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### Overview

- A step-by-step guide that goes beyond theory, letting you get hand-on experience
- Utilize a dataset and table adapter as data sources for your report
- Learn how to add reports to forms and pass parameters dynamically

### In Detail

Reports are documents that present focused, salient content to a specific audience. Crystal Reports is a business intelligence application that will help you design and generate reports from a wide range of data sources. It helps you summarize a good deal of information in a visually appealing manner.

"Reporting with Visual Studio and Crystal Reports" is a practical, hands-on guide that will provide you with a number of clear, step-by-step exercises, and help you take advantage of the real power of Crystal Reports. This book will not only help you create effective reports, but also teach you how to create a reporting application.

"Reporting with Visual Studio and Crystal Reports" will guide you through the installation of Crystal Reports and Visual Studio. As you progress from one chapter to the next, you will gradually build a reporting application. You will also learn how to select the right data, and enhance your report by grouping and sorting data. This book will also help you create chart reports to improve your report design. With this book, you will learn how to create a complete reporting application and a wide variety of reports.

### What you will learn from this book

- Set up Microsoft Visual Studio, Crystal Reports, and Microsoft SQL server

- Create a new reporting application
- Design the application GUI
- Connect to a database and use a dataset and table adapter
- Add Crystal Reports to the application
- Add database fields to the report and format them
- Group and sort report data using parameter fields and special fields

### **Approach**

A fast-paced, example-based guide to learn how to create a reporting application using Visual Studio and Crystal Reports.

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Mahmoud Elkoush has over six years experience in software development. He has used many technologies throughout his career such as Microsoft Visual Studio, Microsoft SQL Server, Oracle database, Crystal Reports, and so on. He has worked as a Project Manager in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for nearly two years, and currently works as the Chief Information Officer of Geomeric.

This is the first book that Mahmoud has written, and he hopes it will be the first of many.

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