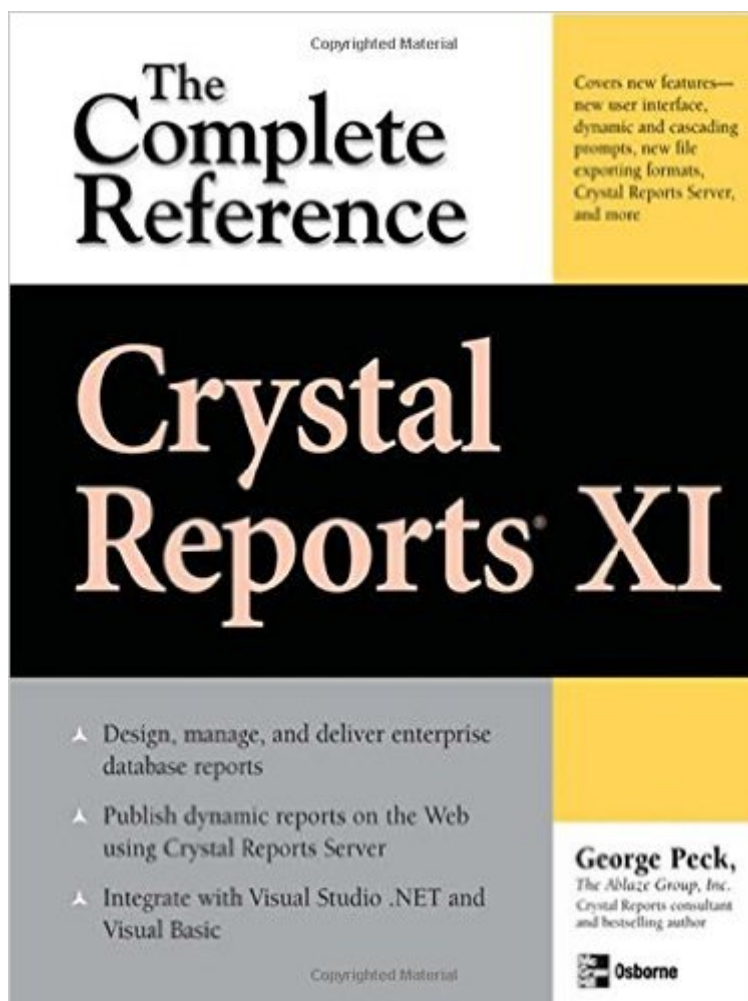


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# Crystal Reports XI: The Complete Reference (Osborne Complete Reference Series)



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This best-seller has been fully updated for Crystal Reports XI (extreme insight) -- the first jointly developed release of this leading report writing and analysis software since the acquisition of Crystal Decisions by Business Objects. Readers will learn to create visually appealing reports that communicate content effectively using helpful features such as charts, complex formulas, custom functions, sorting and grouping, Business Views, and more. Publishing and viewing reports on the Web is also explained in detail. NEW coverage includes: All the new user interface elements; New Dynamic/Cascading Parameter Fields; and, Using Crystal Reports with Business Objects Enterprise XI.

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The text is one of the first available for Crystal Reports XI, and is largely a revision of the same material which has been presented in previous editions (which covered earlier versions of Crystal Reports). As you would expect, it does a solid job of covering all the basics. It even goes into some intermediate details in a few sections. If you are a beginner to Crystal Reports, then the book will be a valuable reference to you. If you're an experienced Crystal Reports developer or you have used previous versions of Crystal Reports, then this book will not get much use. The book does not have many "hints" or "secret tips" that make developing in Crystal Reports easier. However, the amount of material covered is good in that there is not much left out entirely, so even an advanced

developer will find bits of useful information, particularly when using Crystal Reports in new ways or on new platforms, etc. For example, the new features presented in Crystal Reports XI are covered in considerable detail, particularly the various methods of implementing new report parameter features. And, thankfully, the sections detailing now-deprecated software components have been removed or minimized. If you're familiar with the earlier renditions of this book (i.e., for Crystal Reports version 10, etc.), then you will find this rendition exactly as expected.

Previous reviews led me to believe that this would be a good overall book, for both training and reference. However, this book is obviously aimed at people who have experience with previous versions of Crystal Reports, not for people who are just starting out. I will probably keep it as a reference guide, but will need to find something else to use as a beginners guide.

I have worked with Crystal Reports since version 8.5 and for about 4 years now. I am currently a Crystal Reports developer and create reports all day for my job. This book is a great tool for learning and provides me access to all the Crystal Syntax functions and other hard to reference materials. This book is also very in-depth and will provide a total knowledge to someone just learning. The hardest thing with Crystal is that building reports is more an art form than science considering the vast amount of options the developer has to solve any given business problem. The best way to learn is get this book and dive in to making reports.

I'm a Crystal person, but it's been a while since I went deep into it, and for a new position I wanted to get nice and shiny on the Crystal version they use. GREAT book. Very well-organized and a good pace. Easy to jump into chapters if you need to clarify something covered in more depth later on and then return to the place you started. I really like the extra tips - little bits of data about odd quirks of Crystal that have me going "Oh, so THAT'S why my report did such-and-such!" I have recommended this book to another person who also, like me, was deep into Crystal for several years but has focused more on other topics most recently.

I use mine on a regular basis. This book is in an easy to read and easy to follow reference manual. Every SQL statement is explained and includes an example statement as well as the results. The differences between SQL flavors (MSSQL, Oracle, MySQL) to get the same results are given when they exist. A must have for a quick reference manual.

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