

# Introduction to ASP.NET

## Introduction

The goal of this course is to teach students how to create a simple Microsoft ASP.NET application that delivers dynamic content to the Web.

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## Audience

This course is intended for developers of Microsoft Active Server Pages (ASP). The course assumes that students are familiar with Hypertext Markup Language (HTML), client-side and server-side scripting, and Microsoft ActiveX Data Objects (ADO).

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## At Course Completion

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

- Create a Web form with server controls.
  - Separate page code from content by using code-behind pages, page controls, and components.
  - Display dynamic data from a data source by using Microsoft ADO.NET and data binding.
  - Debug ASP.NET pages by using trace.
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## Course Outline

### Module 1: Working with Microsoft ASP.NET

The following topics are covered in this module:

- Introducing ASP.NET
- Creating Web Forms
- Adding ASP.NET Code to a Page
- Handling Page Events
- Discussion: ASP vs. ASP.NET

At the end of this module, you will be able to:

- Identify the main features of ASP.NET.
- Identify the differences between ASP and ASP.NET.
- Describe the working model of ASP.NET.
- Describe the architecture of server controls.
- Add a Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) server control to a page.
- Access the properties and methods of server controls in code.
- Add event handlers for page events.
- Use the `IsPostBack` property to handle postback forms.

### Module 2: Using Web Controls

The following topics are covered in this module:

- What are Web Controls?
- Using Intrinsic Controls
- Using Input Validation Controls
- Selecting Controls for Applications

At the end of this module, you will be able to:

- Add Web controls to an ASP.NET page.
- Use properties, methods, and events of Web controls.
- Validate user input on an ASP.NET page by using input validation controls.
- Bind two controls together.

### Module 3: Using Microsoft ADO.NET to Access Data

The following topics are covered in this module:

- Overview of ADO.NET
- Connecting to a Data Source
- Accessing Data with DataSets
- Using Stored Procedures
- Accessing Data with DataReaders
- Binding to Extensible Markup Language (XML) Data

At the end of this module, you will be able to:

- Describe the ADO.NET object model.
- Connect to a data source by using ADO.NET.
- Retrieve data from a database by using **DataReaders** and **DataSets**.
- Display the data from a database on the client by using list-bound controls.
- Customize the look of **Repeater** controls with templates.
- Use stored procedures to return **Recordsets**.
- Read data from an XML file into **DataSets**.

### Module 4: Separating Code from Content

The following topics are covered in this module:

- Advantages of Partitioning an ASP.NET Page
- Creating and Using Code-Behind Pages
- Creating and Using User Controls
- Creating and Using Components

At the end of this module, you will be able to:

- Explain the need for code-behind pages.
- Create a code-behind page and use it with an ASP.NET page.
- Explain the advantages of user controls.
- Explain how user controls work.
- Create a component in Visual Basic.
- Use a component in an ASP.NET page.

### Module 5: Using Trace in Microsoft ASP.NET Pages

The following topics are covered in this module:

- Overview of Tracing
- Trace Information
- Page-Level Trace
- Application-Level Trace

At the end of this module, you will be able to:

- Describe page-level and application-level tracing.
- Enable and disable tracing for an ASP.NET page.
- Add custom trace information.

## **Module 6: Using Web Services**

The following topics are covered in this module:

- What is a Web Service?
- Calling a Web Service from a Browser
- Calling a Web Service by Using a Proxy
- Creating a Simple Web Service by Using Visual Basic
- Creating and Calling a Web Service by Using Visual Studio .NET

At the end of this module, you will be able to:

- Explain the goal of Web services and how they fit into the Web architecture.
- Describe the Web services execution model.
- Call a Web service from a browser.
- Call a Web service by using a proxy.
- Use the data returned by a Web service.
- Create a simple Web service by using Visual Basic.

## **Module 7: Creating a Microsoft ASP.NET Web Application**

The following topics are covered in this module:

- Requirements of a Web Application
- What is New in ASP.NET?
- Sharing Information Between Pages
- Securing an ASP.NET Application

At the end of this module, you will be able to:

- Describe cookie-less sessions.
- Set up cookie-less sessions in the web.config file.
- Use event procedures in global.asax.
- Set up page output caching for ASP.NET pages.
- Share information between pages of an ASP.NET application by using ASP.NET cache, web.config, session variables, and a database.
- Describe how authentication works.
- Set up authentication for an application in web.config.