



The Data Modellers World



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Welcome

Hi and I am pleased to invite you to share the first issue of our Magazine.

I have put it together but I intend it to be a joint venture between all interested parties.

I have enough material for six issues and my plan is to get other people involved so that after six months the momentum and the contents will be maintained by other people.

So please send me your comments at barryw@databaseanswers.org.

Also please let me know you have any ideas for an article.

From this point I have included the current status of the articles planned for the first issue.

Our target readers are :-

- Beginners who are new to Data Modelling
- Practitioners who do Modelling as part of their work
- Teachers
- Well-known Experts

Anybody is welcome to contribute and I will act as (benevolent) moderator.

1. Agile Data Modelling

Contact : Rodger Nixon

The Agile approach is very attractive and so we need to have a statement that defines how our methods for Modelling are applicable.

2. Architecture and Modelling

Author : Barry

A natural career progression seems to be from Data Modeller to Data Architect.

However, many people prefer to specialise as Data Modellers – like most of the readers of this magazine !!!

What do you think ?

3. Best Practice

Author : Barry

The same questions pop-up quite frequently on LinkedIn Groups, such as 'What kinds of Data Models are there and Naming Conventions ?.

These are often candidates for a 'Manual of Best Practice in Data Modelling'

I will start by drafting a list of contents in the next issue of this Magazine.

Please let me know if you have any comments.

4. A Day in the Life of a Modeller

5. Monthly Model

6. Gossip / What's Hot

Author : Barry

My thinking is to look through other related Web Sites for news.

For example, the planned 'takeover' of Erwin that then did not take place.

Another Modeller recently asked me who was the most scandalous Modeller I have ever met.

I had to confess that all Modellers I know have always been dull and focussed on Modelling.

7. How to Ace the Interview

Author : Barry

In the States, there is a series of 'How to Ace the Interview' books and I think it would be Interesting to write one called 'How to Ace the Data Modelling Interview'

8. How many kinds of Models ?

Conceptual, Logical and Physical – with 20 Industry-specific examples.
Models mapped to Layers in Architecture – Ops, DWH, BI

9. Industry-specific Models

In this Chapter I will include some of the 50 Industry-specific Models that are in my Library.

10. Life after Data Modelling

Most people I know who are professional Modellers are happy to remain as such or continue on the appropriated career Path.

Graeme Simsion in Australia is one high-profile exception.

After a very successful career as a Data Modeller he wrote a novel that was also a best-seller.

Have you ever considered taking up a different line of work ?

Or fantasized about it – or in fact done it ?

It would be very interesting to hear your thoughts !!!

11. Modelling in the Clouds

Contact : Vertabelo

Barry says “I have been looking for a product offering Modelling in the Clouds and finally I have found one called Vertabelo.

It seems to have emerged from nowhere fully-formed !!!

12. The Open Data Model

Contact : Rodger Nixon

13. Safyr

Contact : Nick Porter

SAP and Salesforce are frequently found together in medium to large organisations.

They all need to integrate data from these two third-party Systems .

14. Types of Models

Conceptual, Logical and Physical

15. UML

Contact : Segun

Why = benefits and drawbacks ?

How to integrate UML Class Diagrams with ERDs ?

16. In Conclusion

Contact : Barry