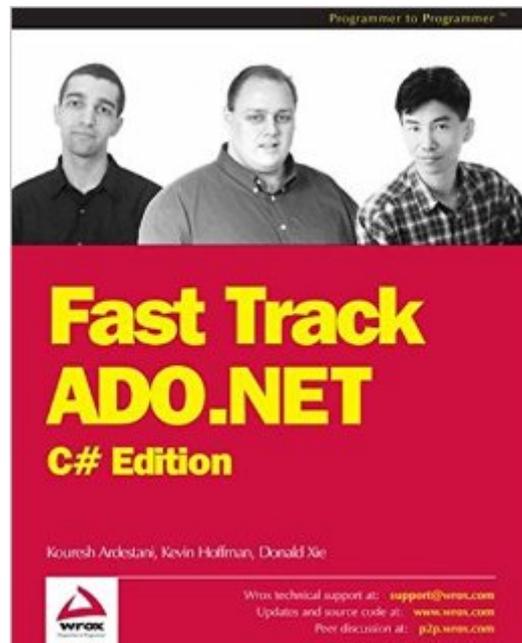


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## Synopsis

ADO.NET is Microsoft's latest data access technology and, as an integral part of the .NET Framework, is far more than simply an upgrade of previous incarnations of ADO. ADO.NET provides an extensive set of .NET classes that facilitate efficient access to data from a large variety of sources, enable sophisticated manipulation and sorting of data, and forms an important framework within which to implement inter-application communication and XML Web Services. This book provides a concise introduction to the concepts, techniques, and libraries that you will need in order to start using ADO.NET in your applications. This book covers how to access data using data readers and data adapters, as well as how to fill and manipulate datasets and typed datasets. It also looks at the close relationship between XML and ADO.NET, where ADO.NET should and shouldn't be used within enterprise applications, and how ADO.NET and XML Web services can be used to efficiently transfer data between distributed applications.

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I like this book and recommend it. Of course, there is no lack of ADO.NET titles on market, but if you looking for concise and practical ADO.NET guide and ask me, then I recommend you pick this one. Why? It is concise. You are no required to read about thousand pages to gain some useful knowledge. It is valuable. Just carefully explained essential concepts, information, and techniques. No unneeded, secondary or useless stuff. It is practical. Main focus is always how-to apply ADO.NET in real word. There are many really working and ready-to-use examples. Of course, there

are some things that can be better, for example it is imho better, while learning about ADO.NET, start with connection's and data reader's stuff and then move to Dataset's material, but this may be just matter of taste. Also web services chapter may be written better. But on other hand some parts and examples are simply outstanding. Summarizing, it is very solid, very good, ADO.NET title that really fulfill what it is promise. Check it out!

You'll probably find this book hilariously funny until it strikes you that you paid ... for it. I'm pretty sure these guys know what they're talking about, but when it comes to talking about it they seem to have a problem. The text is choppy. The sample code is so disjointed that it's almost impossible to follow. In chapter 2, for instance, we run into something called the Contact Manager. This example uses a form with several menu items and buttons. Instead of descriptive names that'll let you understand what's going on without bringing up the program the buttons have names like "button1," "button2," etc. Names of the menu items are "menuItem2," "menuItem3," etc. Trying to learn something from this book while you're away from your computer is an exercise in futility. Save your ... and take your wife out to dinner with it.

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