Web Services For Dummies

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Create dynamic cloud-based websites with Web Services and this friendly guide! As the largest cloud computing platform in the world, Web Services (AWS) provides one of the most popular web services options available. This easy-to-understand guide is the perfect introduction to the Web Services platform and all it can do for you. You’ll learn about the Web Services tool set; how different web services (including S3, EC2, and Flexible Payments) and Glacier work; and how you can implement AWS in your organization. Explains how to use Web Services to store objects, take payments, manage large quantities of data, send e-mails, deploy push notifications, and more from your website. Details how AWS can reduce costs, improve efficiency, increase productivity, and cut down on expensive hardware investments - and administrative headaches - in your organization. Includes practical examples and helpful step-by-step lists to help you experiment with different AWS features and create a robust website that meets your needs. Web Services For Dummies is exactly what you need to get your head in the cloud with Web Services!

Synopsis

After many years in the world of corporate engineering, I started up my own company and began selling software on the web a year or so ago. As anyone in a similar situation knows, there’s a lot to learn when you take that approach. Although there are many basic solutions to putting together a web store, your needs will grow as your business grows. Whether it’s your website, offline storage, order fulfillment or product downloads, there’s a constant learning process that’s absolutely critical...
to maintaining your business. I've reached the point where the basic techniques that got me off the ground are becoming inadequate. Enter Web Services, a powerful and scalable approach to getting things done. It's easy enough to hit the website, start an account and do a few basic things. But if you're anything like me, there's often no substitute for sitting down with a book and a highlighter to get a basic overview. This 'Dummies' book is an excellent first step. It's readable and informative (if not well proof-read), laying out basic principles and then describing each service in turn. Of course it doesn't go into full depth--that would require thousands of pages that would need to change as rapidly as the service itself--but it's enough to give you the picture of what you need and how you can get started. It also gave me ideas about new things I could do in the future. There are many reasons to be cautious about cloud services, and the author addresses those honestly and carefully. There is (and really always has been) the need for good security practices within your company walls. But this book makes the demarcation between you and clear and understandable, building confidence in the way you can approach security practices.

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