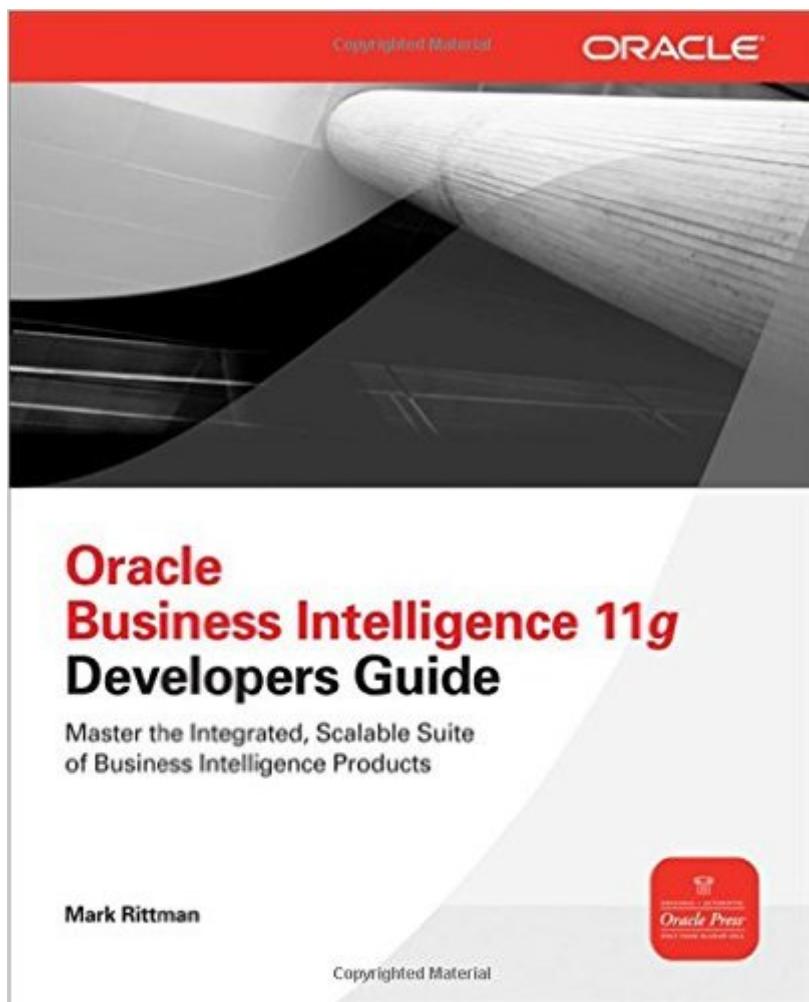


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There are probably some who waited a long time for this book to be published but I don't think anyone who pre-ordered would be disappointed. The first thing that hits you is the amount of content - over 1000 pages and it is high-quality publishing. It is not easy explaining technical aspects of Oracle BI in plain English (just try to read RPD consistency errors and you'll know what I mean!) but the author manages to articulate clearly in a way that all developers should understand. Being very technical in nature and with so many wide ranging topics, you should not feel you have to sit and read this book from cover-to-cover, instead you should be comfortable with having it on your desk just like DBAs have their handbooks. When you need to learn about new concepts such as merging RPDs or modelling an Essbase cube then you have the information to hand when you need it. And there is a sample data set that can be downloaded for you to practice with whenever the time comes. Although it is applicable to all developers, the people who would benefit most from this book are 1) developers who new or relatively new to Oracle BI 2) developers who are experienced with 10g and are looking to upgrade to 11g and 3) developers experienced in one or two areas (such as dashboards) and are now looking to expand their knowledge. It would also be useful to team members such as Tech Team Leads, Solution Architects and Operations staff who are not full-time Oracle BI developers but who still need to understand the concepts and "lingo". For those developers who are experienced, don't be disappointed if the book does not tell you how to model every type of complexity you might get in a relational data-model - it would be

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