

Tutorial 12: *Programming with AJAX*

Textbook Corrections

1. Pages JVS 752 – 754

There are coding errors in the figures on pages JVS 752, JVS 753, and JVS 754. Significant changes are needed in section 12.2 in order to display all of the news feeds along the right side of the web page.

function RSSFeed(xmlDoc) needs to be modified to be the following coding:

```
/* constructor function for RSS news feeds */
function RSSFeed(xmlDoc) {

    // Retrieve the news feed title, link, and description
    var channel = xmlDoc.getElementsByTagName("channel")[0];
    var title = xmlDoc.getElementsByTagName("title")[0];
    var link = xmlDoc.getElementsByTagName("link")[0];
    var description =
        xmlDoc.getElementsByTagName("description")[0];

    this.title = title.firstChild.nodeValue;
    this.link = link.firstChild.nodeValue;
    this.description = description.firstChild.nodeValue;

    /* Constructor function for an RSS news item */
    function RSSItem(item, i) {
        var title = xmlDoc.getElementsByTagName("title")[i];
        var link = xmlDoc.getElementsByTagName("link")[i];
        var description =
            xmlDoc.getElementsByTagName("description")[i];
        this.title = title.firstChild.nodeValue;
        this.link = link.firstChild.nodeValue;
        this.description = description.firstChild.nodeValue;
    }

    // Create an array of news feed items
    this.items = new Array();

    var feedItems = channel.getElementsByTagName("item");
    for (var i = 1; i < feedItems.length + 1; i++) {
        var feedItem = new RSSItem(feedItems[i], i);
        this.items.push(feedItem);
    }
}
```

2. Pages JVS 763 – 764

On pages 763 and 764 the instructions direct students to upload the **sbarchives.cgi** file from their home computer to the **cgi-bin** folder located in the root folder in their Web server account.

Important: Students do not have access to the **cgi-bin** folder on the CLC Web Server so they **will not** be able to upload the **sbarchives.cgi** or **sbkeywords.cgi** files, nor will they be able to change the file attributes to allow the public to execute the file as shown in Figure 12-26.

The CLC Web Server already has the **sbarchives.cgi** and **sbkeywords.cgi** files in its **cgi-bin**. Therefore students can upload their *Tutorial 12* to the CLC Web server like all other tutorials and the CGI features will work.

If students elect to install the personal Web server named [WampServer](#) on their home computer they will be able to work with the **sbarchives.cgi** and **sbkeywords.cgi** files in the **cgi-bin** on their own computer.