Core JSP
**Synopsis**

*The experienced developer's guide to JavaServer Pages development! * Database access, XML support, JavaBean integration, and much more * Architecting JSP applications for maximum performance and maintainability * Includes several complete sample JSP applications such as an authentication framework, an email tag library, and a Database-to-XML/XSL conversion tool Sun's JavaServer Pages technology gives developers a powerful cross-platform solution for dynamic Web application development without the drawbacks of previous approaches. In Core JSP, two leading enterprise developers show experienced developers exactly how to make the most of JSP technology for database integration, XML applications, session tracking, and many other purposes. From coding fundamentals to effective JSP program design, you'll find it here along with real-world sample code for HTML calendars, JNDI applications, LDAP-based authentication JavaBeans, database search forms, and more! * Make the most of scriptlets, expressions, declarations, actions and directives * Get under the hood with Sun's JSP engine: multithreading, persistence, implicit objects, and more * Understand JSP requests and responses in depth * Track sessions and data: hidden frames and form fields, cookies, URL rewriting, and the HttpSession API * Integrate databases: JDBCTM, SQL, metadata, connection pooling, and more * Creating custom JSP actions (custom tags) * Optimize the performance of your JSP pages Every Core Series book: * DEMONSTRATES how to write commercial quality code * FEATURES dozens of nontrivial programs and examples* FOCUSES on the features and functions most important to real developers * PROVIDES objective, unbiased coverage of cutting-edge technologies* Core JSP delivers: * Practical insights for transforming dynamic web pages into full-fledged web applications * Hands-on coverage of integrating JSP and XML * Expert JavaBean Action techniques for integrating JavaBean business logic with JSP presentation logic * Extensive code examples including several complete sample applications

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If you’re like me and type in the examples provided in the textbook to make sure I understand what I’m doing, then you will NOT like this book. There’s WAY too many errors in the examples provided. Not only that but the source code accompanying the CD is also full of them. I wonder why this book is NOT at all like it’s counterpart, "Core Servlets and Java Server Pages". The examples and syntax mistakes in this book make it definitley a book, if I had known, NOT to buy. Almost every single example has major inconsistencies. Another thing I wonder is did the authors of this book REALLY know JSP and HTML when they were writing this...and also if the publisher was really so dumb enough to let this book slide without testing out some random codes from the book...My review is that if you like reading just the book, then you’ll be fine with this text, however if you do the examples, then you’ll want to return this book. Unfortunately, I bought this book so I’ll have to keep it. Find another book on JSP if you can because this is NOT the one you would want...trust me. And I agree with the few individuals who did not give this book a high rating because they, like me, were the only ones who ACTUALLY read this book...i'm surprised that some of the developers also gave this book a high rating even though they should have picked up on the problems in the code right from chapter 2 of this book.

I would rank this book as mediocre at best. More annoying than the numerous editorial oversights in the text and code (and there are many) are the misuses of terms, both technical and nontechnical. One gets the impression that the authors are trying to write beyond their abilities. It also makes me question the accuracy of the rest of the material when I find such errors on topics with which I am already familiar. Also frustrating is the way a lot of concepts are referenced before being introduced, with no indication that such is the case. If I didn’t already know Java very well and have an inkling about JSP coming in, I expect I would have been very confused. I was looking for something that would get me up to speed on JSP quickly and not get too bogged down in details, and in that respect the book did reasonably well. But I gave up on it halfway through because I found it too
frustrating. It's not terrible, but with a bit of work and better editing, it could have been a lot better.

Don't know how this text got past the editors. Just about every chapter had typos and syntax errors. Some of the scriptlets had class instantiation problems that needed to be corrected. There were include directives that referenced code that wasn't included on the accompanying CD - nor shown in the book. The JNDI/LDAP section was a joke and the XML didn't work without debugging either. For those giving the book 5 stars - I wonder if they tried the examples or just read the text?

This is a great introduction to JSP. It is true that there are some typos but they are mostly harmless. I don't know how many typos are in the code samples, because I didn't hardcopy them. My "system" is to try to make up my own code by reading, trying to understand and apply, not by typing someone else's code like a monkey typist. This book covers all you need to know about JSP but some preknowledge of servlets helps. Nothing fancy, just go through some servlet -tutorial on the web and you are done. You need to know the structure of a servlet, that is the initialization, destruction and the doService() method (incl. doGet() and doPost()). That will help you with JSP in general. Because writing JSP code is actually writing servlet code. The first chapter is just an introduction. If you are in a hurry, you only need to read chapter 2! It shows you how to create JSPs and assuming you know java, you can do some impressive stuff right then and there. But if you want to create custom JSP tags, or need some samples as how to write database or ldap-applications (ie. you are not that experienced with java) then you will find all you need from the subsequent chapters. Tryly worth having!

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