Concurrent Programming in ML by John H. Reppy

Decent Beginner Book

Concurrent Programming ML (CML), included as part of the SML of New Jersey (SML/NJ) distribution, combines the best features of concurrent programming and functional programming. This practical, how-to book focuses on the use of concurrency to implement naturally concurrent applications. In addition to a tutorial introduction to programming in CML, the book presents three extended examples using CML for practical systems programming: a parallel software build system, a simple concurrent window manager, and an implementation of distributed tuple spaces. This book also illustrates advanced SML programming techniques, and includes a chapter on the implementation of concurrency using features provided by the SML/NJ system. It will be of interest to programmers, students, and professional researchers working in computer language development.

My Personal Review:
I've just finished the end of the book and I will say its not too bad.

A little background about me before my full review, I'm a web developer with a design background, so I've done a lot of front-end design work for clients but I've also worked a bit of the back end with PHP, and Classic ASP. .NET was new to me and never worked with my preferred IDE, (ahem Dreamweaver) past .net 2.0, recently more and more clients are asking for ASP.net / Sharepoint work from me so I've decided to study up on ASP.net.

Strait to the point, the book isn't dry and it does what it says, it walks you thru chapter by chapter explaining every technical bit of data regarding ASP.net and occasionally telling you something interesting about one of the tools for real world use.

The pros for buying this book is that you get a clear understanding of ASP.net, the history and where it's going, as well as some simple tricks
using VS 2008, LINQ, and ASP.net controls and forms, it also has sample code on the disc, and a PDF of the book on the CD for on-screen reference.

My only problem with this book, (like so many other developer books) is that they really dont give real-world scenarios for building a e-commerce site, or a blog, or a contact form for that matter. Its a better starter book than a for Dummies or ..in 24 years but it does the job to get you started using ASP.net.

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