If you know the basics of Visual Basic, you’re ready to learn to develop server-side web applications with ASP.NET...and that’s where this book comes in:Section 1 presents a quick-start course on ASP.NET Web Forms, Visual Studio tools, and the role of HTML5/CSS3...a course that works both for beginners and for experienced web developers who are new to ASP.NETSection 2 gives you the skills you need for every ASP.NET application you develop...like how to use the server controls, validate user entries, manage state, use master pages and themes, provide site navigation, and use friendly URLsSection 3 presents the skills you need for developing database-driven web sites at a professional level...including how to use SQL data sources, object data sources, and ASP.NET data controls like the GridView, DetailsView, FormView, and ListView controlsSection 4 covers skills that enhance your professionalism...like how to develop secure web pages, authorize and authenticate users, send email, control the use of the Back button, and deploy finished applicationsSection 5 takes you to the next level by showing you how to use ASP.NET Ajax, how to develop WCF and Web API services, and how ASP.NET MVC programming differs from Web Forms programmingTo make it easier for you to master ASP.NET, you get complete web applications...including the web forms, the aspx code, and the VB code...that show you how each feature works in context. (You can download these for free from the Murach web site.) You get chapter exercises that let you practice your new skills. And you get Murach’s distinctive "paired-pages" format that developers like because it saves both training and reference time.

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This is a big book (822 pages) with a lot of technical information. The "paired pages" format is used in this book: how-to on the left page and examples on the right. This style contributes to the effectiveness of the learning process. ASP.NET 4.5 has many new and improved features which contribute to quicker and better web applications. This book starts with the essence of ASP.Net programming (165 pages). The next section (150 pages) covers ASP.NET essentials: managing state, master pages, and other need to know knowledge. Section 3 is devoted to ASP.NET database programming - SQL, data controls, object data sources. Security, authentication, email, custom error pages and much more is in Section 4. Section 5 covers ASP.NET Ajax, WCF and Web API Services. There is a lot information in this book. It is well suited for both training and reference. Highly recommended.

So boring and dry. Also hard to get around. Confusing. I couldn't use this book for class as it was unreadable. Got better and clearer info from google & Microsoft website. I built my own website with a database and if I were teaching it to someone else I would use a different layout than this book.

This is a great book from which to learn. Step by step instructions and examples. Good index as I've had to jump ahead sometimes for help with something I'm currently working on. Personal preference would be to do the examples while I'm reading the text, but no worries, I just have to re-read some parts while doing the end of chapter exercises.

This book uses a different approach to presenting the material. The approach is pretty good but not great. Like all these books, I'd like to see something close to a real-world example of using databases. All the books seem to avoid this topic. Just a little more depth would be nice. I've been writing code for a long time -- and I always learn something new when reading these books. This was the case with this book, I definitely learned new things. Good discussions of the topics the author(s) choose to discuss. Overall, I thought this book was good but it's not an "A-Z bible" for ASP.NET w/VB (I'm not sure if any book can do that anymore - but I'm still looking). I would recommend it to colleagues as long as they understood the limitations.

This is one of the best books I have found for someone wanting to learn the basics of ASP.NET
programming. Murach spends pages teaching you the fundamentals that other books would devote a sentence or two on a topic. It also seems to have a good index that helps you find what you are looking for when you need help.

This is a fantastic book that gets you building powerful web applications with ASP.NET 4.5 â€“ quickly and efficiently. True to form with the rest of Murach’s library, the lessons are very comprehensive but not intimidating, focusing on specific tasks and organized very logically. It’s a proper rundown of the concepts and code that beginner’s will treasure and experienced developers will appreciate, too. The discussions about using Visual Studio as an IDE are very helpful, specifically the topics of connecting to live data access, debugging, and authentication and URL routing. The "Going to the Next Level" chapter is excellent and a must-read for audiences of any level, diving into WCF and Web API services. If you’re working with ASP.NET, either just starting out or for professional productions, this is a title your library shouldn’t be without.

Fantastic reference for a beginner in Visual Basic, its helping me alot in my advanced course. The sample web site that it teaches you to build is really fun as well.

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