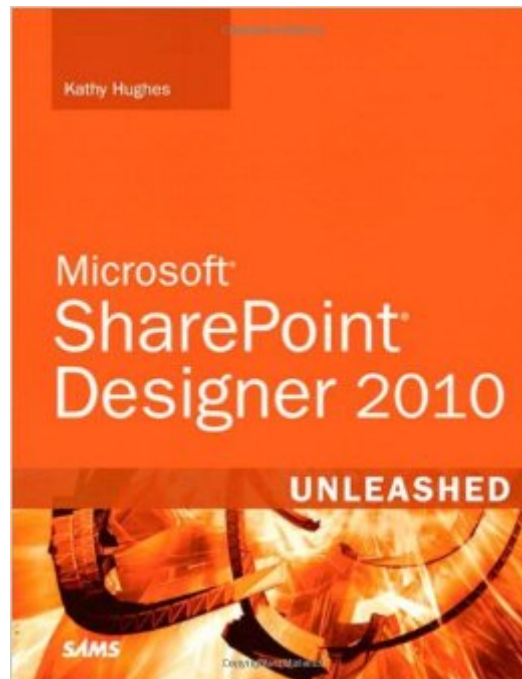


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# SharePoint Designer 2010 Unleashed



## Synopsis

Now that Microsoft has made SharePoint Designer a free download, thousands of organizations are adopting it to design state-of-the-art SharePoint sites and solutions. In *SharePoint® Designer 2010 Unleashed*, Microsoft MVP Kathy Hughes brings together all the information you need to make the most of this powerful tool. Using realistic examples, you are guided through all of Designer 2010's capabilities, presenting best practices drawn from her extensive experience. First, Hughes quickly reviews the SharePoint 2010 concepts and tools that SharePoint Designer 2010 users must know to be effective. Next, she introduces SharePoint Designer 2010's revamped interface, shows how to use its core features, and calls attention to its most powerful new improvements. You'll walk step-by-step through styling and designing sites that offer advanced functionality and consistent branding. Next, you'll master SharePoint Designer 2010's toolsets for data integration and workflow development. This book will be invaluable to every user or potential user of SharePoint Designer, including: Web designers, information workers, software developers, system administrators, and IT managers. Kathy Hughes is a Microsoft MVP for SharePoint Server with a Masters Degree in interaction design from the University of Technology in Sydney, Australia. Hughes trains and consults on SharePoint, focusing on design, usability, and customization. She contributed to multiple SharePoint Server 2007 books, and authored a comprehensive five-day SharePoint Server 2007 Designer course used by Mindsharp and its partners worldwide. She speaks regularly at Microsoft events including TechEd Australia and Office DevCon Australia. Get started fast with SharePoint Designer 2010 and SharePoint 2010. Customize SharePoint sites and content with CSS, Web Parts, master pages, and themes. Work with site templates. Create and adapt content types, columns, lists, and libraries. Quickly build new content pages and page layouts. Incorporate media, including Silverlight and images. Configure RSS, REST, SQL Server, and other data sources. Integrate external content types and lists via Business Connectivity Services (BCS). Authenticate data sources and troubleshoot data integration problems. Extend the ribbon with custom actions and leverage the dialog framework to enhance the user interface. Use SharePoint Designer 2010's built-in ASP.NET controls. Extend site functionality with the XSLT List View and Data View Web Parts. Modify out-of-the-box list forms, or build new ones with InfoPath 2010. Adapt Designer 2010's workflows or build entirely new ones. Category: Microsoft® SharePoint® Covers: Microsoft® SharePoint® 2010 User Level: Intermediate "Advanced" ON THE WEB: Download all examples and source code presented in this book from [informit.com/title/9780672331053](http://informit.com/title/9780672331053)

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Note, there's also a bunch of free downloads that accompany the book - more than 50MB of samples, code and additional stuff. The link is above in the main Product description. I only just realised this. The breadth of the book is pretty staggering, covering high level topics in a way that makes them easily digestible, but also diving into minute details in every area. The technical attention to detail in this very impressive. As other reviews have noted, the book includes coverage of just about everything, from in-depth InfoPath topics and ASP.NET controls, right down to comparing the pros and cons of DIVs versus tables in SP styling and the subtleties of encoding characters. An area like Workflow is given excellent treatment, as are all the various data integration and BCS scenarios.

The people from Pearson tweeted me if I wanted to do a book review on the Kathy Hughes book on SharePoint Designer, called "SharePoint Designer 2010 Unleashed". Tweeting and unpackaging Sure, I replied, I am doing a lot of stuff with SPD these days, so I can do a practical check to see if my questions (and those of my customer) are dealt with in this book. I picked it up (riding my bike all the way through the Antwerp Harbor with pouring rain) and I was immediately amazed at the weight of the book! When I removed the cardboard packaging, the orange/red cover with 1600 pages of SPD goodness was looking at me. The book: Parts, Chapters and content The book is divided into 4 parts, who have their respective chapters. In the beginning of the book you have the "Contents at a Glance" overview, showing those parts and chapters: Part I: Welcome to SharePoint Server 2010 1. SharePoint 2010 Overview 2. SharePoint 2010 Architectural Overview 3. Introduction to the SharePoint 2010 Fluid Interface 4. Design Administrative Tasks: Site Settings, Permissions and Creating Sites 5. In-Browser Customization: Navigation, Content Pages and Content 6. In-Browser Customization: Branding with Web Parts, Themes and Master Pages Part II: Enhancing Sites with SharePoint Designer 2010 7. Web Interface Design with SharePoint Designer 2010 8. Creating Sites with Site Templates 9. Working with Content Types and Columns in SharePoint Designer 10. Creating and Configuring Lists and Libraries Part III: Styling and Designing SharePoint 2010 Sites 11. Understanding SharePoint Designer Editing Features 12. Working with Content Pages in SharePoint Designer 13.

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