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# Java Server Pages From Scratch



## Synopsis

JavaServer Pages From Scratch teaches beginning users about the many techniques involved in JavaServer Pages by building an online auction house with an events calendar. In addition to discussing the planning and designing of an application, the book will also cover development of forms, validating data, registering new users, servlets, sessions management, enterprise javabeans, cookies and wireless protocol.

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## Customer Reviews

I thought the whole purpose of this book is to teach one in working with JSP. However, I'm only on the 3rd Chapter and I have spent a fairly good amount of time trying to debug the sample codes and piece together what the author is trying to get at. It's a good thing I'm an experienced programmer and good at debugging, otherwise I would have thrown my hands up in exasperation long ago. What the book is trying to achieve is good (that was why I bought it) but if the rest of the chapters and the sample codes are going to be as buggy as the first few chapters, I don't think the author is going to convince many readers into using JSP through his efforts.

I was truly amazed and flabbergasted at the other reviewers who gave this book more than one star! This book stinks! Why, you ask? Any beginner that starts going through the exercises will soon find that there are LOTS of problems. I am a 20 year I.S. veteran and I could not figure out some of the

problems in the examples. It was obvious that no one did a quality check on this book and Que should be embarrassed. I have sent several messages to Que support but have not received any updated example code. The Que support person even promised to send me another book of my choice, but, even after several weeks it hasn't arrived. So, I am very disappointed and wish I would have read the reviews before I wasted my money. Shame on Que and Sahu.

I found this book to be very comprehensive and covering a wide range of topics and actually displaying many aspects of what one can do with java server pages. The chapters deal with usage of jsp as a scripting language, imbibing usage of Java programming language, javascript and Java Beans too. The author has done a very good job of kind of networking the recent technologies ...javabeans, sending email using javabeans through a JSP and also actually developing an auction site using JSPs. The approach is very gradual and easy to understand without jumping into too much of technological jargon. I liked the way the book has dealt into explaining the JSPs, the initial chapters which would be helpful to even a non-web-programming savvy person, as the basics of web programming, HTML, have also been explained. An experienced web programmer could skip the first chapter. Finally, a great job in introducing the 'hot' technology of wireless/mobile commerce and integrating the JSP with it. Good book for pouring into the world of JSP....well-written!

As a web developer and site architect, I didn't need another course in CGI and general programming. So when I had to evaluate JSP for a new project I wanted to hit the ground running. The author's approach of taking a common web application and going through the whole design and implementation cycle "from scratch" provided me with just the right balance of practical working examples and insightful tips to help me make a decision. Not surprisingly I am in the process of rewriting a major piece of my site from Perl to JSP. The book is targeted towards in-the-field site designers. Wish it had fewer typos. A great book nevertheless.

This book is very well architected and has the potential of being a great teaching tool...But there are so so so many typos and faults with the example code that it seems the publisher was more interested in getting the book out and making money than creating a quality product...Very dissapointing..."QUE get it together"...

I read all the negative reviews and still bought the book. And as a student of JSP, I'm glad I did because I found it conceptually good and well written. And more importantly, easy to understand. It

has definitely given me a greater knowledge base of JSP.

I have been programming server side code for about 3 years. When my firm got a jsp project I immediately went browsing the local bookstore for some jsp books feeling confident that I could put my Java skills to work. This book immediately caught my eye. It seemed to have everything I was looking for. While working through the first couple of chapters, I was utterly confused. The author tells you to name a page one name, but refers to the same page with a completely different name for its examples. This happens several times throughout the book. By trial and error I eventually got some of the code to work but with way too much effort. This is not a simple walkthrough like the book's title dictates. There are too many leaps from example to example and too many holes to fill. Most of my time was spent figuring out how to piece the several bits of code together to make the examples work. I am sure this is not the author's fault, but the publisher's rather. It's a shame, because this could have been a winner instead of the jumbling mess that it is. Also Que offers no errata to help out and the source code is just as confusing as the book! If you wanna learn jsp quick, definitely check out Wrox's Beginning JSP Web Development, or Forta's JSP book, and "scratch" this one of your list. Shame on you Que.

I recently purchased this book on an impulse from a local retailer. After struggling through the first 3 chapters I decided to look at the reviews of the book. I reiterate what the earlier reviewers said. The book is so full of errors it's obvious the author wasn't paying attention. Not only does the code in the book skip, jump and disappear between each example, but the code on the included CD is as bad. Poor effort by the Author, poor effort by QUE. Good effort by my retailer who took the book back.

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