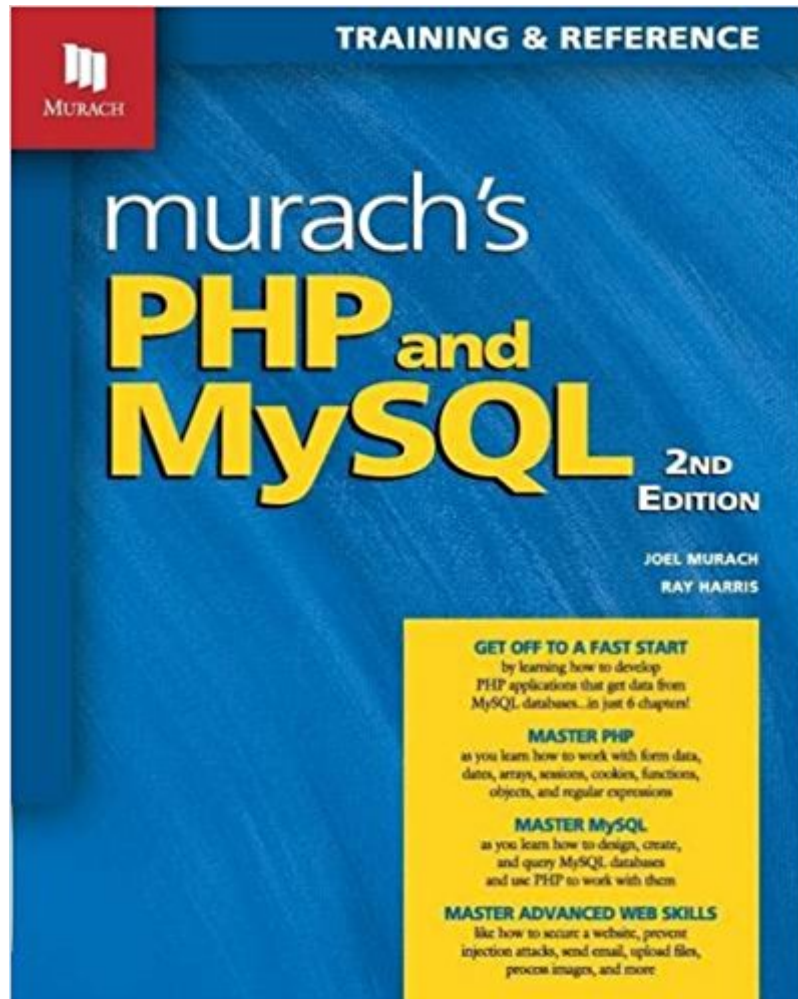


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I've now read 3 of the Murach's titles - Java 6, Servlets and JSP, and now PHP and MySQL, and I've loved each one. I have to say I love the Murach's style and organization, along with the clear, easy to understand writing. The organization of having descriptive text on the left side of the seam, and code samples and bullet points on the right side is perfect for both the newbie and the experienced alike, both as a step by step tutorial, and as a very convenient reference for professionals. As for this particular title, we have a programming language that is pretty easy (PHP), and we also have an overall web platform and database. So the book has to explain general web programming and the difference between client side programming and server side programming, and the http messages that go between the two. And it has to explain database programming and in particular, MySQL, and then how PHP interacts with it. Finally, the book has to explain Apache and what it does as a web server. Then, the book has to tie it all together as a comprehensive whole, presenting it as an overall platform, and explain how to set up a development environment (nice choice in using XAMPP combined with NetBeans with the PHP plugin). It does all of this with the greatest of ease and logical flow, making it exceedingly easy for the newbie and the experienced alike to get up and running quickly, and have a thorough understanding of the the overall technologies. Then, as an added bonus, and sadly missing in a lot of PHP/MySQL books, is thorough coverage of the MVC design pattern, which any web application of any decent size and functionality should implement in one form or another.

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