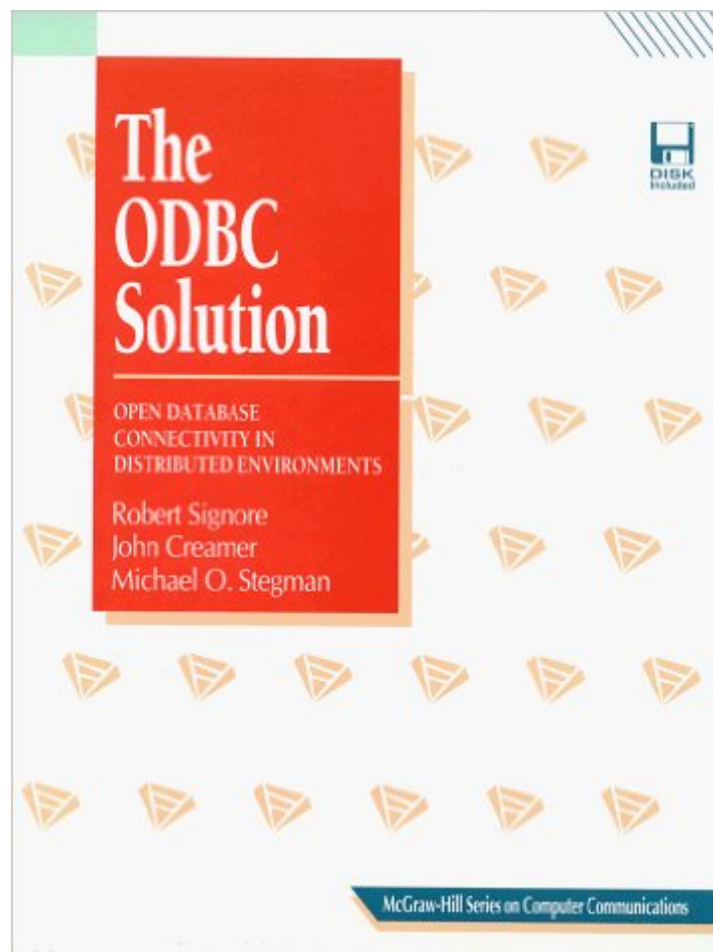


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# The Odbc Solution: Open Database Connectivity In Distributed Environments/Book And Disk (Mcgraw-Hill Series On Computer Communications)



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Now you can learn how to tap the power of open systems quickly and easily! This practical book/disk package gives you everything you need to write consistent applications that communicate readily with any ODBC data source in a client/server environment. In a hands-on tutorial format with extensive examples, this easy-to-use guide shows you exactly how to use all ODBC features to maximize connected database functionality. This is the first book to cover ODBC in such depth - you'll find all the tools and techniques you need to achieve true open connectivity across a wide array of platforms and products. You'll learn how to reach different data sources, how to maximize the functionality of every connected database, and all the proven techniques you need to become a proficient ODBC programmer. The accompanying disk contains all of the source code in C, which makes ODBC applications easy to create. With the tutorial and the disk, you can create a full-featured database application for Windows, UNIX, Macintosh, or OS/2 that can reach any ODBC data source.

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With the ODBC API you are given a whole lot of notes? But how do you combine those notes to write a symphony? This is the only book on the market which really shows you how. It consists of a detailed ODBC reference and highly useful sample code that shows how to take the API calls and make an application out of them. The calls are grouped in logical sequences, each call is thoroughly

described, and then an example of a program that uses that call (and other calls) is given. The writing is extremely clear. The presentation is excellent. The book is extremely well organized. It does not assume any prior knowledge of ODBC though it assumes you know how to program C.C is the only language used in the book. The use of ODBC in other languages such as Visual Basic is not discussed. Though this book is old; I cannot recommend it too highly. I've used it before and I'll use it again.

I had a situation come up where I needed to access an Oracle 7 stored procedure that returned output parameters and no results set. The Microsoft Visual C++ CRecordset classes don't handle that situation very well. The only solution was to drop down into ODBC API calls. I struggled until I found this book. It takes a lot of the mystery out of an extremely complex API. It pretty much rides around in my backpack everywhere I go now!

This hardback text is one of the best database API books that I have in my collection. It is well laid-out and it has examples. This book is laid out in the order statements are used, with the necessary create and destroy statements together. It starts with connecting to the database, moves to statement execution, and rounds out with retrieving your results. There are of course necessary chapters on creating tables and dealing with transactions. Each ODBC API call is accompanied with a list of appropriate parameters, return values, and errors. ODBC Database API's are used in layers: To Setup: Allocate Environment, Allocate Connection, Connect, ... To Shutdown, reverse everything: ... Disconnect, Deallocate Connection, Deallocate Environment.

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