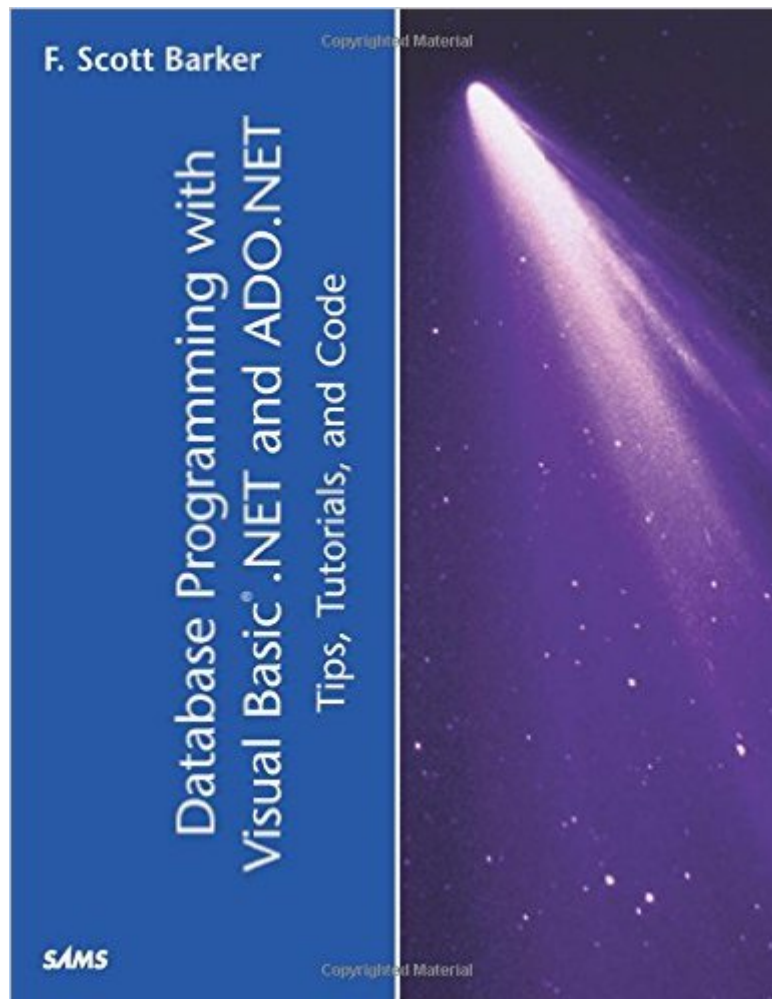


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# Database Programming With Visual Basic .NET And ADO.NET: Tips, Tutorials, And Code



## Synopsis

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First of all, this book is not a reference. It is a book of samples and tutorials. It won't give you details about commands, objects or the nitty-gritty of why things work. It gives you examples of how to do things and only a very general discussion on how it works. It's up to you to learn the details from other sources. So you are best to purchase this with another more detailed reference that will give you the real low-down on ADO.NET. Second and most troubling is that this book seems to be filled with errors. Some of their examples don't work. After following the steps in the book to the letter, your program won't run and you have to take time (sometimes minutes, sometimes hours) digging through other sources to figure out what this book didn't tell you so you can get things working. This book answers many questions, but not all. Use it in conjunction with other materials.

This book covers the material well, especially for those who are familiar with VB.NET and SQL Server as the book is "for the serious developer." There's very little of the book wasted on background material. Rather than getting bogged down in a lot of theoretical discussion, Barker dives right into examples, making the technical points as he illustrates the examples. The material in the book flows well from a simple bound list example all the way to some complex Windows and Web examples. Throughout the book, the standard Northwind database is used. Essentially all of the code uses the generic OleDb approach so the code would work with either SQL Server or Access; Barker points out the few differences between using the two approaches. The general approach in the book follows a format of stating a business problem, a Technique section where the approach is discussed, then a series of numbered Steps, a How It Works section that completes any necessary fine points and finally a Comments section for additional information. Scattered throughout are small Note and Tip sections with pencil & light bulb icons - many are real gems, not to be missed. A great deal of ground is covered in its 500 pages - essentially all the information one would need to build a respectable Windows or Web based application. If you're looking for information to build a robust n-tier application, there are other books which explain how to split the code between the tiers, this book gives a good foundation for that. I noticed only a few inconsequential typos. The book was a pleasure to go through and presents a broad and reasonably deep coverage of the subject material.

I wish I had paid closer attention to when this book was written, as it seems to have been written for an earlier era of VB.NET. Other than that, it seems to be ok, but I was initially disappointed upon reading it.

Ninguno de los ejemplos compila, uno tiene que revisar los errores del compilador para corregirlos y poder ejecutar el programa. Únicamente tiene recetas de cocina, uno sigue la receta, corrige los errores y el programa funciona, pero no explica en ninguna parte por qué se utilizó tal o tal función o método. No se recomienda en absoluto, es una pérdida de tiempo y de dinero.

I just graduated from college and I am getting ready to start my new job as an analyst/programmer. I bought this book to help review and remember different techniques for Visual Basic .NET. This book has some good examples, however, this book lacks the complete code to make different examples work. There are subroutines missing from examples as early as Chapter 1. This could be a valuable book if all the code was included.

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