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**THE BOOK OF VB 2005 PUTS “CLASSIC” DEVELOPERS ON  
THE FAST TRACK TO .NET**

*Author returns to update guide for programmers still using version 6 and older*

**April 25, 2006, San Francisco**—From the author of the highly-acclaimed *The Book of VB .NET* comes a comprehensive introduction to Microsoft’s newest programming language, Visual Basic 2005, the latest iteration of Visual Basic .NET. With **The Book of Visual Basic 2005: .NET Insight for Classic VB Developers** (No Starch Press, May 2006), less experienced developers will quickly learn to use VB 2005 effectively, and old-school VB developers who haven’t yet made the jump to .NET will be able to transition seamlessly without wasting time covering familiar ground.

**The Book of Visual Basic 2005** is organized as a series of lightning tours and real-world examples that illustrate the VB 2005 way of doing things. Conversational in tone and eminently readable, it tackles the programming language’s hot new features and explains how to work with .NET, but it doesn’t water the information down for beginners. Each chapter begins with a brief overview of changes from VB 6, then uses examples to get experienced developers up to speed so they can perform in the VB 2005 environment.

**The Book of Visual Basic 2005** covers all the necessities: web development, XML, databases and Windows applications in VB 2005, as well as rarely discussed areas like deployment and hot new features like multithreading. This new guide also ditches jargon to explain clearly the advantages of object oriented programming and how to do it intelligently. This is all accompanied by extra code examples, references to additional online material, and helpful tips on planning, design, and architecture.

“Most VB developers who haven’t yet switched to .NET can see the writing on the wall and know they need to get up to speed,” said Bill Pollock, founder of No Starch Press. “Unlike a typical ‘intro-to-a-new-app’ book, **The Book of Visual Basic 2005** speaks directly to those who already know the old way of doing things and just need to know what’s different now.”

In short, **The Book of Visual Basic 2005** everything that a professional developer in a hurry wants to know.

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*Microsoft Visual Basic .NET Programmer's Cookbook* (Microsoft Press), and *Visual Basic 2005: A Developer's Notebook* (O'Reilly).

**The Book of Visual Basic 2005: .NET Insight for Classic VB Developers by Matthew MacDonald**

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