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VoiceXML: 10 Projects To Voice Enable Your Web Site (Gearhead Press)





Synopsis

A complete, hands-on guide to building Internet voice applications VoiceXML is rapidly becoming the de facto language standard for handling the transition from visual Web browsing to synthesized text-to-speech information access. This book provides Web designers, database managers, and systems designers with all the tools and templates they need to accomplish this transition in the least amount of time and at the lowest possible cost. Mark Miller walks readers step-by-step through ten real world applications-from statement of the problem through code examination, error checking, and deployment-to clearly demonstrate how to use currently available tools, techniques, and strategies for building Internet voice applications. Accompanying each applications project is a telephone number that allows readers to listen to, and interact with, an actual working example of the application. Responding to the ongoing needs of IT professionals for current and reliable information on the latest technologies, Wiley Computer Publishing introduces the Gearhead Press titles. These books, written by accomplished trainers in their respective fields, focus on real-world examples and case studies to give readers the best information on leading topics. The Gearhead Press titles are characterized by two imprints: In the Trenches and Point to Point-both series include fast-paced books written by fellow IT professionals who have been there and done that. In the Trenches books introduce technologies, guide readers to proficiency, and serve as practical, hands-on references after the initial tasks are accomplished. The Point to Point titles invite readers to join an IT team at a model company and implement technologies in real-world environments-demonstrating actual problems and solutions. Companion Web site features code samples, working demos, links to most current specs, and updates.

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Customer Reviews

I was happy at first when reading this book with the anticipation of performing the final project. That project involved Java Script and JSP. Well, I was totally disappointed when I tried download the code I needed to run the project in my NetBeans environment. There was no code to download for the final project and the code in the book is incomplete. This book had some good examples for a junior VXML programmer but it did not offer anything that could not be found on the web like(Voxeo, or TellMe Studio). This book is a waste of your money. I wished I could get a refund.

I bought this book last week and implemented most of the hands-on exercises in the book. The exercises are fun to do and the author's explanations are very clear and organized that made learning VoiceXML very interesting.Now I feel very comfortable to write a VoiceXML script for my upcoming project. No to mention some typos in the scripts that provides you even better opportunity to learn hands-on.

This book offers a great step-by-step approach. The working VoiceXML sites created in the book provide great, practical knowledge that you can put right to work. And the code-check database was very helpful in detecting where a program might have gone wrong. I would recommend this book for anyone getting started with VoiceXML.

I highly recommend this book. Very well written and the projects actually work once you work out your own knowledge of CGI and Perl, but that was not a big deal. I especially like the detailed comment on the code and the in-depth analysis of each of the VoiceXML elements and attributes. I hope Mark Miller plans to write a sequel!

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