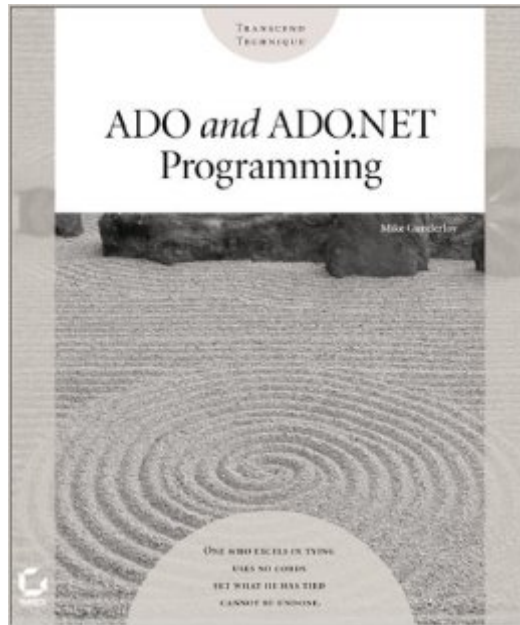


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# ADO And ADO.NET Programming



## Synopsis

ADO (ActiveX Data Objects) is Microsoft's key data access technology. It allows a programmer to connect to and manipulate data sources of all kinds, for both client/server and Web applications. It has been upgraded to ADO.NET for Microsoft's release of the .NET programming tools. ADO.NET can be used by programmers using Visual Basic, C# and any of the other .NET-compatible languages. ADO can also be used by Access programmers. This book covers both ADO and ADO.NET in one volume.

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This is a very odd book in that eight of the chapters in this book cover ADO and nine cover .NET and ADO.NET (not including some extra chapters covering specific DB providers). You likely don't have much need for the ADO chapters, but the ADO.NET coverage is very good. The author gets to the point and has excellent step-by-step examples for both Windows Forms and ASP.NET. The later chapters give the best coverage I've seen for working with XML, reading XML from databases, synchronizing XML with datasets, etc. After reading it I still often refer back to this book as a reference.

I picked this book up at a bargain price due to the print date/ success of the book. Let me tell you it was worth every penny and then some. The author has a good grasp on MS Data Access

Technologies. The book is lengthy, but full of useful information. I even learned some things about the .NET architecture I didn't know by reading this book. Coverage is pretty in depth into both ADO and ADO.NET (OLE, ODBC, SQL its all covered). Example code is great to written in VB and VB.NET so C# programmers will have to extrapolate. Great book at an even better price!

This must be a rehash of an ADO book because it is full of ADO chapters and examples. Its like writing a book about commercial travel where most examples are about propeller planes - nothing wrong but most people today use jets and today almost all new Windows programming is about .net access methods. So save your money and go somewhere else. Its a shame the author did not rewrite the entire book - it could have been the classic ADO.NET book.

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