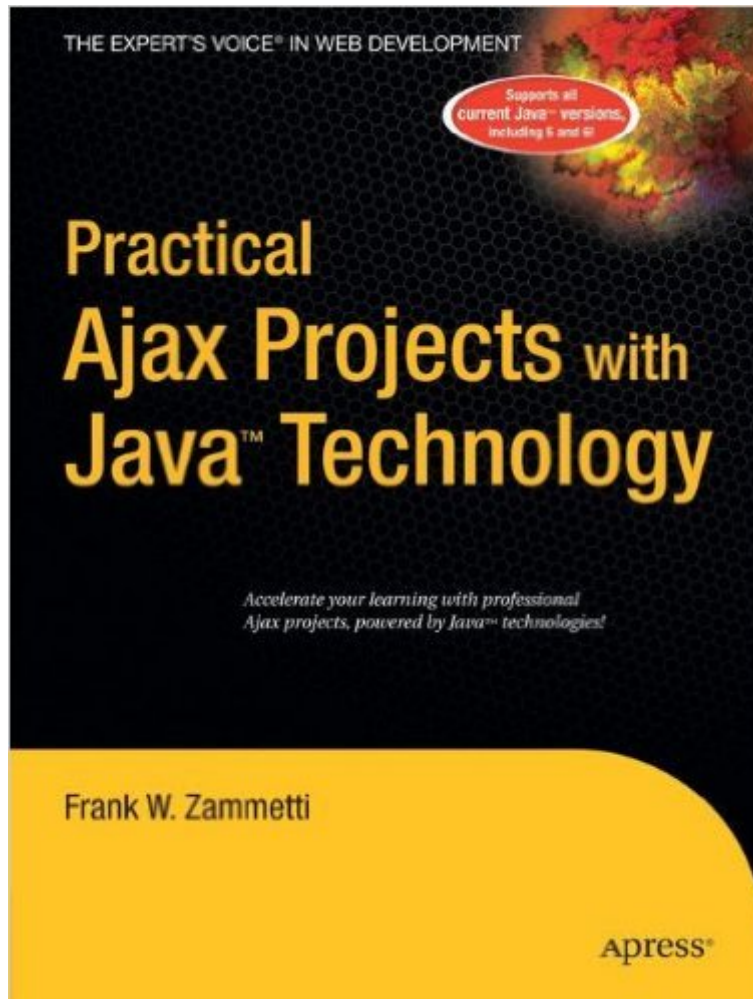


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# Practical Ajax Projects With Java Technology (Expert's Voice)



## Synopsis

This book will save Java developers countless hours of development time by providing seven complete Ajax applications to learn from and adapt for use in their own projects. The applications include an online calendaring/scheduling system, a Flickr-style photo gallery application, and an Ajax role-playing game. The book also details the set-up of a perfect Java/Ajax development environment in which to construct the applications; Java technologies covered include Apache, Ant, Ajax Tags, Struts, Prototype, DWR, Dojo, and more. This is the first book of its kind, aimed at Java/Ajax developers.

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The book begins a three chapter introduction about the involved technologies, Ajax basics and maybe even more important the concept of Web 2.0 and its ongoing evolution. When people think about Ajax they often think 'no refreshing', 'cool widgets' and 'flashy stuff', but nobody really thinks about desktop application architecture within the webbrowser. And Frank Zammetti finely points this out. The chapters following the introduction are about fully working projects (a project per chapter). Every project uses a different Ajax toolkit/library or combines them differently. For example there's a very good introduction project on how to use DWR or Dojo (though Dojo's full capabilities are not used). Frank also goes into the details of the communication between server and client using XML and JSON. At the end of every chapter, he gives you a couple of suggestions for improvement so

you can go at it yourself with your newly gained knowledge. Not all is perfect though; From the project chapters on, Frank just goes into the details of the project but fails to put it in a context; he doesn't for example explain why a certain Ajax webapplication has 'windows' using divs or why/how/if separation of responsibility is needed (like MVC). It's just the way it is and he only explains the mechanisms. I would've liked his opinion, both conceptually and concrete examples of how he thinks an enterprise web application should be implemented (for example DWR is an excellent candidate as Controller in the MVC marshalling between client and web). On the Java side he goes into details on how to set up the server (web.xml etc.) and how to configure some toolkits in there (like dwr.xml with DWR). Configuration aside, he explains his server-sided application logic for every project.

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