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From the Back Cover
Ramp up your enterprise VB.NET applications with XML!

Microsoft envisions a future where the Web will host millions of distributed applications all communicating via XML. Data packaged in XML will flow to and from databases, between applications, and directly to the browser.

With the release of Visual Basic .NET, XML support is tightly integrated into the language and provides numerous methods for manipulating XML data. This tight integration means that VB programmers can load, manipulate, and save XML data faster and more easily than ever before. With real-world and fully functional examples, Rod Stephens and Brian Hochgurtel walk you step-by-step through how to take advantage of XML in all aspects of enterprise VB.NET development:
* Part One explains XML basics-DOM, SAX, Schemas, Serialization-and how to read and write XML files using Visual Basic code
* Part Two examines methods for displaying XML data on the Web and for building Web Services using Visual Basic, ASP.Net, Web Forms, and XSL
* Part Three shows how XML works with other products and how you can use SQL Server 2000 and Microsoft's Internet Information Server (IIS) to display data directly on the Web with XML
* Final chapters show how to use Visual Basic for Applications (VBA) to save and load XML documents in Microsoft Office applications such as Word, Excel, Access, and Outlook

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