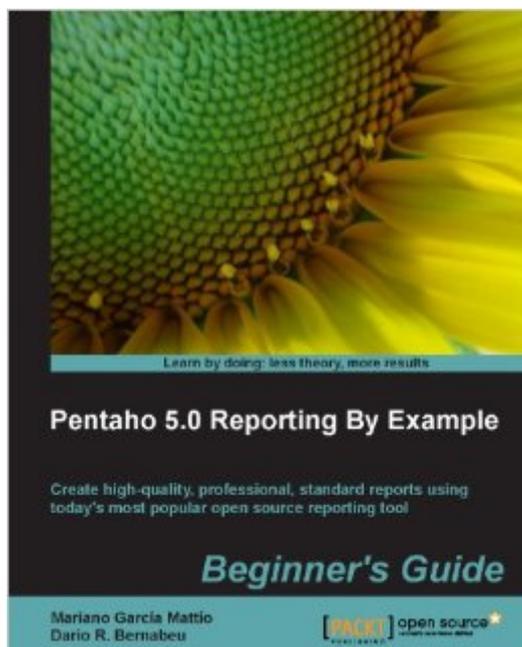


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# Pentaho 5.0 Reporting By Example: Beginner's Guide



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In Detail Open source reporting tools and techniques, such as PRD, have been comparable in quality to their commercial counterparts this is largely due to the market's marked tendency to choose open source solutions. PRD is a very powerful tool and in order to take full advantage of it you need to pay attention to the important details. Pentaho 5.0 Reporting by Example: Beginner's Guide clearly explains the the foundation and then puts those concepts into practice through step-by-step visual guides. Feeling confident with your newly discovered, desirable, skill you will have the power to create your very own professional reports including graphics, formulas, sub-reports and many other forms of data reporting. Pentaho 5.0 Reporting By Example: Beginner's Guide is a step-by-step guide to create high quality, professional reports. Starting with the basics we will explore each feature to ensure a thorough understanding to peel back the curtain and take full advantage of the power that Pentaho puts at our fingertips. This book gives you the necessary resources to create a great variety of reports. You will be able to make reports that contain sub-reports, include graphics, sparklines and so on. You will also be able to parameterize your reports so that the final user can decide what information to visualize. You will be able to create your own stoplight type indicators and drill down in your reports. and execute your reports from your own web application. Pentaho 5.0 Reporting By Example: Beginner's Guide lets you learn everything necessary to work seriously with one of the world's most popular open source reporting tools. This book will guide you chapter by chapter through examples, graphics, and theoretical explanations so that you feel comfortable interacting with Pentaho Report Designer and creating your own reports. Approach Written in a friendly, example driven Beginner's Guide format, there are plenty of step-by-step instructions to get you started fast! Who this book is for Pentaho 5.0 By Example: Beginner's Guide is the ideal companion for a wide-variety of developers. Whether you are new to the world of Business Intelligence reporting, or an experienced BI analyst, this book will guide you through the creation of your first reports in Pentaho. We assume some knowledge of the SQL language and database systems.

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open source tool for creating reports. It is integrated within the Pentaho BI suite and covers all the

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other more advanced books as [...]As a general recommendation and for all chapters, I would add a

new tip called such "advance trick" where reference is made to some more advanced features. It will

always be useful for the user to keep in mind if you handle this case in the future.\* Chapter 1: What

is Pentaho Report DesignerThis chapter navigates through the history of PRD and the different

types of reports that we usually find in a company. The Pentaho BI suite provides some examples of

such reports and therefore build it is a simple task.\*Chapter 2: Installation and ConfigurationIn this

chapter would be mentions obtaining web PRD and the steps needed to make it work (java drivers

to connect to the database). It is also recommended to allocate more memory to the Java JVM for

better performance. The DB to be used for the examples are also indicated.This chapter should

clearly indicate the folders to put the drivers to our DB connection that we will use in PRD. It would

be important to note where they go these libraries also located in the Pentaho BI Server.

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A few weeks ago, Pentaho released the new version of its products (both CE and commercial). The latest version, currently 5.0, is accompanied by the latest developer tools. As it is usual, each new major release means new features. For example, the new version focus on better user interface and support for Big Data. We have a new version of Pentaho Reporting as well. This tool helps to create professional reports with graphics, formulas, subreports, and so on. If you want to master this tool you have several options: (1) mastering the tool yourself by trial and error (and / or searching information in forums), (2) training (through a certified partner or not) or (3) using a book. That brings me to the topic I want to speak about in this post. Packt Publishing has given me the opportunity to review the new book for Pentaho Reporting which name is "Pentaho Reporting 5.0 by Example Beginner's Guide". This books provides a detailed overview of using Pentaho Report Designer by examples. The book starts with the usual suspects: What is Pentaho Reporting and Pentaho Reporting Designer (PRD), which are the main components of PRD and the evolution of Pentaho Reporting since 2002. Nothing additional for a the daily Pentaho developer, but it is still interesting for a newcomer. Why this book may be still interesting for you? If you are a Pentaho developer the initial chapters are not new. Chapter 2 is about the installation of PRD, Chapter 3 is about the user interface and Chapter 4 is about your first report. So probably you are going to skip them. The

interesting part starts with Chapter 5. Even if you are a regular developer, it is easy to forget some features or the proper way to do things.

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