

Crystal Ball Software and Risk Analysis Tips

Determining Which Cells Are Forecasts

Forecasts, the output cells of your simulation, can be identified in similar ways:

1. The author of the model has set a cell color or pattern to help you identify forecasts. Color and pattern are defined in Cell > Cell Preferences (the default is no pattern and light blue). The author must also communicate that this particular style indicates a forecast is present (perhaps a note on the opening worksheet). Cell colors and patterns alone, without Crystal Ball, cannot convey forecast details, just locations.
2. The author of the model has added Excel notes with the Crystal Ball data. Notes can be turned on and off in the Cell > Cell Preferences menu option. These notes will show the forecast name and units even if Crystal Ball is not running. You will also need to have the comment option turned on in Excel.
3. You use the Select Forecasts toolbar button or Select All Forecasts Cell menu option. This function requires that Crystal Ball is running, and will select all forecast cells in a worksheet. The Enter or Tab keys on your keyboard will let you scroll through the selected forecasts. Once the cells are selected, you can consecutively review them by using the Define Forecast button on the toolbar (or the Cell > Define Forecast menu option) and clicking on OK after reviewing each forecast.
4. You can also use the Select Some option in the Cell menu. Once the dialog box is open, click on the Forecasts radio button to view all forecasts.

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