Programming ASP.NET MVC 4: Developing Real-World Web Applications With ASP.NET MVC
**Synopsis**

Get up and running with ASP.NET MVC 4, and learn how to build modern server-side web applications. This guide helps you understand how the framework performs, and shows you how to use various features to solve many real-world development scenarios you're likely to face. In the process, you'll learn how to work with HTML, JavaScript, the Entity Framework, and other web technologies. You'll start by learning core concepts such as the Model-View-Controller architectural pattern, and then work your way toward advanced topics. The authors demonstrate ASP.NET MVC 4 best practices and techniques by building a sample online auction site ("EBuy") throughout the book. Learn the similarities between ASP.NET MVC 4 and Web Forms, use Entity Framework to create and maintain an application database, create rich web applications, using jQuery for client-side development, incorporate AJAX techniques into your web applications, learn how to create and expose ASP.NET Web API services, deliver a rich and consistent experience for mobile devices, apply techniques for error handling, automated testing, and build automation, use various options to deploy your ASP.NET MVC 4 application.

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**Customer Reviews**

Disappointing! I wish I could give it a negative rating. Alas, I had a good opinion about one of the authors as I went through his tutorial on a similar "Auction" scenario in a video tutorial (in Lynda.com) where in spite of making a mess in later sections he presented the introductory materials quite well! I am simply profoundly disappointed at O'Reilly. Being a decent publisher, how
could they publish this book! The books sample code site says "These examples are not yet complete - they will be completed within the next few weeks". Well, it has been more than a year, the message is still there! After about wasting 30 minutes on downloading and installing whatever they have, the project does not run. Don't buy this book. It would be a waste of time and money. Some chapters do the "big talks", but never give an iota of hint on how or where they have implemented some of the code excerpts. If you are adamant I guess you could try to enter the example code manually (only after creating the database; because their database uses 32/64 bit GUID for Id, although they have have never mentioned it in the book and their "Create auction" action fails on LocalDb), you will be shocked at the erroneous and confusing examples. For example, they have given a Razor code excerpt and its generated source code. They have never mentioned about their own _Layout.cshtml file, nor have they given it in their example site as if it came out of nowhere. Okay, being a tolerant developer you may continue entering the code laboriously only to find that `@Url("PartialAuction", "Auctions")/ + auctionId does not compile. Should it be @auctionId or @Model.Id or what?

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