

# Highlights



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- **Report container** allows any sequence of tables, charts and crosstabs
- **Crosstabs** open up new ranges of application
- **Digital signatures** provide security
- Fixed barcode line width improves readability
- New icon style freshens up the Designer
- **Polished interface** optimizes working with the Designer
- HTML export produces results more true to the original
- Revamped label formats speed up project creation
- Color gradients improve the look of objects

#### Development

- Saves effort localizing projects
- Java support creates a new area of application
- Enhanced OCX control supports VB developers
- 20 new examples ease the learning curve
- Generic lists as data sources allow you to work with object structures
- Intelligent word-wrap makes the output look better

#### Dates

- Release: around October 2006
- Trust upgrade: order before Oct 9, 2006 and save 20% of the upgrade price
- Prices and ordering: www.combit.net

# List & Label 12 - Ready for Take-off

Just like its predecessors, List & Label 12 gives you and your customers real value for money. Take off with report containers, crosstabs, digital signatures, Java support and much, much more. There is something new for everyone. The Designer itself looks refreshed with its new icon design, so that making projects has become even more fun. You will notice that the interface is much more polished in many places and you will save plenty more time now, not least because we were able to accelerate the print engine by 20%. Thank you very much for your feedback through questionnaires, support and training. With it, this will be the best List & Label to date! :-)

#### Report Container and Report Structure

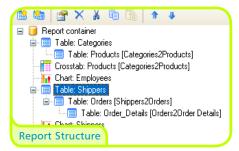
In version 11, we first introduced the multi table object. Now we have enhanced it so that you can insert crosstabs and chart objects into the structure as well as just tables. You will love this for the simplicity it brings and because it saves the necessity for individual control. It was a true pleasure getting rid of those 25 pages in the programmer's manual! Subobjects now appear to your code as normal tables. If you have code for version 11 with which you control multi-tables, or you are using one of our databinding components, you can now automatically have crosstabs and charts before, or after tables.

It gets better! Charts in table columns were, until now, only something for specialists. Now, you have easy access to this function. You only have to set where the data comes from, and the rest is done by List & Label 12. With a good piece of multi-table code or the List & Label databinding you can control any sequence of: tables and sub-tables; tables, charts and crosstabs; charts in table columns.

The Table Structure window from version 11 has now been promoted to *Report Structure* because of its new abilities. Similarly, Table Object has become the *Report Container*. With these, you can build up even complex reports without breaking a sweat!

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## □■ Crosstabs

A crosstab combines data in several dimensions. It can answer nice questions like "How is the product turnover distributed over the years, and how is it distributed between the employees?" This is possible for the first time with List & Label 12!

The properties of your List & Label crosstab are set up in 3 steps. In step 1, you decide which categories are to be combined. In step 2, you can edit the contents and format of each individual cell. Finally, in step 3 you can set properties such as the background and pagebreak behaviour of the whole crosstab. In the crosstab result on the left, you can see that you can build up even more complex structures by adding a second layer, such as "Quarter". For convenient calculations in crosstabs, we have added a series of new functions to List & Label.

Your design requests, such as zebra stripes and a rainbow background, have been fulfilled. Your imagination is now set practically no bounds. At your command, the new color gradients (see page 3) can be applied to their full extent.

## **D** Digitally Signing Documents

The use of digital signatures is probably a real hot topic for you and your customers these days. So that you can offer a solution to them, we have got together with both leading producers secrypt and e•sequia/SignCubes and now support their signatures straight out of the box. Requirement for this is, of course, that the customer's computer has either digiSeal® office of secrypt GmbH or the OPENLIMIT® SignCubes software with licence keys of e•sequia holding AG.

Generally, you can sign multi-TIFFs, text files and PDFs. For this you will find a new tick box in the export dialog. Tick it, and after the export the signing process will start. Depending on the signature type, you will receive one or several files. The signature format can be changed by API.

The signed document may consist of two files, e.g. "invoice.tif" (the resultant file unchanged as a TIF) and "invoice. tif.p7s" (the corresponding signature): The receiver can always check whether "invoice.tif" has been altered since the signature. For this, secrypt and e•sequia provide free products.



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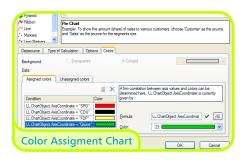
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# Localizing Projects

With this new function, we were able to realise an extremely popular request, and hope that one or two people will be pleased :-). Projects are designed first in one language and then greet every user in their local language. To do this, you provide a dictionary for every language by API. The translation can be handled even more elegantly if you interconnect dictionaries or word tables that you already have in use. Loads of time can be saved like this.

The use of the localization features is most comfortable in the components, but of course you will also save plenty of time if you use the DLL functions.

# □■ Barcode Bar Width

Another customer request we are pleased to fulfill: in barcode objects, you can now set a fixed bar width. With this, you will always end up with a consistent barcode, regardless of the length of the content.

Just as highly desired was the adjustability of the bar ratio, now available for the code types that were designed for variable ratios, such as Code39 and the 2of5 family.

#### ○ New Barcode

As usual, there is a new barcode type in this version. Once again, all popular types are provided for. The new one is called SSCC (Serial Shipping Container Code), which has been rising in importance in the logistics industry.

## **Color Gradients**

For background colors, rectangle fills and other areas that you could fill with solid color, you can now choose color gradients, and with them, create nice color shading. This puts loads of attractive effects at your fingertips. Share your colourful personality!

#### Color Assignment in Chart Objects

And while we're on the subject of colors: in the chart object, you can now assign colors to particular values - just think of election night. Your customers will be delighted to be able to use fixed product colors in their reports.

#### Optimized HTML Page Breaks

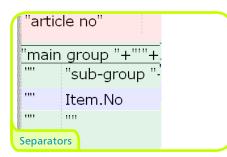
Until now, HTML object breaks were always carried out on the image plane. This meant if you were unlucky the page break would cut straight through a line of text. Now you will always receive a tidy result, because the object first analyzes the data and tries not to cut up any text.

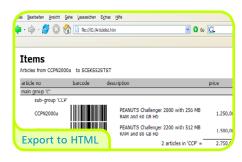


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#### Polish and Shine in the Designer

We have made changes to the Designer in lots of places, in order to make working with it faster and more pleasant for you and your customers. For this, we have taken many customer suggestions from questionnaires, training and support to heart. We will only mention a few here, and will let you be surprised by the rest.

All icons have been spiced up. The workspace in the Designer looks fresh and making projects will be even more fun than before.

New zoom buttons in the toolbar let you change the zoom level in the workspace, saving you from switching to a menu or the keyboard.

**Better-looking project sketches** in the file open dialog, through improved antialiasing and true colors.

The property list saves its settings for every object type. This means the appropriate sub-properties will remain open or closed. Especially when working with more complex projects with lots of objects that you want to make similar changes to, you will find this extremely helpful. If you want to have a quick look at one object while working on another, you can now switch back and forth easily.

Special characters in RTF text can now be easily inserted: page breaks, optional hyphens and non-breakable spaces.

Separators between table columns can be moved more easily. The resulting "invisible" separators when you had switched off the frame in a table row used to be difficult to move. In these cases, subtle dashed lines are now shown and are easy to grab (in the layout and layout/preview modes).

#### This and that

- Lots of new functions, including those for calculations in crosstabs.
- New item "Delete" in the context menu for help lines.
- Project > Settings has been removed

   the properties window is now decorated with project parameters when no objects are selected.
- Double-clicking a picture now opens a file selection dialog.
- In the selection dialog for a new table row definition, you can now also jump straight to the field selection assistant
- Code 39 no longer needs to be framed with asterisks.
- Table columns and text object paragraphs now have appearance conditions.

#### □■ Export Improvements

**HTML export** now uses cascading style sheet (CSS) tags for table frames and achieves significantly better results, especially when you are using individual frame formats.

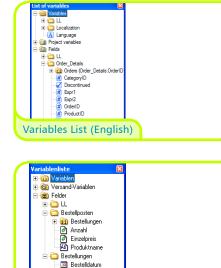
**Export to Excel** is now capable of making one worksheet per page and naming them throughout, e.g. "Article list P. 1/2/3/...".

**Pure data export** can now produce Unicode files, provided all Unicode characters come from the same code page range, e.g. only Japanese or only Chinese etc.

**Multi TIFF, PDF and TXT** support digital signatures, see page 2.

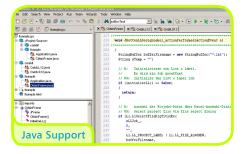
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#### ○● VCL, .NET and **OCX** Components

With dictionaries in the components, we have made it very easy for you to localize List & Label projects (also see page 2). For example, there is a new structure "ListLabelDictionary" for .NET, with which all displayed field and variable names can be localized. With exactly the same project file, you would see "ProductName" in the US and "Produktname" in Germany. This still works if the project is OB More changed, saved and sent to Brazil – only language-independent abbreviations or, for instance, the English names are saved in the project. The display in the Designer then changes depending on the language. This works in the same way with VCL and OCX.

#### **.NET: New databinding options**

Since Visual Studio 2005, .NET supports type safe generic lists. This means you can create lists of objects by coding, for example:

myList = new List<Person>;

in which "Person" can be any desired class. You can now bind such lists to List & Label simply by writing

LL.DataSource = myList;

Database-independent reporting made simple! The trick, however, is that it also works on multiple levels, i.e. "Person" can itself contain a list of other classes. In the Designer you can find the data in this list as a sub-relation.

OCX: You can now insert your custom designer objects and functions when using Visual Basic. The user will not be able to tell your custom extensions from the built in ones.

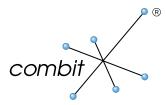
#### □ JAVA Support

"At last!" we hear you cry! A JNI (Java Native Interface) wrapper DLL makes all of our DLL functions available in JAVA. An example demonstrates the printing of labels and lists with JBuilder and Eclipse. Please note: the computer on which the reporting is running must be a Windows system, despite coding with JAVA.

Over 100 programming examples are included in the List & Label 12 package, including support for nearly 20 different programming languages. 20 of these examples are brand-new.

We've updated the label templates, so you and your customers are completely up-to-date.

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#### Good to Know

You will be given a free download upgrade if you purchased a new license of List & Label 11 after Aug 1, 2006. For this, please register your copy of version 11 before Oct 30, 2006, ideally online.

#### Equip your team now for less

With version 12 we will be slightly increasing our prices after keeping them stable for a long time. Equip your team with List & Label 11 for the old price now and reap the benefits of a free download upgrade to version 12.

# Save money by ordering your upgrade by

**Oct 9, 2006**. We thank you for your trust advance with the trust price: You save **20%** on the regular upgrade price!

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#### **Questions**?

We are always there for you, and will gladly pass on our zeal for List & Label 12.

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# ○● Release Date

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## □■ Prices and Ordering

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