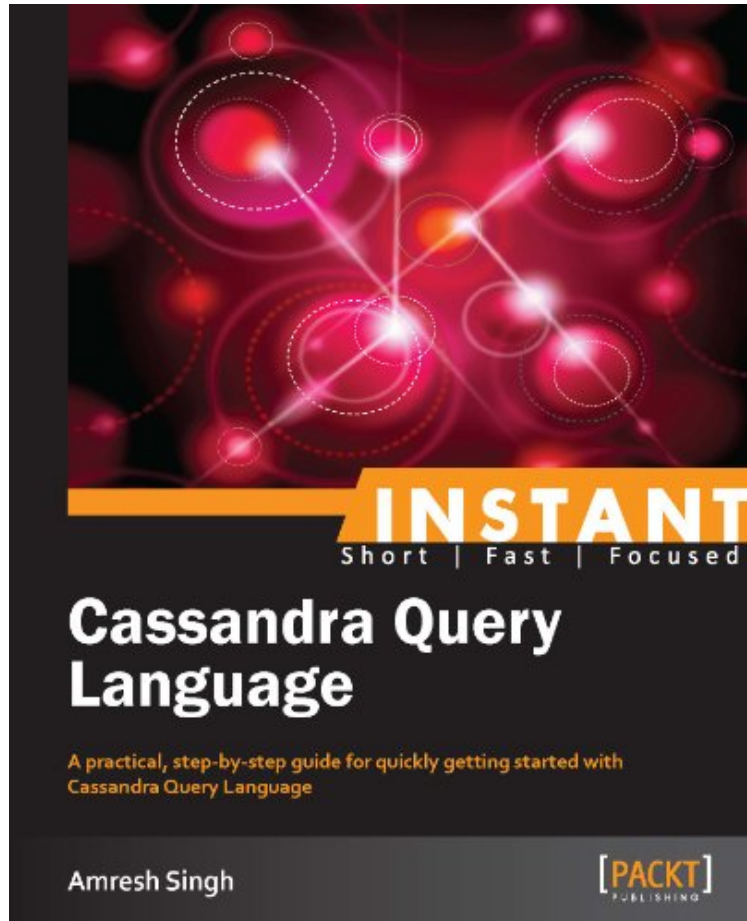


# Instant Cassandra Query Language

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**Von Amresh Singh : Instant Cassandra Query Language** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Instant Cassandra Query Language:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Unimaginative pedagogy in reference bookVon O JonssonMany experienced computer professionals scoff at introductory, storytelling documentation, craving, instead, specifications the driest-possible reference. For them, this book offers nothing over perusing the Cassandra CQL documentation, which is free and easy to locate.The book wants to teach CQL 3, only. It assumes previous familiarity with Cassandra, referring the user to other sources to get that skill.An explanatory narrative can still be helpful: in this spirit, the book offers a working example of a generic social media community website. The user can follow along, creating some data tables for a "facebook" application. (Why that capitalization?) Much of the book is "how", not so much is mentioned of the "why" or "what".The book would have benefitted from another pass of copy-editing: words are dropped, capitalization is inconsistent in places, some typographical formatting is plain wrong. As a detail-oriented computer programmer, this bothers me. Indeed,

sometimes, copy-editing lapses even risk confusing the message: in a table about datatypes, the Set and List datatype descriptions had been swapped. Some of the code examples are confusing: the narrative says one thing, and then the code does something else. When a feature of a database is introduced, it would be nice to explain it using examples that felt remotely real. For example, the explanation of the TTL feature (time-to-live, for managing time-limited values) is technically correct, but it does not tell a story, it just uses the features; but it's left to the reader's imagination to figure out why and where that would ever be useful. A joke about women, wishing to change their age using programming, is directed at men, making sure to alienate readers that are not men, or people who take the sexism in tech seriously. My conclusion about this book is that it points to a gap in the market, but that it could have been so much more.

**Kurzbeschreibung**  
In Detail Apache Cassandra is a fault-tolerant, distributed data store that offers linear scalability, allowing it to act as a storage platform for large, high-volume websites. Cassandra Query Language, or CQL, is the default language/method used to access, change, and query the Cassandra database. It is essential to learn how to use CQL since the old RPC-based mechanism is now giving way to CQL-based Cassandra drivers. Instant Cassandra Query Language serves as a great starting point for anyone who has started working on Cassandra and who wishes to learn its query language, CQL, in a simple, concise, and quick way. It teaches you how to use CQL in an efficient manner and shows you the exact query commands you need to run. Instant Cassandra Query Language takes you on a journey through Cassandra Query Language. We first introduce CQL and help you to get started with it by installing, configuring, and opening the console. In order to get a quick feel for it before delving deeper into its inner workings, we'll run some basic read and write commands. After the stage is set, we'll design and experiment with a simple social media application, explaining the different CQL constructs used along the way. You'll also learn some specific skills like how to specify database columns that expire after a certain period of time, how to create batch operations, and more. Since CQL is used as a base for Cassandra drivers, it's important to explore the usage of CQL via different libraries. You'll learn how to write client applications over Cassandra in different ways, namely using Thrift and DataStax Java Driver. A listing of high-level clients is also provided that serves as a good starting point for you to explore them further. With this book, you'll learn everything you're likely to encounter while working with CQL.

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**Who this book is for** Instant Cassandra Query Language is great for those who are working with Cassandra databases and who want to either learn CQL to check data from the console or build serious applications using CQL. If you're looking for something that helps you get started with CQL in record time and you hate the idea of learning a new language syntax, then this book is for you.

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