

# Crystal Ball Software and Risk Analysis Tips

## (#58) How to Learn More About Selecting Distributions

One of the great challenges of converting your existing spreadsheet model to a probabilistic (Crystal Ball) model is how to select the "right" distribution. At the heart of this selection process is your knowledge and understanding of the uncertain variables in the scenario. The more you know about the range and likelihood of an uncertain factor, the better you will be able to model it with a Crystal Ball assumption.

If you want to know more about the uses and parameters of each probability distribution, you have a number of available resources. Chapter 2 of the *Crystal Ball User Manual* lists details and examples for each distribution. [Click here for a useful Technote for selecting distributions.](#)

If you want to learn more about each distribution while viewing the Distribution Gallery, simply highlight a distribution, and then click on the Help button in the lower right corner of the dialog. This will open up the Crystal Ball Help with information on the selected distribution.

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

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