

Report2Web Burster

Making web-based report distribution a reality.

What is Report2Web Burster?

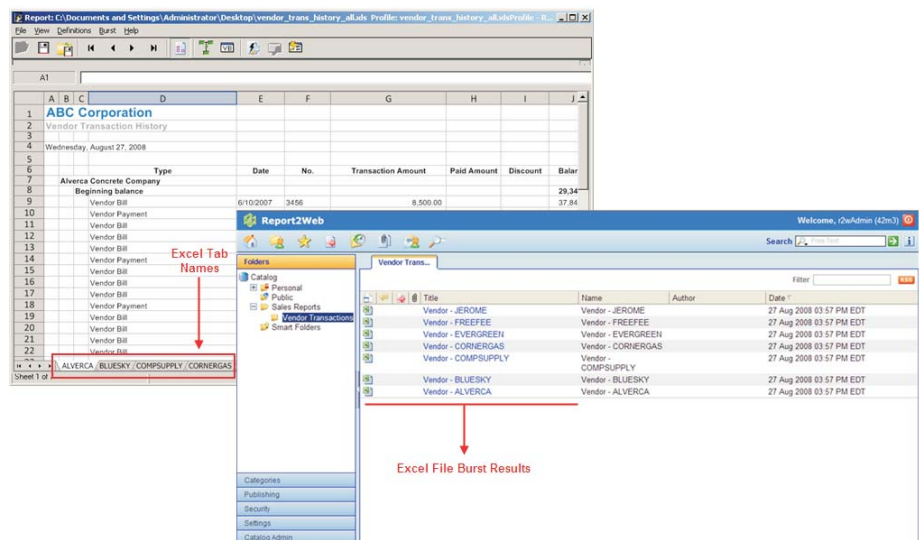
Report2Web Burster offers extremely powerful and highly flexible technology that intelligently analyzes application-generated output and constructs new reports and files. In many organizations, large reports detailing all business unit activity must be split into separate reports, with each report containing a certain type of business data. Report2Web Burster handles this task with ease, automatically splitting reports into smaller reports based on their content. Through the splitting of large reports, Report2Web Burster creates personalized documents that feature context sensitive hyperlinks, highlighting of significant field values, helpful annotations and even allows for the redaction of highly sensitive data prior to publication. In addition, report content can be converted into Excel spreadsheet format as well as XML documents.

Report2Web Burster provides the following benefits:

- Automatic bursting of text, PDF and Excel reports for delivery to individual recipients
- Immediate access to related business information via intelligent hyperlinks
- Greater precision when extracting legacy data for spreadsheet processing
- Leverages strategic IT investment in new business scenarios with XML conversion
- Significant cost reductions in manual decollation and distribution of reports

How does it work?

Report2Web Burster processes output in a range of formats received from a wide variety of applications, including ASCII print files, mainframe-generated reports, PDF documents and Microsoft Excel spreadsheets. Upon receipt of each new report, Report2Web Burster locates the corresponding bursting profile to determine which set of rules to apply in processing the report. Using these rules, Report2Web Burster then analyzes the content of each report to establish exactly where to apply the bursting conditions. Personalized documents are then published to Report2Web. As well as splitting reports based on content, Report2Web Burster can disassemble elements of the report for advanced Excel and XML conversion. The appearance of report content can be dynamically formatted, enabling key fields to be highlighted or even redacted from the document. Logically related information can be associated through hyperlinks with Report2Web Burster.



Powerful and intuitive administrative tools are supplied with Report2Web Burster, making it easy to create and maintain bursting profiles. The ability to draw over text blocks and mark significant report content, combined with intuitive Windows dialogue boxes, simplifies the definition of bursting rules. Step-through tutorials are always on hand to assist new users. Report2Web Burster runs in a client mode, enabling stand-alone testing of new bursting rules, as well as a production server mode, where new reports are automatically processed as soon as they are received.

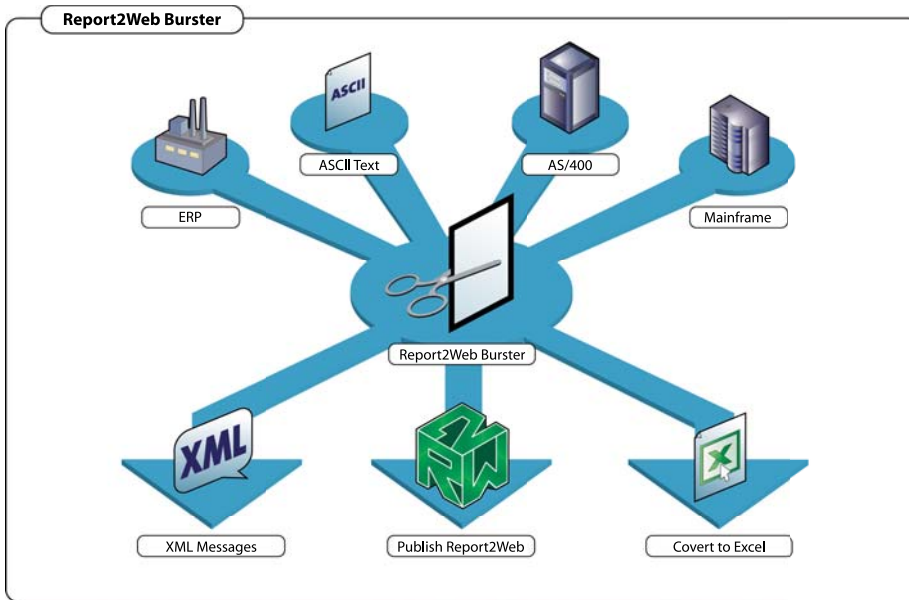
Automatic report splitting

Large-scale reports, which would otherwise require manual decollation are automatically split and routed to secure folders on the Report2Web server. Report2Web Burster is designed to handle the high volume output files typically produced by mainframe, ERP applications and other core systems within an enterprise. The power and flexibility of the bursting rules ensure that the most complex demands are met with minimum implementation effort. Output files are created with meaningful names derived from values within a report, resulting in a more intuitive end user experience.



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Report2Web Burster is especially valuable when specific users only need to see a few pages within a large report.

Report2Web Bundler

Through the automatic splitting of large print files, Report2Web Burster generates multiple reports to meet individual requirements. Report2Web Bundler complements Report2Web Burster, automatically combining disparate reports into report bundles to meet specific user needs. Report2Web Burster can write files directly to Report2Web Bundler for processing. Report2Web Burster can also pass out bundle recipient details, enabling it to dynamically define bundle recipients, based on report content. Report2Web Bundler automatically indexes each bundle making it easier for end-users to locate the information needed to do their jobs.

Dynamic document formatting

End-users become more productive and effective when browsing reports that have been enriched with mark-ups. Context sensitive hyperlinks inserted into existing documents help end-user navigation of related information, while report annotation with key values, highlighted with colors and fonts, helps to draw end-user attention to important

details. With no need to make any changes to existing applications, Report2Web Burster enhances the usability of reports.

Advanced Excel conversion

Information contained in text and PDF reports is automatically transformed into Excel workbooks with Report2Web Burster. Errors that can occur when manually transferring key business information from a legacy report into a spreadsheet application are eliminated. Text reports with fixed columns can be mapped for Excel conversion. Additionally, with Report2Web Burster it is possible to decompose a report into identifiable elements, apply cell attributes to the selected pieces of information and create a workbook, optionally utilizing existing Excel templates. Automatic Excel conversion means that costly mistakes are avoided and businesses becomes more efficient.

Support for Excel file bursting

In addition to converting text-based reports into Excel formats, the Report2Web

Burster can also accept incoming Excel files generated from your production applications and burst them into multiple files based upon content identified within the report. For example, an Excel file that is generated with multiple tabs (one per cost center) can be automatically split apart, classified, distributed and secured based on Excel spreadsheet values. Taking this approach to Excel report distribution significantly reduces the overhead traditionally associated with the generation of hundreds of small Excel files on the part of the authoring application.

XML support

Information extracted from text and PDF reports can be converted in to well-formed XML documents for publishing via Report2Web or processing by external business applications. Multiple XML output files can be burst from a single source report. The output created by strategic legacy applications to engage in new business scenarios with Report2Web Burster.

Intuitive administration tools

Report2Web Burster includes a highly intuitive interface to support the Report2Web administrator in maintaining profile definitions. Wizards assist in the creation of new burst rules while 'try-it' and debug options are available, ensuring that rules are tested before being applied into a production environment. Helpful tutorials eliminate the need for formalized training.

