

## Developing Ajax Web 2.0 Applications: Hands-On - 4 Days

### Course 986 Overview

#### You Will Learn How To

- Develop powerful, easy to use Web 2.0 sites using Ajax techniques
- Construct robust user interfaces that are compelling, intuitive and accessible
- Create effective, dynamic content for integration with your Web applications
- Enhance application functionality with the JQuery and Prototype libraries
- Apply best practices to create standards-compliant robust Web applications
- Enhance the security of Ajax-based Web applications

#### Course Benefits

Modern Web sites must be intuitive to use, accessible to all users, and have responsive applications that promote a fluid, uninterrupted workflow. Ajax is a powerful tool for creating interactive Web applications that meet these requirements. Enhancing your organisation's current Web site with Ajax increases usability and customer satisfaction while maintaining a competitive edge. In this course, you gain the practical skills required to effectively design, create and implement Ajax-enabled Web 2.0 sites.

#### Who Should Attend

Those involved in developing and managing Web applications. Experience with JavaScript at the level of Course 489, "JavaScript for Web Development", is required.

#### Hands-On Training

You are immersed in an evolving case study creating an Ajax-enabled Web site. Exercises include:

- Adding Ajax functionality to an existing Web site
- Creating intuitive user interfaces with drag and drop functionality
- Plotting and mapping with third-party geolocation APIs
- Expanding your site search with autosuggest
- Controlling browser back button behaviour with the RSH framework
- Preventing the theft of JSON data

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#### Exploring Ajax Fundamentals

##### Identifying core Ajax/Web 2.0 components

- XHTML
- XML
- JavaScript
- CSS
- DOM
- JSON
- Exchanging information using the XMLHttpRequest object

##### Building rich, interactive Web applications

- Measuring the business benefits of Ajax
- Improving data exchange efficiency
- Streamlining data entry and presentation

##### Applying Client-Side Ajax Techniques

##### Implementing Ajax communication approaches

- Exchanging data with the server using XHR
- Selecting GET or POST methods
- Processing the server response
- Handling communication errors

##### Development and debugging methods

- Monitoring communications
- Utilising browser tools

##### Developing Dynamic Content

##### Exploiting the power of DOM

- Accessing page elements
- Modifying HTML content
- Avoiding memory leaks
- Searching and manipulating XML with DOM

##### Enhancing the user experience

- Latency and feedback
- Ensuring up-to-date data with cache defeat
- Compressing for optimal download speed

##### Leveraging Third-Party Libraries

##### Optimising functionality

- Tapping into the power of client libraries
- Extending standard objects
- Decreasing time-to-market with code-reuse
- Defining and configuring JavaScript objects with JSON

##### Exploiting third-party libraries

- Assessing the benefits of JavaScript library code
- Utilising the library selection criteria
- Introducing JQuery and Prototype

##### Simplifying page logic

- Streamlining page content manipulation
- Reacting to the user with event handling
- Cleaning up HTML with unobtrusive JavaScript
- Encapsulating Ajax requests

##### Making the User Interface Accessible

##### Meeting accessibility standards

- Architecting for progressive enhancement and graceful degradation
- Complying with W3C and statutory guidelines

##### Improving ease of use

- Resolving back button limitations
- Adding bookmarking capabilities

##### Managing Security and Validation

##### Reducing security threats

- Analysing the XHR security model
- Preventing theft of JSON data

##### Validating user input

- Checking form data
- Addressing the limitations of client-side validation

##### On-Demand JavaScript Capabilities

##### Hiding complexity

- Dynamically injecting script blocks
- Creating self-contained JavaScript libraries

##### Constructing cross-domain requests

- Making use of the <script> tag to access JSON data from a second site
- Integrating cross-domain RSS with a server-side proxy

##### Maximising Toolkits for Rich User Interfaces

##### Taking advantage of code libraries

- Adding a graphical calendar control
- Enabling drag and drop
- Marrying data and presentation through in-line editing
- Exploiting special effects for the "wow" factor

##### Developing a rich user interface

- Populating forms with dynamic requests
- Assisting the user with autosuggest
- Supercharging data forms with rich text editors