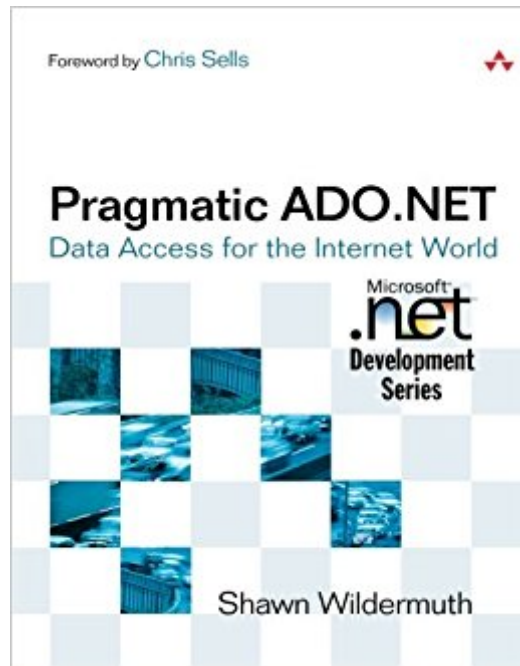




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Pragmatic ADO.NET: Data Access For The Internet World



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Provides developers with an introduction to ADO.NET, and gives practical solutions for using it effectively. Part of the Microsoft .NET Development series, this book demonstrates how to use ADO.NET to interact with databases and the rest of the .NET framework. It is useful for the developers looking to gain a working knowledge of ADO.NET.

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Pragmatic ADO.NET: Data Access for the Internet Worldby Shawn WildermuthAddison-Wesley Pub CoThe world of ADO.NET can be confusing to someone who is used to the old versions of ADO. I remember the frustration of trying to wrap my mind around the new concepts of the "disconnected data" world. I read a couple of books that had information on ADO.NET and some decent examples. Even though the examples helped me grasp some of the "how to do" questions in my mind, none of them really explained how the new version of ADO.NET worked, why it was designed the way it is, or gave any best practices. Luckily, I was able to review this book and a million pieces of the puzzle came flying into place. Pragmatic ADO.NET is an excellent teacher of what ADO.NET is, how it works, and how the everyday developer can use it. This is THE book to read if you want to understand how ADO.NET works, and learn best practices of how to use it. This book has many examples, but is not over laden with them. They are shared in a very clear and precise manner, which is always straight to the point. The examples will help you put into play the best practices that are discussed in the book. One thing I would have liked to see were more examples in VB.NET. 99%

are in C#. The book is very well written, and flowed very smoothly from one topic to the next. Shawn has a way of explaining things very clearly, and in such a way that anyone can understand. That being said, this is not a beginner's book. But, is a "Must Read" book for anyone who knows ADO and wants to go to the world of ADO.NET. More seasoned developers would also greatly benefit from this book.

I have been fortunate enough to read "Pragmatic ADO.NET - Data Access for the Internet World", a truly great book. I've got a decent enough knowledge of data access as used by the .NET Framework, but this book gave me a wake-up call to precisely how things are done, and how I can better optimize my apps. As such, I got a lot out of it. It's less of a "techie ramming programming concepts down your throat" approach with impractical and illogical examples you'll never wind up using. On the contrary, author Shawn Wildermuth uses iterative examples using a similar coding design that is consistent throughout the book to connect to a database, and extract/update/manipulate or analyze information, so it sticks with the reader more. I've let some members of the user group I run preview the book and they got more out of it than any other book on ADO.NET so far. The book is perfectly suited for the intermediate-level, professional developer, as it's not intended to be an introductory book on ADO.NET programming (or database technology, for that matter), so most of the code examples are presented in a way that assumes the reader is familiar with writing data-driven apps. As such, the book doesn't waste time going through 5 meaningless chapters on "What is .NET?", "What is ADO.NET?", "What is the CLR?", and other things that drive people just in search of good, useful information crazy. You hit the ground running. Wildermuth's writing style is great - he uses a tone that is learned, yet not domineering; knowledgeable, but not unfamiliar. Reading his book is like sitting down with a friend and chatting about data access principles. (It's also more than obvious very early on in the book's code examples that Shawn is an avid fan of the Atlanta Braves).

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