A practical guide to data mining using SQL and Excel

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- Understand core analytic techniques that work with SQL and Excel
- Ensure your analytic approach gets you the results you need
- Design and perform your analysis using SQL and Excel

*Data Analysis Using SQL and Excel, 2nd Edition* shows you how to best use the tools you already know to achieve expert results.
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His other books include the bestselling Data Mining Techniques, Third Edition; Mastering Data Mining; and Mining the Web—which focus on data mining and analysis. This book follows on the popularity of the first edition, with a practical focus on how to actually get and interpret results.

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