

Getting Started with OpenCart Module Development

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Rupak Nepali : Getting Started with OpenCart Module Development before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Getting Started with OpenCart Module Development:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. One of the rare books about the amazing OpenCart e-commerce software. By Vahrokh Vain. OpenCart is a very good e-commerce software written in the famous PHP language. It comes with a lot of features, it's free and open source, it's quick to deploy and to customize, it's relatively bug free, much cheaper to install, support and learn than blasoned competitors like Magento. It's the indie and small software house dream come true. OpenCart's major drawback is the scarce, terse and usually obsolete documentation. It's a real pain to create a "module" / extension / plug-in / add-on (yeah these things take many names!), one has to sit down, study a lot of old code and figure out how to implement their changes or their extensions. This book comes in to help the "software practitioner". I am using this definition because I think it really describes the book in a nutshell. If you want to understand OpenCart in depth, if you want to explore it's inner design model, then you'll probably find little in this book. But if you need the job done, if you have contracted an extension and the clock is ticking, then this book could help you a lot. The big boon is, the book is updated to the latest OpenCart release and this is not a minor detail. It's also

written in a simple, practical English, thus international developers (a major portion of OpenCart's developers community) will easily understand the book contents. Moreover, it takes a gradual approach. While it stays quite terse at explaining why a certain OpenCart feature works in a certain way, it shows you the code to implement a certain task. The first task is easy, the subsequent chapters show more and more advanced modules. The author does not spare you any nitty gritty details, so you are presented both with "functional" code and the boilerplate code OpenCart requires to include in its add ons. It goes a bit farther than the title says, it's not just a "Getting Started" but also a "Getting Done". At the end of the book, you will be able to create a quite advanced add on, even if you might not really know why it's been written in that way. Therefore I suggest this book to the seasoned or practitioner PHP programmer. The former may understand how the whole mechanism works by reading at the provided, relatively simple code, the latter does not even truly want to understand everything, he's focused at getting the job done. To sum it up: Good:- Updated to the latest OpenCart release.- Gets quickly down to the code, without long theory sessions.- The provided code may directly be used almost as-is or extended for your own module. Less good:- It could have detailed a bit more about the design decisions and about how OpenCart works.- The learning curve is short but could be steep for a PHP beginner.

In Detail OpenCart is an online shopping tool which is free to use. It has become widely popular because of its support for custom extensions and module development. This book helps you understand how to use the features available in OpenCart using step-by-step instructions. Getting Started with OpenCart Module Development gives you step-by-step explanations and illustrations on how to clone, customize, and develop modules and pages with OpenCart. This book shows you how to create custom OpenCart modules and pages which are needed as per the requirements of the clients to manage custom data. It describes each and every code used to make a Hello World module, a feedback module, a tips module, an order total module, and a shipping and payment module. The book covers installing, configuring, and uninstalling modules as well as how to clone them. It also discusses all the available Global Library methods of OpenCart as well as ways to handle the files and folders of a shipping and payment module. At the end of the book, you will learn how to make custom pages to manage data by creating a feedback module and how to create the order total using a tips module. In Getting Started with OpenCart Module Development, you will learn everything you need to know to create custom OpenCart modules. Approach Written as a step-by-step guide, Getting Started with OpenCart Module Development will teach you all you need to know about OpenCart, from custom extensions to module development. Who this book is for This book is for developers who want to develop OpenCart extensions and for those who want to learn more about the code workflow of OpenCart. Basic knowledge of OpenCart would be an added advantage.

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