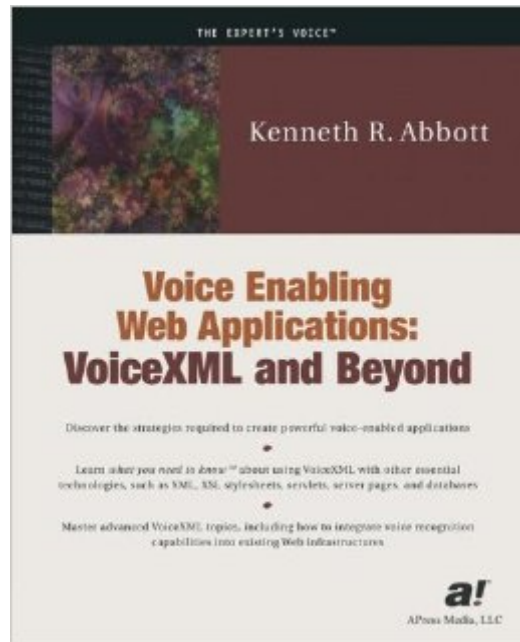


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This is a great book. It is an example of how a modern technical book should be written to really teach the reader both the substance of the subject and the context in which that subject is meaningful. There is high level motivation throughout the book which enables the reader looking for an overview of Voice XML and how it relates to technologies used with it. There is technical detail that will enable the software engineer to understand the technical foundations and how they relate to technologies used with Voice XML such as XSLT, JSP, HTML, JavaScript, etc. In addition, there is an architectural framework of browsers, gateways, web servers, servlets, grammars,

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