

CRYSTAL REPORTS® 9.0 PROFESSIONAL

B E N E F I T S

Transform your Microsoft Business Solutions–Great Plains data into presentation-quality information so you can make better business decisions, with compelling views of business data created easier and faster than ever before.

Create

presentation-quality reports with interactive options, including zooming, exporting and searching on report data.



Store

key report objects in a central library for updating, sharing, and reuse across multiple reports.

Design reports quickly and easily

Save time and effort designing any report you need with customizable templates, reusable objects, Wizards, and a drag-and-drop interface.

Create the right report

Maintain tight control over report logic, formatting, and data selection with powerful formula language and user-defined functions.

Build compelling data views

Tailor the look of your report by adding logos, pictures, shapes, and colors and using customizable templates and more than 100 other formatting options.

Maintain a seamless flow of data

Import your data from multiple data sources, transform it with powerful, easy-to-use tools, and then publish reports to nearly all standard formats, including XML, PDF, ODBC, and many others.

Share information

Enhance your productivity with the information you need, using a wealth of features that turn reports into interactive Web documents and allow colleagues to analyze the same data in different ways.

Integrate smoothly

Integrate Crystal Reports seamlessly with Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word, and other Microsoft Office applications. Reuse reports to even greater effect with improved export options, and migrate existing reports easily with side-by-side installation.



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Multiple Data Sources	Retrieve base data from Great Plains and other Microsoft Business Solutions data sources, including Microsoft Access, Microsoft Excel, XML, OLAP, and relational databases, before incorporating it into customized reports.
Intuitive Report Design	Use the intuitive user interface and report creation wizards, as well as drag-and-drop operations, to create customized reports—including Gantt charts, cross-tab reports, drill-downs, summaries, new Gauge charts, and others.
Customizable Templates	Create and apply a consistent look and feel across multiple reports by using the standardized formatting and logic of custom templates.
Support for Microsoft Office XP Smart Tags	Insert key report objects – including charts and tables – into Microsoft Outlook, Word, or Excel documents, and share, view, and refresh objects from within the document itself.
Interactive Information	Turn reports and data into interactive Web pages that connect to related information, with charting, mapping, grouping, sorting, drill-down, and parameter prompts.
Formula Workshop	Create and maintain custom formulas and functions using the new Formula Workshop with a new Wizard, enhanced error tracking, auto-complete functionality, and a string limit of up to 64,000 characters.
Reusable Report Objects	Store key report objects—including text objects, images, and custom functions—in Crystal Report's central library for updating, sharing, and reuse across multiple reports.
Multiple Export Formats	Export data or publish formatted reports with images to Excel or other formats, including XML, PDF, HTML, CSV, ODBC, or record-style formats.
Support for Vector-Based Images	Zoom in on charts, maps, and other images without affecting image quality.
Report Explorer	Easily navigate to different parts of your reports in design view using the new Report Explorer, and tailor your design environment using floatable Explorer windows.
Multiple Instances	Install and use Crystal Reports 9.0 on the same workstation as previous versions of Crystal Reports, for easier migration of existing reports.