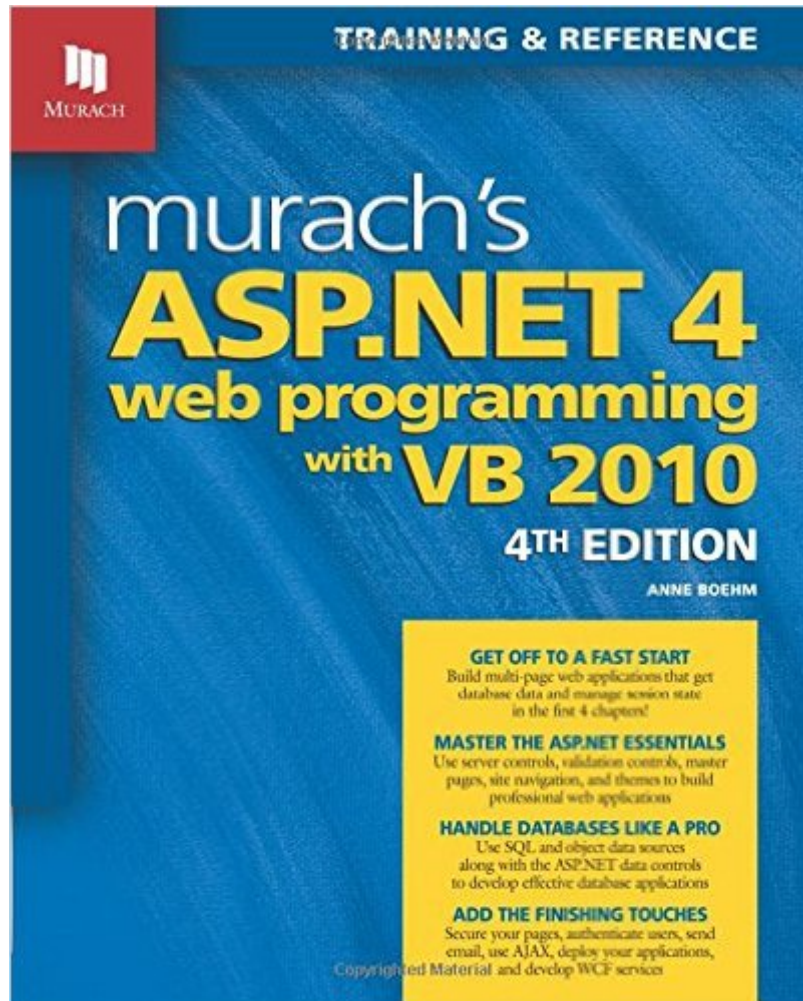


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# Murach's ASP.NET 4 Web Programming With VB 2010



## Synopsis

This book has provided me with the information to jump right into creating web applications with Visual Basic. It is an excellent training guide and at the same time, it provides real-world examples that can be reused in multiple projects and applications. (A developer's comment on the previous edition of Murach's ASP.NET, posted online) Already know how to code in Visual Basic 2010? Then, master web programming with this .NET 4 edition of the ASP.NET book that's a favorite of developers. It teaches beginners how to develop web applications from scratch, while more seasoned professionals use it as a time-saving guide whenever they need the "how-to" details that take forever to find online. Here's a quick rundown on what developers have always liked best about this book:

- #1: Complete applications show you how all the pieces interact. The key to mastering ASP.NET 4 is to have plenty of real-world applications that guide you in using the skills you're learning...and that help you avoid the problems that you can run into as you build complex web sites. That's why this book gives you complete applications, including the web forms, the aspx code, and the VB code. Download the applications for free from the Murach website, and experiment with them on your own to see how valuable they are.
- #2: It gives you a 6-chapter section on database programming that's geared to business applications. Database handling is crucial in business programming, yet it's glossed over in just a chapter or two in many books. In contrast, this 6-chapter section teaches you how to use SQL data sources and ASP.NET data controls to develop database applications with little or no VB code. Then, it teaches how to use object data sources to create 3-layer applications that let you separate the presentation code from the data access code. And each topic is illustrated using examples like maintenance and shopping cart applications...the kind of database applications you'll deal with every day.
- #3: It teaches you ASP.NET development the way it should be done, using Visual Studio 2010. The 1.x edition of this book was one of the first to teach web development using Visual Studio instead of tools like Notepad. Today, no developer should miss out on the productivity features of Visual Studio 2010. So they're integrated throughout this book, rather than being relegated to just a chapter or two at the beginning.
- #4: It teaches you ASP.NET 4 features when they're appropriate, not just convenient. In contrast to some books, the ASP.NET 4 features haven't just been tacked onto the chapters from the previous .NET 3.5 edition. Instead, author Anne Boehm has carefully analyzed how the changes affect the way you develop web applications and what you need to learn when. That means this book integrates the new material with the classic ASP.NET features that haven't changed, giving you a cohesive, fluid approach to learning web programming the way it's done today.
- #5: The distinctive paired-pages format\* makes learning...and reference...a breeze. A few years ago, a customer used the term

"paired pages" to describe our presentation style, and the name has stuck. It means that this book presents each topic in a two-page spread. The right page gives screen shots, code, syntax, bulleted details whatever is needed to illustrate and summarize the topic; the left page provides extra explanation and perspective as needed. That makes it easy for developers at any level to skim through material they already know and focus on what's new to them. It means less reading for everyone. And it makes the book a quick and easy-to-use reference guide once you're done training. (\*To see how the paired pages work, you can download free chapters from the Murach web site.)

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## **Customer Reviews**

I'm my job I review hundreds of books a year. I only publically comment on the really good ones and this one is super !If I were going to teach a course on ASP.NET Development in VB, this is the book that I would use. It's complete, well written, up to date with all the latest ASP.NET technology, and aesthetically pleasing !Joe Stagner[...]

The content is good insofar as learning the code itself within the Visual Studio interface, but there are errors when deploying to an IIS server. I bought this book because it was exactly what I wanted to do with what I have (asp.net 4 & VB 2010). I wanted to be able to build websites to use in the real world production IIS servers. I have tried on different IIS servers (6.0, 7.0, & 7.5) with different clients (XP, Vista, & 7) and on different browsers (IE 8, 10, Firefox) and get the same errors while in

the Visual Studio environment everything works perfectly. I like the book as a learning tool but without being able to use the knowledge in a production environment - it is almost useless. One of the other reviewers mentioned the SAMS asp.net 2.0 book which so far is doing a great job teaching what I want to learn and it works in a production environment. i wish I paid attention to that review 43 dollars ago.

If you are a coder that really utilizes and learns from code examples, this book is great! It covers a wide variety of topics - from basic web design principles and code to literally everything ASP - including some of the little quirks. Tricks about post-backs and datasources are covered. This text really outlines a person for success with how thorough it is and is easy, quick reference material. I am a person that is very particular about how I organize and categorize things, and I loved the organization and sections this text laid out. It was logical and intuitive, with LOTS of code examples.

The book goes into a lot of theory and gives a lot of good background, but I needed to learn this today and get something coded up for the boss by tomorrow. I couldn't wait until I finished Chapter 4 like it says on the cover. I ended up getting what I needed from Evangelos Petroutsos "Mastering Visual Basic 2008", Chapter 26, and had something up and running in just a few hours. The format of the book sounded good when I read the other reviews, but I changed my mind after a few pages. The right hand page just reiterated what the left page said, sometimes with relevant pictures. But, in the long run, it just seemed to make the book twice as big as needed.

Solid information is provided. In particular, the figures summarize capabilities with small examples. The larger examples of both aspx and vb components are clear, well chosen, small enough not to be cumbersome, and accurate. I really enjoyed the book, but did not use the examples so I cannot grade them, what I red deserved 5 stars. Leon

I picked this book up at my local store the price is better than many others on the same scale. The information included is a great start for beginners and will be a nice desk book for people who already know ASP.Net but want to learn 3.5 or need a book that covers a wide array of topics.

Found the book very easy to read. Book offers clear, concise and exhaustive coverage of all aspects of ASP.NET 3.5. Murach has been my favorite programming book publisher for years.

I'm a former Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) and Microsoft Certified Trainer (MCT). I've now retired from the traveling consultant and trainer role to settle down with a single company. I'm still immersed in Microsoft technologies and I find the Murach series of books to be great learning tools especially for those techies new to a particular technology like ASP.NET and VB 2008. Murach's ASP.NET 3.5 web programming with VB 2008 will teach you the important skills you need (and then some) for creating professional IIS / ASP.NET-based websites. Although I am very experienced on the technologies in question already, I'm always interested in reading new books that appear to be able to teach me something new. After reading/researching other books from WROX, APRESS (both of which I like) I decided to add Murach to my list of publishers for great learning resources on Microsoft technologies. I'm looking forward to Murach's SQL 2008 book due out shortly. No one book will be able to make someone a master on a product. Some of the most valuable learning you'll do is on the job writing applications and websites. However, well written and content-rich books such as this one are important for getting started. Enjoy!

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