Maven is a new project management and comprehension tool which provides an elegant way to share build logic across projects. In terms of capabilities, Maven is an improvement to Apache Ant—thanks to numerous plug-ins and built-in integration with unit testing frameworks such as JUnit. Tired of writing the same build logic for every project? Using Maven, you can leverage the experience of the community to avoid the tedious process of creating yet another build script for each new project.

Maven: A Developers Notebook begins by introducing you to the concept of project object model (POM), and then offers further details on the essential features of Maven. Like all titles in OReillys Developers Notebook series, this no-nonsense book skips the boring prose and cuts right to the chase. Its an approach that forces you to get your hands dirty by working through a series of poignant labs—exercises that speak to you instead of at you.

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- manage a project's build, reporting, and documentation, all from a central piece of information
- break a complex project into a series of smaller subprojects
- report on code quality, unit tests, code duplication, and project activity
- create a custom remote repository
- build simple and complex plugins

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My Personal Review:
Maven - A Developers Notebook is good for covering the surface of how to do a build in Maven. There is great explanation on the installation of Maven and building Java projects. Coverage of reporting and writing plugins was also good.

Coverage of building WARs was fair. It would have been nice to see a JSP or resource files in the example, rather than just code. Noticeably absent was how to build an EJB project and an EAR. And while the book demonstrates connecting to CVS/Subversion, it could use an example on checking out code.

The book assumes some knowledge of the build process in Java, but not too much. Specifically, it is not necessary to know Ant. For those who do use Ant, common pitfalls are mentioned (without saying they are from Ant.)

In developers notebook style, the book reads quickly and goes through a series of labs. The authors are good about explaining what things mean and going through the build output. The list of Maven plugins is very useful in finding out what exists.

The book is well thought out, clear and excellent for what it covers. However, I think they tried to cover too much in too little room and wound up having to leave out some key areas. If you were only creating jars or WARs by yourself, I would give this book a 5. But for J2EE and teams, it gets a 4 because it needs the documentation to supplement.

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