



CRYSTAL REPORTS SERVER XI® QUICK START

Leveraging your reporting environment can be a daunting task. Users, security, access rights, databases, fail-over, redundancy, server administration--it can lead to information overload. We're here to help.

Crystal Tactics can install, administer, get you up and running your Crystal Reports Server XI environment in shorter time than you think.

FAQs

What is the Crystal Reports Server XI® Quick Start? Crystal Reports Server (CRS) XI Quick Start is a process in which Crystal Reports Server XI® is installed, configured, and set up according to your organization's needs.

Who benefits from the CRS XI Quick Start? Clients who are installing a new copy of Crystal Reports Server will reap the benefits.

Clients with an existing CRS XI environment can benefit for our range of [services](#) provided.

What are the advantages of using Crystal Tactics versus doing the installation in-house? The Crystal Reports Server enterprise reporting system can be complex. There are many modules and concepts that seem overwhelming to newcomers of the system. Using Crystal Tactics, you can be assured you are receiving quality service, as the work will be performed by experienced consultants who are no strangers to the XI architecture.

How will the installation be performed? Installation, preparation, and configuration of your CRS System can be performed remotely. In most cases, this can be achieved via a remote control, VPN, or online collaborations. However, this installation can also be performed on-site for more in-depth, customized requirements.

What is involved with the CRS XI Quick Start?

A typical installation of Crystal Reports Server XI consists of the following plans of action:

TASK	DESCRIPTION AND BENEFITS
Gather information on current reporting environment (if applicable) and derive future expectations	This involves analyzing the current reporting environment (if applicable). In this step, ideas and goals are established for the new CRS environment.
Inspect and scope anticipated user base	Question asked include: What is the current user base? What percentage of user will be creating, publishing reports? In contrast, what percentage will be consumers (readers) of these reports.
Establish a working file (folder) structure for the reporting environment	By creating a folder structure before installation, this lessens the need to create more folders post-implementation. For example, creating folders for each department in your organization during the initial setup/administration eliminates the need for administrators to create new folders each time a department or team requests them.
Preparation of the CRS XI Database	In this task, the RDBMS is set up to contain information about the users, groups, and reports in your environment. Microsoft SQL Server, Oracle, IBM DB/2 databases can be used. If RDBMS exists, MySQL will be installed.
Preparation of your web server	This involves installing Internet Information Server (IIS). If IIS is not available, then Apache Tomcat will be installed by default.
Setup the security model	<p>This task involves setting the proper access rights to the users and groups in the system. This ensures that users are not given more access than required, and not lead to potential access to sensitive reports</p> <p>This task is usually the most time-consuming, as the security model can be as powerful and complex as need be.</p>
Setup the authentication/sign-on module (optional)	<p>If your company uses a directory-based authentication module, such as Active Directory, the CRS system can be configured to interface and validate users.</p> <p>This means that users can use their operating system login, and not have to remember another login/password combination.</p>
Deliverables	The setup, installation, and configuration of your CRS system will be documented and delivered to you for a step-by-step synopsis of all work that was performed. In addition, it will serve as a reference for your CRS administrators for future expansion.
Installation of the CRS XI Program	This can be a single-server installation, or scaled to multiple servers, depending on the hardware available, and the number of concurrent users who are anticipated to access the system.

Using our Quick Start services enables you to deploy your Crystal Reports Server XI® System with expertise-level style and knowledge. Contact Crystal Tactics to experience how knowledgeable professionals can get your system running smoothly.



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