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They then dive into the details, showing solutions based on the lightweight framework they pioneered on SourceForge — one of the most innovative open source communities. They demonstrate how to leverage practical techniques and tools, including the popular open source Spring Framework and Hibernate. This book also guides you through productive solutions to core problems, such as transaction management, persistence, remoting, and Web tier design. You will examine how these alternatives affect testing, performance, and scalability, and discover how lightweight architectures can slash time and effort on many projects.

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- How to solve common problems in enterprise software development using AOP and Inversion of Control
- Web tier design and the place of the Web tier in a well-designed J2EE application
- Effective data access techniques for J2EE applications with JDBC, Hibernate, and JDO
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(*VSJ—Visual Systems Journal*, December 2004/January 2005)

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### From the Back Cover

Are your J2EE projects taking too long to develop? Are they hard to debug? Do they result in disappointing performance? You may still be using traditional approaches to J2EE that are overly complex and not truly object-oriented. Many of these problems relate to EJB: a complex technology that has not lived up to its hype.

In this hands-on guide, I'll show you alternatives to EJB that can be used to create higher quality applications faster and at lower cost. I'll demonstrate how to leverage practical techniques and tools, including the popular open source Spring Framework and Hibernate. I'll guide you through productive solutions to core problems such as transaction management, persistence, remoting, and web tier design. We will examine how these alternatives affect testing, performance, and scalability, and discover how lightweight architectures can slash time and effort on many projects.

I've been working with servlets, EJB, JSP™, and other J2EE technologies since their release. (As co-lead of Spring, Juergen also brings a wealth of expertise.) I'm excited to share my experience with you, one-on-one.

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