ColdFusion Web Development With Macromedia Dreamweaver MX 2004 (Books For Professionals By Professionals)
Synopsis

* Competitively priced, comprehensively illustrated, with in-depth "real world" applied content. There are only 2 other books that approach this subject matter, and our book is more concise, practical, and reaches a more advanced level than the others. All source code for examples and case study will be openly available for download from www.apress.com. * In-depth final case study â€“ in the final chapter we explore the planning, design, and implementation of an entire fully working website, using all of the code, concepts, and techniques learnt in earlier chapters. This highly applied look at integrating ColdFusion and Dreamweaver in a complete project unifies all of the concepts learnt and takes our book above and beyond the competitors, which rely heavily on theory and small isolated examples. * The authors (in particular Jen deHaan, Massimo Foti and Simon Horwith) are highly experienced and renowned members of the Dreamweaver and ColdFusion web communities.

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Customer Reviews

The title of this book is a straight-forward description of the contents - a book designed to meet the needs of new ColdFusion developers who are learning CFMX 6.1 by using Dreamweaver MX (DMX) 2004. Compared to the CFMX "bible" - Web Application Construction Kit, this book is lean, comfortable, and informal. The basics of working with databases, writing in ColdFusion Markup Language (CFML), using conditional logic, and form processing are covered in the first half of the
book. The topics are covered briefly with simple examples. If you don't grasp the concepts and
usages presented, you may need a second reference for more detailed information. You'll definitely
need a database-specific reference if you're not familiar with Structure Query Language (SQL) or
your datasource is something other than MS Access. The authors' hints about writing queries and
CFML code suggest best practices for making easy to read, reusable code. Queries are designed
using the built-in DMX 2004 panels and tools. This gives a developer coming from the webmaster
side of the internet assistance in composing SQL with filters and sorts, then allows you to view the
generated SQL. The authors list the most useful tags to know with simple, clear explanations of
what they do. Practical examples are used to display both code and the resulting browser output. Be
warned though, there are typos and odd phrasing in some spots. More advanced chapters cover
topics like maintaining state by storing information in persistent variables, exception handling for
error management, and code reuse through User-Defined Functions (UDF), custom tags and CF
components (CFC's). Topics are limited to a few pages each, so there is not a lot of in-depth
coverage. A full chapter is devoted to working with XML and another to Flash MX 2004 and web
services. A nice feature of the book is the last chapter which pulls it all together into a web site
featuring an image gallery, login administration and content management. Overall, it's a good book
for a fast learner, although you may need more in-depth coverage as you grow in your
development.

This book starts out slowly if you already know ColdFusion, but then it jumps quickly into dynamic
Web development using ColdFusion MX 6.1 in conjunction with Dreamweaver MX 2004. Most other
Dreamweaver books usually try to do too much by also covering ASP, PHP, or JSP. Such books
have failed where this one succeeds in giving the reader a comprehensive and well illustrated guide
to one technology, rather than gloss over several at the same time. In addition to the bread and
butter things you can or should do in ColdFusion for a Web site, the book devotes two whole
chapters XML and Web Services, and the last chapter gives a case study of a complete
ColdFusion-based Web site. Yet, despite having six authors, it comes in below 500 pages and does
not look at all like those bloated volumes which try to explain everything under the information
technology sun. If you are looking for a reference book covering all the details on ColdFusion or
Dreamweaver, look elsewhere. If you want a book you can read and use in your day to day work,
this is definitely it.

This is a step by step guide if you want to get started with Coldfusion. I didn't have any experience in
Coldfusion and this book gave me confidence that I would be able to learn it quickly. I have brought it for a month now and it looks good. I also brought ColdFusion 7 book by Ben Forta as another reference. I will start with Apress book first and then the Forta as I believe it will cover more topics and would be helpful if I knew the basics first. Good book, handy for starters in Coldfusion using Dreamweaver as their dev tool. service was good. Reached me in time. Would buy again from here for sure.

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