

Metagon Reporting Product Brief



The control of high-end enterprise reporting suites with the low cost and ease of use of spreadsheets

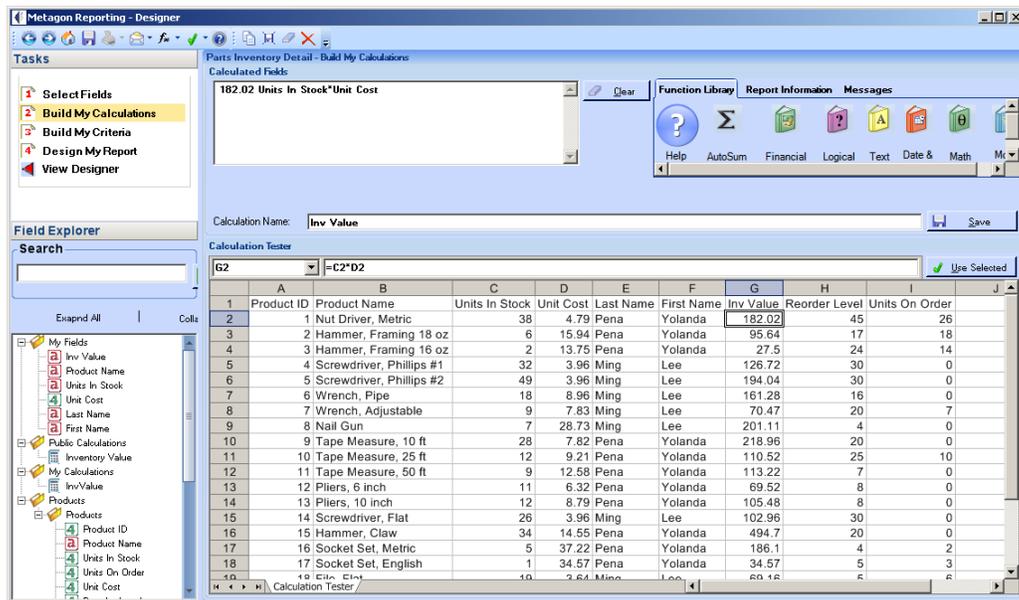
Usable and Affordable By All End Users

Metagon Reporting is designed for business end-users as opposed to IT professionals, since approximately 98% of reporting tool users are business users. Anyone familiar with the MS Office user interface can drag and drop reporting fields as needed, create templates, and schedule regular recurring reports. In addition to standard tabular reports, alerts and charts are available that highlight conditions requiring immediate attention.

Metagon Reporting consists of two user modules, the *Metagon Reporting Designer* and *Metagon Reporting Portal*. Most designers learn to use the Designer in less than two hours; Portal users are up and running in a half hour or less.

Metagon Reporting Designer: Drag-and-Drop Creation of New Reports

- Catalogs of report templates in a variety of formats as a quick-start for designers
- MS Office-type interface, using click-and-drag and right-click
- Extensive tabular, cross-tab, chart, and alert report formats available
- An Excel-like spreadsheet area to perform calculations and apply criteria to manipulate data
- A public area to share sophisticated calculations or selection criteria, ensuring consistency
- A Scheduler allowing reports to run automatically and be distributed in formats such as Excel, Word, HTML, PDF or Extract file
- Formatting tools for the page and report headers and footers



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1	Product ID	Product Name	Units In Stock	Unit Cost	Last Name	First Name	Inv Value	Reorder Level	Units On Order	
2	1	Nut Driver, Metric	38	4.79	Pena	Yolanda	182.02	45	26	
3	2	Hammer, Framing 18 oz	6	15.94	Pena	Yolanda	95.64	17	18	
4	3	Hammer, Framing 16 oz	2	13.75	Pena	Yolanda	27.5	24	14	
5	4	Screwdriver, Phillips #1	32	3.96	Ming	Lee	126.72	30	0	
6	5	Screwdriver, Phillips #2	49	3.96	Ming	Lee	194.04	30	0	
7	6	Wrench, Pipe	18	8.96	Ming	Lee	161.28	16	0	
8	7	Wrench, Adjustable	9	7.83	Ming	Lee	70.47	20	7	
9	8	Nail Gun	7	28.73	Ming	Lee	201.11	4	0	
10	9	Tape Measure, 10 ft	28	7.82	Pena	Yolanda	218.96	20	0	
11	10	Tape Measure, 25 ft	12	9.21	Pena	Yolanda	110.52	25	10	
12	11	Tape Measure, 50 ft	9	12.58	Pena	Yolanda	113.22	7	0	
13	12	Pliers, 6 inch	11	6.32	Pena	Yolanda	69.52	8	0	
14	13	Pliers, 10 inch	12	8.79	Pena	Yolanda	105.48	8	0	
15	14	Screwdriver, Flat	26	3.96	Ming	Lee	102.96	30	0	
16	15	Hammer, Claw	34	14.55	Pena	Yolanda	494.7	20	0	
17	16	Socket Set, Metric	5	37.22	Pena	Yolanda	186.1	4	2	
18	17	Socket Set, English	1	34.57	Pena	Yolanda	34.57	5	3	
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Excel-like "sandbox" for creating and testing calculations and selection criteria

Metagon Reporting Portal: One-Click Running of Predefined but Customizable Reports

- Catalogs of existing reports
- A Subscription and Recent Reports listing of frequently used reports for faster access
- One-click ability to change sort order, re-arrange report columns
- Ability to specify selection criteria at the time a report is run
- A Scheduler allowing report designers or viewers to automatically run and send reports in multiple formats such as Excel, Word, HTML, PDF or Extract file, which behaves similarly to MS Outlook.
- Ability to print reports or save them in a variety of formats

Technical Considerations

Metagon Reporting is a Windows-based reporting platform that is data source agnostic. It was built utilizing the .NET framework 2.0, SQL Server 2005, and Smart Client technologies. This includes extensive usage of the Model Visual Presenter, Model Visual Components and patterns. Deployment typically takes less than one day.

For very small implementations, Metagon Reporting can be run on a single .NET version 2.0 compliant workstation, with server components installed with the user modules. However, for wider use in the organization we recommend installing the server components onto larger servers to optimize performance.

Installation to User Workstations

Metagon Reporting is deployed using ClickOnce™ technology from Microsoft's 2.0 .Net Framework. The application is deployed to the user's workstation through a network link. Every time the user runs the application, the software checks to see if a new version is available; if so, the new software is downloaded in seconds, and the update is complete.

Supported Data Sources

Metagon Reporting can access data from most data sources in use today. These include:

- SQL Server
- Oracle
- MySQL
- Sybase
- Informix
- Ingres
- Progress
- IBM DB2
- AS/400
- Active Directory
- Excel
- MS Access
- MS Project
- MS Exchange
- Any database with an ODBC or JDBC driver

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