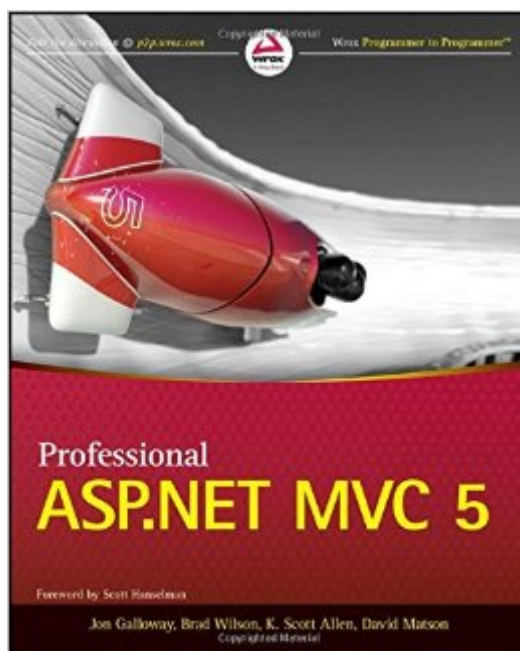


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Professional ASP.NET MVC 5



Synopsis

ASP.NET MVC insiders cover the latest updates to the technology in this popular Wrox reference. MVC 5 is the newest update to the popular Microsoft technology that enables you to build dynamic, data-driven websites. Like previous versions, this guide shows you step-by-step techniques on using MVC to best advantage, with plenty of practical tutorials to illustrate the concepts. It covers controllers, views, and models; forms and HTML helpers; data annotation and validation; membership, authorization, and security. MVC 5, the latest version of MVC, adds sophisticated features such as single page applications, mobile optimization, and adaptive rendering. A team of top Microsoft MVP experts, along with visionaries in the field, provide practical advice on basic and advanced MVC topics. Covers controllers, views, models, forms, data annotations, authorization and security, Ajax, routing, ASP.NET web API, dependency injection, unit testing, real-world application, and much more. Professional ASP.NET MVC 5 is the comprehensive resource you need to make the best use of the updated Model-View-Controller technology.

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This is a "Pro" level book and therefore, as I'm not in that category, my review might make more sense to a person with intermediate programming skills. For a person with modest skills who is looking for an solid introduction to ASP.NET MVC 5, I suggest this is a three star book. Perhaps for a really experienced programmer who is looking more for a reference book than a tutorial, this could be five star. Overall, I gave it four starts because I sometimes found the book frustrating - more on

this below. The authors appear to have an incredible depth and breadth of knowledge on the subject - actually, quite an amazing amount of technical detail in this book - they are clearly highly qualified on the subject. On the other hand, for my needs, I found their "teaching" style to be much less admirable. I found it difficult to tell when they were just talking about a concept or suggesting an actual code exercise - which made it difficult at times to build an actual website following their guidance. Also, it was sometimes difficult to coordinate what was in the book with the code available for download - some mismatches took me a long time to figure out. Perhaps these cases would be non-issues for a more experienced programmer who is mostly looking for a reference book. However, overlooking these problems, I was able to build the websites detailed in the book and I learned a great deal. For the first 8 chapters, I followed very carefully and did all the coding exercises. I also did the complete exercise for chapter 12, "Single Page Applications With AngularJS". I only skimmed the other chapters but I believe they will be good reference resources.

I have had great expectations to this book, which unfortunately never came through. The book introduces the reader to MVC framework, during the first 7 chapters. I don't know why did it is needed since it supposed to be a Professional book. The book mentioned that it will use the MVC Music Store sample, but more or less never does it. Many chapters in the book are written like the author was explaining the ASP.NET MVC documentation. Among these are the chapter related to Routing, ASP.NET Web.Api, these two chapters provide almost no practical knowledge, which is a sad since I really had great expectations to these. The "Membership, Authorization and Security" chapter does not deal with ASP.NET Identity 2.0, which is frustrating, since I was expecting that from a MVC5 book. Conclusion If you are looking for a book on MVC 5 that will teach you how to practically do advanced things using ASP.NET MVC 5 technologies, then this book is NOT for you. This book is first of all "not really" a advanced/professional book, furthermore it mainly focuses on explaining the theory behind the different technologies that together make ASP.NET MVC (Routing, Web.API etc.) Neither does the book "build up" an application throughout the book which would have been nice. It seems like that the authors of this book have agreed to write one or two chapters each on a chosen subject and then all the chapters have been merged into this book. = "Too many cooks spoil the broth" Improvements In order to improve the quality of the book I believe the authors should have skipped the introduction chapters. Its fair to assume that the inexperienced reader will start with a beginning ASP.NET MVC book.

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