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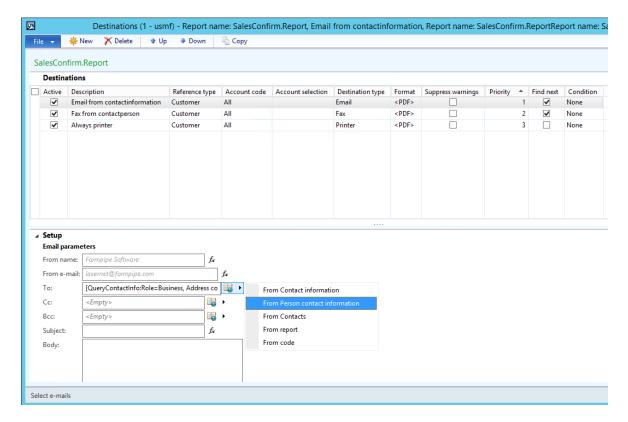
# Report overview

# Fix report

Fix report has been added to the report overview to give the option to multi select and fix several of reports in the same run.

## **Destinations**

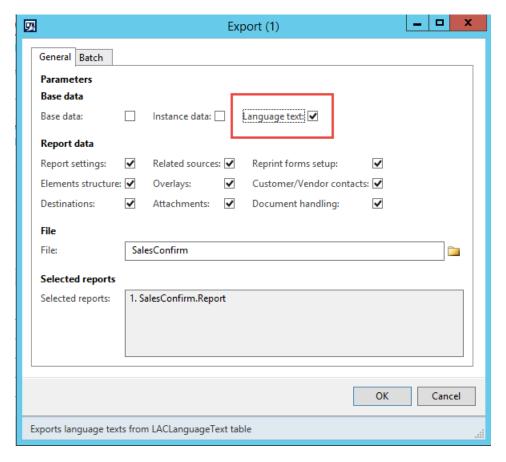
Rules for the destination can now be defined as a combination of the contact person and contact information.





# **Export**

Includes now an option to export Language text.

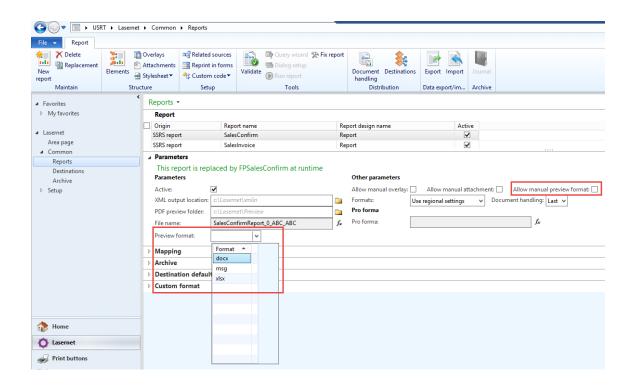


## Preview format

In previous versions of the connector, the preview format was always PDF. It is now possible to configure/type in any other formats like EXCEL (xlsx), Word (docx), Message file (.msg) as example.

It is also possible to identify if this format is allowed to be changed within the printer dialog. (The format can also be selected within the default destinations)







# Archive

# Archive parameter

Archive identifies how the archive behavior should be:

**No** No archiving

**Default** This is like the behavior in the previous versions of the Connector and if will

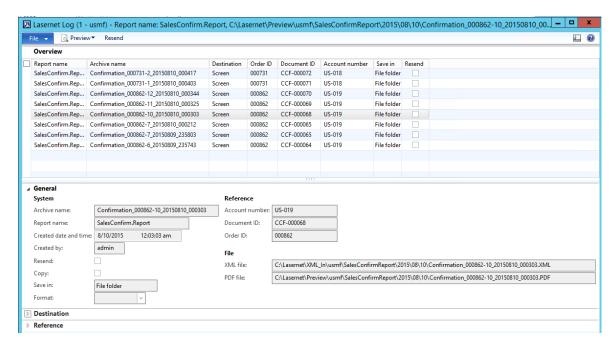
reflect what's select within the field Pro forma in the group Parameters

**Manual** The selection within the Printer-dialog defines if the PDF and/or the XML file

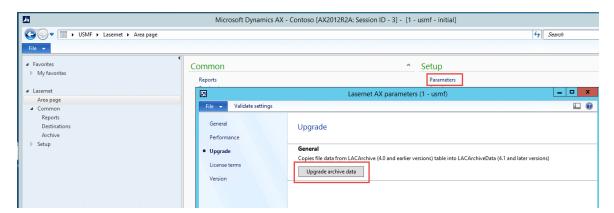
should be archived.

#### Archive structure

The table structure within Lasernet Archive is redesigned to archive better performance. This redesign requires a job to be executed to move data from the old table structure to the new table structure.



#### This job can be executed from Lasernet Parameter - Upgrade





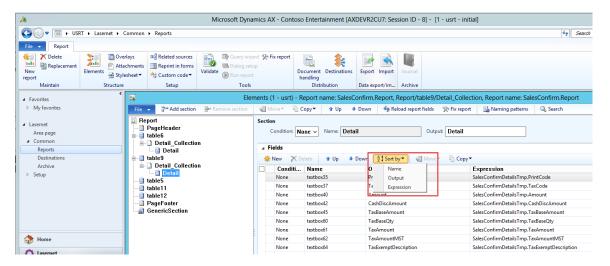
## **Elements**

# Copy

Copy can now automatically replace none-existing table/fields within the destination report.

# Range / Sorting

By using the **Sort by** feature it is possible to make an alphabetic sort based on either Name, Output or expression.



# **Datatype**

Only used Data types within the connector are now shown within the Data type. The following types has been added

Resolve label

By selecting this option it is possible to make a label-translation for a field containing a label. As example this could be a field from the table 'LogisticsAddressCountryRegionTranslation'. The fields 'LongName' and 'ShortName' in this table contains a label.

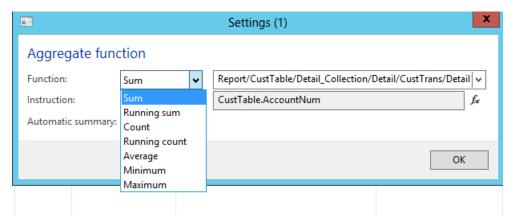
**CData** 

Is used for encoding HTML within the XML-document

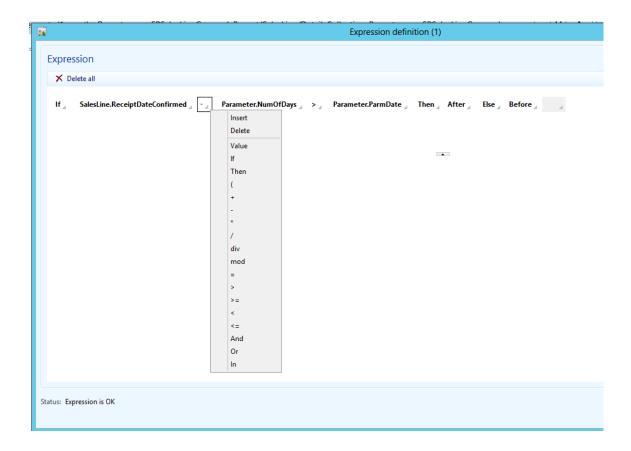


# Expression

Aggregate can be selected and used for Sum, Running Sum, Count, Running Count, Average, Minimum and Maximum. It is also possible to select the grouping for the aggregate.



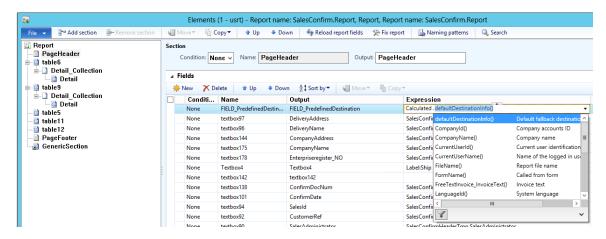
An expression within the expression can be selected to do calculation (+, -, \*, /, DIV and mod etc.) and to do flow like if, then, else, last, changed etc. Any values and fields can be used within the expression.





# **Destination** info

Information regarding the selected destination within the printer dialog can be retrieved by using Calculated.defaultDestinationInfo() within the elements.



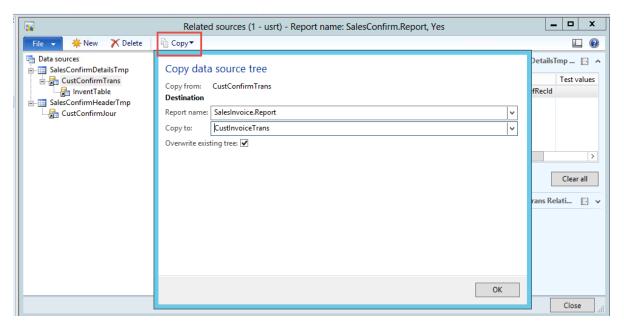
It returns information like the following:



# Related sources

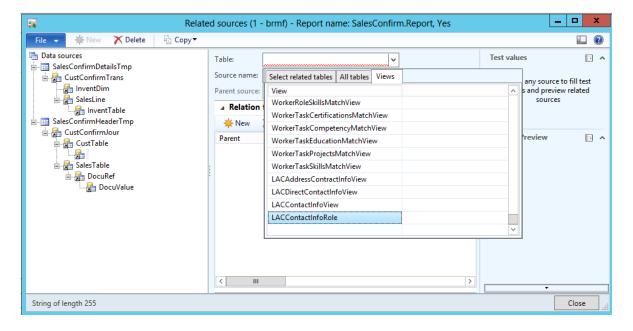
# Copy of related sources

A collection/substructure of tables can by copied to any other report with prompting for non-existing tables within the destination report. Most information would automatically been replaced when doing the copy.



# View

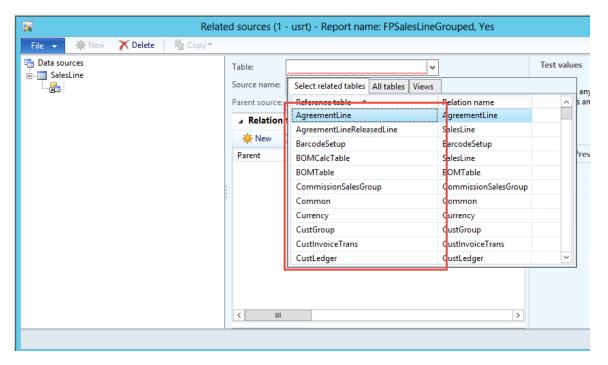
The view 'LACAddressInfoRole' has been added to make it easier to find information regarding addresses.





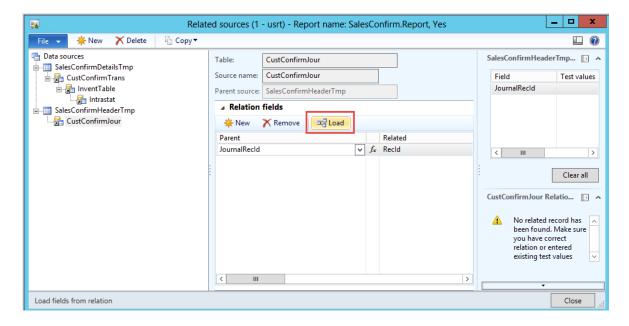
#### **Table**

Tables within the table lookup are now sorted alphabetical.



#### Load

Relation can be reloaded by using the **Load** button. This is very useful when same data sources needs to be added several times. When same data source are used several times it will complain about an already existing name which need to be changed. **Load** can then be used to reload/configure the relation.





# Dialog setup

The dialog setup has been extended and it is now possible to make a "relation" between the metadata and changes to the application.

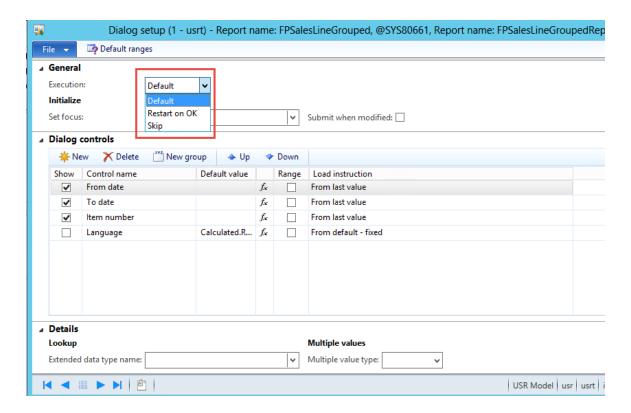
**Execution:** 

**Default** The report dialog are shown every time the report are executed

**Restart on OK** The report dialog are automatically restarted after OK are selected within the

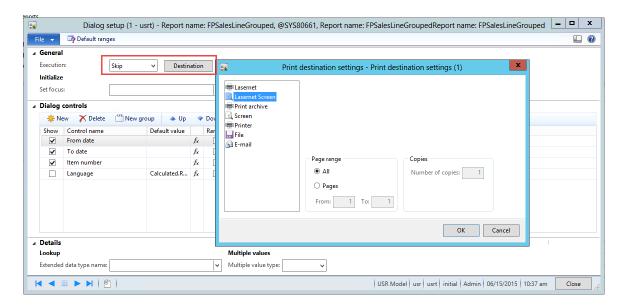
report dialog

**Skip** The report dialog are not shown

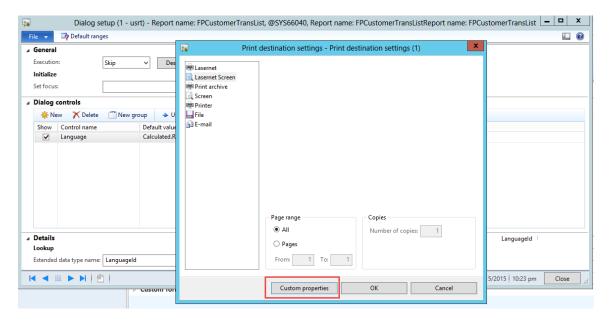


**Skip** has been introduced to give the option to run reports without showing the report dialog. When **Skip** are selected it is possible to define the printer destination for the report.





When **Skip** are selected within execution it is possible to configure any existing custom properties which will be added when the report are executed. Custom properties will only be shown if any are created within LAC2012.



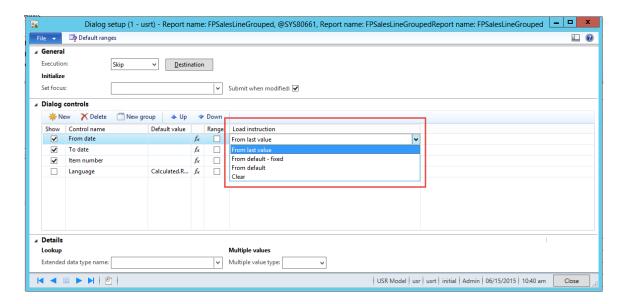
**Set focus** Identicate which field should have focus.

**Submit** When modifed will execute the report (like clicking ok) when the field gets

modified.

**Load** Instruction indicate the default value for the field when report dialog are shown:





From last values Always show the last value enter into the field

From default – fixed Will always show the value defined within Default value and it is

not possible to change the value. The field are locked.

From default First time the values are shown from the Default value, but the

value can be changed when executing the report.

Clear Empty/clear the value every time the report dialog are

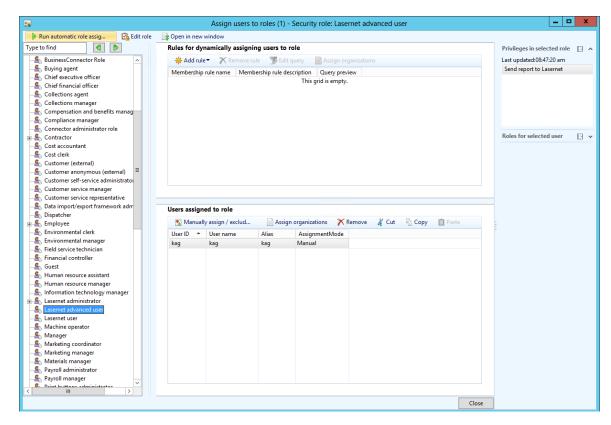
opened/shown.

It is possible to enrich the report dialog by extending a class within AX2012. Because of this feature, the report dialog within the connector can reuse any business logic by extended a class.



# Security role / Lasernet advanced user

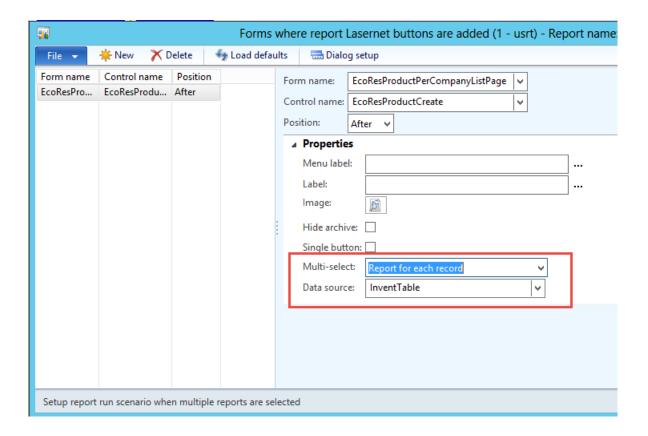
The role 'Lasernet advanced user' has been added to give the option for none Lasernet administrators (users not allowed to configure reports for Lasernet) the option to select both the Lasernet and Standard destinations (destinations for SSRS).





# Reprint in forms

When using multiselect on a form with more than one datasource it is possible to select the primary table used for the multi-selection.



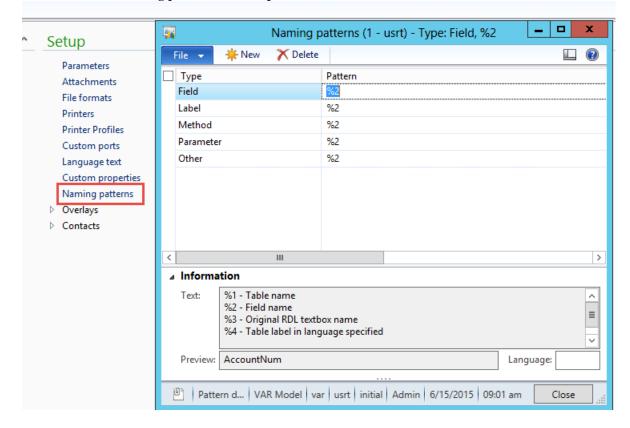


# Naming patterns

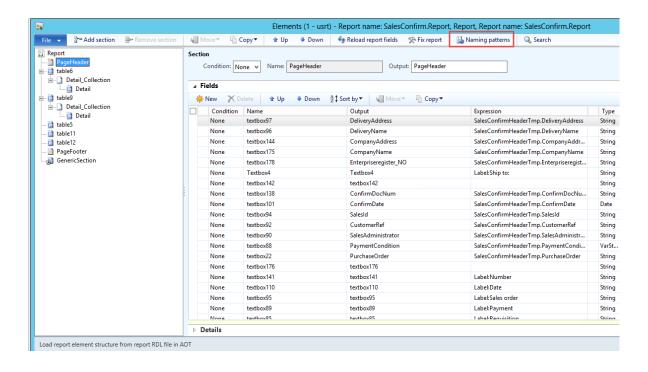
In previous versions of the connector the fields was always prefix with the Tablename. By using the **Naming patterns** it is possible to define the behavior when reloading fields (also by using OneClick).

As example this can be useful when same naming would be liked to be used across different reports or if a report should be replaced by a query-report (report replacement)

Because of the same naming the same design can then be used within the Lasernet developer. **Naming patterns** are defined in general, but also for each report. It is possible to override the definition of the naming pattern on the report level.



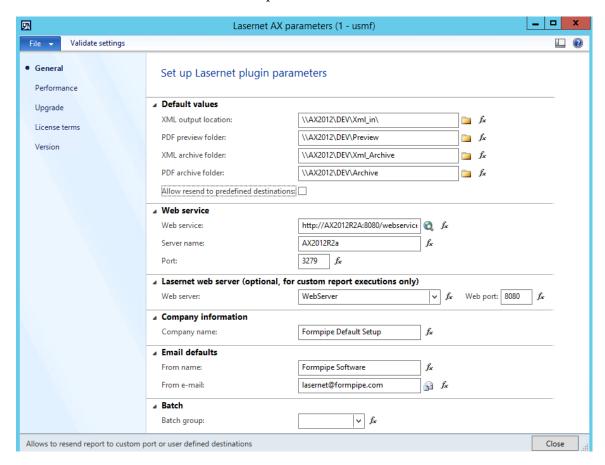






# **Parameters**

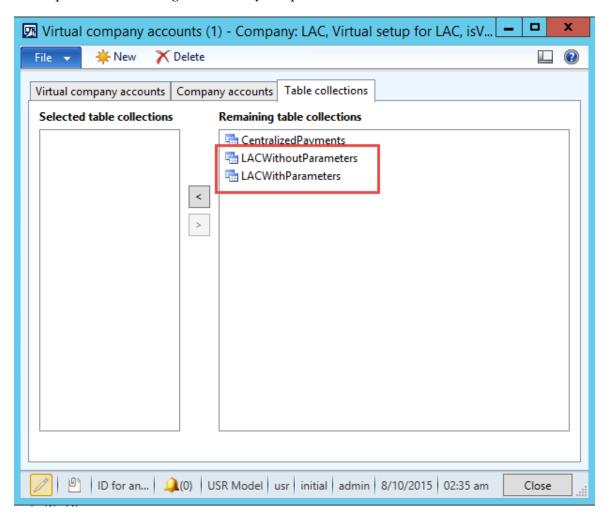
Within the Lasernet parameters it is possible to select the value by using an expression. This are useful when the Lasernet connector are configured as a virtual setup. As example the senders Email address could be different in different companies.





# **Table Collections**

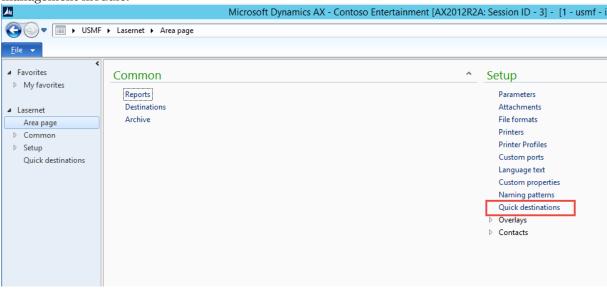
The table collections LACWithParameters and LACWithoutParameters is introduced for setup in a Virtual configuration. By using a table collection in the configuration there is no need to make export and import to make a change within many companies.

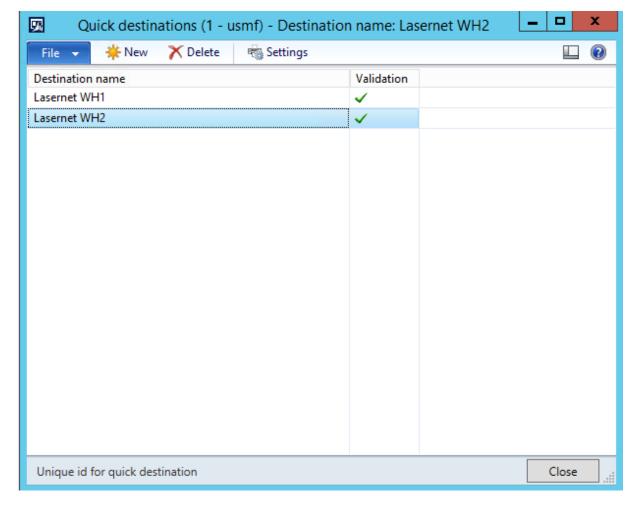




# Integration to warehouse (AX2012 R3 series)

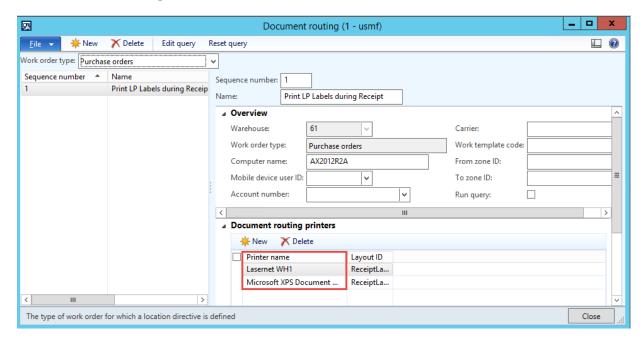
Quick destination makes the integration into the warehouse module within AX2012 R3 series. Printers created within quick destinations are available within the routing rules in the Warehouse management module.



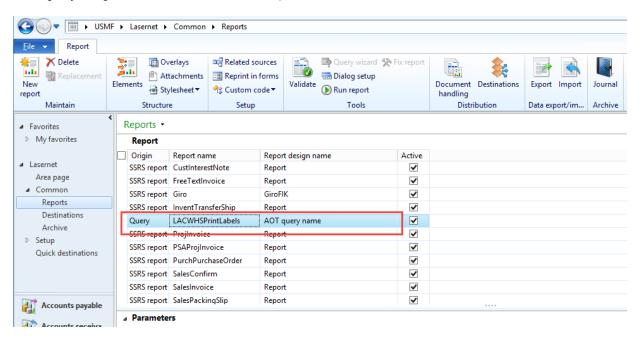




The Lasernet printers created within Quick destinations are available within the Document routing in the Warehouse management module.

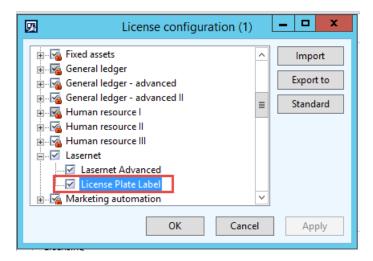


The report are activated within LAC2012 by configuring the following query report: (The query is a part of the LAC2012 for the R3 series)





The following Configuration key needs to be activated to enable the menu Quick destinations within the AX2012R3 series.



# General / Enhancements

#### Manual archiving

New feature allowing manual archiving control from report print destination dialog.

#### CData element type

XML CData type sections are introduced for report elements. This new feature allows passing HTML formatted values to Lasernet

#### Naming patterns

Naming patterns is introduced for report element suggested name generation. Generic and report specific rules now can be created to generate element names

#### **Better exception handling**

Exception handling is revised to provide more information when errors appear.

#### Advanced user role

Lasernet advanced user role is introduced. This role allows users not only to print reports to Lasernet destinations, but also to AX standard destinations. Basically this role removes limitation to print only to LAC destination, when report is setup for Lasernet.

# **Aggregate functions**

Aggregate functions is introduced in report elements. Aggregate functions like sum, count, running count and running sum are introduced. Also summary aggregates and group summarization is enabled in report elements. That opens up more possibilities for report value calculations.

# Query based report multi-run data source name

Due to some issues on more complex forms, multi run data source name is introduced for query based report execution setup. Now it's possible to specify what data source in form should be used for multi-run report.

#### **Expressions on report elements**



Expressions is introduced in report element value calculations. This opens up a lot of new possibilities on report element value control, parameter value generation and etc. Aggregate functions like 'running Count' and 'running Sum' are enabled in Expressions as well.

#### Query based report performance tuning

Query based report performance is increased. Extensive process tuning and modifications led up to 2x faster query based report execution.

#### Default destination info node generation

New method generating default destination information XML node is introduced.

#### **Copy related sources**

Copy function is added to related sources. New function allows copy related data sources trees from one report to another, automatically updating all necessary relations and fields.

#### Copy report elements with value source replacement

Copy function for report element has been enhanced, allowing replacement of value sources when copying to another report.

#### Archive performance tuning

Archive was suffering from bad performance due to limited possibilities in data structure. New much better performing data structure has been created for archive, splitting reference and file data into separate tables. Indexes were optimized for maximum performance. Also upgrade automation process has been created to help migrating old archive data into new structure.

#### Report section lookup with search

Report section lookup dialog now has search functionality.

#### Sorting report elements by value expression

Report elements is now sorted by value expression display value.

#### Language text exporting introduced

It is now possible to control language text exporting.

#### Payment advice report split per account

Used as workaround for some customers now introduced in LAC module – splits payment advice report per customer/vendor account.

#### **Preview format**

Preview format is introduced. This new feature allows preview report in other formats like DOCX, XLSX, MSG, TXT and etc. Preview format can be set exclusively for report, or modified in printer settings dialog.

#### Forcing report to run in specific language

New control allowing report execution forced execution in specific language. This allow run reports in specified language regardless of its original language.

#### **Parameters with expressions**

Expressions were introduced for pretty much all parameter fields. That opens up more dynamic configuration and scaling possibilities for the Lasernet connector.

#### Code quality update

Overall code quality reviewed and most object were tuned to meet compiler Level 4 requirements. Full XML documentation is written for LAC module. Also module is checked and optimized using Microsoft Life Cycle services customization analysis.

#### Query based report dialog automation



Additional features added to control query based report dialog. Now dialog can run in silent mode with predefined printer settings. Also it can auto submit itself when certain field is modified, auto focus on specified field, reopen itself after report is printed and etc.

#### Custom code upgrades and API

Custom code class and query based report execution classes are now open for extensions. There are endless possibilities to customize your report using core LAC classes, and extending them. Now they are designed to support extensions and different scenarios.

#### Fix wizard formulas auto replacement

Fix wizard now updates formulas in copied elements to support referenced report items. This brings any report fixing worry-free experience.

#### Fetching information from contact person contact information

There was possibility to get contact information query from customer, but no option to get contact information from contact persons. This option are added.

# **Bug fixes**

## **Query preview**

Error was thrown on query criteria preview with multiple data sources. Problem was generating the same control names for preview. Name generation function has been updated in LACQueryPreview.generateControlName()

### **GIRO** report execution

GIRO report was required to be mapped in Lasernet, to be able to process it when using web service preview.

## One click add to report data type initialization

Data type was not initialized when adding field to report using one click function. Also number of decimals now is initialized

#### Missing some relations in related sources

When loading related tables for InventTable, - DocuRef table was missing. Error was that foreign relations were not loaded in lookup.

#### Query wizard created fields switching to BLOB (Base64 File)

If you change data type of query wizard created field to BLOB, - it is still not getting encoded. Query service was not supporting this feature. Now it's added and works the same way as with custom added fields.

# ParameterInfo and language text resolve method

Error was produced when report source query did not had query name specified. Along the way language text resolve was fixed for long texts.

#### Related with Related Sources not initialized on destinations

Example of problem: printer name is not fetched from related data source when initializing destination.

# Renaming referenced controls in RDL page header/footer



Fixes report fix wizard problem related to ReportItems! In page header footer that is copied to body section. Previously these items were not renamed and that caused error when deploying, as they were referencing control names in original page header/footer, rather than to a copy inside RDL body.

# $PSAP roj Invoice\ parm Use User Defined Destinations\ parameter\ problem$

PSAProjInvoice was setting parmUseUserDefinedDestinations to TRUE when printing to screen copy/original. That is different from all other reports where this parameter is set to FALSE in such cases. This fix changes this parameter to the default setting in AX2012.

#### Max license users

Now maximum number of users available is 8388607 (a little above 8 millions) – previous version was 32767.

#### Query based report custom relation fields

When creating custom report with query wizard, custom relation fields where not filled correctly, and was ignored afterwards.

### Reprint form setup defaults update

It adds a few previously missing controls in default report reprint form setup.

#### Range lock updates on query-based reports

Ranges remain locked if query contains last value, where ranges where locked.

#### Cheque printing setup fix

In order to setup Cheque\_US report for printing, there was required setup of VendPaymRefReport\_BE report.

## **Enabling Document types in attachments**

Document types were not possible to setup and file name was corrupted in the attachments.

#### Report setup last values

If last value loaded on report name finder, and report was not setup for Lasernet – it was still possible to select the LAC2012 destination. LAC2012 destination has to be explicitly disabled when no report setup found.

## Query range lock and container fields in lookup

Fixes problems with locking ranges on dialogs of query based reports. Also allows to select container field for table in Formula fields.

#### Sort style sheet update

Due to not linear processing of some reports XML, some elements was processed in the middle of node attribute processing, throwing "Attribute and namespace node cannot be added to the parent element after a text, comment, pi or sub-element node has already been added." Exception. Fix was separating attribute and element templates and processing node attributes first, and then processing node elements.

# Additional fix for sub-report initialization

Sub-report parameters map was not initialized when trying to get DynamicId. This hotfix add sub-report parameters initialization.

# Range locks additional fix and relation fixed field fix in query wizard

Fixes range locks in query based report execution. Also loading query relations in query wizard was faulty when one of fields was fixed.

#### Disappearing range list in query wizard

Disappearing range list in query wizard when loaded second time.

#### RDL ReportItems references update in fix wizard



Fixes some problems with ReportItems references update when copying Page header/footer to report body.

## Item image missing in query wizard

DateTime image was missing on fields in query wizard

#### Related table lookup sorting by name

Tables was not sorted by name, when looking up for related tables.

#### Dot (.) was not possible in overlay file name generation

Enables. (dot) in overlay name generation.

#### Silent auto-fix while importing

Auto fixing when importing data. Problem was the tree control which was not initialized, and that was required to make successful fix after import.

### Sample value in overlay or file name

It fixes small problem with empty sampleValue on FileName or Overlay

## Import update problem fix

Import was deleting all data related to report. This was due to delete actions invoked during report delete procedure. Please note that database logging should not be enabled on LACReport for this to work, as database logging on specific table modifies skipDeleteActions() method by ignoring it. This is known issue with AX2012

#### **Error on validating reports**

Error: "An error occurred while parsing EntityName. Line 1, postion 22." Was occurring when validating reports.

#### Run time data update after related sources modification

Run time data was not updated when modifying related sources.

#### Replacement lookup too strict

Replacement report lookup method was filtering out too many reports.

## VendOutPaym\_Cheque configuration for Lasernet

Due to problems with report name finding it was not possible to configure VendOutPaym Cheque for Lasernet.

#### Related sources preview initialization

Value sources was not initialized properly in related sources preview form.

#### Related sources validation after import, missing parent table

Records was not shown in related sources tree if error was found in related sources relation or if parent table was missing.

# Custom numeric format with fixed decimal

It was not possible to specify custom numeric format with fixed decimal.

#### SalesInvoice posting updates in R1CU7

Sales invoice report data was not initialized correctly in AX2012 R1CU7 version

## **CLR to Anytype crash**

When caching compiled XSL an error was thrown while converting CLR into anytype.

#### GIRO update on execution info passing

On certain conditions GIRO report was not returning execution info and failing to merge with main report.

#### PSAProjInvoice default relations

Default relations were missing for PSAProjInvoice report



#### Report value lookup error

When looking up for report value, error was thrown due to missing segment index.

Empty values regional settings script to crash

Empty values were causing regional settings script to crash

**Custom date format crash** 

Custom date format was crashing on certain conditions.

Missing data from execution info

Some data about report printout status was missing on report contract.

Parameter info crashing on missing data source

Parameter info generation was crashing when nodes was initialized in inner context.

One click add controller not fully initialized

There was missing update for value calculation controller in one click value add dialog.

Change sequence error

In certain conditions, change sequence was producing error.

Compiled XSL caching

Compiled XSL caching was producing errors for some AOS'es. Try and catch was added to avoid errors in caching.

Query based report label performance

Added single label resolve call in query based report buildup.

**UTCDateTime conversion problem** 

There was wrong UTC date time conversion to string for some languages.

Query reports in batch

Query reports did not had access to multi record data when running in batch.

CLR object not initialized in value controller

When running in batch RegEx object was not initialized due to permission problems.

Controller initialization on event handler

Controller object was not always initialized on event handler in LACUtils.SRSReportRunController\_startupOperation.

Query based sub-report does not return data

Query based sub-report was returning empty string under certain conditions.

File preview when it's accessible only from AOS

Under some configurations it was not possible to preview files only accessible from AOS side.

File log tts error

File log was locking table in certain conditions. User session and better tts control was added.

Long method names in query wizard

Long method names was cut in query wizard.

Query based report preview

Query based report preview was not possible due to an issue in the report contract data.

Resending replacement report controller pack validation

When resending replacement report controller pack was not validated properly before execution.



# **Email Fn buttons on forced report** Fn buttons had to be disabled on email resending, when force resend was not used. Failed initialize related sources main preview Object was not initialized when using related sources main preview Query report replacement initialization Replacement report section initialization was required value sources to initialize properly. Related sources new button Related sources new button was enabled when it was supposed to be disabled. Custom format bulk initialization for query based reports Custom format was not initialized properly when generating query based report. Report replacement archiving issues On certain conditions, report replacement was not archived properly. Multi run report rerun with all form data Query based reports did not had all data for rerun with multi run data from caller form. 4.2.0.0 **Date in expression** Dates used within an expressions in query range was not converted correctly. **Email address** Email address was cut off after 80 charactes. Email address are extended to 255 characters **Batch execution** Update conflict when running batch with a lot of simultaneous threads \*\*Report replacement \*\*Periodic problem when using report replacement within CIL \*\*Cache \*\*Problems related to caching of .NET objects into AX2012 objects Menu items License type changes to SelfServe on all menu objects \*\*Email \*\*Problems finding email address from contact person when executed within CIL