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Advanced Cold Fusion 4 Application Development



Synopsis

Written by some of the most respected ColdFusion developers around, this book is the only source for advanced the information needed by serious ColdFusion developers. From security issues and solutions to scripting the development environment, from fault-tolerance and load-balancing to distributed processing, from server sandbox deployment to intelligent agents, from writing language extensions to COM DCOM and CORBA integration, this book contains a wealth of hard earned knowledge gained by years of real-world experience. -Programmers, HTML developers, webmasters, network administrates, and database administrators alike will benefit from the techniques, technologies, and concepts taught in this book. -This book is design to be used in conjunction with (and as an extension to) our best-selling "ColdFusion 4 Web Application Construction Kit", ISBN 078971809X.

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Customer Reviews

I think I will have to buy another copy of this one soon. I have really worn it out. If you are an experienced CF programmer, you NEED this book at your workstation at ALL times! If you want to know how to integrate WDDx and XML, Delphi, CORBA, COM, DCOM, VB, ASP, C++ into CF, this is the place to go and the book to buy.

JJ Allaire - founder of Allaire Corporation - describes Ben Forta as their ColdFusion evangelist (guru/expert/sage). He certainly deserves the title as this book is proof of his knowledge and

expertise with the ColdFusion platform. If you are serious about ColdFusion development, hey - if you purchased the product you must be - this book is an essential reference. Although the documentation provided with the original software far exceeds what you would normally get from, say, Micro\$oft, you still NEED this book. Its a big book but it is not short on quality information with real life examples. It's the bible for ColdFusion 4.0 and then some. Thanks to Ben's book I'm earning substantial commissions for my employer for developing CF sites. ColdFusion makes it easy. This book shows you how easy it really can be. The custom tags provided on the enclosed CD-ROM are very useful (perhaps more for US customers than elsewhere) and add value to an already capital investment. Hide this one from fellow CF developers or you will never see it again! Ideal for beginners and a very handy reference for expert users also.

I have been working with Cold Fusion for about two years now, and with the introduction of 4.0 I have been very impressed with some of the new functions. This book has everything to create great applications to give your web site that perfect edge. The price is VERY reasonable for the amount of content that it contains, and with the Cold Fusion 4.0 Web Application Construction Kit, you will have all that you need in your Cold Fusion arsenal. This book takes certain aspects of Cold Fusion and breaks them down nicely. I really liked the section on custom tags. This is also a great reference book because it has a great index for looking up ANYTHING that you need to find. With this book you will be well on your way to creating very powerfull, dynamic applications and then integrating them into your web sites. Now the only thing you need to do is to be able to make the site so that it catches the eyes and people and will make them come back to it!!! =)

Everyone in the ColdFusion community has always loved Ben Forta's prequel to this book, The ColdFusion Web Application Construction Kit, but until now there has been no source for advanced CF training. All the developers were left to themselves to figure it out. Some people succeeded, while others found it too difficult, there was simply no general authority on what to do, or how to do it right. That has since changed, Ben Forta is litterly the backbone of the CF community and the reason for its success. Now, because of him, developers can simply buy this book after completing the first and have a very good understanding of the advanced features within ColdFusion. Or if you are already a successful CF developer buy this book to to use as a reference, its filled with useful tips and information on so many subjects you'll never put it down. It is always good to keep around for when you get stuck!

I was disappointed with the amount of coding errors in this book. In one chapter, he even has a screen cap of the error message for one of the example scripts! Where was the editor on this? Many of the example scripts used in this book are so error-riddled that I don't recommend it for anyone who doesn't already have a decent knowledge in Advanced CF, just because a beginner won't be able to debug his work.

Ben Forta's original book on Cold Fusion brought new level of excellence to this type of books and helped Cold Fusion to become popular. Now his original books has been updated to version 4 of Cold Fusion and this new, advanced book has been written. The clarity and depth of this book is again outstanding. What experienced web consultants missed in the original book after extensive work with Cold Fusion is now here in Ben's sharply clear writing style. Cold Fusion has developed into a large-scale, enterprise wide application server, and this book shows you not only how to benefit from it, but also lets you have fun in doing so. You will become quickly productive and surprised by what advanced Cold Fusion developers can achieve. I was fortunate to have a preview of this book and learn what advanced computers books for the web professional are supposed to be like. This book is crucial in my professional activities as a Web Consultant at my company Kreatis and you will discover it to be vital to your career in Web Technology too. Even if you are not using Cold Fusion now, you can hardly afford to miss this book: it is also a primer on the direction that application servers are taking in the mature age of the Internet. Excellent.

This book covers many advanced topics. WDDX is one of them as writer went deep into this technology. You will also find some good information on custom tags. You will really get disappointed if you try to find information on COM and CORBA. I think writer should either include more information or should not present these topics just to fill some pages. Overall this book has worth and a must to buy.

I was upset after I found so many coding errors in this book. Ben Forta usually displays excellent language and instructional techniques in his books. However, this one was a let down. Most everything can be learned from the Cold Fusion manuals distributed with the software and this book is not worth the money spent.

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