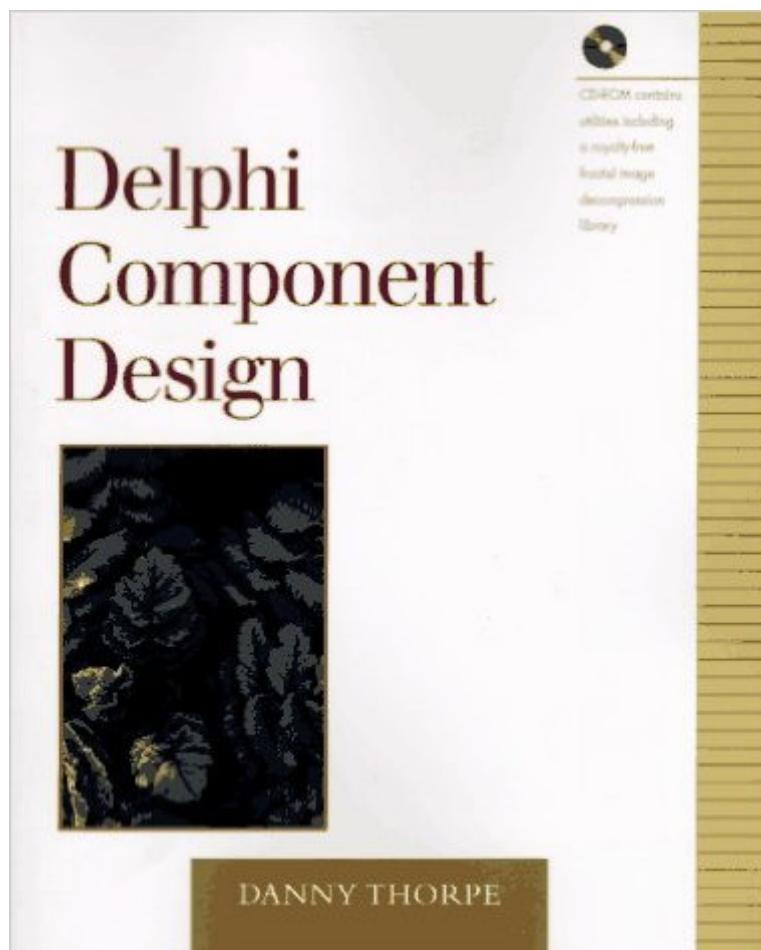


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# Delphi Component Design



## **Synopsis**

In this work, users are shown how to pick the right roots for components, how to determine what components must do and how extensible they must be. The book explores the options for design-time property and component editors and experts. The companion CD-ROM contains all the code in the book.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Delphi Component Design, is by far the best Delphi book, I have seen. I have all of the Borland Press Books, as well as several(10+) other Delphi books. All of these books have there strong points but nothing compares to this Book! It covers RTTI, and Code Optimization better than any other book. To sum it up, this book starts were the other books left off.

A book in search for two years. Back to 1995 when I started to dive into VCL source code. A question popped into my mind that why Borland did not document the architecture of VCL ? I had read numerous books. Delphi Component Design is it. You can not read VCL source code without it. It saved me tons of hours.

This is purely a Delphi programmer's guide, but it unquestioningly well written, informative, and well-rounded: Anyone seeking to learn how Delphi's VCL component libraries work, how to development components of their own, or how to extend Delphi VCL components already available

from Borland or third parties, should read this book. There is simply nothing else that comes close. Mr. Thorpe's writing style is clear, concise, and does a great job of exploring the topic at hand. Any competent Delphi programmer will be well capable of undertaking VCL development on their own if they have this book at their side. One point to note about this book is what used copies go-for on .com (and elsewhere): I typically see prices of between \$50 and \$100, even though the book was first published about 10 years ago. How many other technology books, particularly for a specific software technology, remain in such high demand after such a long period of time?"Delphi Component Design" was written for the VCL [Borland's Acronym for "Visual Component Library"] as it was implemented in Delphi 3.0 - back in the mid to late 1990's: the implementation of VCL it describes is still the foundation underlying VCL as implemented in Delphi today, and is close enough to the modern implementation to still be a very useful text. However, since Delphi's product direction is to pursue .NET as opposed to enhancing the older VCL, the book's usefulness is limited to those who are seeking to maintain or enhance existing Delphi VCL-based applications. Even though I no longer work in Delphi, I still find myself called-upon often enough for Delphi support that I'm not going to give up my copy of "Delphi Component Design" quite yet - even despite the used copy prices I see!

This book is all about what goes behind the curtains. If you are a crazy developer like me and interested in knowing how Delphi designers implemented different mechanisms such as Windows messaging OLE COM this title is a must

An excellent book. Shows the inner-workings of Object Pascal and VCL. The COM/OLE stuff is a bit out of date (was written for D2).

It covers many important subjects: RTTI, Code Optimization, OLE Automation server and many more. Author has perfect theoretical approach to the matter. But I think more examples would make this book even better. Anyway I recommend it to all Delphi component experienced developers, but NOT to beginners.

The book contains philosophical views, paradigms which are hidden behind the elegant VCL structure. Diligent reader will find lot of undocumented or even too-obvious-to-use features which can make some hard things simple. His review of virtual and dynamic tables is second to none!

I've been using Delphi from the start and have many books on V1,2,&3. This is one of the best for providing a real insight into the theory & practice of Delphi. The RTTI Fountainhead section was very 'illuminating'.

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