

Crystal Enterprise 10 Editions

Crystal Enterprise is a common architecture for data access, reporting, and information delivery that allows you to respond quickly to any reporting or application development need. It is available in 4 editions to address your unique requirements. The purpose of this document is to discuss the differences between these editions and to guide you in deciding which edition is most appropriate.

Crystal Enterprise Embedded Edition

Crystal Enterprise Embedded Edition includes an on-demand reporting server for web applications and is ideal for embedding reports into a single, departmental application. It includes a single-tier report processing server and developer SDKS.

This edition is optimal for customers that need to build applications that require a reporting component. It is designed for smaller reports and datasets.

Crystal Enterprise Express Edition

Crystal Enterprise Express is an out-of-the-box report delivery system ideal for reducing the overhead of delivering reports to small groups and departments. It includes a report publisher and web portal interface and is recommended for smaller workgroup deployments.

This edition is optimal for customers that need to deliver formatted reports to a small group of users inside the organization.

Crystal Enterprise Professional Edition

Crystal Enterprise Professional is a centralized and customizable platform that allows IT departments to support multiple reporting projects and applications. It is ideal for centralizing data access and report management and delivering information - via the web, or embedded into other applications.

The Professional Edition includes a range of advanced management capabilities, including more granular security capabilities, server load management, extended data access, and report management.

This edition is optimal for customers that need to securely distribute complex and interactive reports via the web or integrated into intranet, extranet, Internet and corporate portal application.

Crystal Enterprise Premium Edition

Crystal Enterprise Premium is a centralized and customizable platform that allows IT departments to meet advanced reporting needs. It is ideal for extending more interactive reporting capabilities to end users and managing large-scale report distribution. It includes all the features in Professional plus additional interactive reporting, distribution and system management features.

This edition is optimal for customers that need to fully utilize all of Business Objects' content creation and developer interfaces for reporting. In addition to the core functionality provided in Crystal Enterprise Professional, the Premium edition includes robust ad hoc, Excel and analytic reporting capabilities.

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Crystal Enterprise Editions Features and Services

Features and Services	Embedded	Express	Professional	Premium
Application Development				
Report processing and integration SDK	√		√	√
Report creation and modification SDK	√		√	√
Administration SDK			√	√
Report Design				
Crystal Reports designer		√	√	√
Crystal Analysis designer			√	√
Publish Crystal Reports files to the Web	√	√	√ ¹	√
Publish Crystal Analysis files to the Web		√	√ ¹	√
Deployment				
Fail-over services			√	√
Unix support			√	√
Clustering services			√	√
Load-balancing services			√	√
ERP/CRM connectivity			√ ¹	√ ¹
Multi-tier, clustered server environment			√	√
Separate servers for web delivery, system administration and report processing			√	√
End User Interactivity				
Add comments to reports (Discussions)			√	√
Alert notification			√	√
Personalization			√	√
Live report connectivity and formatting within MS Office (Live Office)			√ ¹	√
Report modification viewer (CR Explorer)			√ ¹	√
Web-based report creation (CR Explorer)				√

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Management				
Report object repository		√	√	√
Secure user access		√	√	√
Individual report security		√	√	√
Report object-level security		√	√	√
Managed user and group profiles		√	√	√
Active Directory and Windows authentication		√	√	√
LDAP/Enterprise (native) authentication			√	√
Administration services		√	√	√
Configuration services		√	√	√
On-demand processing	√	√	√	√
Scheduled processing		√	√	√
Scheduling to formats		√	√	√
Scheduling to destination			√ ¹	√ ¹
Program objects			√	√
Success/failure notification			√	√
Business Views			√	√
Simplified data-access			√	√
Change management			√	√
Data-level security			√	√
Auditing			√ ¹	√
Licensing Options				
Named User		√	√	√
Concurrent Access			√	√
Processor	√		√	√

¹ Additional licensing may apply

Five factors to influence your edition choice

There are five factors you should consider when determining which edition will be most appropriate to deploy:

1. User Load

Crystal Enterprise Premium and Crystal Enterprise Professional provide scalable solutions to distribute reports to a large user base with high concurrent usage or in deployments in which users are in multiple locations that may be geographical distant.

Crystal Enterprise Express and Crystal Enterprise Embedded Edition, in single deployments, are suitable for distributing reports via web applications to work groups where concurrent access requirements are minimal.

2. Mission Criticality

Crystal Enterprise Premium and Crystal Enterprise Professional provide fault-tolerance, redundancy and fail-over support for applications that are relied on by many users and that must be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

3. Security

Crystal Enterprise Premium and Crystal Enterprise Professional address security requirements for large-scale applications, including data-level security and LDAP authentication.

4. Reporting Flexibility

Crystal Enterprise Premium allows business users to create and modify reports online in a zero-client DHTML environment. Report modification (but not web-based report creation capabilities) can also be added to a Crystal Enterprise Professional deployment. Administrators can use the Crystal Enterprise security model to control which users have access to specific creation or modification functionality.

5. Report Distribution and Management

Crystal Enterprise Premium offers users added control over their data with sophisticated report distribution and management capabilities. It allows key facts about the Crystal Enterprise system to be closely monitored with Auditing functionality. The add-on Report Distribution License lets Crystal Enterprise Professional or Premium users regularly or automatically broadcast reports in any format outside of the Crystal Enterprise system.

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