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Synopsis
Developing Java Server Pages teaches JSP programming, with emphasis on techniques that allow programmers to get the job done quickly and efficiently. This book shows you how JSP, the next chapter in the evolution of Java as a server side development language, is used and how it can be used. Workarounds in advice and code are explored to provide practical and realistic solutions to problems. Other technologies are also introduced, including Servlets, the Java language, JDBC, and beans. Using extensive examples, and a hands-on approach, authors Paul Colton, Andre Lei, and Scott Stirling present the most important topics for web developers, including security, database interaction, custom tags and scalability. All examples are based on hard earned, real-world experience.

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If you are looking to get your "feet wet" quickly learning Java Server Pages (JSP) you can't do much better than this book! Very clearly written, the chapters flow nicely, and the examples are very well done and real world. In my opinion this book is a quicker and easier way to get started learning JSP than the Wrox, Fields, or Hall books. Don't get me wrong, those books are also good, but Ben Forta is such a talented technical writer he is able to build you a solid foundation with JSP in only 500 pages!!
Ben Forta’s JavaServer Pages Application Development will teach even the most novice user all that is necessary for effective JSP programming, with emphasis on techniques that allow the programmers to get the job done quickly and efficiently. Other technologies are introduced as well, including Servlets, the Java language, JDBC, and beans. Using extensive examples, and a hands-on approach, JavaServer Pages Application Development walks the reader through the most important topics for web developers, including security, database interaction, custom tags and scalability. All the examples are based on hard earned, real-world experience. Especially recommended for Intermediate/Advanced level web page developer. 416pp.

I am the senior web developer at a small company looking for a good book to bring my less-experienced people up to speed on JSP. I bought this book because the introduction says, "This book is designed to teach you JSP, even if you have no Java experience whatsoever." Sadly that is not true. Just three pages into Chapter 2, 'Creating a JSP Page', the author hits you with several pages of Java source code as he compares and contrasts the java source produced by JRun, Tomcat, etc as a result of processing a simple JSP page. The first piece of JSP you see is the page directive, and this topic begins with references to java packages. First, I would think that there are kindler, gentler ways to dip ones toe into the JSP waters. Surely some simple JSPs could be written that do not require the page directive, saving this subject for later. And even so, the explanation of packages would make no sense to someone who did not already understand java. And so it goes throughout this book.

I have some programming experience but am new to Java/JSP. I choose this book to start out with and am about half way through working all the examples by hand using Forte for Java CE and then "deploying" them to a separate test server running Tomcat 4.0. Basically, there are several errors in the example code in the book. Some of these are fixed on the versions on the cd - some not. I've wasted many hours scouring the net and pulling my hair out to get the examples to compile and work in both Forte for Java CE and Tomcat 4.0 - EXTREMELY frustrating for newbies like me. Too bad, since otherwise the book is pretty well written. Don't assume the example code is correct and you'll be okay.

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