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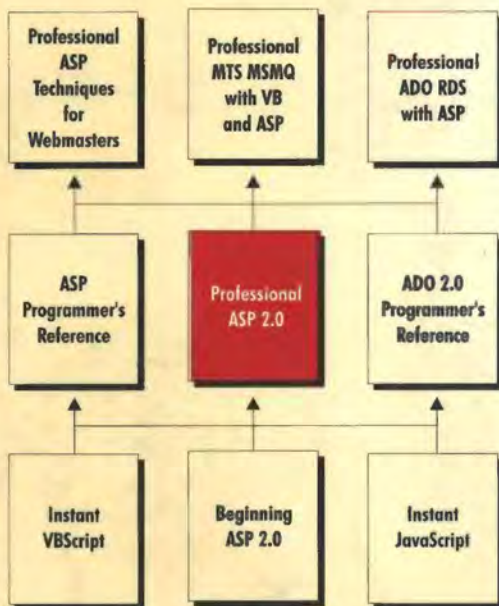**Francis, Fedorov, Harrison, Homer, Murphy, Sussman, Smith and Wood**

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Active Server Pages 2.0 is the latest update to Microsoft's server-based technology which comes free as part of both IIS 4.0 and Personal Web Server 4.0. It is designed to create dynamically generated HTML pages for a World Wide Web site or corporate intranet. It's just part of an all-encompassing concept called the Active Server environment, which has been developed along with Microsoft Windows NT Server, and Microsoft Internet Information Server (IIS). In this book we show you how Active Server Pages fits into the grand scheme of things, and how you can use it to build really great web sites and intranet applications.

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An Introduction to Active Server Pages

Active Server Pages is the latest server-based technology from Microsoft, designed to create interactive HTML pages for a World Wide Web Site, or corporate intranet. It is just part of an all encompassing concept called the Active Platform which has been developed along with Microsoft Windows NT Server, and Microsoft Internet Information Server (IIS). In this book, we start by focusing on what the Active Platform is and how the various technologies such as IIS 4.0, ASP and MTS (Microsoft Transaction Server) fit together. We also look at how you can get hold of ASP, and how to install it together with IIS 4.0 or Personal Web Server 4.0. Then we'll show how Active Server Pages fits into the grand scheme of things, how it has improved in version 2.0 and how you can use it to build really great Web sites and intranet applications.

Who is this Book for?

This is a Wrox 'Professional' series book, so we won't be wasting your time by trying to teach you everything from scratch. We appreciate that most, if not all, of the web page authors and developers who take up Active Server Pages will be reasonably familiar with ordinary HTML, basic scripting concepts, and the simple constructs of the two main scripting languages, VBScript and JavaScript. So, we're assuming that you will know about these basic concepts, and that we won't need to waste time and space by going over them. If you need a quick refresher on either scripting language, you'll be able to find comprehensive references at the back of this book. If you're already familiar with Active Server Pages and want a guide that concentrates on the new features of version 2.0, you won't be disappointed, as there are several chapters devoted to things that weren't possible in IIS 3.0.

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What do I need to use this book?

Most importantly you'll need a copy of Active Server Pages and a web server for your platform (which must be either Windows 95 or NT 4.0). You'll also need a browser (preferably Internet Explorer 4) and a web page or text editor such as FrontPage 98 or Notepad.

Both Active Server Pages and a web server for either NT 4.0 or Windows 95 are available as part of the NT 4.0 Option Pack which is freely downloadable from Microsoft at
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