**ASP.NET MVC 2**

The Model-View-Controller (MVC) pattern is an architectural design principle that separates the components of a Web application. This separation gives you more control over the individual parts of the application, which lets you more easily develop, modify, and test them.

ASP.NET MVC is part of the ASP.NET framework. Developing an ASP.NET MVC application is an alternative to developing ASP.NET Web Forms pages; it does not replace the Web Forms model.

If you have installed Visual Studio 2010, ASP.NET MVC 2 is already installed on your computer. You can get the most up-to-date version of the ASP.NET MVC 2 framework from the [ASP.NET MVC download](http://www.asp.net/mvc/download/) page.

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| **NoteNote** |
| An earlier version of the MVC Framework (ASP.NET MVC 1.0) is also available. If you are working with an application that is specifically written to work with that version of the MVC framework, you can download ASP.NET MVC 1.0 from the [ASP.NET MVC 1.0 page](http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=144444) on the Microsoft Download Center. |

http://i.msdn.microsoft.com/Global/Images/clear.gif Content Map for ASP.NET MVC

We suggest the following progression of documentation to help you learn about ASP.NET MVC. You can download complete example projects from the [ASP.NET MVC 2 Code Examples](http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=160793) page on the MSDN Web site.

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| **NoteNote** |
| Additional information is available in blog entries written by ASP.NET MVC experts. For more information, see [Blog Entries About ASP.NET MVC](http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/dd394709.aspx#blog_entries) later in this document. |