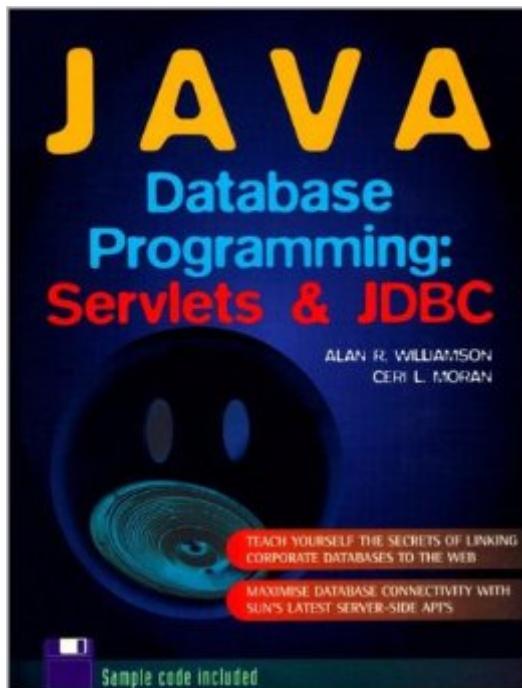


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# Java Database Programming



## **Synopsis**

Breakthrough information for Web database developers! The first book to cover servlets - Java's answer to CGI, set to revolutionize Web database design. Ties together JDBC, servlets, front-end design, security, multi-threading and client/server. Practical coverage of database security, communications and multitasking. This book brings together state-of-the-art coverage of the new technologies Web database developers need to know about - especially servlets, Java's reliable, powerful answer to CGI. The book begins with detailed coverage of the most interesting features of servlets and JDBC, including security, communications and multitasking. Extensive sample code shows how the language constructs operate. Next, the book presents techniques for front-ending actual applications built with Oracle and other leading database products. Detailed JDBC coverage includes JDBC connections, statements and prepared statements. Java Database Programming: Servlets and JDBC will be an invaluable resource for all developers who want to build leading edge Web database applications. Alan Williamson is a professional C++ and Java developer specializing in database construction. He has several articles published in The Java Report, the foremost reference magazine for new Java programming techniques. Ceri Moran is a database programmer with MDIS, a leading programming consultancy that works closely with Sun Microsystems.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I got this book from a friend who was going to throw it away. After perusing it, I threw it away. You

would learn more about servlets from reading a couple of articles in periodicals! This book's content is so vapid and the author's style is so pretentious it is comical. No doubt, I would have been less amused if I'd wasted my money on it instead of just my time. Instead of stars, I think .com should offer a bomb icon for a book this bad.

If you were waiting for a book that offered an in depth treatment of servlets, you'll have to keep waiting. This book on Java Servlets and JDBC offers only 20 pages on Servlets and the content of those pages is pretty thin. Do you really want to see the code for a 'Hello World' or a counter servlet? The author's code is generously shared on a diskette glued to the back cover. For US\$50 at least give me the code on CD-ROM! This book reminds me of those overpriced paperback textbooks, written by the instructor, we were compelled to buy in college. I wish JavaSoft would step up to the plate and publish a book that thoroughly covers servlets with useful, annotated examples and maybe even include an appendix of the complete Servlet API classes.

After browsing this book at a local book store, I'm now convinced that the old saying is true: "those who can't do, teach. those who can't teach, write books" the title of the book is misleading. the examples are extremly poor, the style of writting is bizarre, the index is a joke... the list could go on and on. I wonder how this THING ever got publisned! Alan Williamson and Ceri Moran, shame on both of you!

How could include this thing on its selections! It's an offense to any programmer with the desire to learn. It's total anti-java. It's not simple, It's not portable and it gives the impression that it was written to an elite of javaheads that think they're so cool because of their explosives I.Qs. These people are not writing for people. They're writting for themselves Big time show-offs. Go work for microsoft!

As with all the other online reviews that have been written about this book, the title is absouletly misleading. This book is about very basic Java concepts. And in protest, I recomend that all fellow programmers refrain from purchasing anything else written by these so-called authors.

I meant to write this review fifteen years ago and got diverted, as one does. I write it now because I have just bought another book which I am finding irritating to read and have been reminded of my feelings regarding this volume, although I disposed of my copy a long time ago. I think it sticks in my memory as the worst technical book I have ever read. The sad thing is that I felt that the Ceri Moran

and Alan Williamson had many worthwhile things to say, with good technical knowledge and a desire to pass it on to others. Unfortunately, they were not experienced authors and did not express themselves well, repeating themselves (did I not read that ten pages ago?), taking several pages to say things that could be conveyed in a few lines and glossing over complexities which they obviously understood but which could have done with more exposition for their target readership. I would have expected their editor at Prentice Hall to have intercepted and corrected these problems, but again I felt that I detected inexperience, and therein lies the main source of irritation. I have never come across a book where the publisher's editor was so obvious - if I remember rightly his name was Jason. Normally one is not aware of the editors' existence - they are supports for authors provided out of the publisher's wish to print good quality material, and remain in the background. Here, the editor's footprints were clear across the whole book, communicating directly with the reader, even letting us know his name, but doing nothing to correct the obvious structural and content problems. The impression I received was that he was completely inexperienced, delighted with his new job (not realising he didn't have a clue how to do it) and welcomed it as an opportunity to blow his own trumpet loudly in public. If I am right in this opinion, the real culprit responsible for this waste of the authors' and the readers' time and effort was Jason's supervisor at Prentice Hall, who should have ensured that such an inexperienced editor was adequately monitored and assisted. It is that supervisor who should be ashamed, not Moran and Williamson as suggested by another reviewer. (Then again, if Jason was an experienced editor, I hope Prentice Hall sacked him!)

With the lack of books about servlets I bought a copy of this, excited and hoping that I would actually learn something from it. I am fairly new to java programming and knew very little about servlets before reading the book - after having read through the book I am absolutely none the wiser. I really don't know who this book is aimed at, but I for one am annoyed that my hard earned money has been wasted on a book that is only really suited to keeping the back door open. Only buy this book if you like an arrogant style of writing with little useful information, or if like me you have wonky hinges.

I wouldn't waste your time on this one, like the other reviewers stated, its not a good book on servlets. Doesn't go into much detail. This would be a good book for someone who is just starting java and has a very basic understanding of RDBMS, as it covers jdbc and sql 101.. but it is not a good resource for servlet developers.

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