

folder name in the book. Also make sure you don't use special characters like the hash (#) or insert a space in the folder name because you'll run into troubles when developing your site.

TRY IT OUT

Creating a New ASP.NET 4 Web Site

1. Start by creating a folder called **BegASPNET** in the root of your C drive using Windows Explorer or My Computer. Inside the folder, create another folder called **Site**. You should end up with a folder called `C:\BegASPNET\Site`. If you followed the instructions from the "Introduction" section of this book and unpacked the source for this book, you already have the `BegASPNET` folder, which in turn contains the `Source` and `Resources` folders. You still need to create the `Site` folder though. If you want to follow along with VB.NET and C# at the same time, you can create two folders: `BegASPNETVB` and `BegASPNETCS` and use two instances of VWD.

2. Start Visual Web Developer 2010 and choose File ⇨ New Web Site or File ⇨ New ⇨ Web Site, depending on your version of VWD.



COMMON MISTAKES Don't mistakenly create a new Web Application Project using File ⇨ New Project as this project template is not compatible with the exercises in this book.

3. In the Installed Templates area on the left, choose between Visual Basic and Visual C#. All the examples in this book are shown in both programming languages, so you can choose the one you like best.
4. In the area in the middle select ASP.NET Empty Web Site.
5. In the Web Location drop-down list, make sure that File System is selected. The other two options (HTTP and FTP) enable you to open a site running on IIS (either on your local machine, or on a remote server using the so-called Microsoft FrontPage Server Extensions) and open a site from an FTP server, respectively.
6. Click the Browse button next to the location text box, browse to the folder you created in the first step of this exercise, and click Open.

Your final screen should look like the one in Figure 2-2, except that you may have chosen Visual C# instead of Visual Basic.

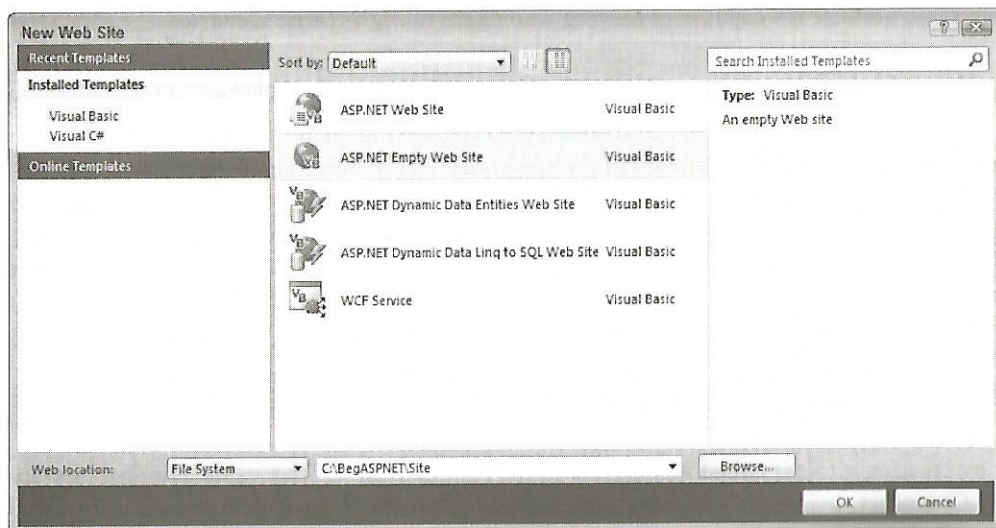


FIGURE 2-2

7. Click OK and VWD creates the new site for you.