

Sap Business Objects Universe Designer Guide

Keep your system secure by mastering functional and data security Understand how to define a rights model and secure universes Configure authentication with external systems such as SAP NetWeaver BW, LDAP, and Active Directory Up to date for release 4.0 Don't talk to strangers--if only data security policies were this easy. Learn to keep your SAP BusinessObjects Business Intelligence data truly safe from unauthorized actions with this comprehensive guide. Begin with security basics and work your way to advanced concepts; along the way, you'll explore functional and data security, define a rights model, and secure data sources and universes. Step-by-step instructions ensure that you can implement important security techniques in your administration and design work. This book puts the master key to data security in your hands. Best Practices Unveiled Implement a security system that is easy to understand, use, and enhance by using basic workflows. Rights Framework Put the rights framework to work for you using group and folder inheritance and custom access levels. Specific Rights Explore the specific rights of system and content objects stored in the CMS repository, as well as BI 4.0 suite applications. Universe Security Compare security features of universes created with Universe Design Tool side by side with its successor, Information Design Tool. SAP NetWeaver BW, LDAP, and Active Directory Learn how to secure your SAP BusinessObjects BI 4.0 system using external authentication systems and data sources. Learn how to run SAP BusinessObjects BI tools on top of SAP data Understand your data connectivity options for integration Get up to speed on SAP BusinessObjects Design Studio and SAP Lumira 3rd edition updated and expanded You know what SAP BusinessObjects BI can do for a business now make it happen. With this detailed, click-by-click guide, learn how to connect SAP to the SAP BusinessObjects BI 4.1 platform. From data connectivity to server-side and client-side configuration to creating reports, you'll find the information you need to get your systems talking. Installation and Configuration Begin at the beginning get SAP BusinessObjects BI set up quickly and in the right way. With detailed instructions and screenshots, you'll get started on the right foot. Data Connectivity Universes, BI Consumer Services, and more: Find out what you need to know about data connectivity for SAP BusinessObjects BI and SAP NetWeaver. Report Building Consider this your crash course in report development. From SAP Crystal Reports to SAP Lumira, get hands-on experience with every tool. Troubleshooting and Tips Learn from an expert who knows all the tricks of the trade. Find what you need to know to get everything working together. Updated and Expanded 3rd Edition Discover new features of SAP BusinessObjects BI 4.1, as well as new SAP business intelligence solutions like SAP BusinessObjects Design Studio and SAP Lumira.

BusinessObjects may seem like a dauntingly complex topic, but BusinessObjects XI Release 2 For Dummies makes it a snap. Even if you're new to business intelligence tools, this user-friendly guide makes it easy to access, format and share data, analyze the information this data contains, and measure your organization's performance. In no time, you'll be finding your way around Universes to see how everything is shaping up, viewing and creating reports, building powerful queries on your organization's database, and measuring your company's performance using BusinessObjects XI Release 2. This completely jargon-free handbook will put you in complete control of the ways and means of a truly exciting and powerful suite of business intelligence tools. Discover how to: Make business decisions with help from BusinessObjects Use BusinessObjects XI wizards Perform a server installation Create and define a Universe Set up desktop reporting Customize and use InfoView Measure performance with Dashboard and Analytics Take advantage of data marts and understand how they fit into your BusinessObjects system Created by a team with more than 15 years combined experience working with BusinessObjects tools, BusinessObjects XI Release 2 For Dummies comes complete with several short lists of useful information, including tips on how to prepare for a successful BusinessObjects integration and helpful resources beyond the pages of this book. You'll also find an overview of Crystal Reports, BusinessObjects' companion reporting tool.

Are you ready for the latest process integration solution from SAP? Meet SAP Process Orchestration! This is your complete guide to the tools and components of SAP PO. Learn how to build and configure interfaces and use SAP BPM to manage your business processes. Thanks to both a practical and comprehensive approach, you'll find out how to configure the System Landscape Directory, create an iFlow, monitor message processing, create BPM processes, and so much more.

The first and only book to offer detailed explanations of SAP ERP sales and distribution As the only book to provide in-depth configuration of the Sales and Distribution (SD) module in the latest version of SAP ERP, this valuable resource presents you with step-by-step instruction, conceptual explanations, and plenty of examples. If you're an SD consultant or are in charge of managing an SAP implementation in your enterprise, you'll want this valuable resource at your side SAP is one of the leading Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software products on the market, with over 40,000 implementations Covers the latest version of SAP ERP-ECC 6.0 Covers common through advanced configurations, so it's helpful no matter what your level of experience with SAP Explains the conceptual framework behind the configuration process If your company uses the SD module, keep this indispensable guide on hand.

Creating Universes with Business Objects Designer XI V3 is a complete learning system consisting of a thorough book and a professionally designed computer-based training application. The system is completely dedicated to teaching you how to become a competent Universe Designer. Readers learn how to create a basic universe and how to tackle many of the complications that may arise when designing universes. These topics include chasm traps, fan traps, multi-keyed property tables, double-counting measures, multiple fact tables, aggregated fact tables, and more.

If you are a developer with a good command and knowledge of creating dashboards, but are not yet an advanced user of SAP BusinessObjects Dashboards, then this is the perfect book for you. Prerequisites include a good working knowledge of Microsoft Excel as well as knowledge of basic dashboard practices.

* Everything you need to know about the new Information Design Tool and UNX universes * Explore step-by-step universe design, from connecting to different data sources, to creating data foundations, to building business layers * Compare and convert UNV to UNX universes Bend the cosmos to your will! For SAP data and non-SAP data alike, this comprehensive resource spans universe creation to universe publication. Learn to build single- and multisource data foundations and business layers and to convert UNV to UNX using the new Information Design Tool. Using step-by-step instructions and guiding screenshots, explore the important Information Design Tool features and functionalities that will put intelligent design within your grasp. Information Design Tool Explore its interface and find tips to design and manage universes that fit your needs. Not Just Semantics Begin with a conversation on the fundamental role of the semantic layer and then move into the pillars of universe design: the data foundation and the business layer. Connecting to any Data Source and to SAP Systems Connect to any relational data source or OLAP cube with your universe, and make sure you're using the right parameters and access methods to retrieve enterprise data from SAP systems. Publishing and Sharing Universes Learn how to make universes available for consumption by SAP BusinessObjects BI tools and for collaboration with other designers. Comparing the Old with the New Differentiate between universes created with the Universe Design Tool and Information Design Tool, and learn how to convert UNV to UNX.

As a system administrator, you know that users like to keep you on your toes. Don't worry This guide to BOBJ administration helps you stay one step ahead. From sizing to troubleshooting, it offers you the background you need to administer a system that does what it's supposed to do.

This is the eagerly-anticipated revision to one of the seminal books in the field of software architecture which clearly defines and explains the topic.

Create a universe on a hypothetical stock trading company that trades for one year. During this year, the company buys and sells stocks, calls companies, and saves daily stock prices. This book teaches you how to build a Basic Universe and create a one-table universe; create a Connection, a Data Foundation, and a Business Layer; develop dimensions and measures that allow for creation of analytical reports; and focus on object creation and behaviour independent of the complexities that additional tables add to a universe. You will also explore Query Filters and Business Filters, and simple filters are introduced. Subqueries in both Query and Business Filters. Ranking Business Filters that return top or bottom values.

The SAP BusinessObjects Business Intelligence platform is a powerful reporting and analysis tool. This book is the ideal introduction to the SAP BusinessObjects Business Intelligence platform, introducing you to its data visualization, visual analytics, reporting, and dashboarding capabilities.

"Stay on the cutting edge of ABAP technology! Learn what's new with the latest ABAP releases--7.52 and 7.53--and see what other SAP technologies are now bringing to the table. Learn about abapGit and transporting objects between systems, designing exception classes, and new test tools for core data services, SAPUI5, and Web Dynpro ABAP. Take your ABAP coding to the next level!"--

SAP BusinessObjects BI 4.0 The Complete Reference 3/EMcGraw Hill Professional

For the executive: what SAP HANA is and how it can help you For the practitioner: details on data modeling, data provisioning, and the SAP HANA client tools For everyone: the latest and greatest developments Suite on SAP HANA, advanced applications for SAP HANA, and more 2nd edition updated and expanded HANA is shifting SAP into high gear don't get left in the dust. In this updated edition of our best-selling book, explore the what, why, when, and how of SAP HANA. From building a business strategy to administering a system (and all the pit stops in between), you'll have the big picture you need to get started. Buckle up, because this is one car that doesn't travel in the slow lane. Business Strategy Learn how big data, in-memory computing, and SAP HANA come together to influence your business strategies, from trend reporting to predictive analysis. Implementation Options Which type of SAP HANA implementation is right for you? Learn what you need to know about your different options, and get started planning an implementation: technical requirements, sizing, and migration considerations. Data Modeling and Provisioning Introduce yourself to Studio and Information Composer, SAP HANA's data modeling tools. Then get information about data provisioning in SAP HANA, including step-by-step instructions for SAP Data Services. SAP BusinessObjects BI Understand how the SAP BusinessObjects BI platform hooks up to SAP HANA, including information on SAP BusinessObjects Design Studio and SAP Visual Intelligence. Administration Take a look into the SAP HANA Administration Console and understand the most important administrative tasks in an SAP HANA system.

Pro Crystal Enterprise/BusinessObjects XI Programming shows you how to create customized solutions using the Business Objects/Crystal Enterprise object model. Here you'll see the object model utilized to create professional-quality tools like on-demand web services, report metadata extraction, scheduling, security, and user management. Author Carl Ganz explains in detail how to build advanced reporting solutions for Crystal Enterprise/Business Objects XI. He shows how to integrate CE/BO XI with .NET 2.0 and Visual Studio to create more flexible, tailored, and responsive reporting solutions than have previously been possible. In short, you'll surpass what you thought you could achieve, and learn to create almost any imaginable reporting solution that Business Objects XI can handle.

Introduce yourself: installation and configuration, the IDE, usage scenarios Acquaint yourself: the design process, components and properties, scripting Advance yourself: design principles, visualization methods, full application examples If SAP business intelligence is your game, SAP BusinessObjects Design Studio is your next challenge. Are you an expert in SAP BusinessObjects Dashboards? A wizard with BEx Web Application Designer? Or maybe you're a newbie to both? Whatever your answer, this book has the information you need to get to the next level. Installation and Configuration You can't paint a picture without the proper supplies. Find the information you need to download the right files, install the right pieces, and configure the right parts. The Application Design Process Although application design is a creative endeavor, there are some general steps you have to follow. From assigning your data sources to testing your application, get the big picture. Components, Properties, and Methods Get a comprehensive description of all the building blocks of Design Studio. Choose your palette, and then make your canvas come alive. End-to-End Application Examples Start with a simple calculator and end with a complex sales dashboard. Follow along with step-by-step instructions and code to build your first complete Design Studio applications. Downloadable Files Let the book's downloadable files serve as your sketchbook use the sample code to start building your own work. Highlights Design Studio vs. Dashboards and BEx WAD Installation and configuration Usage scenarios Data sources Script Editor Layout Editor Content Assistance Components Properties Methods Chart types DuPont analysis application Sales dashboard application

IBM® Business Process Manager (IBM BPM) is a comprehensive business process management (BPM) suite that provides visibility and management of your business processes. IBM BPM supports the whole BPM lifecycle approach: Discover and document Plan Implement Deploy Manage Optimize Process owners and business owners can use this solution to engage directly in the improvement of their business processes. IBM BPM excels in integrating role-based process design, and provides a social BPM experience. It enables asset sharing and creating versions through its Process Center. The Process Center acts as a unified repository, making it possible to manage changes to the business processes with confidence. IBM BPM supports a wide range of standards for process modeling and exchange. Built-in analytics and search capabilities help to further improve and optimize the business processes. This IBM Redbooks® publication provides valuable information for project teams and business people that are involved in projects using IBM BPM. It describes the important design decisions that you face as a team. These decisions invariably have an effect on the success of your project. These decisions range from the more business-centric decisions, such as which should be your first process, to the more technical decisions, such as solution analysis and architectural considerations.

Improve profitability and operations in your company by leveraging BusinessObjects with help from this comprehensive guidebook.

SAP BusinessObjects Dashboards is a leading Business Intelligence and reporting tool that provides you with a real-time understanding of your business with agile visualizations. Starting with an introduction to Dashboards and its benefits, the book slowly moves on to explain the dashboard creation process. After this, you will learn how to add charts, single-value components, maps, selectors, and other third-party plugins to the existing dashboards. Furthermore, it shares many best practices and will also help you to connect your dashboard to real data by establishing a data connection to a data source. You can also explore more about mobile BI and learn how to create dashboards for mobile devices. By the end of the book, you will be able to prepare, plan, and design interactive dashboards based on your business requirements using this cutting-edge BI tool.

Start making better business decisions backed by data About This Book Predict new opportunities and risks in a few mouse clicks Eliminate complexity with tools that let you plan, analyze, and collaborate in context—in real time Discover, visualize, plan, and predict in a single product with agile BI tools Who This Book Is For This book targets IT professionals, business analysts, BI developers, managers, newcomers to SAP Analytics Cloud, and ultimately anyone who wants to learn from self-paced, professional guidance and needs a solid foundation in SAP Analytics Cloud. What You Will Learn A clear understanding of SAP Analytics Cloud platform Create data models using different data sources, including Excel and text files . Present professional analyses using different types of charts, tables, geo maps, and more Using stories, drill up and down instantly to analyze data from various angles Share completed stories with other team members or compile them in SAP Digital Boardroom agendas for presentation to major stakeholders Export the results of a story to a PDF file Save time by planning, analyzing, predicting, and collaborating in context Discover, visualize, plan, and predict in one product as opposed to separate solutions In Detail The book starts with the basics of SAP Analytics Cloud (formerly known as SAP BusinessObjects Cloud) and exposes almost every significant feature a beginner needs to master. Packed with illustrations and short, essential, to-the-point descriptions, the book provides a unique learning experience. Your journey of exploration starts with a basic introduction to the SAP Analytics Cloud platform. You will then learn about different segments of the product, such as Models, Stories, Digital Boardroom, and so on. Then, you are introduced to the product's interface: the Home screen, the main menu, and more. Then comes the hands-on aspect of the book, which starts with model creation. Next, you learn how to utilize a model to prepare different types of stories(reports) with the help of charts, tables, Geo Maps, and more. In the final chapters of this book, you will learn about Digital Boardroom, Collaboration, and Administration. Style and approach The easy-to-follow visual instructions provided in this book help business users and report developers create simple and complex stories (reports) quickly

A guide to SAP BusinessObjects Web Intelligence that can sharpen your data presentations. From creating a report, to displaying data via charts, to sharing reports with others, it covers everything from the basics to the actionable details that inform your work. It also includes expanded coverage of new topics like SAP HANA and mobility.

Provides you with the tools that show you how to effectively manage your data. From SAP Data Services to various solutions like SAP Power Designer, this title helps you learn what the different solutions are and how they work together. It also offers detailed information on SAP's different EIM solutions to learn what they can do for you.

* Learn about the capabilities of the different reporting and analysis tools from SAP BusinessObjects * Determine which tool is the right choice for your business intelligence needs * Build your first report with each of the SAP BusinessObjects products This book tells you everything you always wanted to know about getting started with the SAP BusinessObjects business intelligence (BI) tools. What are the different capabilities of each tool? How should you choose one over another? How do you build your first report in each tool? If you want to understand what the SAP BusinessObjects BI platform can do for you, look no further. This book is your first step. Reporting and Analysis Business Requirements Explore the basic business requirements for financial, sales, HR, and management analysis, and learn how each SAP BusinessObjects tool meets, or doesn't meet, these requirements. Building Your First Report Dive into the details: Get step-by-step instructions and detailed screenshots for building your first report with each of the SAP BusinessObjects BI tools. Best Practices Ensure that you get the most for your time and money by learning the best practices for working with SAP BusinessObjects BI tools. Changes in SAP BusinessObjects 4.0 FP3 Stay up to date on the latest changes in SAP BusinessObjects 4.0, including feature pack 3, such as the introduction of the BI launch pad and BI workspaces. Future Outlook Get a sneak peek at what SAP is working on for future releases of the SAP BusinessObjects BI platform. Highlights * SAP Crystal Reports * SAP BusinessObjects Web Intelligence * SAP BusinessObjects Dashboards * SAP BusinessObjects Analysis * SAP BusinessObjects Explorer * SAP BusinessObjects Live Office * BI workspaces * BI launch pad

The definitive reference for building actionable business intelligence—completely revised for SAP BusinessObjects BI 4.0. Unleash the full potential of business intelligence with fact-based decisions, aligned to business goals, using reports and dashboards that lead from insight to action. SAP BusinessObjects BI 4.0: The Complete Reference offers completely updated coverage of the latest BI platform. Find out how to work with the new Information Design Tool to create universes that access multiple data sources and SAP BW. See how to translate complex business questions into highly efficient Web Intelligence queries and publish your results to the BI Launchpad. Learn how to create dashboards from data sourced through a universe or spreadsheet. The most important concepts for universe designers, report and dashboard authors, and business analysts are fully explained and illustrated by screenshots, diagrams, and step-by-step instructions. Establish and evolve BI goals Maximize your BI investments by offering the right module to the right user Create robust universes with the Information Design Tool, leveraging multiple data sources, derived tables, aggregate awareness, and parameters Develop a security plan

that is scalable and flexible Design Web Intelligence reports from basic to advanced Create sophisticated calculations and advanced formatting to highlight critical business trends Build powerful dashboards to embed in PowerPoint or the BI Launchpad Use Explorer to visually navigate large data sets and uncover patterns

Cognition-driven decision support system (DSS) has been recognized as a paradigm in the research and development of business intelligence (BI). Cognitive decision support aims to help managers in their decision making from human cognitive aspects, such as thinking, sensing, understanding and predicting, and fully reuse their experience. Among these cognitive aspects, decision makers' situation awareness (SA) and mental models are considered to be two important prerequisites for decision making, particularly in ill-structured and dynamic decision situations with uncertainties, time pressure and high personal stake. In today's business domain, decision making is becoming increasingly complex. To make a successful decision, managers' SA about their business environments becomes a critical factor. This book presents theoretical models as well practical techniques of cognition-driven DSS. It first introduces some important concepts of cognition orientation in decision making process and some techniques in related research areas including DSS, data warehouse and BI, offering readers a preliminary for moving forward in this book. It then proposes a cognition-driven decision process (CDDP) model which incorporates SA and experience (mental models) as its central components. The goal of the CDDP model is to facilitate cognitive decision support to managers on the basis of BI systems. It also presents relevant techniques developed to support the implementation of the CDDP model in a BI environment. Key issues addressed of a typical business decision cycle in the CDDP model include: natural language interface for a manager's SA input, extraction of SA semantics, construction of data warehouse queries based on the manager's SA and experience, situation information retrieval from data warehouse, how the manager perceives situation information and update SA, how the manager's SA leads to a final decision. Finally, a cognition-driven DSS, FACETS, and two illustrative applications of this system are discussed.

This book is aimed at both new developers as well as experienced developers. If you are a new SAP BusinessObjects Universe developer who is looking for a step-by-step guide supported with real-life examples and illustrated diagrams, then this book is for you. If you are a seasoned BusinessObjects Universe developer who is looking for a fast way to map your old experience in Universe designer to the newer Information Design Tool, then this book is for you as well.

"See how SAP S/4HANA will change your BI processes! Explore the embedded analytics architecture and data model to learn how to perform analytics on live transactional data. Business user? Walk step-by-step through SAP Smart Business KPIs and multidimensional reporting. Analytics specialist? Master the virtual data model and creating KPIs. Jack of all trades? Create CDS views, apply custom fields and logic, or see what's coming up with machine learning. This is your complete guide to SAP S/4HANA embedded analytics!"--

If you are a business analyst, BI developer, or an IT professional who wants to learn the A to Z of how to work with Web Intelligence reporting tools and different types of data, then this book is for you. The only thing you need is a basic understanding of what Business Intelligence is and data concepts.

In 2074, while attending the Hanover School for Expecting Teen Mothers aboard an earth-orbiting spaceship, sixteen-year-old Elvie finds herself in the middle of an alien race war and makes a startling discovery about her pregnancy.

Implement SAP HANA as a standalone data warehouse Integrate SAP Data Services and the SAP BusinessObjects BI tools with SAP HANA Benefit from step-by-step instructions, technical details, and downloadable data for every step In the new SAP HANA era, processes that once took weeks now take days, hours, or even minutes. Truly take advantage of this bold jump forward with this resource for a standalone SAP HANA implementation. Master data loading with SAP Data Services, data modeling in SAP HANA, and then SAP HANA integration with SAP BusinessObjects BI for reporting and analytics. From general concepts to specific implementation steps and a real-world case study, this book offers the practical details about implementing SAP HANA that will shift your system into high gear. Data Storage See how SAP HANA has fundamentally changed data storage with column store tables that improve compression and, consequently, performance. SAP Data Services Avoid fast trash. Preprovision your data using source system analysis, profiling tools, and mapping to load high-quality data into SAP HANA. SAP HANA Studio Dive into SAP HANA-specific data modelling components like the attribute, analytic, and calculation views that produce quality multidimensional models. Connecting SAP HANA with BI Deliver sophisticated data visualization and analysis by integrating SAP BusinessObjects Design Studio, SAP Lumira, SAP Predictive Analysis, and more with SAP HANA. Hands-On Case Study Take SAP HANA for a test drive. Download the data for the fictitious AdventureWorks Cycle Company s implementation and follow along every step of the way. Highlights Source system analysis SAP Data Services Analytic, attribute, and calculation views SAP HANA Studio Columnar database technology Denormalization Information Design Tool SAP Information Steward SAP Predictive Analysis SAP BusinessObjects BI toolset SAP Lumira

* Understand the specifics of running SAP BusinessObjects BI products on top of SAP NetWeaver BW and SAP ERP data * Learn how to set up your SAP NetWeaver system for SAP Crystal Reports, SAP BusinessObjects Dashboards, SAP BusinessObjects Web Intelligence, and more * Updated and expanded for SAP BusinessObjects 4.x Get the crucial knowledge you need to make essential business intelligence products work on top of SAP NetWeaver. Continuing in the tradition of the first bestselling edition, this updated edition carefully guides you, click-by-click, through the process of connecting SAP BusinessObjects tools to SAP data. The expert advice and clear instruction that this book provides is just what you need to become an authority on integrating your SAP BusinessObjects BI platform with SAP NetWeaver. Step-by-Step Instructions Follow along as the author walks you through each click and screen needed to integrate SAP BusinessObjects with SAP NetWeaver. Installation and Configuration Learn how to install and configure the necessary server and client components to start working with SAP BusinessObjects tools. Semantic Layer Review the different options for connecting corporate data in a brand new chapter about the semantic layer. SAP NetWeaver Portal Discover how you can make SAP NetWeaver Portal work with the SAP BusinessObjects BI platform. Updated and Expanded Explore over 200 new pages, and find updated information on how the 4.x release of the SAP BusinessObjects BI platform changes the landscape of the integration with SAP NetWeaver. Highlights * Installation and configuration * Semantic layer * SAP Crystal Reports for Enterprise * SAP BusinessObjects Web Intelligence * SAP BusinessObjects Dashboards * SAP BusinessObjects Analysis, edition for Microsoft Office * SAP BusinessObjects Analysis, edition for OLAP * SAP NetWeaver Portal * Security and troubleshooting

Become an expert on SAP BusinessObjects Advanced Analysis for Microsoft Office (formerly known as Pioneer) and be the go-to person when it comes to installing, deploying, and using this software. Explore how Advanced Analysis greatly reduces the need for specialized design work, but allows users to make simple design and UI changes with ease, elegant visualization control, and personalization features. Additionally, this book provides targeted guidance on installation, deployment, and data connectivity. The author helps you familiarize yourself with both basic and advanced usage scenarios as you learn to customize the software to benefit your business the most. This unique book also delivers a side-by-side comparison of Advanced Analysis Office with SAP BEx Analyzer, which will prove to be invaluable as Advanced Analysis is positioned to replace the BEx tools. An additional section outlines the main topics in the SAP BI roadmap for the Advanced Analysis Office version and the Web version, and also touches upon migration. Whether you are a consultant, IT manager, business analyst, or a key user, you will find this book to be an indispensable companion in your daily work with the software. Over 90 simple and incredibly effective recipes for transforming your business data into exciting dashboards with SAP BusinessObjects Dashboards 4.0 Xcelsius with this book and eBook.

Explains how to use all of the features in Xcelsius Teaches you how to build and customize interactive dash-boards to effectively visualize your key business data Provides guidance on using Xcelsius in an SAP environment Learn how to build your own Xcelsius dashboards, with this practical book. It explains how to use Xcelsius in an end-to-end, linear common usage manner, while highlighting typical scenarios where each feature can be used to solve business problems. It also gives you detailed, step-by-step guidance and best-practices for each feature, along with hands-on exercises that will help you begin creating dashboards and visualizations quickly. And if you re more advanced, you ll learn how to customize the Xcelsius components, themes, and data connections so you can use Xcelsius to the fullest extent.

Printed in full color. Faced with a software project of epic proportions? Tired of over-committing and under-delivering? Enter the dojo of the agile samurai, where agile expert Jonathan Rasmusson shows you how to kick-start, execute, and deliver your agile projects. Combining cutting-edge tools with classic agile practices, The Agile Samurai gives you everything you need to deliver something of value every week and make rolling your software into production a non-event. Get ready to kick some software project butt. By learning the ways of the agile samurai you will discover: how to create plans and schedules your customer and your team can believe in what characteristics make a good agile team and how to form your own how to gather requirements in a fraction of the time using agile user stories what to do when you discover your schedule is wrong, and how to look like a pro correcting it how to execute fiercely by leveraging the power of agile software engineering practices By the end of this book you will know everything you need to set up, execute, and successfully deliver agile projects, and have fun along the way. If you're a project lead, this book gives you the tools to set up and lead your agile project from start to finish. If you are an analyst, programmer, tester, usability designer, or project manager, this book gives you the insight and foundation necessary to become a valuable agile team member. The Agile Samurai slices away the fluff and theory that make other books less-than-agile. It's packed with best practices, war stories, plenty of humor and hands-on tutorial exercises that will get you doing the right things, the right way. This book will make a difference.

This book is a must read for anyone deploying BusinessObjects. It covers everything from planning your upgrade to the latest release, to best practices in universe design, and powerful report creation that maximizes business insight. This book covers the most frequently used features for the full BI suite, in one comprehensive book. There's in depth coverage of Designer, security via the Central Management Console, InfoView, Web Intelligence, and Desktop Intelligence. It goes beyond step-by-step instructions to cover how and why in a business context. Transition notes are interspersed for version 5 and 6 customers to understand the biggest changes in XI Release 2. If you drive BI requirements in your company or are a data warehouse program manager, Business Objects administrator, report author or consumer, this book is for you.

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