



Benefits

- Empowers effective decision making by delivering information in various formats to address all reporting needs, from simple to advanced
- Marries the intuitive ease of Windows-based technology for report design with the power of the iSeries for extracting, processing and formatting data
- Reduces the initial cost of development and ongoing maintenance of reports
- Alleviates report backlogs
- Overcomes technical complexity of accessing and manipulating data
- Facilitates monitoring of customer, vendor and inventory trends to sharpen audit controls
- Enables performance comparisons between plants, warehouses and territories
- Enables spotlight on exceptions: variances, high value customers, low turnover inventory items
- Allows multiple outputs, such as HTML, XML, or PDF, for delivery via Web, Intranet, or email

Generate sophisticated, responsive reporting

Info WorkPlace

Info WorkPlace, with its Jacana and Valet components, simplifies report production tasks and alleviates the difficulties encountered in accessing, retrieving, processing and transforming raw MAPICS and non-MAPICS application data into information.

The Challenge

Understanding the technical intricacies of where data resides and correctly associating the files involved is challenging enough for business users. Add presentation considerations, such as selection, sequencing, conditioning, calculations, as well as "look and feel," and reporting can seem overwhelming.

In addition, IT department priorities focus on containing the impact of end-user reporting on the operational use of the iSeries, including protecting access to sensitive data, minimizing technical assistance required in end-user reporting activity, making data access intelligible to business users, and optimizing the processing of large data volumes.

The MAPICS Solution

Info WorkPlace addresses these issues and offers an optimum report development environment that meets the needs of both IT professional and non-technical business users. Info WorkPlace is delivered with data mapping for key business areas to ensure that both end user and IT report designers can obtain critical information without understanding the database, file structure or programming. Info WorkPlace will dramatically reduce the time it takes your business users to create the reports and access the information they need. It's simple to add modifications to accommodate variations for individual user or customer preferences. From a list of authorized data elements, users leverage easy-to-use, Windows-based technology to specify the report criteria they desire without knowing the technical details of their ERP application.

Features

Report designer	Ease report production with intuitive report design for detailed, summary, matrix reporting that can be output as print, for PC applications or iSeries files (for further processing)
MAPICS-ready data subsets	Enable access to critical information without understanding database or file structure through business area data mapping available over Item Planning, Engineering, Customers Orders, Shipped Orders, Inventory Transaction History and Financials (both IFM and AM)
Jacana assistants	Simplify the entire range of reporting—from simple to advanced—with intuitive Report Wizards, Specification Builder and Data Crafter
Extensive data selection	Use up to 20 fields and up to 100 conditions/values per field, including calculated fields, fields not included in output, complex IF, AND, OR statements and various comparison types: EQ, NE, GT, LT, GE, CT, LIST, RANGE, START
Advanced Totaling Features	Accommodate look-ahead percentage calculations against any total, output of totals before the detail records involved, and page by page totaling
True matrix reports	Create matrix reports to present like-data across different columns
Audit	Enable automatic documenting of report definitions, monitoring of report runs and review of usage statistics with housekeeping reporting features
Compiled objects	Eliminate reliance on SQL or ODBC by creating compiled RPG objects
Multiple output formats	Provide multiple output formats, including output to PC applications, in XML, HTML or PDF
VALET client/server	Automate and run IWP reports from your Microsoft Windows desktop environment

Requirements

MAPICS ERP for iSeries: R3 and above

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