ASP.NET MVC 2 and 3 Using Visual Basic 2010

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Prerequisites: MVC2 (This course assumes that you are familiar and experienced with Microsoft's .NET Framework and ASP.NET development tools. You should be familiar with Web development and understand how HTTP and HTML work to produce Web pages for the user. You should have experience writing applications with ASP.NET 3.5 or later Web forms, be familiar with how ASP.NET processes page requests, and have strong experience with .NET Framework 3.5 or later programming. You should have experience with Visual Studio 2008 or later for building Web application projects. Experience with building database applications using these tools will be helpful, although not strictly necessary.) MVC 3 (You should be familiar with MVC 2 and using Visual Studio 2010.)

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Course description: ASP.NET MVC is a fascinating technology that provides an alternative to Web forms for building Web applications. Instead of building pages using server controls that provide relatively little control over the HTML they produce, MVC gives you complete control. The course starts with an introduction to ASP.NET MVC and the Model-View-Controller pattern on which it is based. You will learn about the main differences between MVC and Web forms applications, and see how to build a simple MVC application with Visual Studio. Then you will explore each of the three main components of an MVC application. Next, you will explore models, which encapsulate the data and business rules of an application. You will learn that there are almost no limitations in how you provide data to an MVC application. Then you will get into views, the user interface of an MVC application. Next, you will explore models, which encapsulate the data and business rules of an application. You will learn that there are almost no limitations in how you provide data to an MVC application. Then you will get into views, the user interface of an MVC application. You can use HTML helpers to make it easier to build views, and you will explore these nice little time savers that do not make you lose control over the HTML in your pages. And then you will explore how you can use action filters to keep your action methods pristine while implementing cross-cutting features. Next, you will look at the Routing API and how MVC makes use of it to respond to Web requests and generate URLs for links in the application. MVC and Ajax are two great tastes that taste great together, and you will see how to use them together in an application to create a great user experience. Finally, the last section of the course will look at the newest version, MVC 3, which is built on top of earlier versions.

Course outline:

Introduction
- Introduction
- The MVC Architecture
- Anatomy of a Request
- ASP.NET MVC
- Diff Between MVC & Web Forms
- The Tenets of MVC
- Web Forms vs. MVC
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Building an MVC Application
- Introduction
- MVC Project Templates
- Demo: Default MVC Web App
- Demo: Application Structure
- Demo: Implementing the App
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MVC Code
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- Demo: MVC Code
- Demo: MVC Views
- Demo: MVC Models
- Demo: MVC Testing
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Controllers
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- Manage App Using Controller
- Controllers System.Web.Mvc
- The IController Interface
- Demo: IController Interface
- Controller Abstract Base Class
- The Controller Class
- MVC Request Process Pipeline
- Action Method Selection
- Action Method Qualifications
- ActionName Attribute
- Demo: ActionName Attribute
- ActionMethodSelector Attribute
- Demo: ActionMethodSelector
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Controller Actions
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- Context Object Input
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- Parameter Input
- Demo: Parameter Input
- Model Bindings
- Demo: Model Bindings
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Action Results
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- Returning Action Results
- Action Result
- ActionResult Types
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- Demo: Finding Appropriate View
- Demo: Passing Data to the View
- Demo: Content Result
- Demo: JavaScript Result
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Data and Business Rules
- Introduction
- MVC Models
- Models Role in MVC
- Anatomy of a Request
- Building Models
- Creating a Custom Data Model
- Demo: MVC Models
- Demo: MVC Model Interaction
- Demo: Action Method
- Demo: Index View
- Demo: Editing Views
- Demo: Deleting Views
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Entity Framework Model
- Introduction
- LINQ to SQL
- Entity Framework MVC Model
- Demo: Framework MVC Model
- Display a List of Products
- Demo: Product Controller
- Demo: Create the View
- Demo: Editing Features

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- Validation Attributes
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- Anatomy of a Request
- Default View Engine
- Creating Views
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- Adding Content to a View
- Demo: Adding Content
- Content Result
- Demo: Content Result
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- Demo: Inline Code
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- Using View and Model Data
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- Demo: Other HTML Helpers
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- Demo: Constraints
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- Demo: Catch-All Parameter
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- Razor Design Goals
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- Demo: Controller Enhancements
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- Demo: Global Filters
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- Demo: Output Caching
- Controller Session State
- Demo: Session State
- JavaScript and Ajax
- Separation of Functionality
- Demo:JavaScript Enhancements
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