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Foreword

I have known and worked with Pawel Glowacki for more than 16 years. Pawel is one of the world-wide Delphi community leading experts. In this book, Expert Delphi, Pawel takes you on a learning journey that started in the early 1980s with Compas Pascal, Poly Pascal, and Turbo Pascal. For more than 20 years, Delphi has continued to evolve to meet the needs of developers around the world. During most of this time, Pawel has been a key team member and advocate for the continuous innovation of the compilers, frameworks, runtime library, integrated development environment, and tool chain, allowing developers to easily build applications across desktop, server, mobile, internet, and cloud platforms.

In his presentations and examples, Pawel shows you how easy it is to create a wide range of applications using SQL/NoSQL databases, XML, and JSON. Pawel also helps developers create multitier applications using the latest technologies, including REST.

With Expert Delphi, you'll learn the best practices for writing high-quality, reliable, and maintainable code with Delphi's Object Pascal language and component architecture. After you complete Pawel's book, you'll understand how to take full advantage of mobile operating systems, frameworks, and hardware capabilities, including working with sensors and the Internet of Things.

Beyond developing apps for desktops and smartphones, you'll learn how to quickly and easily integrate with cloud services and data using REST APIs and JSON.

In Expert Delphi, Pawel encapsulates the knowledge gained through years as a world-class Delphi engineer, an entertaining presenter, a community leader, and a passionate advocate. With his words, step-by-step instructions, screenshots, source code snippets, examples, and links to additional sources of information, you will learn how to continuously enhance your skills and apps.

Become a developer superhero and build stunning cross-platform apps with Delphi.

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