

# Crystal Ball Software and Risk Analysis Tips

## The Crystal Ball Reference Manual

Have you ever needed to find the mathematical formulas used to calculate the distributions or statistics, or wanted a complete list of all the keyboard commands? You can find all this information and more in the *Crystal Ball Reference Manual*.

The *Crystal Ball Reference Manual* contains distribution defaults and formulas plus other statistical information as well as keyboard shortcuts for commands. It includes the following chapters:

Chapter 1 – “Statistical Definitions” This chapter describes basic statistical concepts and explains how they are used in Crystal Ball.

Chapter 2 – “Equations and Methods” This chapter lists the mathematical formulas used in calculating Crystal Ball’s distributions and descriptive statistics. It also describes the type of random number generator used in Crystal Ball. This appendix is designed for the statistically sophisticated user.

Chapter 3 – “Menus and Keyboard Commands” This chapter lists the commands you can run directly from the keyboard.

Chapter 4 – “Default Names and Distribution Parameters” This chapter summarizes Crystal Ball’s default values.

You can find a PDF of the documentation by choosing Start > Programs > Crystal Ball 7 or by starting Crystal Ball and choosing Help > Crystal Ball > Crystal Ball Manuals.

For more information or to contact us, browse to <http://helpdesk.crystalball.com>

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