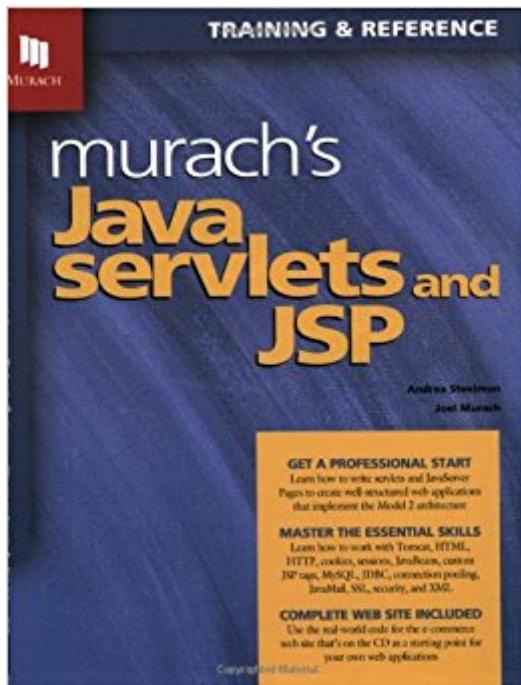


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# Murach's Java Servlets And JSP



## Synopsis

For the current edition of this book, please see Murach's Java Servlets and JSP, 2nd Edition (ISBN 9781890774448). This book methodically teaches all of the skills necessary for developing a commercial web site using servlets and JavaServer Pages. These skills include working with HTML, HTTP, servlets, JSP, sessions, cookies, JavaBeans, SQL, JDBC, connection pooling, JavaMail, SSL, security, and XML. Unlike many of the competing books, this book provides detailed coding examples for working with Tomcat, one of the most popular servlet and JSP servers, and MySQL, one of the web's most popular database servers. A great book for any Java programmer.

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I've been developing software for 28 years and using Java for 10 years. However, I've never developed a web application. I needed a crash course on all things web and Java. On my shelf I have about two feet of new books on a variety of Java topics including three books on Java servlets and JSPs. Almost without exception all of these books make these mistakes:- Assume the reader knows too much and in some cases assumes the reader is already familiar with the topic- Takes a complex subject and makes it more complex by taking many digressions, explaining something without explaining why and referring to technologies not explained in the book.- Is loaded with undefined acronyms- Has a "smirky" attitude as though there is some private joke- Only shows code snippets without providing the complete context allowing for your own testing- Doesn't take a

building block approach so that you learn the topic step by step. Murach's book makes none of these mistakes. I think all technical "how to" or tutorial books should follow Murach's format. There is one concept for each two pages. The left page explains the concept with clearly written text and the right page shows the example that demonstrates the concept. Each concept is built on concepts already learned in previous pages so that if you have understood all the previous concepts you easily understand the next concept. In this book the only assumption is that you're familiar with Java but not necessarily an expert. Along the way unimportant details are identified or there is an indication that the detail will be explained in a later section. If you read the book from start to finish you will not be confused at any point.

The one quality that makes "Murach's Java Servlets and JSP" (buy from ) a clear winner is the quality of the content and clarity of author Andrea Steelman and Joel Murach's writing. They use a friendly, humorous voice that eases the normal tension accompanying such a complex topic as programming Java servlets and designing JavaServer Pages. I'm a C# developer, so this was most appreciated by someone like me. You'll also be thankful for this tone as the book takes you through some very challenging scenarios in developing winning browser-based apps. The book is the rare breed of tech manual that stays relevant to the neophyte reader and the experienced developer alike. It's outstanding as a college-level classroom reference, with oversized dimensions (it's a large book, height- and width-wise) are loaded with rich illustrations and healthy amounts of code with thorough explanations of the concepts behind them. Physically the book is ready to sustain the harsh conditions of the learning programmer. Its rigid design will survive a reader's rampant paging through chapters to find that one code sample and stretching the book's spine, in the classroom as well as the web shop. The book presents the reader with the holistic JSP experience, and the organization of the chapters is very logical. I particularly enjoyed the chapters dealing with JavaMail programming, working in SSL environments, database access with JDBC and MySQL, working in the HTTP pipeline, custom JSP tags and use of XML. Also featured are basic discussions of incorporating componentization in your projects through JavaBeans. I also liked wrapping up my reading with the capstone project: designing, coding and deploying a very practical Music Store web app.

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