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About this Book

This book contains a self paced learning guide to the UniVerse Enquiry Language, Retrieve. The book will take you through the Retrieve language step by step, explaining the database facilities in the UniVerse platform and providing workshops and examples through which you can test your understanding.

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How to Use This Guide

This guide has been created for students wishing to learn about the UniVerse database enquiry language, Retrieve. You may be a developer new to UniVerse, a power user who needs to harness the enquiry facilities to extract business information from an existing system, or your interest may be purely academic. Whatever the case, the guide does not assume any prior knowledge of UniVerse or of any other database languages.

The guide will take you through the enquiry language step by step. Along the way you will learn about the structure of information held in a UniVerse database, will be introduced to a few of the other facilities offered by this platform, and will discover how the Retrieve language enables easy and intuitive reporting.

The guide is divided into a number of chapters, each of which contains a series of lessons that you can run through in your own time and at your own pace. To test your understanding, each lesson is accompanied by a number of examples and lab exercises. As far as possible, these exercises build upon each other in stages, so that you progress from simple listings of information to complex reports.

The Self Paced Guide to UniVerse Enquiry is the first in a series of self paced training guides to the UniVerse platform published by Brian Leach Consulting Limited. You can find these and other free materials on the website.

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