

## *In this part . . .*

**T**his part introduces you to Ajax. You get a guided tour of the Ajax world here, and you get a chance to see how Ajax is used today. A good sampling of Ajax applications are on view in Chapter 1, just waiting for you to check them out for yourself so you can see what Ajax has to offer. From autocomplete and live searches to Google Maps, I pack a lot of Ajax in here. Next comes Chapter 2, which provides the JavaScript foundation that the rest of the book relies on. If you already know JavaScript, feel free to skip that material, but otherwise, take a look. Ajax is built on JavaScript, so you want to make sure you've got all the JavaScript you need under your belt before going forward.