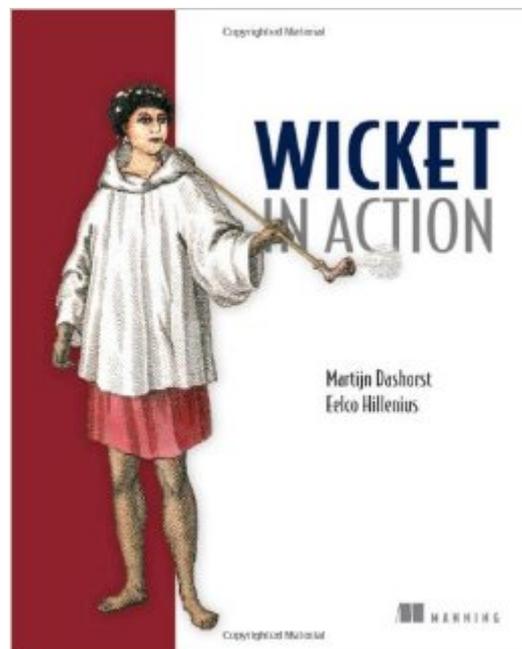# The book was found

Wicket In Action

Synopsis

There are dozens of Java frameworks out there, but most of them require you to learn special coding techniques and new, often rigid, patterns of development. Wicket is different. As a component-based Web application framework, Wicket lets you build maintainable enterprise-grade web applications using the power of plain old Java objects (POJOs), HTML, Ajax, Spring, Hibernate and Maven. Wicket automatically manages state at the component level, which means no more awkward HTTPSession objects. Its elegant programming model enables you to write rich web applications quickly. Wicket in Action is an authoritative, comprehensive guide for Java developers building Wicket-based Web applications. This book starts with an introduction to Wicket's structure and components, and moves quickly into examples of Wicket at work. Written by two of the project's earliest and most authoritative experts, this book shows you both the "how-to" and the "why" of Wicket. As you move through the book, you'll learn to use and customize Wicket components, how to interact with other technologies like Spring and Hibernate, and how to build rich, Ajax-driven features into your applications. Purchase of the print book comes with an offer of a free PDF, ePub, and Kindle eBook from Manning. Also available is all code from the book.

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Customer Reviews

I attended a presentation by Jonathan Locke on Wicket about two years ago and I purchased this book at that time. I didn't bother to read it in depth until recently as the company I was working for

went down a different path for web development. While I have a lot of experience with MVC based frameworks (such as Struts, Spring MVC), I didn't get a chance to explore any of the component based frameworks (which is where Wicket belongs). Recently I picked this book up again and read it from cover to cover. This book is extremely well written and makes a very good read for novices and intermediate users of Wicket. I tried all the examples in this book and they worked for the most part although I did have to make a few changes to the source code since I am using a later version of Wicket (1.4). I especially liked the strict separation of presentation and logic that is enforced by Wicket. Figures, code samples and explanation complement each other very well in this book. Wherever relevant the authors point out multiple ways of doing the same thing - for example in chapter 7 composing your pages - the authors explain three different ways of achieving the same effect and point out the pros and cons of each. The chapter on resusable custom components includes a pretty good example to encourage folks to think in that direction when appropriate. This book also includes a chapter on authentication and another chapter on testing both of which are very helpful. The last chapter on configuring the application for production has a section on optimizing URLs for search engines as well as different URL encoding strategies which I thought was pretty neat.

I began using Wicket a number of weeks ago, and could easily see from the lack of consistent online documentation, that I'd need a book for the more complicated aspects (such as Form components) and some mundane ones (like localisation). This one proved to be a good choice of book. I started with a rough idea of how things are constructed, but I've learned alot since that I've been able to apply to my own project.The book is well structured, the examples are clear and the book covers everything from setting up an application, to creating reusable components, to integration with dependency-injection frameworks (albeit only Spring) and provides a good reference for doing everyday things with Wicket.One thing I really like about this book is that its code samples are very concise and contain very little extra boilerplate. The extra little annotations on the side, pointing out the different parts of the code sample also make it easier to break each down and examine it at a glance.Another incredibly useful aspect of the book is that many of the things that it points out are actually relevant to web application development, such as the use of Ajax, the creation of custom components, bookmarkable links, authentication (something IMHO missing from many web framework books) and the implications and pitfalls around many design decisions (e.g. the use of model inheritance, on pp93-94). I was very pleased with Ch8 about reusable components as it helped to answer some of the more advanced questions I had when

designing my own panels. Its also good to see something on page composition and the different page composition strategies (Ch7).One thing I found hard to work with was the explanation of the architecture of Wicket in Ch2.

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