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Announcing BusinessObjects XI Release 2!!!

On October 3rd, Business Objects announced the launch of BusinessObjects™ XI Release 2, the latest version of BusinessObjects XI, the industry's most advanced and complete business intelligence platform. Significant enhancements and new capabilities of Release 2 include the addition of BusinessObjects Intelligent Question, BusinessObjects Desktop Intelligence, BusinessObjects Metadata Manager, BusinessObjects Composer, as well as significant enhancements to Web Intelligence. To read the press release on BusinessObjects XI Release 2, click on the following link:

http://www.businessobjects.com/news/press/press2005/20051003_businessobjectsexi_r2_prod.asp?intcmp=05Q4_XIR2_News

Southeast Crystal User Group Meeting Re-Cap

Thanks to everyone who attended the 3rd quarter meeting of the Southeast Crystal User Group in Greensboro on September 21st. Users were treated to a presentation from Peter Tiano of Business Objects on the new features and enhancements of the Business Objects XI suite as well as enjoyed an informative overview of the many Apos add-on tools available by Dan Clements, owner of Apos Systems. If you missed the meeting or if you attended and are interested, BridgeBuilder can send you the slides from both the Business Objects and Apos presentation. Email Samantha.Ferrie@BridgeBuilder.com to request either presentation.

Users were also reminded of the upcoming Business Objects International User Conference in Orlando, FL November 6-9. Feedback from the 2004 User Conference was very good and with the wide variety of breakout tracks, the 2005 Conference looks to be just as promising. In other news, the Southeast Crystal User Group website has been changed to www.secug.org. Check it out!

Remember, there is no charge to be a

member of the Southeast Crystal User Group or to attend any of the meetings. For more information or to join the Southeast Crystal User Group, check out our website or email Samantha.Ferrie@BridgeBuilder.com.

Look for the 4th Quarter meeting to be scheduled sometime in early December and until next time....

Happy Reporting!

20% off Crystal/Business Objects Training Special!

Book any Crystal Reports or Business Objects Enterprise onsite training by October 21st and receive 20% off list price! Training must be booked by October 21st, but can occur anytime prior to December 31, 2005.

To receive a quote or for more information, please contact Lena Zevan at lena.zevan@bridgebuilder.com or (888) 274-3432 (888-Bridge-B)

Crystal Reports for SalesLogix Class Added to Schedule

BridgeBuilder is excited to announce that we have added a Crystal Reports for SalesLogix class to our schedule. The class will be held at our Charlotte facility October 20-21.

Course Description

This course is designed to teach students how to create, develop and deploy Crystal Reports for SalesLogix. Students will acquire an understanding of the Crystal Reports interface as well as master the art of effectively filtering data and using formulas, parameters and groups. Students will learn techniques to design and produce professional and meaningful reports for their customers and managers. They will also learn how to distribute Crystal Reports within SalesLogix

To register for this class or for more information, please contact Lena Zevan at lena.zevan@bridgebuilder.com or (888) 274-3432.

BridgeBuilder News

We are sad to announce that Samantha Ferrie will be leaving BridgeBuilder at the end of October. Samantha has been with BridgeBuilder for nearly 6 years and has made a tremendous positive impact on the entire organization.

We thank her for her years of excellent work and service to the company. She will be missed and we wish her well.

Tips & Tricks

Creating a Checkbox

Using conditional formatting in Crystal Reports allows you to be able to create checkboxes instead of normal true or false Boolean variables. First you must create a simple Boolean formula. Next, create an if-then-else formula, after which you must insert a conditional formula for the if-then-else formula to make it appear like a checkbox.

Example:

1. Create a Boolean formula. Our example is order amounts greater than \$1,000.
{Orders.Order Amount}>1000. If you place this formula named **order>1000** in the report it will return **true** if it is over 1000 and **false** if it is under 1000.
2. Create an if-then-else formula named **Checkbox** and place it in the report:
if { @orders>1000}=true then "R" else "o"
3. Right click the **Checkbox** formula field in the report and click **format field**. Under the font tab click the X2 button next to font.
4. Insert a conditional formula to force the "R" to be read as Wingdings 2 and the "o" to be read as Wingdings.
if { @checkbox }="R" then Wingdings 2" else "Wingdings"

This Example will add a checkbox to your report if the order amount is greater than \$1000 and an empty box if the amount is less because the "R" is a Wingdings 2 font of a checkbox, and the "o" is a Wingdings font of an empty box. Try it out!

Mental Break!!!

Answers to September's Brain Teasers

Brain Teaser #1

Five hundred begins it, five hundred ends it, Five in the middle is seen;

First of all letters, the first of all figures,
Take up their stations between.
Join all together, and then you will bring
before you the name of an eminent king

Answer #1:

David.

Brain Teaser #2

It's not easy having a mathematics professor as a new friend. When she invites you to her house she says, "All the houses on my side of the street are numbered consecutively in even numbers. There are six houses on my side of my block and the sum of their numbers is 9870. You don't know which block I live on, and it's a long, long street, but I will tell you that I live in the lowest number on my side of the block. What's the number? Or are you just going to ring the first even-numbered doorbell for twenty blocks?"

Answer #2

She lives at number 1640

October's Brain Teasers:

Brain Teaser #1

Three travelers met at a lonely oasis. One had 3 loaves of bread, but no money; another had 5 loaves of bread, but no money; while the third had only money. They sat down to a meal and the kind travelers shared their bread equally among all 3. In the morning, the traveler with the money departed leaving 8 silver coins for the other 2 in payment for the bread. How should they share the coins fairly?

Brain Teaser #2

*It is greater than God,
Worse than the Devil,
Poor people have it,
Rich people need it,
If you eat it, you'll die.

What is it?

**Special thanks to Antoinette Esquerdo,
BridgeBuilder's Business Objects Partner
Manager for brain teaser #2!*

Be one of the first 10 responses with **both** correct answers and win a BridgeBuilder post-it cube!! Send your answer to Storey.Marshall@bridgebuilder.com.

Good luck!

Public Training: Charlotte, NC

Crystal Reports for SalesLogix

Oct. 20-21

Crystal Reports 10 Classes

Call for dates

Crystal Reports XI Classes

Level 1: Oct. 3-4, Nov. 14-15, Dec. 12-13

Level 2: Oct. 5-6, Nov. 16-17, Dec. 14-15

Level 3: Oct. 7, Nov. 18, Dec. 16

BusinessObjects Enterprise XI:

Implementing Business Views

October 3-4

BusinessObjects WebIntelligence XI

Oct. 24-25

BusinessObjects XI: Universe Design

Oct. 26-28

BusinessObjects 6.5 Classes

BusinessObjects Core Reporting: Dec. 19

BusinessObjects Int. Reporting: Dec 20

BusinessObjects Advanced Reporting: Dec. 21

Public Training: Raleigh, NC

Crystal Reports XI Classes

Level 1: Oct. 24-25

Level 2: Oct. 26-27

Level 3: Oct. 28

BusinessObjects XI: Universe Design

Oct. 5-7

Dec. 14-16

BusinessObjects Data Integrator XI

Nov. 28-Dec. 1

BusinessObjects WebIntelligence XI

Oct. 3-4

Dec. 12-13

BusinessObjects Dashboard Manager XI

Oct. 10-12

Dec. 5-7

BusinessObjects Performance Manager XI

Oct. 13

Dec. 8

BusinessObjects Enterprise XI:

Administering Users & Content

October 31- November 1

BusinessObjects Enterprise XI:

Administering Servers

November 2-3

BusinessObjects 6.5 Classes

Universe Design: Nov. 14-16

Supervisor: Nov. 17

Core Reporting: Nov. 7

Intermediate Reporting: Nov. 8

Advanced Reporting: Nov. 9

WebIntelligence: Nov. 10-11

For additional classes and/or information on onsite training options, please call us at (888) 274-3432 or email us at sales@bridgebuilder.com