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This book covers ASP.NET 3.5 AJAX but not ASP.NET 3.5, on which ASP.NET AJAX is built. The examples lead you from the core of what is included in the ASP.NET AJAX Library through the core controls you would first start using. You build on that using the core JavaScript library and the ASP.NET AJAX Toolkit.

Detailed coverage includes:

- how ASP.NET AJAX compares to other AJAX libraries and how you can use the client library with any server platform you choose
- the UpdatePanel control that allows you to automatically update portions of a page asynchronously without a visible pause while the page refreshes
- working with JavaScript and how the ASP.NET AJAX Library makes development with JavaScript easier
- control of script resources and working with the ScriptManager control
- the ASP.NET 3.5 ability to work with the back button
- the ASP.NET AJAX Toolkit and all it has to offer for creating rich user interfaces
- how to use ASP.NET's services and core features such as the Membership and Role management systems, Web Parts, localization, and state management with ASP.NET AJAX
- networking objects, animations, custom AJAX controls
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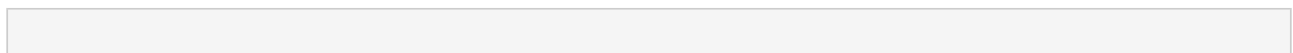
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From the Back Cover

AJAX is the de facto standard for building compelling, scalable user-friendly interactive web applications. With this book, you'll discover how to use those ASP.NET 3.5 AJAX features in order to create richer, more responsive, dynamic web sites. You'll get an overview of the architecture, including the ASP.NET server elements and the client-side JavaScript library and runtime, and you'll gain a clear understanding of how the pieces of ASP.NET 3.5 AJAX build upon each other to provide a comprehensive framework for rich application development and limitless customization.

As you build your knowledge of the underlying ASP.NET platform, you'll also learn how to effectively use Visual Studio 2008 to build ASP.NET solutions that maximize the new AJAX capabilities.

What you will learn from this book

- How the latest AJAX version is part of the .NET Framework 3.5, requiring no separate installation
- The benefits of cross-platform compatibility within all the major up-level browsers that exist
- Ways that Visual Studio works with AJAX-enabled pages
- Techniques for testing, debugging, and deploying ASP.NET AJAX applications
- Tips for building custom controls and working with animations
- How to access databases and Web Services

Who this book is for

This book is for ASP.NET developers who are interested in using AJAX to enhance existing web sites or develop new, more interactive web applications.

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