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- Create your own custom control for the Web and client work item forms
- Build up new check-in policies
- Get to grips with your personal server plugins and their uses
- Customize both XAML builds and the new build system
- Schedule jobs for more complicated business rules to run on a schedule
- Extend your TFS possibilities with service hooks and VSO extensions

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your existing IDE or editor and let your team work in a flexible environment that adapts to projects of all shapes and sizes.

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In this book you will quickly cover lots of TFS extension points, from the very basic task of customizing and configuring dashboards to customizing automated builds and check-in policies.

You will learn how to create dashboards in TFS 2015, as well as add tiles, graphs, and more useful modifications. You'll perform customizations that make TFS work for you by streamlining your team's boards. You'll cast modifications to the process template and learn the tips and tricks required to make efficient and valuable uses of your team's board.

From team-specific dashboards to complex server plugins, everything is covered in this concentrated guide to aid your knowledge. Delving deep, this book covers the pros and cons of check-in policies, as well as their proper debugging and deployment strategies. After that you will learn about advanced XAML builds and TFS jobs to further experiment with the activities of your jobs on your system. Finally, you will learn about service hooks and the amazing utility of .VSO extensions to help you create new extensions and explore new levels of customization.

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