



CUSTOM REPORT WRITER

The Customer Report Writer add-on module produces presentation-quality reports both internally and through web-based reporting. This module offers you the following features and benefits:

Enables you to develop custom reports in many different formats

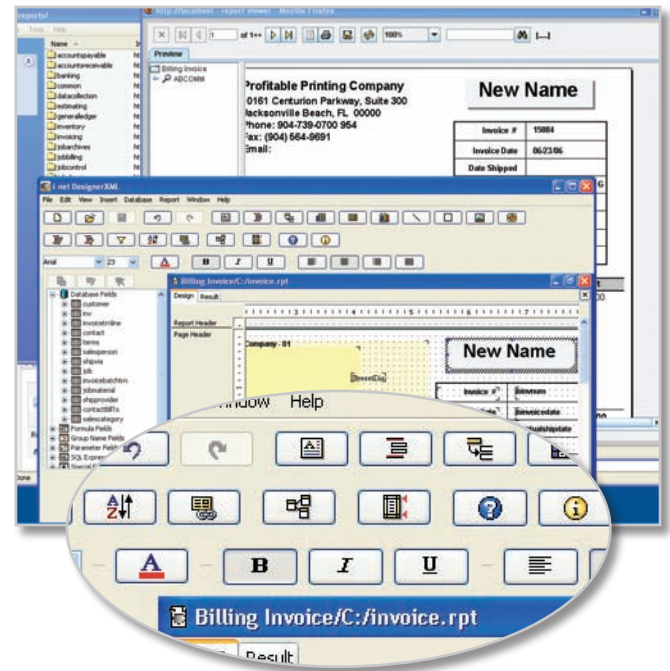
You use the same reporting tool, Crystal Clear, for all system reports, which enables you to develop custom reports in many different formats. This custom report writer is available to every user. A user with proper permission settings can create, test and add all reports to the ePace framework.

Includes a SQL database and is ODBC compliant

ePace includes a SQL database and is ODBC (Open Database Connectivity) compliant, which gives you complete access to your shop data via the Custom Reports module. You can also use Microsoft® Excel, Access, or other off-the-shelf solutions to access your data.

Pace provides a data dictionary with “common sense” names for use with the report writer

ePace uses complete and open data dictionaries with “common sense” file structures and layouts, and provides an easy-to-use structure for manipulation and analysis. ePace also includes stored procedures, triggers and functions that are easy to understand and use effectively.



The Custom Report Designer, Folder Listing, and Report Viewer Screens

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Offers both absolute and conditional formatting

With absolute formatting, you can put text, titles, charts, maps, columns of figures, cross-tabs and graphical images virtually anywhere on the screen. You can use pre-printed forms and optimize the report for printing or screen display. Conditional formatting takes you one step further by giving you the power to change the format of the data based on the content of the data itself. With conditional formatting, you can include a formula so that every time the data in a report changes, the appearance of the report changes too. A formula can make computations or otherwise manipulate the data before the system displays the result. You can use formulas to select specific records or groups of records to appear, and you can declare and use variables in formulas that make the formulas even more useful. All of the common flow-of-control structures and mathematical formulas are always available and easy to use. Once you create a formula that you might want to reuse, you can save it as a custom function or add it to your library for future use.

Tight integration with the ePace system

The report writer and ePace are tightly integrated and work together to support report creation, modification, distribution and viewing. This enables you to build any reports necessary to operate your business or to change existing reports for better functionality in your shop.

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Provides easy, customizable formatting and enables you to reuse components or entire reports

The primary job of a report writer is to transfer data from the database into a pleasing, logical and understandable report format. With the Custom Report Writer module, even inexperienced users can create ePace reports in the format they desire. Data explorer and report experts provide highly intuitive visual tools that step you through the process of creating a report or modifying an existing report. The report templates enable you to reuse components or entire reports to share knowledge and build upon the foundation throughout the entire organization. Instead of creating a report component or report from scratch, you can make minor modifications to one of the report templates to meet your business requirements exactly.