

MPress

Designing and building professional-looking reports can prove extremely challenging. For example, deploying reports depends on minimizing the use of both system and human resources. Furthermore, reports need to be flexible, as applications are always changing. And after dedicating extensive time and resources to develop these reports, there is still no guarantee of success.

The MPress Solution

MPress is an HP NonStop™ host-based report writer for HP NonStop databases, including SQL/MP, SQL/MX and Enscribe. With MPress, users can design and build sophisticated reports in minutes. Running reports becomes fast and reliable and can be done on demand. Reports can also be executed as regularly scheduled jobs using a batch processing system. MPress provides feature-rich output formatting, including multiple font styles and sizes, graphics and color.

Produce Striking Reports With the Visual Report Designer

MPress includes a visual report designer for designing reports. Database fields, labels, graphics, charts and calculated values are laid out on the page using an intuitive interface. MPress provides facilities to design reports with group headings and footers. These can include aggregate data, such as group totals and averages.

The solution also provides facilities for constructing page-based reports, like form letters. It includes a print preview function, and can be used to print reports to any Microsoft® Windows®-enabled printer. Various font styles, sizes and colors can also be used to make reports stand out. MPress also provides comprehensive online help.

Run Default Parameters and Defines

MPress allows users to develop reports with default parameters and defines that are overridden as necessary each time the report is run. With this functionality, users do not have to maintain multiple versions of the same report. The reporting engine also supports the use of definitions to access the database.

Use Sample Reports and Report Design Service

MPress offers sample reports for a wide variety of applications, including SQL/MP and MX catalog data, BASE24-atm® transaction logs and HP Measure data. Report design service is also available if users need assistance customizing reports.



Maximize HP LaserJet and PostScript Printers

MPress supports HP LaserJet™, PostScript and compatible printers. The report engine runs directly on the NonStop system, and can print to any network-attached printer or to the spooler. MPress also allows reports to contain Microsoft Windows bitmap and JPEG graphics, so logos and other picture data can be easily added.

Distribute Reports Using PDF Files

MPress supports Adobe® Portable Document Format (PDF) files. Reports can be created as PDF files directly on the NonStop system. The PDF files can then be distributed via e-mail or posted on the Web.

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- ▶ Allows users to run reports up to four times faster than those created using ODBC-based report writers
- ▶ Enables users to launch reports from TACL or scheduled via a batch scheduler
- ▶ Eliminates the need for middleware, such as ODBC or Java™
- ▶ Constructs complex reports quickly, with no programming required
- ▶ Allows SQL and Enscribe data in the same report
- ▶ Reduces report maintenance costs by providing increased accuracy
- ▶ Operates on Microsoft® Windows®
- ▶ Includes facilities for designing reports with group headings and footers
- ▶ Includes facilities for constructing page-based reports, such as form letters, and can incorporate aggregate data, such as group totals and averages
- ▶ Eliminates the need to move data from platform for reporting purposes
- ▶ Provides advanced formatting facilities, including multiple fonts, color, graphics, charts and watermarks
- ▶ Allows users to print to any Windows-enabled printer
- ▶ Provides comprehensive online help

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