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Synopsis

Developing Java Servlets is a comprehensive, code-intensive book for professional Java developers. It explains the Java Servlet API architecture and client-server development concepts, and contains detailed, professional programming techniques for building sophisticated e-commerce and database servlet applications. This book explains HTTP, MIME, server-side includes, and other web-based client-server technologies that developers need to understand to build any servlet application. In addition, the book covers JDBC, RMI, CORBA, and other object technologies to the degree are needed to build sophisticated Java servlets.

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Customer Reviews

There are two polarized schools of thought in the customer reviews of this book. Most say 'its the best' while a few of us say 'waste of time'. My read is that its a decent intro to servlets for novices. But it is ultimately insufficient for anyone doing serious professional servlet work. The table of contents covers almost all the bases you'd want a servlet book to cover. But it gets increasingly shallow as you get into it. And the examples just don't cut it. Bottom line: its not a bad first taste of servlets for novices. But if you do servlets professionally, this is a light read. Expect to need another reference text.

Though I'd heard of servlets, and had a vague idea of what their purpose was, I really hadn't done

much work with them before. However, the idea of replacing CGI scripts with server-side applications written in Java was intriguing. I wanted to learn more. So I set myself the task of finding a book on the topic - one which would act both as a tutorial for learning, and a reference for later development. Often with programming books, this is a tall ask; they either teach at too low a level for developers, or too high for those new to a particular topic. Thankfully, *Developing Java Servlets* fills both criteria. Whether you've just written a few Java applets and applications, or are a fully fledged developer, this title makes learning about - and creating - servlets a breeze. The author starts by giving an overview of what servlets are, and how they work. This gives a good grounding for subsequent chapters, which then cover practical applications of servlets. Once you get the hang of things, the book allows you to jump easily from one topic to another, such as server-side includes, database access (using JDBC), session tracking and JavaServer Pages. These advanced topics aren't for everyone, but as your experience grows, the book acts as an excellent desktop reference while programming. Finally, the book finishes with a substantial servlet application, the online shop front which includes a shopping cart. "*Developing Java Servlets*" is a great way to get up to speed with servlet development in a hurry. James Goodwill's coverage of servlets is thorough and to the point, including many screenshots and code examples. My one complaint with title is that there is no CD with the source code, or sample servlet development tools. Save this one flaw (shared I might add by too many programming books these days), "*Developing Java Servlets*" is an excellent addition to any programmer's library. Not only is it a great tutorial, but you'll also want to keep this book handy as a reference.

This is a great book for those new to servlets. I had no servlet experience! After I read it, I could create my own servlets quickly (http, forms, jdbc, rmi and others servlets applications). The samples are easy for beginners to follow and got me writing and running servlets by myself. I recommend it to those new to Java Servlets.

It is a pretty good book on Java Servlets and also include other server side Java concepts. Be aware, this book is useful only if U know java programming concepts and wanted to learn Java Servlets and ofcourse, the book is intended for the same. Author, introduced all basic/important servlet programming concepts very clearly/briefly with simple, easy to understand examples and this book can be used for fast track learning. The price is also very less and I am sure U won't repend for buying this book.

If you are new to servlets, this book will certainly help you understand the power of servlets. I do not recommend this book to those who are looking for some advanced examples or some examples specific to servlets v2.1.

This is a very good book, in my opinion, covering a very important technology. But there are many odd errors which slow down one's ability to make it through the book. See the other reservations and qualifications in other reviews. They are true. For example, you will look in vain I think to find out the Web Site for the book. I don't even remember how I finally determined how to download the source code, but it was only after I decided to have another go at the book. A sample error is in the NewCustomerServlet.html file of Chapter 4. If you didn't download the source code you wouldn't even have this file. But as supplied the file utilizes the POST method, which takes you directly to the "Account Created" screen. After carefully reading the code for the NewCustomerServlet I realized that the Servlet had to be invoked first with a GET method inorder to first obtain the Customer Account form. This simple change to the html file made it work as advertised but until I discovered what was wrong I felt like the guy in the T.V. ad when he was told "It's late, and you haven't called. Little missy, go to your room."

I needed a book to get me quickly up to speed with Java servlets. This book is outstanding. It's very clearly written with concise examples illustrating many of the common uses of servlets including JDBC (which is why I needed it) and many others. If you are trying to use Java servlets in an HTML application, this is the book for you. You should be slightly familiar with Java though. If you are familiar with Java you will be cranking out servlets on your first day with this book. Hats off to James Goodwill.

I was completely lost when I was asked to start writing servlets. I had the O'Reilly Java Servlet Programming book, but it was not exactly what I was looking for. I bought this book because each chapter was a "lesson" on servlets. I liked the clear and simple descriptions and the example code snippets. After reading this book, I had a roadmap of what I wanted to look for in the other servlet book. This is a great book for beginning servlet programmers who know a little bit of Java.

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