

Preface

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This tutorial teaches developers the basics of using Ab Initio software.

Ab Initio is a flexible and powerful suite of software at the heart of data processing systems of some of the largest companies in e-commerce, telecommunications, banking, and other industries. These companies use Ab Initio software for a variety of purposes including data warehousing, batch processing, click-stream analysis and application integration.

This tutorial focuses on the “core” of Ab Initio products, including the Co>Operating[®] System, core components (including Transformation and Sort packages), and the Graphical Development Environment. It mentions other Ab Initio products and roles that they can play in developing enterprise-wide data processing systems.

By the time you finish this tutorial, you will know how to:

- ▶ Build applications that process data with Ab Initio components
- ▶ Describe different kinds of data with Ab Initio record formats
- ▶ Specify business rules with Ab Initio transform functions
- ▶ Execute Ab Initio applications on parallel and distributed systems.