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# Active Server Pages Unleashed



## Synopsis

Packed with illustrations and real-world examples, *Active Server Pages Unleashed* shows you how to fully exploit the Active Server to create dynamic Web sites. Learn to create dynamic and powerful Web-based business solutions with Active Server Pages (ASP). ASP enables server-side scripting for IIS with native support for both VBScript and Jscript. Features in-depth explanations of the Active Server, BackOffice, and Visual Studio. Also covers data access, security, and Web page creation using Active Server Components. Explore the publishing, component-supporting capabilities of IIS 4, hone HTML skills for effective Active Server Pages programming, and build interactive web forms.

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## Customer Reviews

If your looking for straight ASP don't buy this book. This book spends a big chunk on HTML, then SQL (just straight SQL not via ASP pages), and it explores VBScript and JScript. It makes a nice over-all reference book but it would be disappointing if ASP is all you wanted. I look at this book as part one of two. The next book to get is *Active Server Pages 2.0 Unleashed*. ASP 2.0 book ignores all the basics of this first ASP book and dives into the fun stuff. But if your new to ASP and VBScript definitely get the *Active Server Pages Unleashed* book first. This book is probably my number one reference book as it covers a lot of material.

The book begins by explaining how to set up IIS and NT. That's nice, but, if I wanted to know that I would have bought IIS Unleashed and NT Server Unleashed. This book also contains JScript (not JavaScript) and HTML references, in addition to its VBScript references. This is good if you're just getting into web authoring. But, for those of us who are already familiar with these and are looking for a definitive language, DOM, and ASP Component reference, this is not the book. It gives some pretty good examples of some intermediate ASP techniques. However, this book's focus is NOT on ASP, but general page setup and development using ASP to spice it up a bit. This is an excellent book for beginners, just delving into ASP.

This book has become an invaluable asset in my programming library. As a long time HTML developer who has worked with pretty much every aspect of Internet development I find this book a welcome reference piece on a weekly (or at least monthly) basis. It starts you off with some fairly basic examples of how to install and configure NT, IIS and SQL Server...then moves into a remedial HTML reference section that might seem a bit newbie-esque to the advanced developer. But don't worry, the book more than delivers in later sections discussing such things as Active X objects, recordsets, even getting into how to use MS Visual Interdev, an ASP development tool. Overall, this is a must read book for anyone who would like to get into Active Server Pages development. It appears that the content is geared more toward the Internet development newbie, but the book is very well organized, so grabbing exactly the information you need is quick and easy (if you're a net pro already). This book is among 5-6 absolute must read books on Internet development in my library. Grab a copy today, you won't be disappointed.

This book is very useful for the beginners. If you want to start ASP for the first time means surely this book will do all for you.

This book is the most complete ASP book on the market as of 10/19/98 and the easiest to understand. The author devotes 5 chapters to database access with an SQL server. I like how the book is broken into parts. If you want to learn database access and ADO, you read that section. If you want to learn more about navigation, read the Content Linking chapter. This book also includes pretty good references for VBScript, JScript, and HTML. It has a pretty hefty price tag, but it is definitely a complete ASP book.

As a professional Web developer, I like my books to be organized in a more 'reference' oriented

manner, and this book achieves just that! Geared toward the beginner/intermediate level, I find this book to cover most areas of ASP I need to reference, and complements my Visual Basic 6.0 book very well. If I need an answer, I can find it there! The only problem I have with the book is that it gets a little long winded in covering SQL, however for one who is not very proficient in SQL, this could be a great asset.

It does cover a lot of information but it could have been better if the information was essential and at least for the intermediate and not a complete novice! And besides JavaScript is mentioned on the back but instead JScript is covered in the book, but quite good. But the EXAMPLES... they are only in vbscript, by microsoft which are supported for viewing only by IE. Above all this is a good book for the newbies + some good and advanced information on ASP (20pp)

Before this book I had a basic understanding of what Active Server Pages were, but no experience implementing them. With this book I was able to handle all the database integration I needed for my project. Everything in the book is geared toward MS SQL 6.5, so if you are using something else, you have to remember to use 'INSERT INTO' instead of just 'INSERT' like the book says. Aside from some other small anomalies like this, it is an excellent resource. I highly recommend.

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