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ADO 2.6 Programmer's Reference



Synopsis

The ADO 2.6 Programmer's Reference provides a concise and comprehensive guide to the ways in which ADO 2.6 can be used in all kinds of applications. It demonstrates the use of ADO both in Web applications written using ASP, and in compiled applications written using Visual Basic and other languages. It also includes a reference section for fast access to detailed lists of the properties, methods and events available in ADO.

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This is an excellent update to the original ADO 2.0 & ADO 2.1 programmer's reference. It covers all of the new features in a very readable and easy to use format. There are lots of code snippets and example to help you understand quickly. The ADO objects are all covered in detail, along with ADOX, ADOMD, Remote Data Services, Jet replication, Data Shaping, even XML stuff. Plus there is an interesting chapter on Performance issues which gives you a hand in deciding what sort of techniques to use to speed things up. There are also around 15 appendices which have just the method names, constants and quick summaries so you can look them up fast. There are even charts showing which drivers support which OLE DB properties and which providers support which schemas. Very highly recommended. First-rate reference book, excellent price. If you already program with ADO you cannot go wrong with this.

I was looking for pure reference. This is it. It will tell you essentially everything you need to know about ADO. I used it on NT with ADO 2.1 on MS Access 97 database. This helped tremendously. Remember those old Borland books where they tell you which C functions work on which operating systems? This book takes the same approach. Even though it says ADO 2.6, it distinguishes what works on NT, vs Win2000. Also helps you with database differences, Oracle vs SQL Server vs MSAccess. You'll wear out the binding like I did, I guarantee it. Happy programming!

Once again, I am awed by the fact that a publisher can continually put out books with untested code samples. I am an advanced database programmer and I found this book of little use to me. RDS was simply glazed over with the properties, events and methods supplied, but no concrete explanations of how to use it in an Internet environment. For a beginner or intermediate user, this book may supply a good foundation, but when trying to figure out why the code samples don't work or why there are inconsistencies in the syntax of the samples, this book will leave you hanging. May as well just fight it out with MSDN...

I agree that this is an excellent reference source for ADO, but I was dismayed to find a number of typos that kept me searching other sources for proper syntax (e.g. the example on page 20 has a space between OLE and DB in a line of code, which will return an error.) Hopefully these will be fixed in subsequent printings.

It's outdated, but the price was right. Good for me since I just wanted to get started with the concepts of ADO.

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