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It is hard to separate the 5th Edition from the 4th Edition when it comes to acknowledgments. The 4th Edition kept the bones of earlier editions but otherwise was a complete rewrite (twice!). Despite being 20 years old, C# 9 and 10 have changed the language in meaningful, exciting, and fundamental ways. Indeed, most random code you find on the Internet now looks like “old” C# code. These recent changes are somehow both tiny and game-changing. I don’t have a great way to measure, but I’ve often guessed that the 5th Edition is 98% the same as the 4th Edition. I might have even called this edition 4.1 if that were that a thing books did. Yet that last 2%, primarily reflecting C# 10 changes and the fast-evolving language, was enough to feel a new edition was not only helpful but necessary.

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