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DATASHEET (IBM i Report Management)

Robot Reports

Your Solution for Organizing IBM i Spooled Files

Managing report output can be one of the most costly and labor-intensive areas of your IBM i operations. Robot Reports provides an easy report viewing experience with robust capabilities so you can take on all your report management tasks with confidence—reducing costs, headaches, and resources every day.

Go ahead, manage reports from your workstation, tablet, laptop, or anywhere you can get a web browser. With the functionality of a spreadsheet, you can freeze page headings, highlight report information in color, and even reformat reports and restrict access as needed.

Ample Automation and Distribution Options

From bursting reports to segmenting and restricting, Robot Reports gives you plenty of time-saving options. If you've ever had difficulty sorting, delivering, or losing reports, Robot Reports is perfect for you because it automatically bundles all reports (including segments) into a recipient packet and generates a packet cover sheet with an index.

With Robot Reports, you have the freedom to burst and segment reports as needed, vary the format (HTML, PDF, CSV, etc.), and send just the crucial information to whoever needs it most. That means happy end users across your organization!

Easy to Search, Access, and Customize

Paper costs are more than meets the eye: supplies and maintenance, floor space, cabinets for storage, and recycling disposal. Combine that with the human labor of operators to sort, collate, deliver, and often rerun reports—it all adds up.

Robot Reports lets you browse reports with ease from anywhere via a web browser. You can build indexes over dates, invoice numbers, or geographic locations

PRODUCT SUMMARY

KEY FEATURES

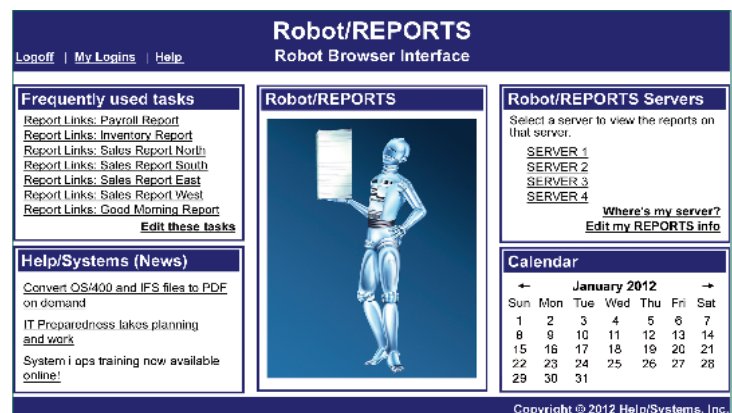
- Automate report distribution
- Organize spooled files for end users
- Archive reports on and off the system
- Secure data by allowing access only to select users
- Present reports on a browser-based interface
- Download report data to spreadsheets
- Convert spooled files to HTML, PDF, CSV, etc.

INTEGRATIONS

- Schedule report jobs with Robot Schedule
- Email reports to any PC or person with Robot Alert

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

IBM i 7.1 or higher



The screenshot shows the 'Robot/REPORTS Robot Browser Interface'. At the top, there are links for 'Logoff', 'My Logins', and 'Help'. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Frequently used tasks:** Lists links for 'Payroll Report', 'Inventory Report', 'Sales Report North', 'Sales Report South', 'Sales Report East', 'Sales Report West', and 'Good Morning Report'. There is an 'Edit these tasks' link below.
- Help/Systems (News):** Contains news items such as 'Convert OS/400 and IFS files to PDF on demand', 'IT Preparedness takes planning and work', and 'System i ops training now available online!'.
- Robot/REPORTS:** A central image of a blue robot holding a document.
- Robot/REPORTS Servers:** A section for selecting a server to view reports, listing 'SERVER 1', 'SERVER 2', 'SERVER 3', and 'SERVER 4'. It includes a 'Where's my server?' link and an 'Edit my REPORTS info' link.
- Calendar:** A calendar for January 2012, showing days from Sunday to Saturday.

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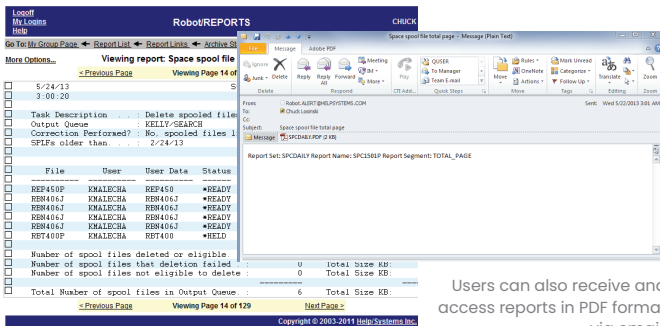
End users can access IBM i reports via any web browser.

to customize searches for end users. You can even reformat the views and create relevant rules to analyze and evaluate the information as you see fit.

All Sorts of Output Options

Robot Reports keeps reports organized, makes reruns a snap, and eliminates user bursting and sorting duties. Automation drives efficiency, so you can reallocate your time and resources to more valuable projects.

Print, bundle, archive, specify per recipient, distribute online, send report notifications, attach reports via email, text, or cell phone—it's all in your control.



Users can also receive and access reports in PDF format via email.

The Robot Reports interface lets users drill down into details.

Archive Smarter, Your Way

Today's compliance and regulatory issues demand that you properly archive. Robot Reports offers both short-term and long-term storage needs that make it easier to access, track, and recall your reports—which in turn makes internal IT and regulatory auditors happy.

Have a different archive strategy for each report? No problem. Just tell Robot Reports how many days you want the report to be in each archive stage. Plus, you can store reports online, on a drive or tape, and use the Archive History to monitor the status.

Bring Order to Complex Report Processing

To help automate the operation of your IBM i, Fortra originated a macro language: OPERator Assistance Language (OPAL). Because OPAL procedures are easy to write, most report processing procedures take only a few lines of code. No matter what type of report processing you need to perform—from simple to sophisticated—OPAL provides the solutions.

Logic Operand	Variable	Operation	Operation Value
IF	DAY	EQ	2
OR	DAY	EQ	3
OR	DAY	EQ	4

8:03 p.m.

If it is Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, and...

Logic Operand	Variable	Operation	Operation Value
AND	SYSTIME	GT	2000
END		ADMIN	30

12:03 a.m.

it is later than 8:00 p.m., check every 30 minutes and hold job until after midnight.

OPAL can read a report line by line and react to the information in it, execute programs and commands, and more.

Let's Get Started

Seeing Robot Reports in action will help you determine how report management can save you time and money. Call 800-328-1000 or email info@eniac-corp.com to arrange your demo.



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