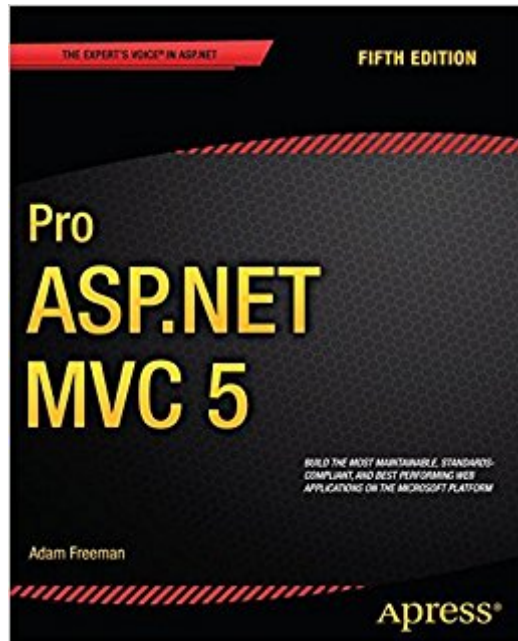


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Pro ASP.NET MVC 5 (Expert's Voice In ASP.Net)



Synopsis

The ASP.NET MVC 5 Framework is the latest evolution of Microsoft's ASP.NET web platform. It provides a high-productivity programming model that promotes cleaner code architecture, test-driven development, and powerful extensibility, combined with all the benefits of ASP.NET. ASP.NET MVC 5 contains a number of advances over previous versions, including the ability to define routes using C# attributes and the ability to override filters. The user experience of building MVC applications has also been substantially improved. The new, more tightly integrated, Visual Studio 2013 IDE has been created specifically with MVC application development in mind and provides a full suite of tools to improve development times and assist in reporting, debugging and deploying your code. The popular Bootstrap JavaScript library has also now been included natively within MVC 5 providing you, the developer, with a wider range of multi-platform CSS and HTML5 options than ever before without the penalty of having to load-in third party libraries.

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My background: I have been building in .NET applications for 8 years, with experience in web

application development, but with no experience in any MVC-style technology. This is one of the best technology books I've ever read for a technology I'm learning from scratch. The first half of the book covers the basics, then starts to build, chapter by chapter, an actual application that slowly teaches you the basics of all the concepts. This is followed up by deep dive chapters on each of those concepts that go into heavy detail. I read the first half of the book all the way through, then skipped around to topics that interested me for the last half. Adam Freeman's writing style and examples are thorough, step by step, and easy to follow. He continually states not to worry about certain topics too much in the first half, but gives you a clear reference point as to where he covers that topic later in the book in detail if you do want to skip ahead. I picked up the print version of this from , but I did get the companion ebook from Apress directly (they heavily discount this on their site), which made it much easier to copy and paste in code examples. Up front, Adam includes explanations of dependency injection (showing how to use Ninject in MVC), mocking (focusing on Moq), and a bit of the Entity Framework as well, and throughout the book focuses on unit testing cases as well (though if you wish to skip these, they are clearly marked to be separated from the rest of the content). While you may be anxious to dive straight into the MVC-specific content, this really lets you practically see how to truly build your own MVC apps using industry-standard techniques. I plan on picking up the Pro ASP.NET MVC Platform book Adam Freeman is writing as soon as it is out this year, and while he makes plenty of references to an ASP.NET MVC 5 Client book he was writing in this book, I contacted Apress for a release date on that, who told me it has been put on hold indefinitely, which is a shame (Adam, if you are reading this, I'd love to get your recommendation on other resources covering the Client material to fill those gaps, if you could reply to this review). There are some complaints in the reviews here around not covering ASP.NET Identity. This is going to be covered in the Platform book due out later this year. I have purchased this book as an early access copy, and as of today (4/5/2014), the early release copy has these chapters but they are not yet formatted nicely. As noted by some comments here, Adam also indicates in this book that when the security-related chapters are ready for the Platform book, Apress will allow them to be downloaded free of charge since he does not want folks to have to buy an entire second book just to read about security. Overall, if you have C# experience but are brand new to MVC, this is absolutely the book to pick up. One small technical note: On computers that do not have older versions of Visual Studio installed, I did run into runtime errors on the examples where Ninject was looking for a System.Web.Mvc v3 DLL. In order to fix this, include the following in your root directory's web.config file, just before the `bindingRedirect` at the end of the file. `bindingRedirect` keeps stripping out the `bindingRedirect` line - replace the `|` characters with `<` and `>` instead. `bindingRedirect`

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4/5 Great book, could be better. the BAD: its not PRO, its a beginner guide, the title does not reflect the content. *could go deeper on applicable subjects like : *unit testing *he drops off somewhere in the middle *including (if possible) mock examples of application/session state in UT. *jQuery *Professional design *the accompanying downloaded code doesn't work out of the box, you have to update all with nuget. there is even a stack overflow blog on the subject... the ANNOYING: *"If you want a real professional example you will have to read 1-4 of my other published works coming out later this year..." Flagrant shameless plugs for his other books are sprinkled throughout this book like romano cheese on spaghetti. *You have to download a chapter from a different book if you want to know about mvc security... *Unnecessary explanations, a page dedicated the explanation of GET/SET for automatic properties i thought was odd, and not in the scope of the book... *not a big deal, just a minor annoyance, he more than makes up for it with relevant explanations. *the catch 22, the book is so well written and at the same time very long... not sure if he can accomplish the same results with less text. I'd rather error on the side of caution and bite the verbosity of the book. *Chapters dedicated to optional third party tools, eh I read it just the same... The GOOD: *Very, very well, written, he hits with remarkable consistency full explanations of his topics and his code. *Never needed to peer program (follow along with VS2013) with the book, the book's explanations were sufficient enough for me to retain comprehension without having to manually repeat the code samples provided. *There were plenty of times while reading the book where I was like, "what about this situation?", and BAM! within 3 pages my questions were always answered. *Other books I recall going and goggling related situations or writing POC code to study behavior, not necessary with this book. Full relevant explanations for EVERYTHING HE DISCUSSES.

There are not many significant changes between this version 5 and Pro MVC 4 (or even Pro MVC 3). Here are some significant or not so significant changes I found over Pro MVC 4: Part 1:

Introducing ASP.NET MVC 5- A new chapter with an incomplete mobile version of the Sports Store application, but unlike the main Sports Store application, it is only a brief introduction, not very useful for learning mobile Web development with ASP.NET MVC.- Bootstrap is used for styling the Sports Store tutorial instead of plain CSS used in Pro MVC 3 and Pro MVC 4.- VS Express 2013 is used for the Sports Store tutorial. Warning: the deprecated FormsAuthentication.Authenticate() from Pro MVC 3 is still used for the Sports Store admin in this MVC 5 version (which should have been

replaced with something such as the new Identity API).Part 2: ASP.NET MVC in Detail- A section on MVC 5 Attribute Routing has been added to chapter 15 URL Routing.- A combination of Knockout/jQuery is used for the example SPA in the Web API chapter instead of plain jQuery. (PS. with this small example, I could actually replace the jQuery/Knockout code with AngularJS code and compare the difference between Knockout and AngularJS).If you have bought Adam Freeman's Pro MVC 4 or Pro MVC 3 before, money would be better spent to buy Pro AngularJS by the same author where the same Sports Store tutorial application is re-written with AngularJS.

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