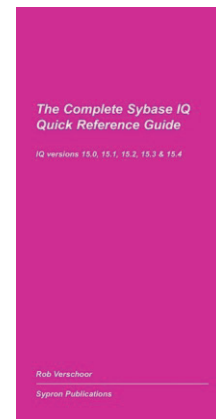


The Complete Sybase IQ Quick Reference Guide

A Quick Review of "The Complete Sybase IQ Quick Reference Guide"

George Herman, President of Distributed Systems Solutions, Inc. takes a look at the new book, "The Complete Sybase IQ Quick Reference Guide" by Rob Verschoor - the author of the popular quick reference guides for ASE and Replication Server. This 143-page pocket reference published by Sypron Publications is an excellent Sybase IQ resource and has been well received by industry pundits and press alike. George Herman discloses his impression of the book below.

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I consider myself to be fairly knowledgeable regarding Sybase IQ, yet when I reviewed "The Complete Sybase IQ Quick Reference Guide" written by Rob Verschoor, I was very impressed at its collection and organization of information. This guide is well organized and small enough to keep handy on my desk. I found that it has the level of detail required for even well-versed IQ system administrators and DBA's – in addition to proving useful for IQ beginners. The guide covers not only the basics of IQ organization and usage, but also troubleshooting tips and relevant details needed for advanced troubleshooting.

This is a Must-Have Book for Anyone Using Sybase IQ

While the details contained within the guide are available in the myriad of other documentation, the fact that this guide is well organized and concise makes it very useful for quick access, quick reference and just plain reading to learn new features and functionality. I found few places in the guide where I needed to get more detail from other existing documentation. I was able

to leaf through the guide, and let the headings catch my eye which gave me ideas and led me through the basics of almost everything one would need to fully administer and use Sybase IQ as an fully functional data warehouse. It took me only 5 minutes to glance topics such as the "Workload monitoring" in section 23.2 which was well written and detailed enough for me to apply that to my servers in a matter of minutes. While I knew that feature existed, I had not had sufficient time to research the existing large volume of documentation to find that, yet here it was, in sufficient detail and easy to locate.

This guide is a robust addition to the documentation set provided by Sybase IQ and at the top of my list for worthwhile reading. I find that with little time and effort, I can get detailed information on a wide variety of topics related to Sybase IQ as well as SQL, programming, syntax, functions and other necessary elements needed by any DBA or application developer.

This must-have book can be obtained from www.sypron.nl/iqqr. You can also download the table of contents as well as sample pages from the book from the above website.