Professional SharePoint 2013 Development
Thorough coverage of development in SharePoint 2013 A team of well-known Microsoft MVPs joins forces in this fully updated resource, providing you with in-depth coverage of development tools in the latest iteration of the immensely popular SharePoint. From building solutions to building custom workflow and content management applications, this book shares field-tested best practices on all aspect of SharePoint 2013 development. Offers a thorough look at Windows Azure and SharePoint 2013 Includes new chapters on Application Life Cycle Management, developing apps in SharePoint, and building PerformancePoint Dashboards in SharePoint Professional SharePoint 2013 Development is an essential SharePoint developer title.

I highly recommend this book. My development team is in the process of upgrading from SharePoint 2010 to SharePoint 2013, and I've had several lingering questions leading up through the process. This book covers a wealth of topics, ranging from architecture, to the programming models, to the tools and lifecycle management, and much, much more. This book has completely helped answer those questions, and more. I would easily say it's not defined for only a certain demographic of experience. Also, I would recommend this book to anyone without reservation, to anyone using SharePoint 2013, just for the overall depth of knowledge in this book provides, especially in the perspective of development and wealth of information.
The first few chapters are a great intro to all the Architecture details of the platform. It's not very detailed in any specific topic but if you’re looking for an overview of all the capabilities this is a great starting point

First of all, I would like to say that this book is the third one that I obtain from the group of three: Todd, Shane and Steve (starting with MOSS 2007). Excellent coverages on topics such as: planning, architecture, installation and configuration of SharePoint farm and related technologies (service apps, SSRS, SSAS, workflow, PowerPivot). Some may argue that they can search for those topics on TechNet and discussion forums. However, what makes this edition of SharePoint 2013 a true goodness is the coupling with on-the-trenches experience of being day-in and day-out with SharePoint. Well-organized content. Alert! There is a dedicated chapter for configuring SharePoint with Powershell. And finally, I really like how the authors describe their experience in narrative way. It makes me feel like I am in a live webcast which I attend every Monday night :) (toddklindt.com/netcast)

Professional SharePoint 2013 Development is well written and comparatively well-organised. The authors have a clear and valuable discussion of the different development tools and when to use which tool. But the book could be polished: I don’ understand why the app model in chapter 3 is discussed again in chapter 4. Also the general discussion about JSOM is first in chapter 17. It is much better to have general information and discussion in one chapter at the beginning. Chapter 12 about ECM is my main interest. The authors discuss that keeping track of documents is one of the main issues at companies; then follows a rather thin chapter of little help. Why do all SharePoint books write so little about how to set up an ECM to handle formal documents correctly with SharePoint 2013? The book has a lot of administrative information although it is not comprehensive. Professional SharePoint 2013 Development is still a readable book and well worth the cost and it will save you many hours. I haven’t found the real good SharePoint book yet.

Gave me everything I needed to know about Sharepoint. We were reviewing and prototyping it's capabilities and it got me up and running fast!

As a newcomer to SharePoint, this book contains a lot of information about the features in SharePoint 2013. The content is geared towards professionals who want to understand the near
maximum extent of what SharePoint 2013 can offer. The topics ranged from using development tools, Azure integration, document management, and report integration. I wouldn't use this book as a beginner's book for SharePoint, but it's a great reference when there's a need for SharePoint development beyond the basics.

I don't know why I made a mistake and bought a WROX book, they are usually nothing more that hundreds of pages of filler text. This book is 700+ pages but I can squeeze everything that's code/development related in less than 150.

It was a nice book, but I could not find explanation of the platform. It was focused on the new features and only part of them. SharePoint is a platform, so I would expect more details in some areas.

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