OCEJWCD Study Companion: Certified Expert Java EE 6 Web Component Developer (Oracle Exam 1Z0-899)
Synopsis

This book is a study guide for any candidate preparing for the Java EE Web Component Developer exam (Oracle Exam 1Z0-899). It contains the theory behind how the Web container works, and important notes, hints and tips on the types of "trick" questions to look for in the exam. By combining logical and easy-to-follow discussions with clear visual aids and diagrams, you will wonder by the end of the book why servlets, JSPs and tag libraries seemed so complicated before! By combining the theory taught in this book with practical experience, you will not only succeed in passing the exam, but will do so confident that you are able to solve problems and draw-up solutions "on the job". Reference Material Have you ever found that you couldn't quite remember the names of the XML elements or attributes in the Deployment Descriptor or Tag Library Descriptor? Or perhaps you've had problems recalling custom tag life cycles? Not a problem! Helpful visual diagrams show "at a glance" the important schemas, without having to resort to knowing the XML Schema or DTD languages, as used in the specifications. Who is this book suitable for? This guide assumes very basic prior knowledge of the Web container and the Extensible Mark-up Language (XML) core syntax. Servlets, JSPs and associated frameworks and Web application deployment are all presented beginning with the basic theory to ensure complete and thorough understanding. In addition, particular attention is devoted to the subjects of the Expression Language, custom tag libraries, annotations and asynchronous requests which are new or updated in the latest version of the exam. Key Features 1. Complete coverage of all objectives including annotations, modular deployment and AJAX support. 2. Authored by a Java developer who has helped thousands to pass the exam. 3. Theory introduced in an easy-to-follow, step-by-step manner. 4. Content split into manageable chapter sizes with clear objectives. 5. API details presented in condensed bulleted lists to make memorising easy. 6. Text reinforced with over 80 diagrams and figures to summarise key or difficult ideas. 7. 350 exam-style end of chapter questions with detailed answers. 8. One free online mock exam.

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This is a good book to buy if you want a summary of the content and objectives for the 1Z0-899 Oracle exam.

Pros:
- Provides a good overview of the objectives for the 1Z0-899 Oracle exam.
- I managed to pass the exam without really having to read the Servlet specification.

Cons:
- I wouldn't recommend this book if you don't have a lot of experience with Servlets, JSP and the Deployment Descriptor. I put this book down, read Head First Servlets and JSP, before coming back to this book. You need to know Deployment Descriptor syntax and how to deploy applications in Tomcat before using this book.
- Quite a lot of errors in this book, as well as problems with the review questions. The errata covers it though. I emailed the support team about an error that I found and their reply was to refer me to the errata sheet. They didn't confirm/deny the error or add it to the errata sheet, so I think the support on this book should be better.
- The free online exam that comes with this book does not cover the new Servlet topics.

Reading this guide from begin to end and making some practices, I obtained a good score in the certification exam. The only complaint about it, is that some details in the practice exams had errors like bad indication of number of answers to choose, and one or two fine details about subtle changes between JEE5 and JEE6 that weren't updated in this revision of the book.

This book is almost like reading the java api. There are no examples, no code snippets, no explanation of what might be the practical use of this stuff. And if you want to follow along and write some code yourself to solidify what you've learned in each chapter that doesn't work either. For example, to write even the most simple web application you need to know how to write a deployment descriptor. This book doesn't cover that topic until chapter 10. Basically it seems like this author just lists the interfaces, classes, methods one by one with a brief description of each one. If that's how you learn then great but I have a hard time thinking this is a good way to learn for anyone. For me, I need to code, I need to see examples, I need explanations of how this stuff might
be used.

This is a third edition of the book. It is quite a solid overview of the Java EE web related stuff. A good cheat sheet for cert preparation. So the book will be useful to read.

If you plan to pass OCEJWCD this book is the best. I passed the exam with really high score. All exam topics are covered. The only minus is the lack of code examples for some topics. If you are new to Servlets/JSP/JSTL and want to get the solid knowledge and pass the exam just start Head First book and then polish with this book.

Have a good stuff there but too much theory, sometimes I didn't get and needed to read it again, have a lot of information but lack of code examples, I can recommend first read "Head First Servlets and JSP", and then this one, I passed the certification just reading those 2 books. I put 4 starts actually because I like this book about how he explained but when he start explaining the classes some pages are like javadocs, but apart of this this book is cool.

I liked the book overall, in the end will become somewhat tiring because it dont have many code, but to understand the theory of Servlets / JSP was a great read, the exercises are good ... well, just do not give it 5 because of the last chapters, it should have more code examples in the book.

The author pretty much copied and pasted everything from the Java EE API which is free on [...] He ripped out all the DD tags from each topic and put it in its own chapter which makes it extremely hard to follow.

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