Inside Coldfusion MX
The most comprehensive guide to learning and maximizing the latest version of ColdFusion. Inside ColdFusion MX begins with a discussion of ColdFusion MX and how it differs from previous versions of ColdFusion. The authors discuss the new ColdFusion Administration/Administration, integration with existing IDE’s, recent language extensions, and the planning and development of ColdFusion applications under the new CF architecture. The book delves into a detailed discussion of the CFML language, the heart-and-soul of ColdFusion application development, including real-world example code and discussion on how to solve common problems. Coverage includes advanced application development topics, such as exception handling, interacting with other application/server resources, and extending ColdFusion MX with other technologies. The book discusses complex topics in an easy-to-follow and easy-to-understand way, focusing on the questions developers will ask when using the book for problem-solving.

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**Customer Reviews**

Over the last few years, I've worked with ColdFusion sporadically and without great success. Everyone said how easy it was to learn ColdFusion, but I just wasn’t getting it. I got a copy of this book as soon as it came out and let me tell you, the first few chapters cleared up all of the confusion for me regarding CF. This book explained ColdFusion and application development in a way that just makes sense. The authors don’t numb you with ultra-techno lingo but explain each and every
concept in a way that is clear and concise and they give relevant examples to back it all up. I highly recommend this book to anyone who wants to learn ColdFusion development, extend their existing knowledge of ColdFusion or even learn to administrate their CF servers.

Wow! I just started to work with MX from CF 5 and was worried about how well I would make the transition. Picked this book up and already I can see a marked improvement in my MX programming. Book was easy to follow and well thought out. I have read some articles and bought some code from author Neil Ross and he didn’t disappoint here. Great book!!!!!!! This book is not like other books that come with a cd where the code doesn’t even work. The site had all the code from the book and real working examples. Why are you not buying this book this second?!?!?! Go...hurry before they are all gone.

"Inside ColdFusion MX" is an excellent starting point for anybody who wants to learn ColdFusion from scratch. The book uses simple language and illustrates the more complicated issues of programming with real life examples, which makes it very easy to read and understand. Experienced programmers who have worked with previous versions of ColdFusion will find the book to be a great introduction to features of the new MX version such as XML and Flash MX integration, CFC’s and more. A well-organized index allows readers to quickly find any topic of interest. Chapters in the book are logically arranged and well cross-referenced. Task oriented readers will appreciate not having to plow through the book in contiguous order to be able to grasp required information. Some of the chapters I would like to highlight as particularly useful are: User Defined Functions; CF Components; Application Performance; Advanced Database Interaction; and very practical Tips and Tricks. Additionally, the appendices provides an invaluable resource for the novice and not-so-novice reader alike. Inside ColdFusion MX is a great book and I highly recommend it!

This is the first book I’ve seen that tries to go beyond ColdFusion syntax and is definitely geared toward the intermediate developer. It does not focus on the basics like all the others but rather gives real-world examples and approaches. I liked this book a lot, though I can find no use for the tag reference (adds extra 200 pages). The XML and Web-Services chapter was easy to understand and so was the application architecture chapter. I did not like the caching chapter which I thought was missing some info about software like xcache.

I was a bit sceptical about this book. I thought anyone would be hard pressed to compete with Ben
Forta's classic book, but this book is really aimed at a different target. If you are fairly new to ColdFusion and are looking at taking that next step into intermediate/advanced use of ColdFusion, then this is the right book for you. It introduces advanced concepts like using XML, new ColdFusion Components, Flash remoting, with clear easy to follow examples. Give it a look.

I am new to ColdFusion although I have a background in Computer Science. I just started a project where I have to integrate ColdFusion MX, Flash MX, and XML. I found that this book provided a good overview of ColdFusion and was well written. My only complaint is that most of the chapters seemed not delve very deeply into more advanced concepts although there is an excellent and pretty deep coverage of how to work with XML and ColdFusion which was exactly what I needed.

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This book covers the planning, development and implementation of ColdFusion MX web applications from end-to-end. While I am expert in ColdFusion, my colleagues are not; regardless, we are able to share this book and learn from it and use it as a reference to our conversion to the MX version of ColdFusion.

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