ReadMe for "Essential ASP.NET Web Forms Development" by Robert E. Beasley

Follow these steps to make use of the five projects associated with the book:

1. Make sure that Visual Studio is installed on your computer.
2. Create a folder directly within the root directory of your computer (e.g., C:\Essential ASP.NET). Note: You can put your project files elsewhere, but be aware that putting them into a folder structure that is too deep can cause problems when the projects load.
3. Download the Essential-ASP.NET-Web-Forms-Development-master.zip file.
4. Unzip this file.
5. Open the unzipped folder.
6. Move all of the files in this folder to the folder you created previously.
7. Unzip all of the .zip project files in this folder.
8. Open one of the projects and navigate to its .sln file.
9. Double click on the .sln file to load the project into Visual Studio.

Follow these steps to make use of the projects associated with database connectivity:

1. Make sure that SQL Server and SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS) are installed on your computer.
2. Install (i.e., restore) the SportsPlay database (SportsPlay.bak file) on SQL Server using SSMS.
3. Modify the connection string in the Web.config file to reflect the name of your computer and the name of your SQL Server instance.