th Conference on Extreme Programming and Agile Methods, XP/Agile Universe 2004, held in Calgary, Canada in August 2004. The 18 revised full papers presented together with summaries of workshops, panels, and tutorials were carefully reviewed and selected from 45 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on testing and integration, managing requirements and usability, pair programming, foundations of agility, process adaptation, and educational issues.

The one-stop guide for everyone getting started with eXtreme Programming! Making XP principles work in the real world Best practices for the entire project lifecycle: conceptualization through delivery Understand the role of every participant: developer, manager, and customer Specific solutions to the most common XP transitioning problems Practically overnight, Extreme Programming (XP) has become one of the world's leading agile methodologies. Now, there's an easy, concise introduction that delivers all the guidance and best practices you need to make XP work in your organization! A Practical Guide to eXtreme Programming doesn't just introduce key XP principles such as simplicity, communication, and feedback: it shows how to make them work in the real world. Using a start-to-finish case study, this book covers the entire project lifecycle, every key task, and the role of every XP participant--developers, managers, and customers. Coverage includes: Envisioning your proposed software system Writing effective user stories and acceptance tests Planning for regular releases and iterations "Coding with intention" Best practices for integration, refactoring, testing, and

delivery Overcoming the challenges of transitioning to XP Want all the benefits XP can provide? Want to implement XP as smoothly and painlessly as possible? This is the place to start!

The problems encountered by a beginning Java programmer are many--and mostly minor. The problems you encounter as an experienced Java programmer are far fewer—and far more serious. Java Programming 10-Minute Solutions provides direct solutions to the thorny problems you're most likely to run up against in your work. Especially when a project entails new techniques or draws you into a realm outside your immediate expertise, potential headaches abound. With this book, a veteran Java programmer saves you both aggravation and—just as important—time. Here are some of the solutions you'll find inside: Parsing XML using SAX and DOM, and using XSLT to transform XML to HTML Java file I/O: copying and deleting entire directories Using Java search algorithms Thread management Leveraging Java Web Services support in SOAP, XML-RPC, and XML over HTTP Low-level JDBC programming Using servlets and JSPs (including struts) for web applications Using Enterprise JavaBeans (EJBs) container managed persistence Generating EJB classes with ant and XDoclet Using JUnit for unit testing Modeled after the straightforward Q&A approach of the DevX website, these in-depth, code-intensive solutions help you past obstacles right now and ultimately make you a smarter, more effective programmer.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 4th International Conference on Extreme Programming and Agile Processes in Software Engineering, XP 2003, held in Genova, Italy in May 2003. The 33 revised full papers presented together with experience reports, research reports, abstracts from an educational symposium and a PhD symposium, as well as panel statements were carefully reviewed and selected for inclusion in the book. The papers are organized in topical sections on managing agile processes, methodological issues, extending agile methodologies and XP, methods and tools, teaching and education aspects, testing, pair programming, and other XP practices.

Brimming with over 100 "recipes" for getting down to business and actually doing XP, the Java Extreme Programming Cookbook doesn't try to "sell" you on XP; it succinctly documents the most important features of popular open source tools for XP in Java--including Ant, Junit, Http'nit, Cactus, Tomcat, XDoclet--and then digs right in, providing recipes for implementing the tools in real-world environments.

This second edition of a Manning bestseller has been revised and re-titled to fit the 'In Action' Series by Steve Loughran, an Ant project committer. Ant in Action introduces Ant and how to use it for test-driven Java application development. Ant itself is moving to v1.7, a major revision, at the end of 2006 so the timing for the book is right. A single application of increasing complexity, followed throughout the book, shows how an application evolves and how to handle the problems of building and testing. Reviewers have praised the book's coverage of large-projects, Ant's advanced features, and the details and depth of the discussion--all unavailable elsewhere. This is a major revision with the second half of the book completely new, including: How to Manage Big projects Library management Enterprise Java Continuous integration Deployment Writing new Ant tasks and datatypes Purchase of the print book comes with an offer of a free PDF, ePub, and Kindle eBook from Manning. Also available is all code from the book.

* Covers the brand new Portlet Specification (JSR-168) to provide a standard API to portal applications. * Focuses on the key issues of portal development including integration, security and single sign-on. * Readers can learn how to port existing applications into the new portal environment firsthand from Jeff Linwood who helped to create the actual specification. * Readers can learn how to port existing applications into the new portal environment firsthand from Jeff Linwood who helped to create the actual specifications.

"No previous build experience is necessary: Lee thoroughly explains everything from configuring SCM environments and defining build scripts through to release packaging and deployment. He offers solutions and techniques for both Base ClearCase and Unified Change Management (UCM)-IBM Rational's best practice Software Configuration Management usage model. Key techniques are presented in real-world context, through a full-fledged three-tier application case study. Book jacket."--Jacket. Immersing students in Java and the Java Virtual Machine (JVM), Introduction to Compiler Construction in a Java World enables a deep understanding of the Java programming language and its implementation. The text focuses on design, organization, and testing, helping students learn good software engineering skills and become better programmers. The book covers all of the standard compiler topics, including lexical analysis, parsing, abstract syntax trees, semantic analysis, code generation, and register allocation. The authors also demonstrate how JVM code can be translated to a register machine, specifically the MIPS architecture. In addition, they discuss recent strategies, such as just-in-time compiling and hotspot compiling, and present an overview of leading commercial compilers. Each chapter includes a mix of written exercises and programming projects. By working with and extending a real, functional compiler, students develop a hands-on appreciation of how compilers work, how to write compilers, and how the Java language behaves. They also get invaluable practice working with a non-trivial Java program of more than 30,000 lines of code. Fully documented Java code for the compiler is accessible at <http://www.cs.umb.edu/j-/>

What is this book about? The results of using J2EE in practice are often disappointing: applications are often slow, unduly complex, and take too long to develop. Rod Johnson believes that the problem lies not in J2EE itself, but in that it is often used badly. Many J2EE publications advocate approaches that, while fine in theory, often fail in reality, or deliver no real business value. Expert One-on-One: J2EE Design and Development aims to demystify J2EE development. Using a practical focus, it shows how to use J2EE technologies to reduce, rather than increase, complexity. Rod draws on his experience of designing successful high-volume J2EE applications and salvaging failing projects, as well as intimate knowledge of the J2EE specifications, to offer a real-world, how-to guide on how you too can make J2EE work in practice. It will help you to solve common problems with J2EE and avoid the expensive mistakes often made in J2EE projects. It will guide you through the complexity of the J2EE services and APIs to enable you to build the simplest possible solution, on time and on budget. Rod takes a practical, pragmatic approach, questioning J2EE orthodoxy where it has failed to deliver results in practice and instead suggesting effective, proven approaches. What does this book cover? In this book, you will learn When to use a distributed architecture When and how to use EJB How to develop an efficient data access strategy How to design a clean and maintainable web interface How to design J2EE applications for performance Who is this book for? This book would be of value to most enterprise developers. Although some of the discussion (for example, on performance and scalability) would be most relevant to architects and lead developers, the practical focus would

make it useful to anyone with some familiarity with J2EE. Because of the complete design-deployment coverage, a less advanced developer could work through the book along with a more introductory text, and successfully build and understand the sample application. This comprehensive coverage would also be useful to developers in smaller organisations, who might be called upon to fill several normally distinct roles. What is special about this book? Wondering what differentiates this book from others like it in the market? Take a look: It does not just discuss technology, but stress its practical application. The book is driven from the need to solve common tasks, rather than by the elements of J2EE. It discusses risks in J2EE development. It takes the reader through the entire design, development and build process of a non-trivial application. This wouldn't be compressed into one or two chapters, like the Java Pet Store, but would be a realistic example comparable to the complexity of applications readers would need to build. At each point in the design, alternative choices would be discussed. This would be important both where there's a real problem with the obvious alternative, and where the obvious alternatives are perhaps equally valid. It emphasizes the use of OO design and design patterns in J2EE, without becoming a theoretical book.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 7th International Conference on Extreme Programming and Agile Processes in Software Engineering, XP 2006, held in Oulu, Finland, June 2006. The book presents 16 revised full papers together with 6 experience papers, 12 poster papers and panel summaries, organized in topical sections on foundation and rationale for agile methods, effects of pair programming, quality in agile software development, and more.

Discover how to develop full-scale J2EE™ applications quickly and efficiently using the best Open Source tools. Written by leading authorities in the field, this book shows you how to leverage a suite of best-of-breed Open Source development tools to take the pain out of J2EE and build a complete Web-based application. You'll combine these tools to actually reduce the points of failure in your application, while increasing overall system stability and robustness. Along with the tools introduced here, you'll develop the PetSoar application, which follows the PetStore application used by Sun Microsystems to demonstrate features of J2EE. With PetSoar, the authors focus on developing a maintainable and flexible application, rather than showcasing the end result, so that you can apply the material in your own projects. In addition, the authors provide methods for utilizing Open Source software components for each stage of the development process. The Open Source products covered include: * Hibernate to aid with simple, flexible, and speedy transparent object persistence * OpenSymphony WebWork to allow for pluggable view technologies and extensible configuration * JUnit and Mock Objects to assist with rapid and robust unit testing * XDoclet to assist with generating code and configuration files automatically * Jakarta Lucene to add Google-style smart search capabilities to data stores * OpenSymphony SiteMesh to aid in the creation of large sites with a common look and feel * OpenSymphony OSCache to easily cache slow dynamic sections of Web sites resulting in faster-loading pages.

Introduces the core concepts, evaluates how successful they can be, as well as what problems may be encountered. Dispels numerous myths surrounding agile development.

Describes Java application development on Linux, covering such topics as business-logic object analysis, Java servlet UIs, JSP, Swing GUIs, and database design.

Whether to continue using traditional cost and benefit analysis methods such as systems and software engineering standards or to use a relatively new family of software development processes known as Agile methods is one of the most prevalent questions within the information technology field today. Since each family of methods has its strengths and weaknesses, the question being raised by a growing number of executives and practitioners is: Which family of methods provides the greater business value and return on investment (ROI)? Whereas traditional methods have been in use for many decades, Agile methods are still a new phenomenon and, until now, very little literature has existed on how to quantify the business value of Agile methods in economic terms, such as ROI and net present value (NPV). Using cost of quality, total cost of ownership, and total life cycle cost parameters, *The Business Value of Agile Software Methods* offers a comprehensive methodology and introduces the industry's initial top-down parametric models for quantifying the costs and benefits of using Agile methods to create innovative software products. Based on real-world data, it illustrates the first simple-to-use parametric models of Real Options for estimating the business value of Agile methods since the inception of the Nobel prize winning Black-Scholes formulas. Numerous examples on how to estimate the costs, benefits, ROI, NPV, and real options of the major types of Agile methods such as Scrum, Extreme Programming and Crystal Methods are also included. In addition, this reference provides the first comprehensive compilation of cost and benefit data on Agile methods from an analysis of hundreds of research studies. *The Business Value of Agile Software Methods* shatters key myths and misconceptions surrounding the modern-day phenomenon of Agile methods for creating innovative software products. It provides a complete business value comparison between traditional and Agile methods. The keys to maximizing the business value of any method are low costs and high benefits and the business value of Agile methods, when compared to traditional methods, proves to be very impressive. Agile methods are a new model of project management that can be used to improve the success, business value, and ROI of high-risk and highly complex IT projects in today's dynamic, turbulent, and highly uncertain marketplace. If you are an executive, manager, scholar, student, consultant or practitioner currently on the fence, you need to read this book!

Professional Java Tools for Extreme Programming is a practical, code-intensive guide to the tools that Enterprise Java developers need when using Extreme Programming (XP) methods. It covers the key tools used to automate the most complex parts of the XP process: application integration, testing, and deployment.

Learn how to use the hottest new Java open source tools for eXtreme Programming. eXtreme Programming (XP) is a new development methodology for building software systems quickly without sacrificing quality. New Java open source tools have appeared recently that help with the most time-consuming and difficult part of the XP process—testing, integration, and deployment. *Java Tools for eXtreme Programming* is the first complete guide to using those tools for XP. Throughout the book, author Richard Hightower uses a sample application to demonstrate how each Java tool is used. For each tool, he provides a concise description of key concepts, plenty of code examples, and directions for setting up scripts for automating the development step in which the tool is used. The book also features a detailed reference to each of the major tools, complete with coding examples. * XP is the most popular new development methodology * A practical, code-intensive guide to the tools that enterprise Java developers need when using the XP methodology to build applications. Companion Web site features sample code, XP software tool updates, and links to useful XP sites.

With the release of WebLogic Server 7.0 in June 2002, BEA positioned WebLogic Server as the premier J2EE Web Services development platform. With the next release in late 2002, WLS will integrate WebLogic Workshop and other key tools to provide

developers with a stable, market-leading product designed for the next generation of Java applications based on Web Services on the latest J2EE platform. BEA WebLogic Server is the leading J2EE application server, holding almost 40% of the market share in this competitive category. WebLogic Server Unleashed is designed to be the definitive reference work for the WLS developer, offering an in-depth look at the capabilities provided by WLS 7.X and illustrating the best development practices.

Agile Java™ Development With Spring, Hibernate and Eclipse is a book about robust technologies and effective methods which help bring simplicity back into the world of enterprise Java development. The three key technologies covered in this book, the Spring Framework, Hibernate and Eclipse, help reduce the complexity of enterprise Java development significantly. Furthermore, these technologies enable plain old Java objects (POJOs) to be deployed in light-weight containers versus heavy-handed remote objects that require heavy EJB containers. This book also extensively covers technologies such as Ant, JUnit, JSP tag libraries and touches upon other areas such as logging, GUI based debugging, monitoring using JMX, job scheduling, emailing, and more. Also, Extreme Programming (XP), Agile Model Driven Development (AMDD) and refactoring are methods that can expedite the software development projects by reducing the amount of up front requirements and design; hence these methods are embedded throughout the book but with just enough details and examples to not sidetrack the focus of this book. In addition, this book contains well separated, subjective material (opinion sidebars), comic illustrations, tips and tricks, all of which provide real-world and practical perspectives on relevant topics. Last but not least, this book demonstrates the complete lifecycle by building and following a sample application, chapter-by-chapter, starting from conceptualization to production using the technology and processes covered in this book. In summary, by using the technologies and methods covered in this book, the reader will be able to effectively develop enterprise-class Java applications, in an agile manner!

* First to market with complete Hibernate 3 coverage and real-world application design tips. * Comprehensive reference for Hibernate object relational mapping strategies. * Integrated approach to database and Java application design.

This book contains the refereed proceedings of the 15th International Conference on Agile Software Development, XP 2014, held in Rome, Italy, in May 2014. Because of the wide application of agile approaches in industry, the need for collaboration between academics and practitioners has increased in order to develop the body of knowledge available to support managers, system engineers, and software engineers in their managerial/economic and architectural/project/technical decisions. Year after year, the XP conference has facilitated such improvements and provided evidence on the advantages of agile methodologies by examining the latest theories, practical applications, and implications of agile and lean methods. The 15 full papers, seven short papers, and four experience reports accepted for XP 2014 were selected from 59 submissions and are organized in sections on: agile development, agile challenges and contracting, lessons learned and agile maturity, how to evolve software engineering teaching, methods and metrics, and lean development.

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Extreme Programming Installed explains the core principles of Extreme Programming and details each step in the XP development cycle. This book conveys the essence of the XP approach--techniques for implementation, obstacles likely to be encountered, and experience-based advice for successful execution.

For citizen/patient-related information, it is necessary to use the latest medical and care computing. This publication covers aspects concerning information supply to patient and professional; electronic health records, its standards, its social implications; and developments in medical and care computing.

Introduces the build tool for Java application development, covering both user defined and built-in tasks.

PHP Objects Patterns and Practice, Fourth Edition is revised and updated throughout. The book begins by covering PHP's object-oriented features. It introduces key topics including class declaration, inheritance, reflection and much more. These provide the fundamentals of the PHP's support for objects. It also introduces some principles of design. This edition introduces new object relevant features such as traits, reflection extension additions, callable type hinting, improvements to exception handling, and many smaller language enhancements. The next section is devoted to design patterns. These describe common problems and their solutions. The section describes the design principles that make patterns powerful. It covers many of the classic design patterns and includes chapters on enterprise and database patterns. The last segment of the book covers the tools and practices that can help turn great code into a successful project. The section shows how to manage multiple developers and releases with git, how to build and install using Phing and PEAR. It also explores strategies for automated testing and build. In addition to discussing the latest developments in build, test, and continuous integration, this section keeps pace with best practice in version control by focusing on Git, increasingly the developer's system of choice. Taken together these three elements: object fundamentals, design principles, and best practice will help the reader develop elegant and rock solid systems. PHP Objects and Patterns: Describes and demonstrates PHP's built-in object-oriented features Breaks down the principles of object-oriented design, explaining key design patterns using practical examples. Discusses the tools and practices necessary for developing, testing and deploying exemplary applications.

This book doesn't tell you how to write faster code, or how to write code with fewer memory leaks, or even how to debug code at all. What it does tell you is how to build your product in better ways, how to keep track of the code that you write, and how to track the bugs in your code. Plus some more things you'll wish you had known before starting a project. Practical Development Environments is a guide, a collection of advice about real development environments for small to medium-sized projects and groups. Each of the chapters considers a different kind of tool - tools for tracking versions of files, build tools, testing tools, bug-tracking tools, tools for creating documentation, and tools for creating packaged releases. Each chapter discusses what you should look for in that kind of tool and what to avoid, and also describes some good ideas, bad ideas, and annoying experiences for each area. Specific instances of each type of tool are described in enough detail so that you can decide which ones you want to investigate further. Developers want to write code, not maintain makefiles. Writers want to write content instead of manage templates. IT provides machines, but doesn't have time to maintain all the different tools. Managers want the product to move smoothly from development to release, and are interested in tools to help this happen more often. Whether as a full-time position or just because they are helpful, all projects have toolsmiths: making choices about tools, installing them, and then maintaining the tools that everyone else depends upon. This book is especially for everyone who ends up being a toolsmith for his or her group. JUnit, created by Kent Beck and Erich Gamma, is an open source framework for test-driven development in any Java-based code. JUnit automates unit testing and reduces the effort required to frequently test code while developing it. While there are lots of bits

of documentation all over the place, there isn't a go-to-manual that serves as a quick reference for JUnit. This Pocket Guide meets the need, bringing together all the bits of hard to remember information, syntax, and rules for working with JUnit, as well as delivering the insight and sage advice that can only come from a technology's creator. Any programmer who has written, or is writing, Java Code will find this book valuable. Specifically it will appeal to programmers and developers of any level that use JUnit to do their unit testing in test-driven development under agile methodologies such as Extreme Programming (XP) [another Beck creation].

Software development is being revolutionized. The heavy-weight processes of the 1980s and 1990s are being replaced by light-weight, so called agile processes. Agile processes move the focus of software development back to what really matters: running software. This is only made possible by accepting that software development is a creative job done by, with, and for individual human beings. For this reason, agile software development encourages interaction, communication, and fun. This was the focus of the Fifth International Conference on Extreme Programming and Agile Processes in Software Engineering which took place between June 6 and June 10, 2004 at the conference center in Garmisch-Partenkirchen at the foot of the Bavarian Alps near Munich, Germany. In this way the conference provided a unique forum for industry and academic professionals to discuss their needs and ideas for incorporating Extreme Programming and Agile Methodologies into their professional life under consideration of the human factor. We celebrated this year's conference by reflecting on what we had achieved in the last half decade and we also focused on the challenges we will face in the near future. Provides information about the new lightweight software development methodology.

The second XP Universe and first Agile Universe brought together many people interested in building software in a new way. Held in Chicago, August 4–7, 2002 it attracted software experts, educators, and developers. Unlike most conferences the venue was very dynamic. Many activities were not even well defined in advance. All discussions were encouraged to be spontaneous. Even so, there were some written words available and you are holding all of them now. We have collected as much material as possible together into this small volume. It is just the tip of the iceberg of course. A reminder to us of what we learned, the people we met, and the ideas we expressed. The conference papers, including research and experience papers, are reproduced in these proceedings. Forty-one (41) papers were submitted. Each submitted paper received three reviews by program committee members. The program committee consisted of 40 members. Papers submitted by program committee members were refereed separately. This ensured that reviewers could provide an honest feedback not seen by the paper submitters. In many cases, the program committee shepherded authors to significantly improve their initial submission prior to completing the version contained in these proceedings. In the end, the program committee chose 25 papers for publication (60% acceptance).

"Extreme Programming Ant" covers the application development life cycle using Ant and other tools to facilitate various stages of a project. The authors discuss techniques and best practices for the build process, version control generating documentation, unit testing, and deployment.

Visual Studio is a development IDE created by Microsoft to enable easier development for Microsoft programming languages as well as development technologies. It has been the most popular IDE for working with Microsoft development products for the past 10 years. Extensibility is a key feature of Visual Studio. There have not been many books written on this aspect of Visual Studio. Visual Studio Extensibility (VSX) can be considered a hard topic to learn for many developers in comparison with most .NET related topics. Also, its APIs are very complex and not very well written. Some may refer to these APIs as "dirty" because they do not have good structure, naming convention, or consistency. Visual Studio is now 10 years old. It was created during the COM days for COM programming but later migrated to .NET. However, Visual Studio still relies heavily on COM programming. It was revamped when moving to the .NET platform but still contains its COM nature; this fact is what makes it harder for .NET developers to work with VSX. Because it is an older product built on two technologies, it has produced inconsistency in code. Although there are problems with the current version of VSX, the future looks bright for it. The many different teams working on the software have been moved into one umbrella group known as the Visual Studio Ecosystem team. Throughout the past 10 years Visual Studio has continued to grow and new extensibility features have been added. Learning all of the options with their different purposes and implementations is not easy. Many extensibility features are broad topics such as add-ins, macros, and the new domain-specific language tools in Visual Studio. Learning these topics can be difficult because they are not closely related to general .NET programming topics. This book is for .NET developers who are interested in extending Visual Studio as their development tool. In order to understand the book you must know the following material well: Object-oriented programming (OOP), the .NET Framework and .NET programming, C# or Visual Basic languages, some familiarity with C++, some familiarity with XML and its related topics, and Visual Studio structure and usage. A familiarity with COM programming and different .NET technologies is helpful. The aims of this book are to: Provide an overview of all aspects of VSX Enable readers to know where/when to use extensibility Familiarize readers with VS Extensibility in detail Show readers the first steps and let them learn through their own experiences Use examples, sample code, and case studies to demonstrate things in such a way that helps readers understand the concepts Avoid bothering readers with long discussions and useless code samples In order to use this book, and get the most out of it, there are some technical requirements. You must have the following two packages installed on your machine to be able to read/understand the chapters and test code samples: Visual Studio 2008 Team System Edition (or other commercial editions) Visual Studio 2008 SDK 1.0 (or its newer versions) You will need to buy Visual Studio 2008 to register for an evaluation version. The Free Express editions of Visual Studio do not support the extensibility options. The Visual Studio SDK is needed in order to read some of the chapters in the book and can be downloaded as a free package. The operating system doesn't matter for the content of the book, but all code was written with Visual Studio 2008 Team System Edition in Windows Vista x86. Chapters 1, 2, and 3 will give you an introduction to the basic concepts you need to understand before you can move on to the rest of the book. Chapter 4 discusses the automation model, which is an important prerequisite for many

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