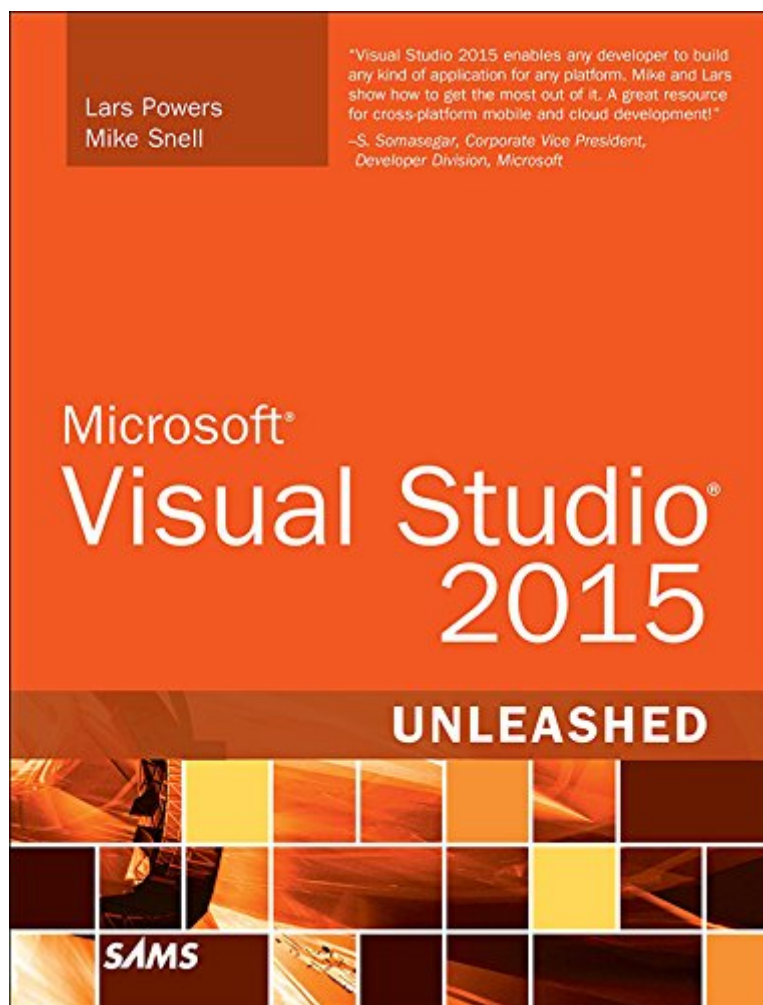


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# Microsoft Visual Studio 2015 Unleashed



## Synopsis

Microsoft Visual Studio 2015 empowers you to write next-generation applications for any modern environment: mobile, web, cloud, universal Windows 10/8.x, database, and beyond. This end-to-end deep dive will help working developers squeeze maximum productivity out of Microsoft's powerful new toolset. The authors combine authoritative and detailed information about Microsoft's latest IDE, with extensive insights and best practices drawn from decades of development experience. Developers will quickly get comfortable with Visual Studio 2015's updated interface, master its new capabilities, leverage its extensive new support for open standards, and discover multiple opportunities to leverage its .NET 4.6 platform and language improvements. By focusing entirely on Visual Studio 2015 Professional, the authors go deeper into Microsoft's core product than ever before. You'll find expert coverage of everything from debugging through deploying to Azure, IDE extension and automation through cross-platform mobile development. Throughout, this book's focus is relentlessly practical: how to apply Microsoft's tools to build better software, faster.

• Detailed information on how to... Master Visual Studio 2015's updated interface and key tools: Solutions, Projects, Browsers, Explorers, Editors, and Designers to improve productivity

• Develop robust cross-platform mobile apps for Windows, iOS, and Android using Apache Cordova templates for Visual Studio

• Use the new ASP.NET 5 to build modern web solutions that run on Windows, Mac, or Linux

• Develop Single Page Applications (SPAs) based on HTML5 and rich client-side JavaScript frameworks such as Knockout, AngularJS, Bootstrap, and more

• Accelerate cloud development with the Azure SDK, QuickStart templates, and Azure management portal

• Create mobile service solutions using ASP.NET Web API and WCF

• Streamline data development across multiple platforms with Entity Framework 7

• Develop modern Microsoft Office business applications

• Perform robust, automated unit testing as you code, increasing your confidence in changes and refactoring

• Extend the VS 2015 IDE and Code Editor by creating custom, productivity-enhancing solutions

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## Customer Reviews

This book should be named .NET Technologies Using Visual Studio because it doesn't start out about Visual Studio, and it doesn't really end about Visual Studio, it goes over all about the technologies that Visual Studio works with and how to use them in Visual Studio 2015. If you want a great overview of all the technologies (Microsoft and non-Microsoft) and how to work with them in Visual Studio 2015, then this is your book. But it isn't as in-depth as I would like on anything, not even Visual Studio 2015. I learned a lot, it's a great book for someone like me that is getting back into .NET technologies and wanting to learn all the new technologies and how they fit together, and which are supported by Microsoft. Did you know you can use Visual Studio 2015 for HTML, Java, Android, and Apple apps, etc? I didn't until I read this book. However, if you want to go through Visual Studio in-depth, and learn about all the different screens, options, menus, and checkboxes - then buy Professional Visual Studio 2015 by Johnson. I was hoping to learn Visual Studio in-depth before learning each of the technologies, and Professional Visual Studio 2015 by Johnson is my only choice as I write this review. But after I read that, then I'm going to read this book again, Microsoft Visual Studio 2015 Unleashed, as a great intro to using all the other technologies that I still have to learn. I really liked it, and found it very interesting. The only reason I gave it 4 stars instead of 5 is that it really should be renamed to .NET Technologies using Visual Studio 2015 and it isn't as in-depth on Visual Studio as I was hoping for. But still, a great book.

I bought this book for the purpose of learning how to use Visual Studio (VS) for developing applications, whether on the desktop or on the web. I don't have an extensive background as a programmer (mainly just VBA writing in Excel) but I knew one could use VS for some professional looking applications and so I bought this book to help get me into the program. As of today, I'm approximately half-way through reading this and I'm ready to move on to a new text like Murach's C# 2015 (just purchased) because I needed a guide to actually start building something in VS. So here's my take: this book is basically a good overview of what can be found inside VS and what you can do with the .NET framework. It scratches the surface on a lot of topics but doesn't have the time or scope to actually get a true beginner (like myself) into building something/anything in the application. It has a brief chapter on the basics of C# and Visual Basic, but doesn't take time to explain anything about object-oriented programming; which is fair because that is not really the purpose of this book. Visual Studio and the .NET framework is very broad in terms of what can be developed. There are whole books devoted to things like ASP.net or WPF applications and this book, even at 1320 pages, is only able to just introduce these capabilities and give the very basics of what is involved. Therefore this book is good for helping someone, like myself who knows nothing about .NET, get an overview of what all is involved/possible. To be completely frank, I see this book as the cliff notes version of the VS users manual. After this quick read, I don't know how often I'll refer back.

Excellent reference book for Microsoft's latest Windows development tool. For anyone upgrading from Visual Studio 2012 to 2015, this is a no brainer. With visual studio 2015 Community available as a free download from MS, any developer needs this book.

A very good solid book regarding Visual Studio 2015. I have been using VS 2008 Community Edition for the last 7 years. When I upgraded to Windows 10 I decided to move to VS 2015. As one would expect, a lot has changed over the last 7 years in the Visual Studio environment and it was very useful to have a guidebook to help navigate the changes. I was specifically interested in the changes in Visual Studio Extensibility and Automation. The chapters on those subjects are well written and helped get me started on upgrading my Add-ins to VS 2015. My only real criticism of the book is in the discussion of the various editions of Visual Studio 2015. The comparison of the editions was well done and the author explained why the book focused on the Professional edition. Fair enough and reasonable. However, I feel the author should have pointed out that the FREE Community Edition can be largely upgraded to the \$800.00 Professional Edition by downloading

and installing the various pieces separately. The book is an excellent purchase if you want a good guide to Visual Studio 2015.

Most of the developers only focus on one or two features of Visual Studio, but this book can help to solve that limitation. With this book, although you are not going to become a real expert, you are going to get the general overview of every possible .NET Technology (from the basic windows form development to the complex web development world, or the Cordova model). After reading the book, you will understand every concept of the Microsoft Development world. Mandatory book for every developer.

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