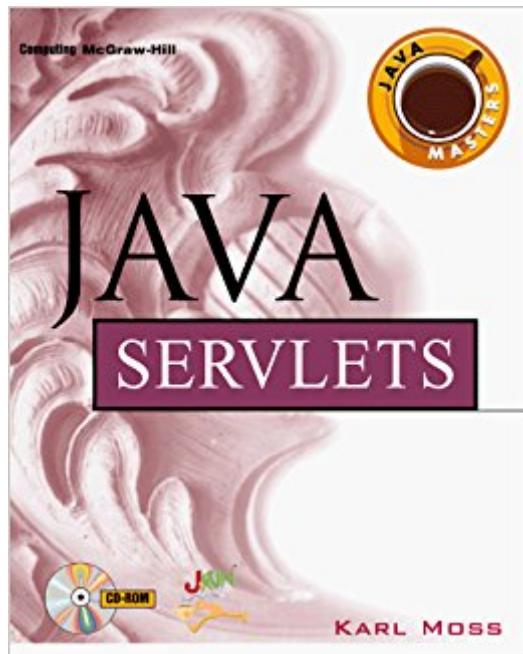


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# Java Servlets (Java Masters)



## **Synopsis**

Servlets interact with databases. Servlets pull information from the database and deliver it in any format the user requests. For instance, if you wanted sales information about a particular title from all bookstores selling on the internet, a servlet would be able to grab that information and present it to you in the form you wanted. This book is for the professional who is writing code for these servlets.

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## **Customer Reviews**

The author obviously knows what he is talking about. However, he is quite inept at explaining to his reader what he is doing. In fact, he rarely tries. He just has sample code, helps you set up the java webserver, then has you run the code. It is more about webserver configuration than it is about servlet programming

I flicked through this title in the bookshop, while looking for some good servlet titles. The coverage of this book is pretty shallow - for example their only mention of cookies is an API listing. Most servlet books cover cookies and session management, as well as more advanced (but related) servlet topics. I'd highly recommend "Inside Servlets : Server-Side Programming for the Java Platform" by Dustin R. Callaway instead.

This book gives a brief introduction to servlet programming. If you are a beginner then this book is

for you. If you have some experience with web programming then you might want to look for another title. Buy this if you are new to Java and Servlets....

This book is excellent for people who are beginners in server-side programming. For example, the author spends some time in explaining HTML form submission, and CGI POST and GET methods. These are all very elementary and really only necessary for beginners who have not even written a single CGI program in perl or C. Fortunately, the author does not waste time on quickly introducing JDBC in one chapter, to the point where he actually shows us how to do database connection pooling. A few publicly available articles on servlets miss out this important issue for thread-safe processing of a servlet (where a single servlet can actually handle multiple services at the same time due to the multiple threading nature of servlets). However, one issue that the author does not spend enough time on is maintaining session information. This is very important for writing, for example, a shopping cart servlet for E-commerce.

This book not only gives you a great introduction to programming servlets (including hosting and configuration, chaining, etc.) but also delves into related topics such as HTTP tunneling and using introspection to simplify servlet programming. I especially liked the amount of JDBC/RMI information included in the book since many servlets written will want to interface to other Java servers or databases. Having written an article on servlets for BYTE, I was pleased to find this much information packed in the book. My only disappointment is that the author didn't include more on managing state with servlets (e.g. through cookies) and about the future of servlets (covering developments such as Servlet Beans, and the impact, if any, of EJB on the servlet standard). All in all, a great servlet book!

Moss is good in JDBC, so nearly 1/3 of the book focus on JDBC instead of java servlets, if you are really want to learn servlets, don't buy this book. As I said above, the book focus on JDBC, not servlet, so the material covered on servlet is not enough, especially for beginner, they may not even know how to get a parameter from a form. Read oreally or wrox instead, don't buy this book if you really want to learn servlet. Only buy this when you like JDBC on java servlet.

This is a great book on Servlets. I don't understand why there are so many bad reviews on this book. It teaches you the basics and goes beyond the API docs. If you want a thorough walkthrough of the Java Servlet FAQ, then go grab the book by Jason Hunter :-).

It is clearly explained what are different types of formats in which data can be submitted over Internet and also it clearly explains step by step how to setup the JRun Server for running Servlets. Some part of setting up Java Web Server is also touched.

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