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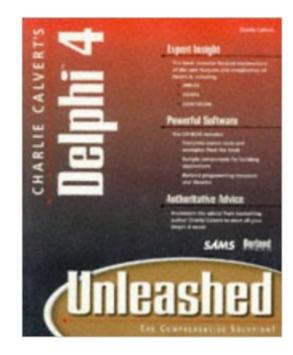
Charlie Calvert's Delphi 4 Unleashed

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Charlie Calvert s Delphi 4 Unleashed is an all-new edition written by one of the most well-known developers in the Delphi community. This advanced reference will provide programmers with the information they need to build high-end Delphi applications and components compatible with ActiveX and Java. Calvert will bring the newest technologies and features of Delphi into focus and show programmers how to utilize them. Some features will include: Building and integrating components with Java, Active X, etc. Internet enabling applications and components? Internet and Intranet applications and enabling Delphi s Multi-tier Distributed Applications Services Suite (MIDAS) and how it works with Delphi Client/server architecture and enterprise wide development Note: Content for the book and CD will be all new.Charlie Calvert s Delphi 4 Unleashed is a complete high-end reference for programmers and developers in Delphi.Charlie Calvert is well-known and well-respected in the Borland and Delphi communities.This book will tell programmers what the manuals don t- and how to make Delphi 4 really work for them.

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