ADO.NET Programming With CDR (Wordware Programming Library)
Aimed at database programmers with a working knowledge of the .NET Framework, this book dissects the ADO.NET component model and provides real-world examples demonstrating how ADO.NET can be used to manipulate data from different sources.

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Customer Reviews

I gave this book 2 stars because of the VERY misleading title. (I also took the book back to the store) The book does not even come close to being an ADO.NET book. It states Learn How To interact with databases using the Connection, Command, DataReader, and DataAdapter Components and how to manipulate data with the dataset component. This is a JOKE. Chapter 2 Interacting With Databases is nothing more than a list of the objects mentioned above and their properties and methods. NOT EVEN AN EXAMPLE on how to properly use them. The book should have been named more for the interaction of ADO.NET and XML, because that is what most of the focus appears to be on. But what the book does cover is very well written!

If you seriously want to learn all about ADO.NET then look no further, this is the book for you. The book is my favourite ADO.NET book, and acts as a very good reference. The book also has really good examples and the appendix is also valuable resource for a refresher on database issues such normalization, views, stored procedure and trigger programming.
I have a small database software development company in Redmond, Washington. After doing my first search for ADO.NET books on .com, I came across several books namely from Microsoft, Wrox and Sybex. It was only after searching deeper that I found this book. I was attracted to this book because Joubert is also a co-author of Professional SQL Server 2000 Datawarehousing with Analysis (Wrox Press). I really enjoyed that book because it covered all the aspects of data warehousing. So, I purchased ADO.NET Programming from my local bookstore in Redmond. I must say, that the authors covered a wide variety of subjects in this book. There are chapters on XML Integration, Data warehouse manipulation from .NET code, and a full coverage of the DataSet and Data Provider classes. There is nothing more to read about ADO.NET after you read this book. I really enjoy it and I always keep this book right next to my keyboard.

This book covers all the aspects of database programming in the .NET Framework. The authors are seasoned database developers and use real world examples to illustrate the application of ADO .NET in developing database driven solutions. The reader is provided with a lot of database programming hints. The amazing aspect of this book is the extent of coverage given to specific .NET data manipulation topics such as XML integration, data warehouses, active directory, ADO migration, exchange 2000 programming and advanced SQL. The appendices provide in-depth coverage of OOP as applied in VB .NET, advanced database normalization, database views, stored procedures, and triggers, and Advanced T-SQL. The appendix on Advanced T-SQL is one of the most interesting parts of this book because it teaches the reader how to build complex programming structures and algorithms in T-SQL - a text drawn from the authors’ extensive experience. This book is a must for all professional developers' libraries.

Terence Joubert doesn’t actually know how to program. He scammed me for several thousand dollars.

1. I did not read chapter 1.2. Chapter 2 start off with a short paragraph warning the reader that the discussion on data provider is very "conceptual". And then it proceeded to list down the various properties and methods in ALPHABATIONAL order - of Connection, Command, DataReader, DataAdapter - right to the end of the chapter. I do not think reading a dictionary like listing of properties and method of each object is any thing "conceptual" - neither is it the preferred learning method encourage throughout the English speaking world - which I presumed this book is targeted
for since it is written in English. I could be wrong, though. 3. Chapter 3 - see chapter 2 - this time we have ALPHABATICAL soup for DataSet. 4. Chapter 4 - in some 20 odd pages it covered Data binding, window form, console application, window services, ASP.NET, XML web services, Stored Procedure, SQL statement, Data Warehousing, Protecting the Application, and more (or is it less?). There are some codes (some "class" code I think) litter around here and there, BUT, there is not a single example showing you how to create any of the thing that he discussed. PERhaps may be this is also a "conceptual" chapter. Could have fool me. 5. This is a chapter in XML. It defied all my past, present, and future attempts to understanding it. Also at this point - I noticed that with half the book gone - we have not yet create a single dataconnection or dataset - chapter 2 and 3 are sheer "conceptual", remember? 6. Chapter 6 is practical case study - codes are everywhere but there is still no sign on how to drag a dataAdapter from the toolbox to the window form and setup a connection. Perhaps should rename Theoretical case study. 7. Chapter 7 - see chapter 6. 8. See chapter 8. 9. Chapter 9 manipulating multidimensional data - something to do with OLAP solution, SQL server 2000 Analysis service. Oh, I just noticed that codes on this chapter includes a full view of the highly sought after "Windows Form Designer generated code" - but of course I am left wondering how the form looks like - it was never shown. 10. Sorry to say this, but arguably the only wrong thing that they manage to do right is not to have chapter 10. I congratulate myself for finally able to end the tremendous suffering of going through this book.

I got this book a couple of days ago from . When I opened the book that I so eagerly waited for, It put me off to find that 100% of the samples in this book are in VB.NET (Oh! Did I forget to tell you that I am a C# programmer). Though ADO.NET framework is the same for any .NET language, It is a little hard to follow the flow of the sample program codes when you don't understand the language. So, the authors should have named this book "ADO.NET Programming for VB.NET programmers". Having said that, the topics this book covers seem to be very good. This book does teach you how to use ADO.NET (efficiently - and that's important). The bottom line is, it is an excellent book. I took a star away from my rating for not letting me know this was a VB.NET book.

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