

ODBC: What is it and how does it work with MDS?



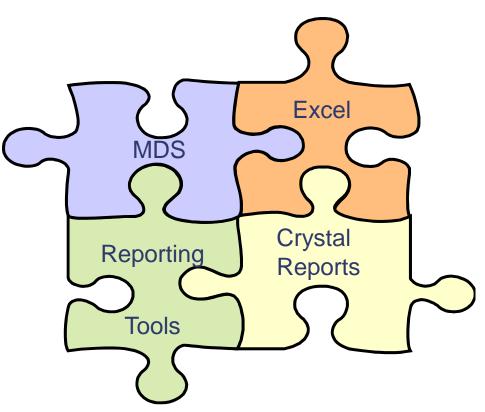
ODBC = Open DataBase Connectivity

- An interface which allows desktop programs like Excel and Crystal Reports to make SQL (Structured Query Language) data requests to a Database.
- U2 or Universe ODBC is the specific ODBC connector that allows YOU to get data from MDS.

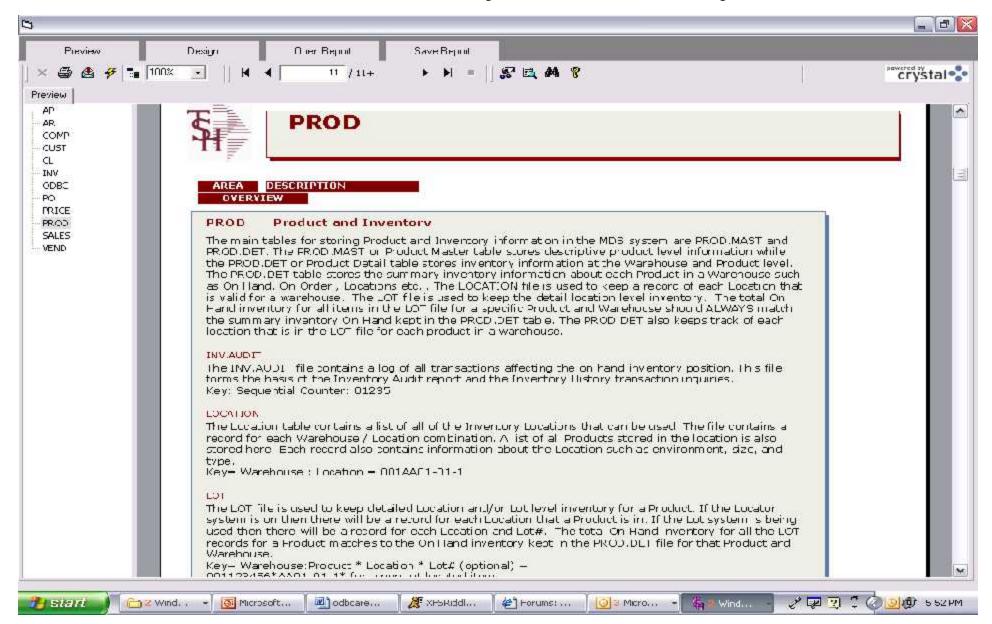


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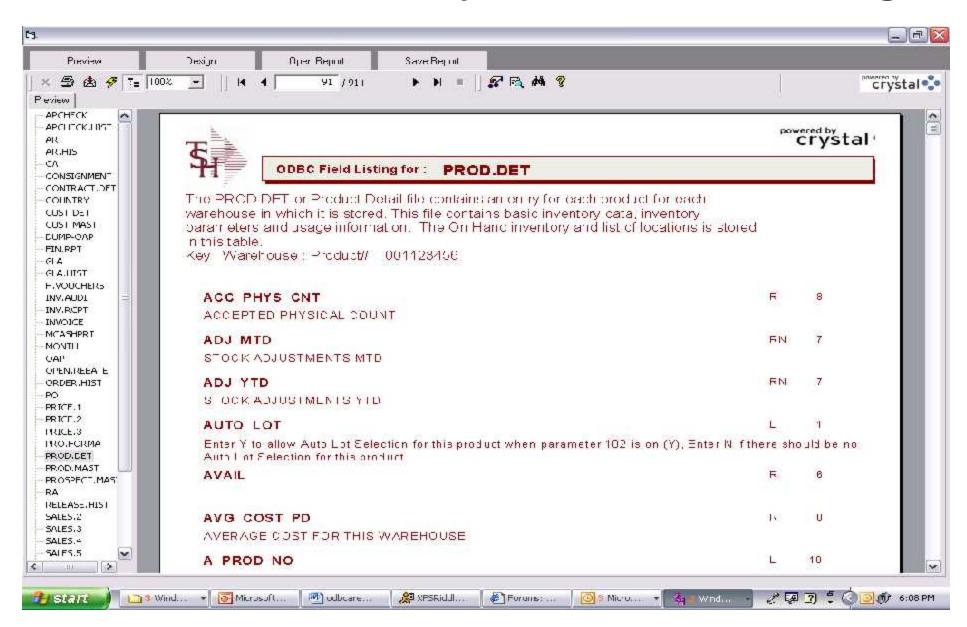
- MDS ODBC Account
 - Now have ability to create and manipulate your own reports, with your data, using various reporting tools.
 - Access to files for:
 - Customer
 - Product
 - Inventory
 - Sales
 - Accounting
 - Can have multiple accounts
- Data Dictionary Tool
- Accessing Tables with Excel
- Crystal Reports



MDS Data Dictionary- Tables by Area



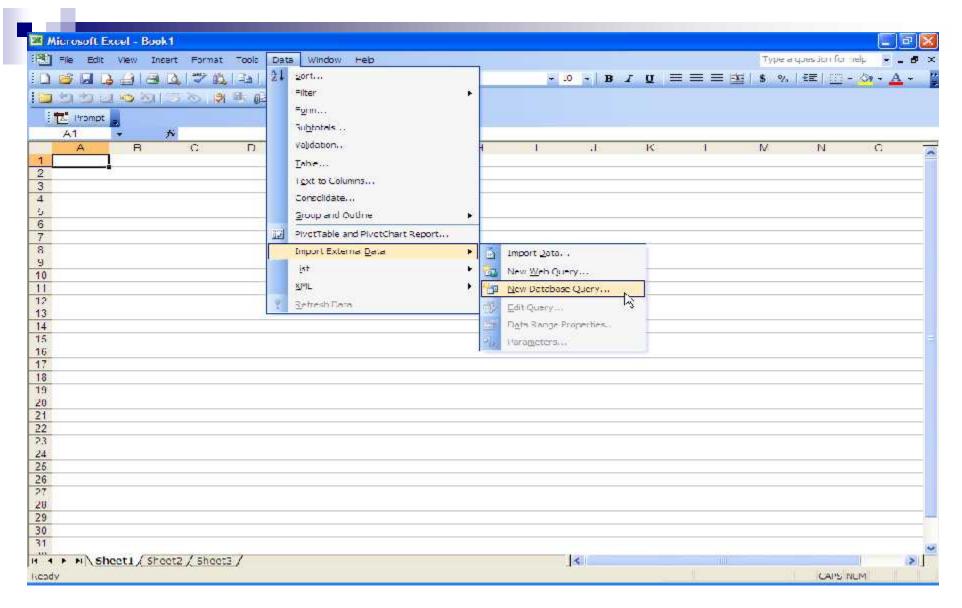
MDS Data Dictionary – Table Field Listing



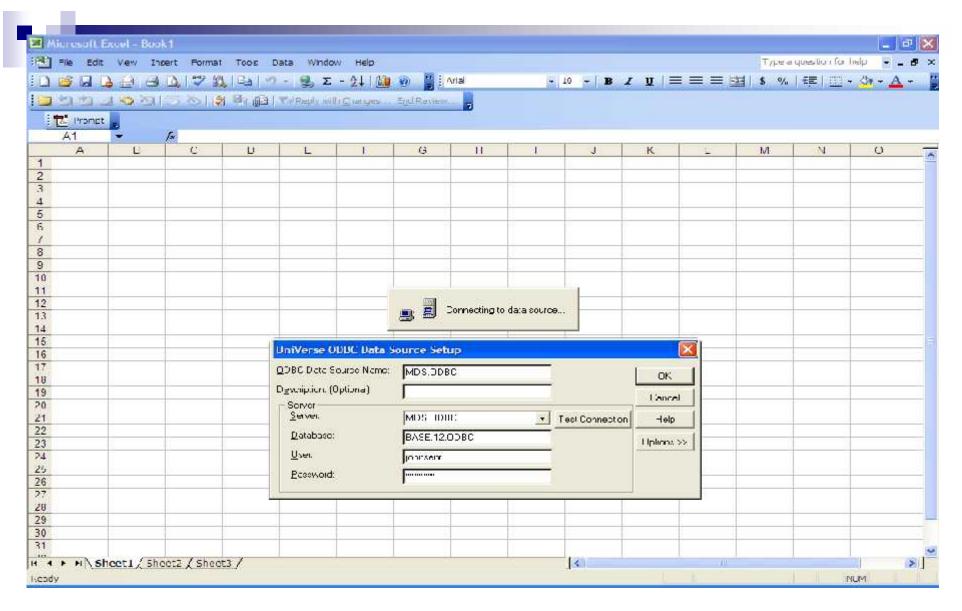
MDS ODBC and Excel

- Ability to connect to MDS database
- Unlike Recall Generator, you can use multiple files to query from
- Create custom reports
- Create custom pivot charts and tables
- Novice users can operate

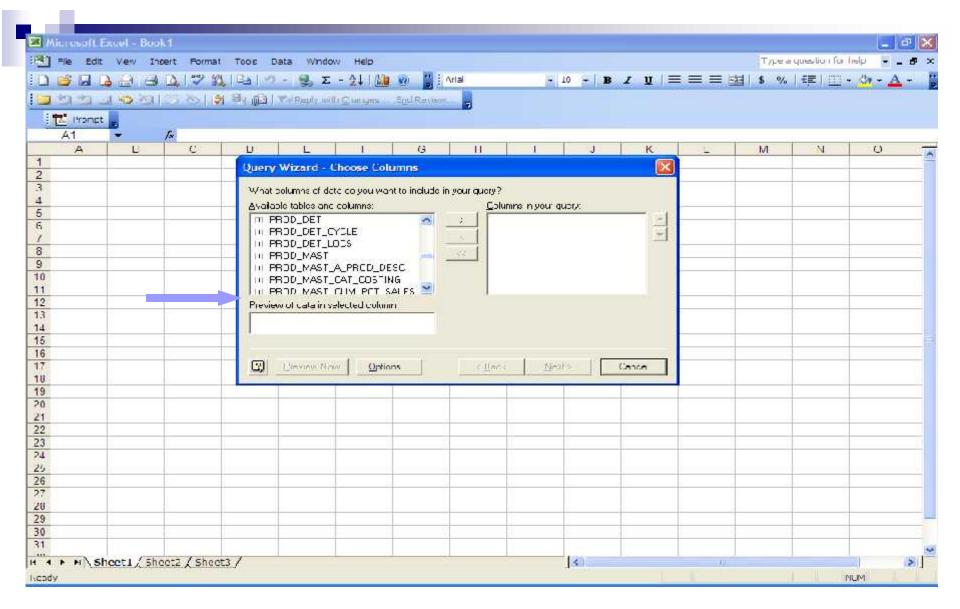




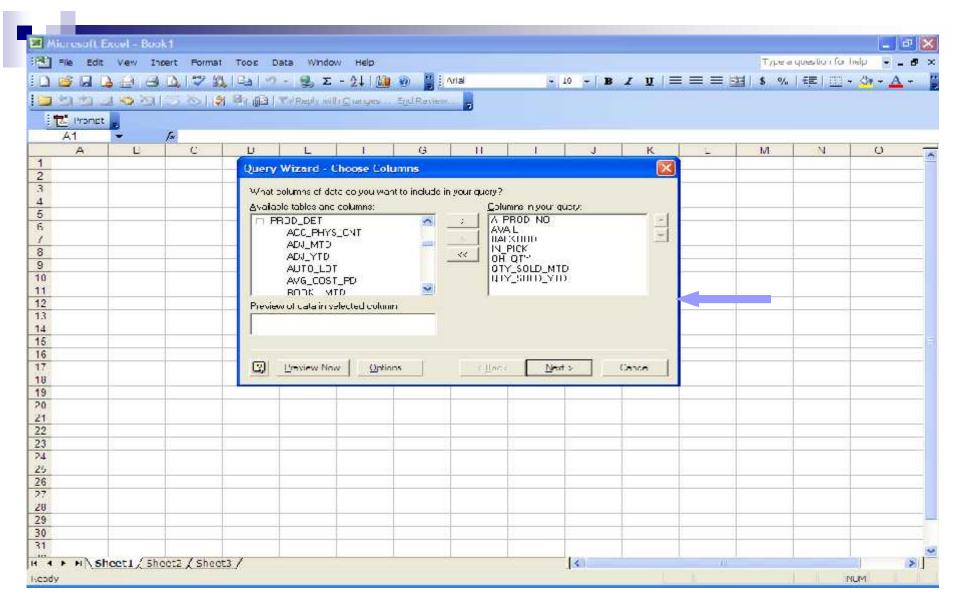
- Importing MDS database to use for query
- Choosing pre-installed data source



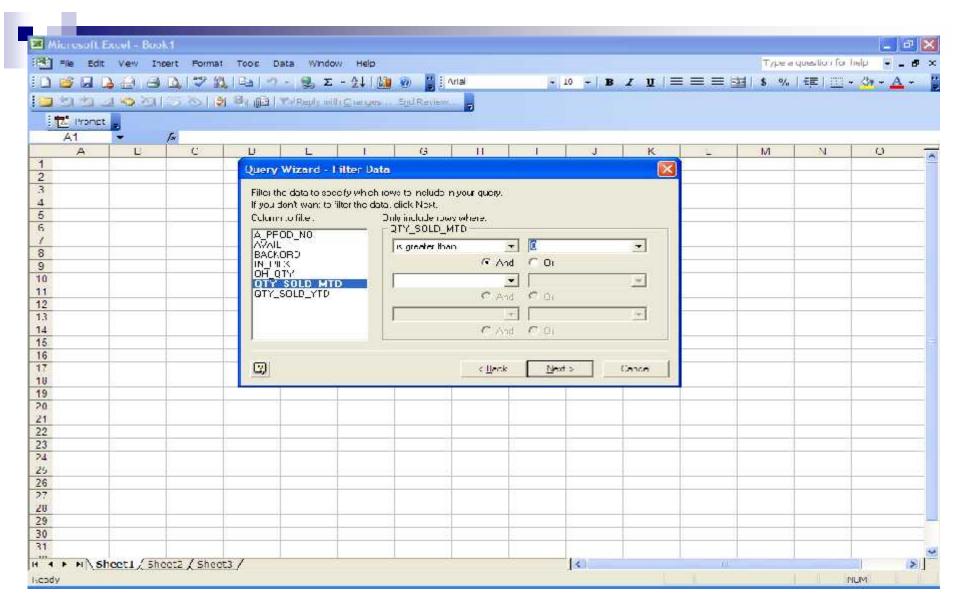
- User supplies password
- Excel connects to MDS Database



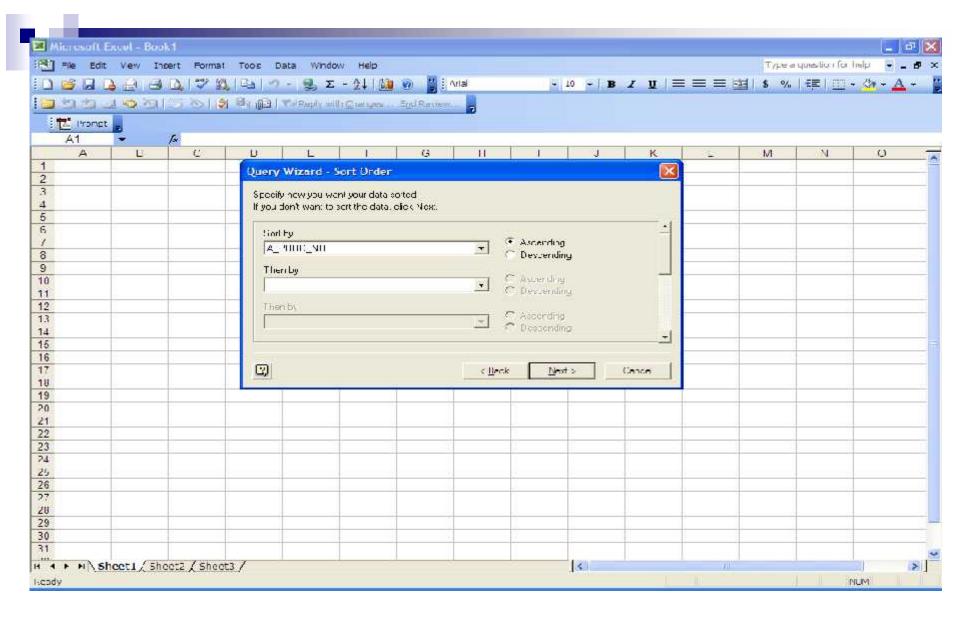
- All available tables are displayed
- Click on "+" next to table to display available columns



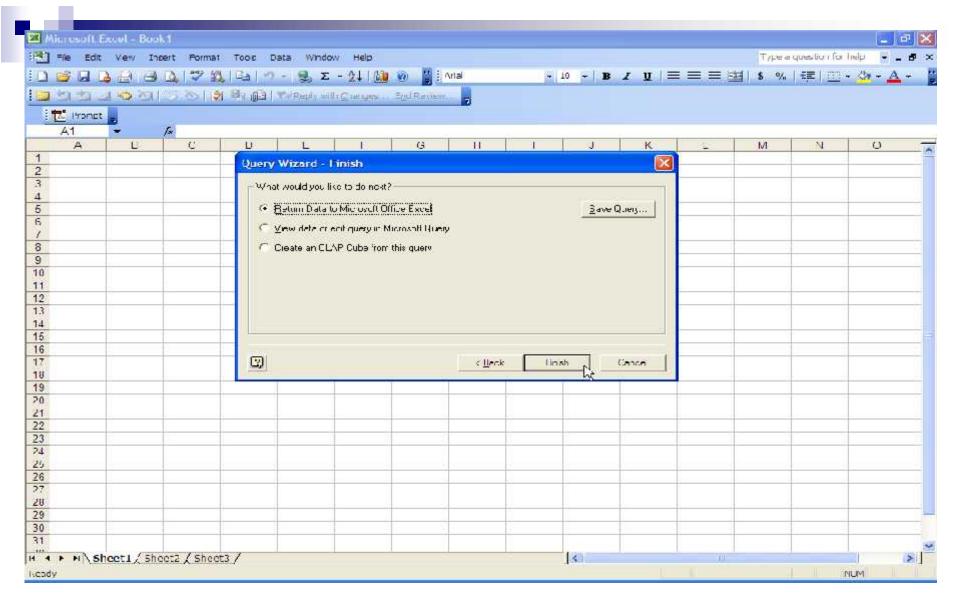
- Available columns are displayed
- Choose columns for your query



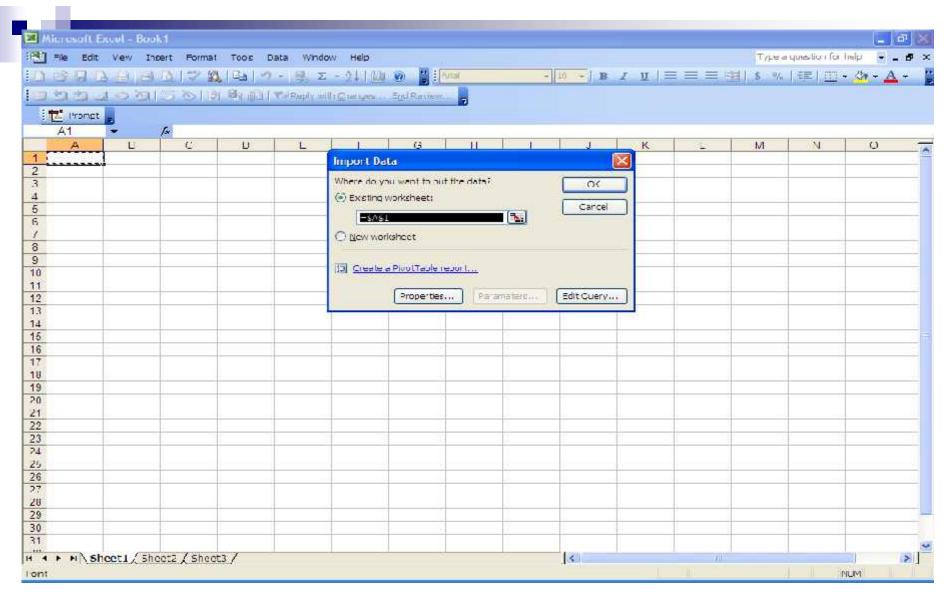
Filter data to specify certain information to include or not include in your query



Specify how you want your data sorted

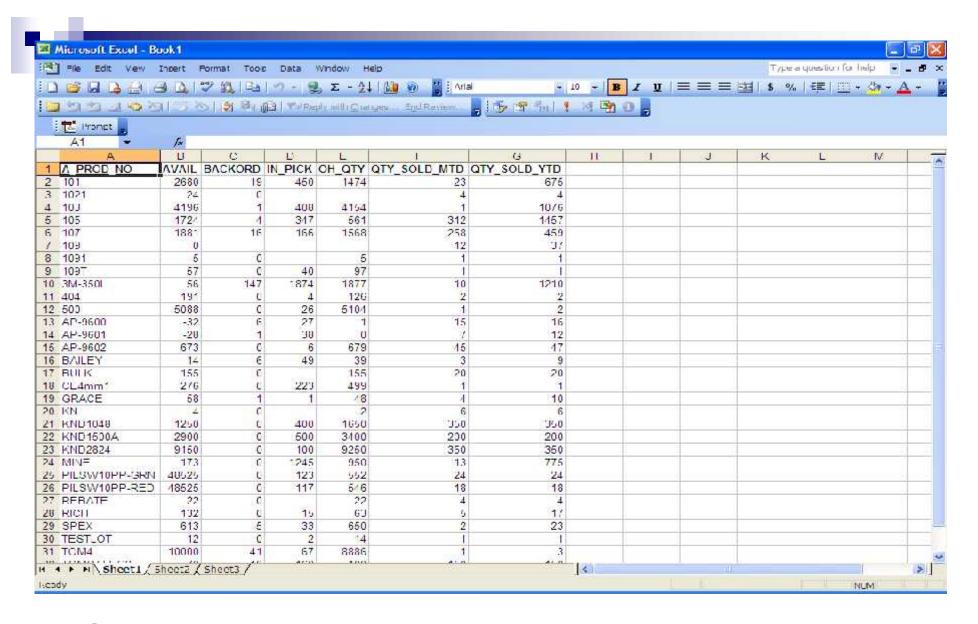


- Finishing Query Wizard
 - Return Data to Excel
 - Save Query



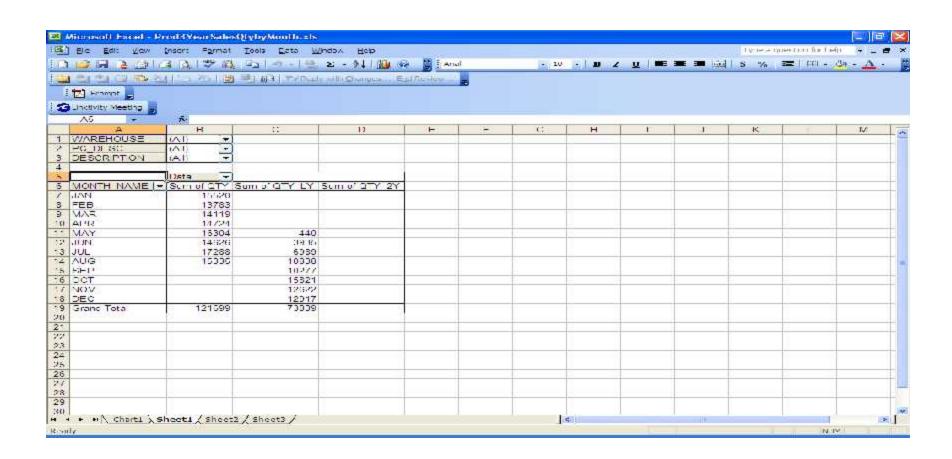
Place Data

- □ Existing or New Worksheet
- ☐ Create a PivotTable report

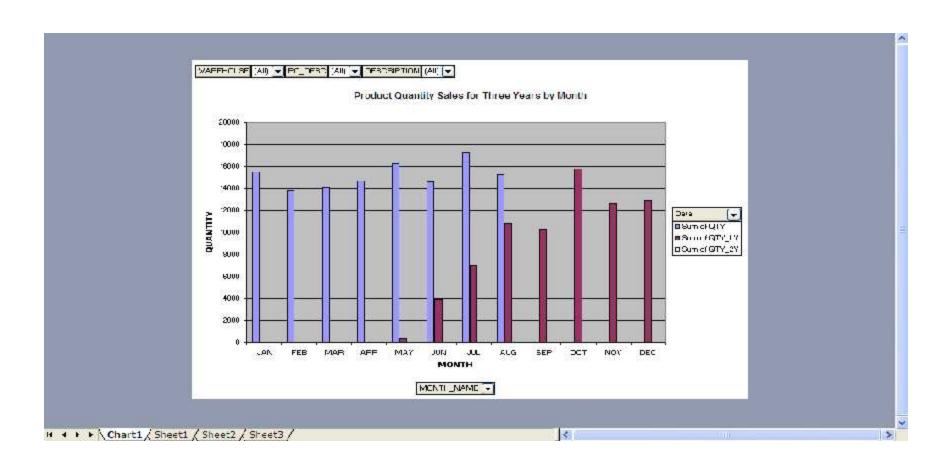


Simple query displayed

MDS ODBC and Excel - PivotTable



MDS ODBC and Excel - PivotChart





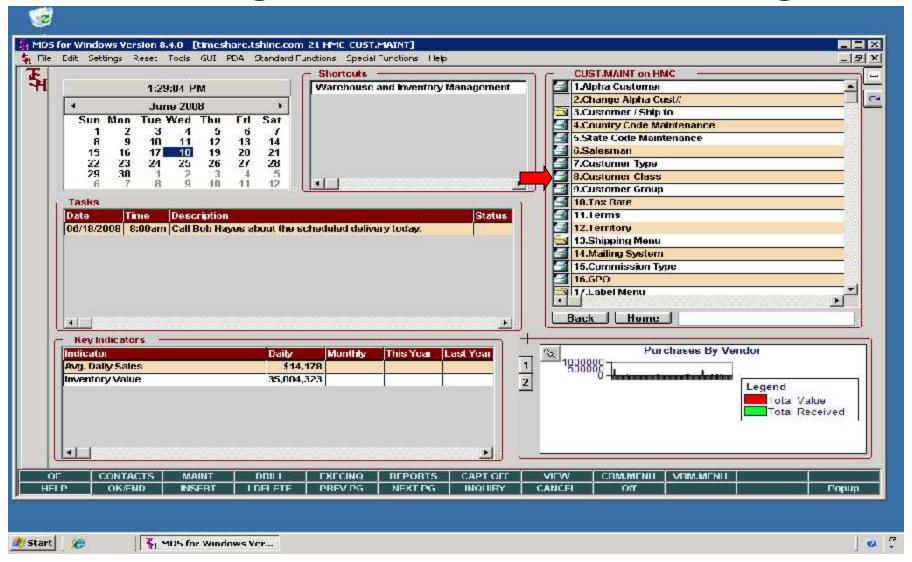
- TSH has made the investment to include a full featured Crystal Reports viewer AND Report Design tool as part of WinMDS.
- TSH is working on an on-going project to convert all reports and forms in MDS to use our embedded Crystal Reports interface.
- Ability to add custom Crystal Reports to any MDS menu.
- Ability for End Users to customize MDS Crystal reports and save their own versions for future use.

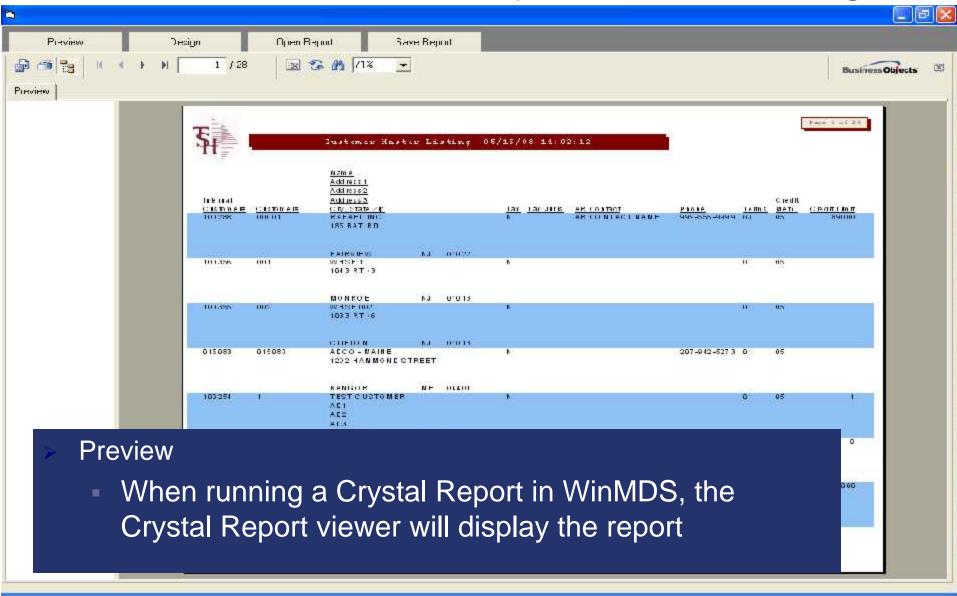


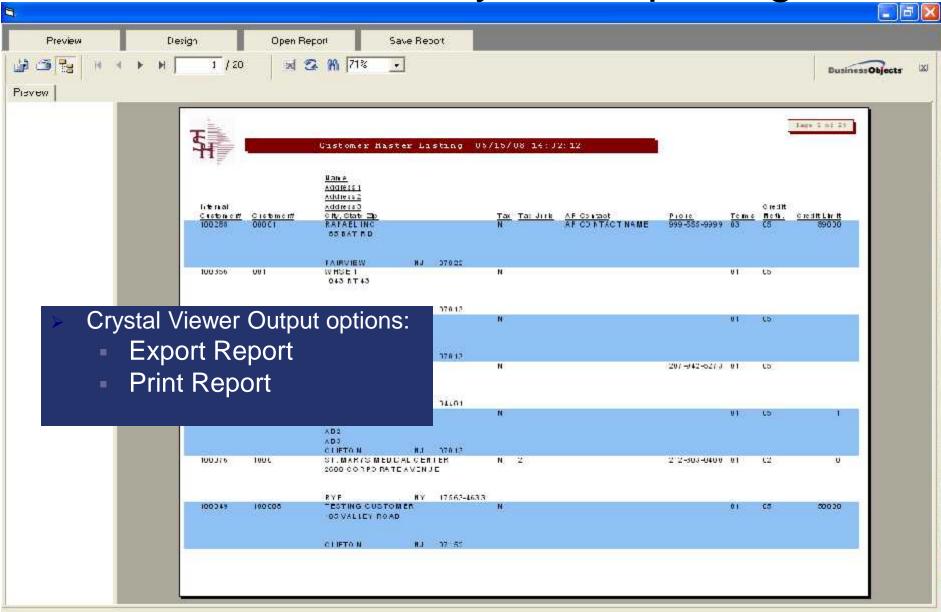
WinMDS Integration

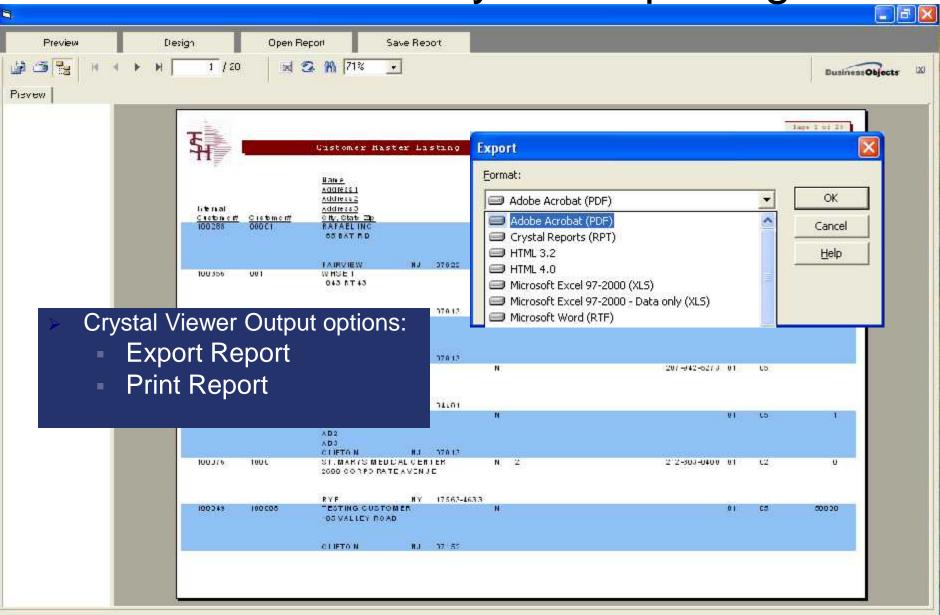
- All MDS Menu selections that have a printer symbol to the left of them on the dashboard menu contain either a report or a listing.
- The Listing or Report for that menu selection can be processed by clicking on the printer icon.

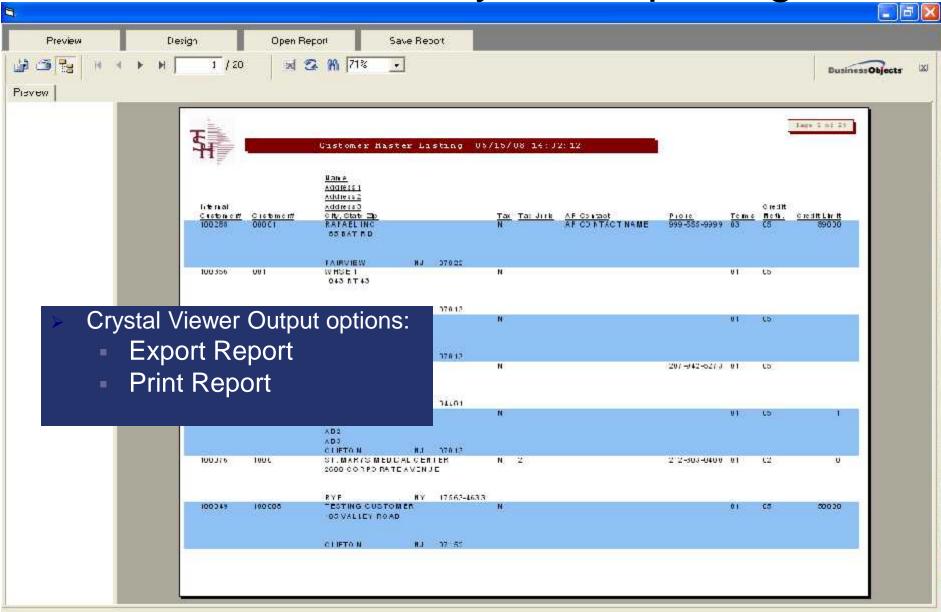
Running an MDS File Listing:

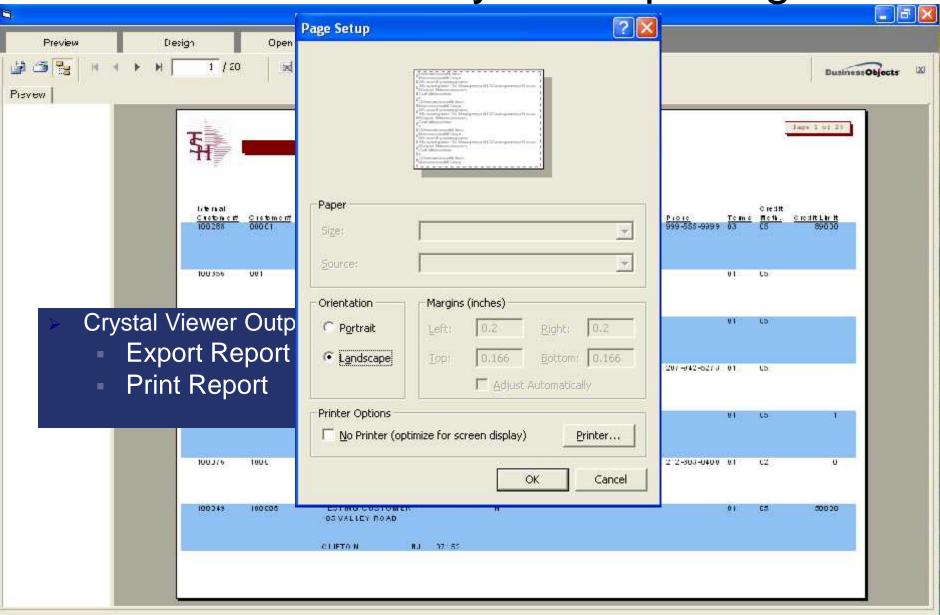


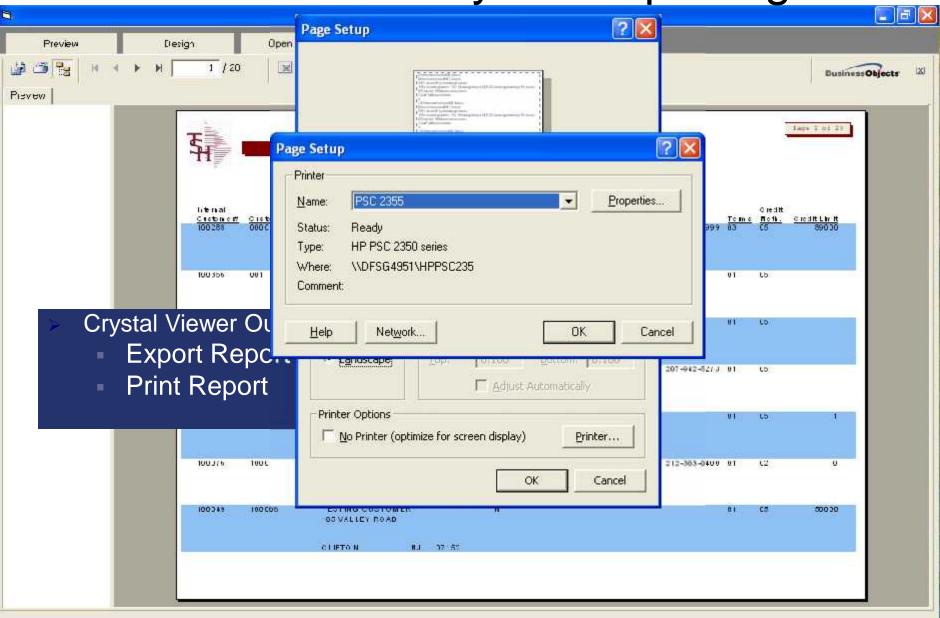


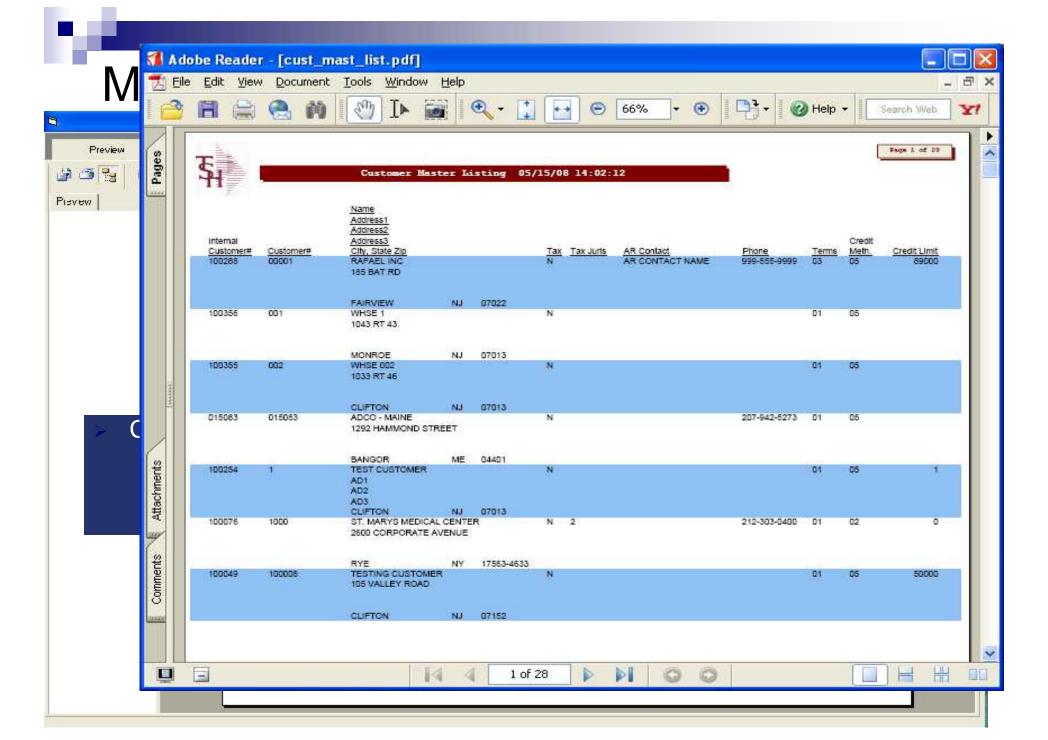


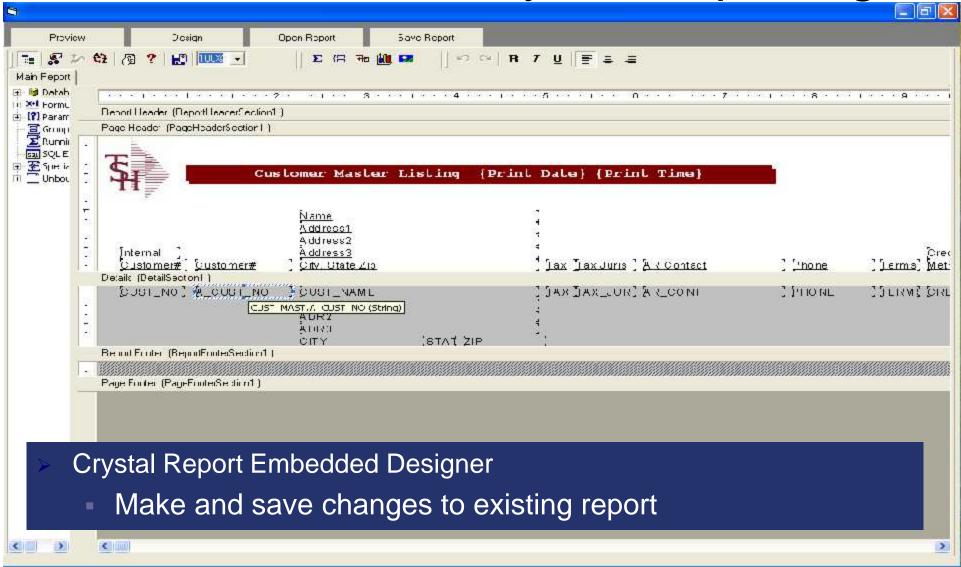


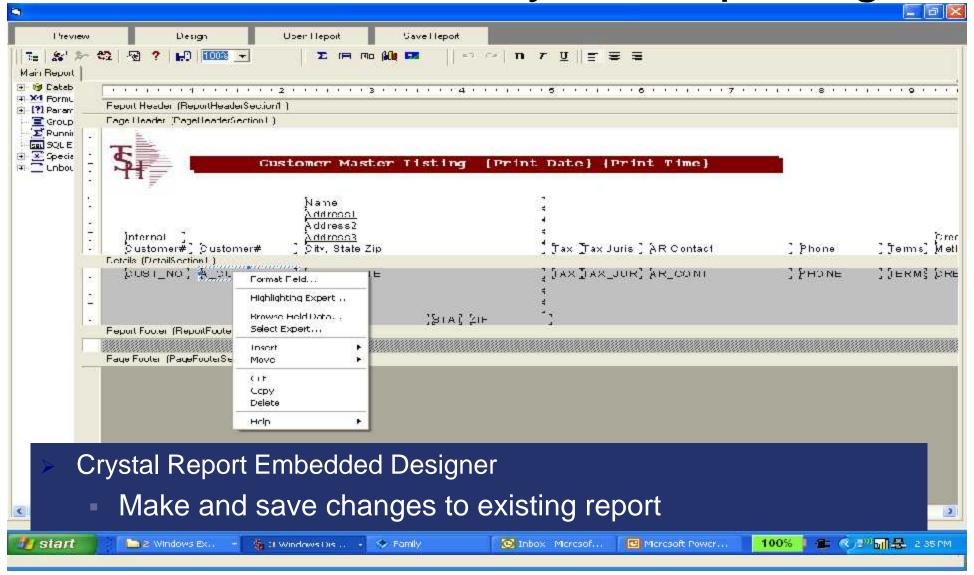


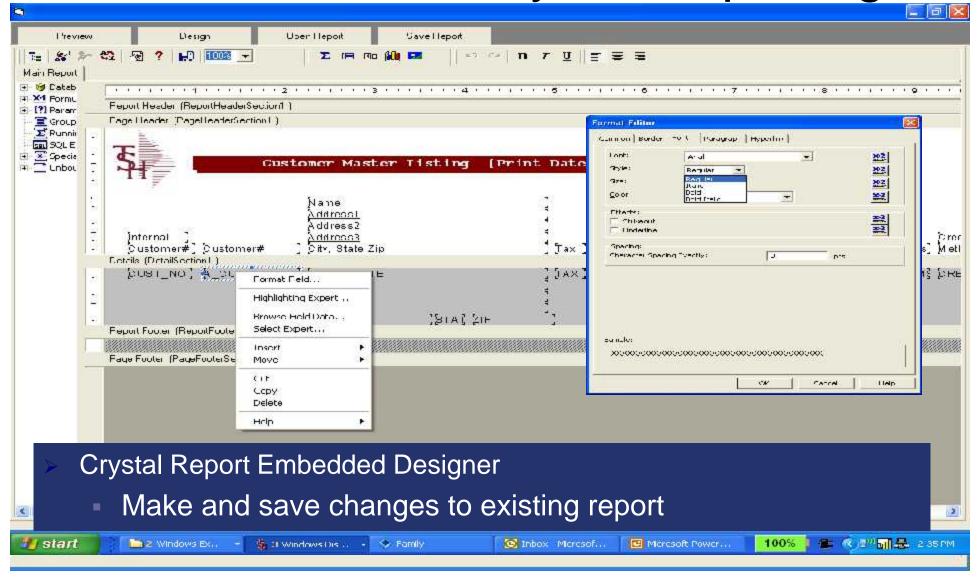


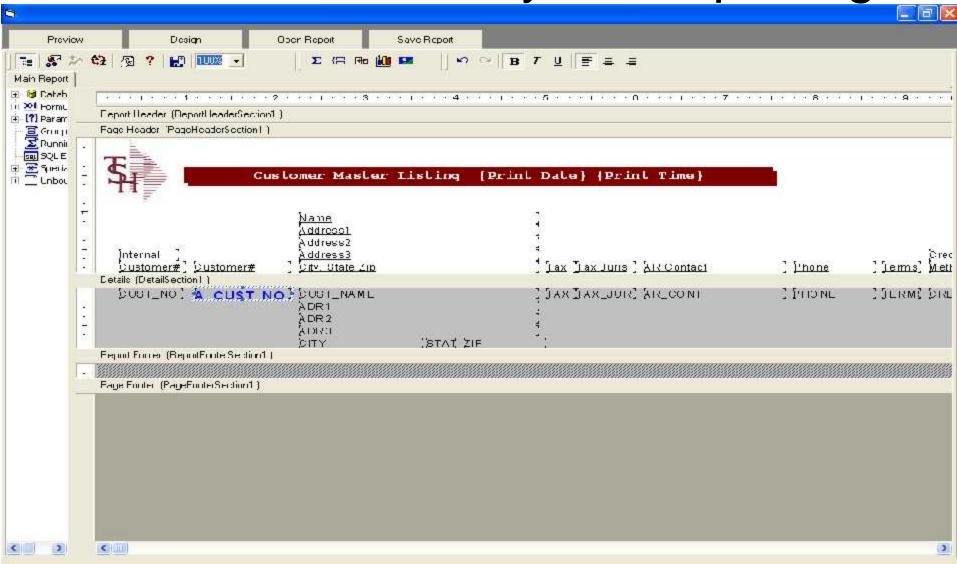




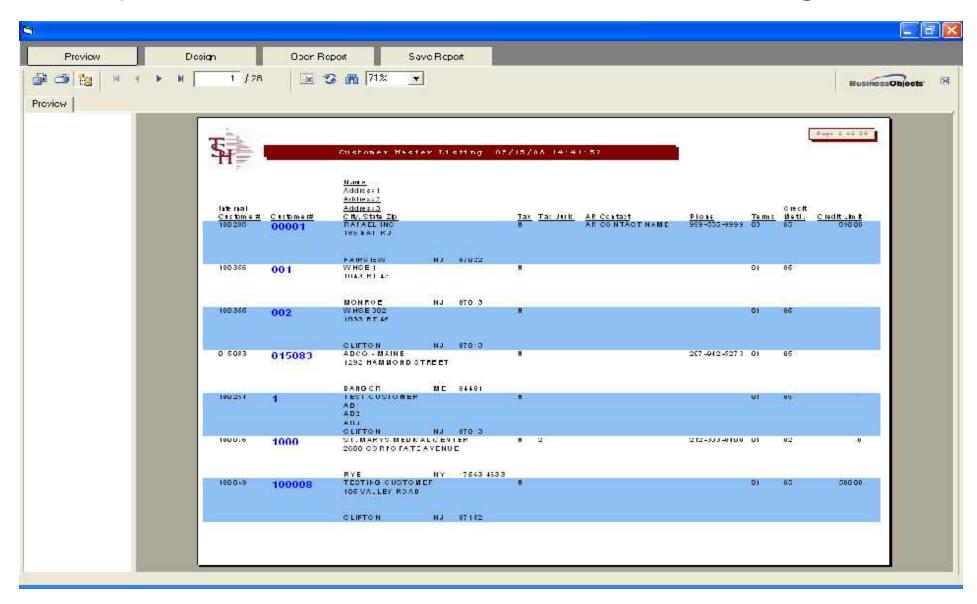




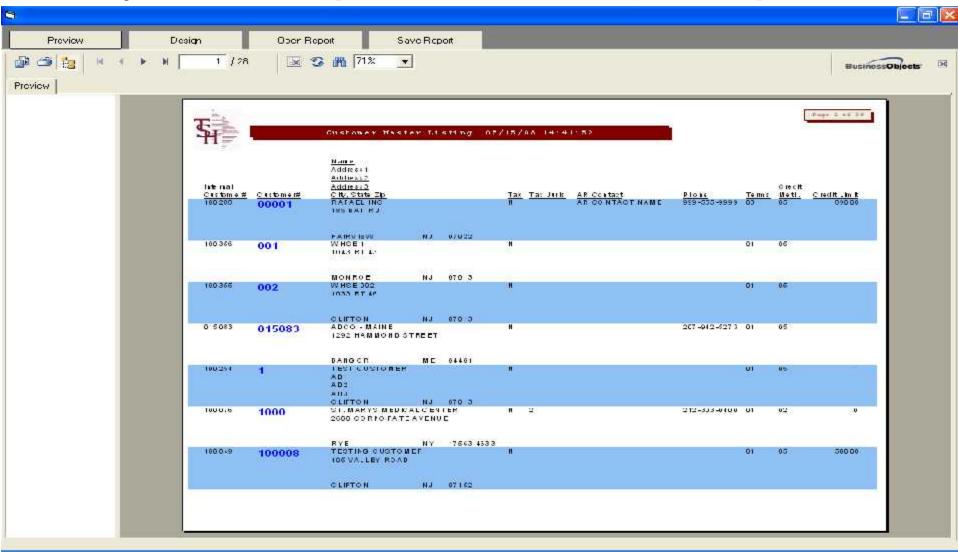




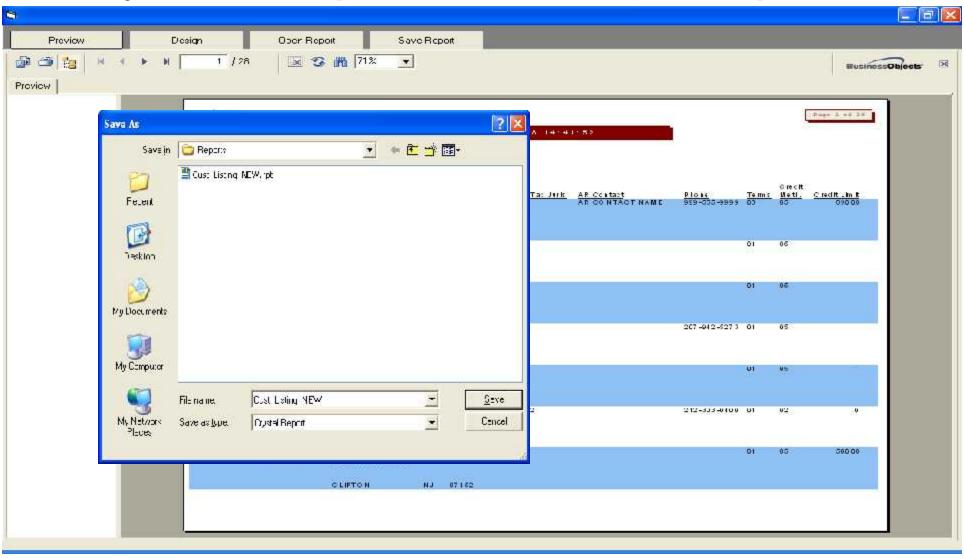
Crystal Report – Preview Changes



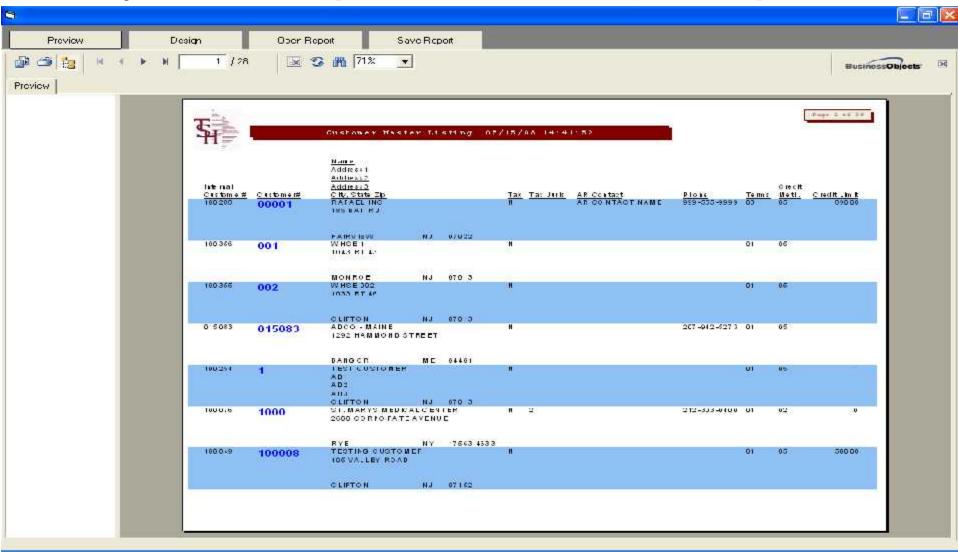
Crystal Reports - Save Report



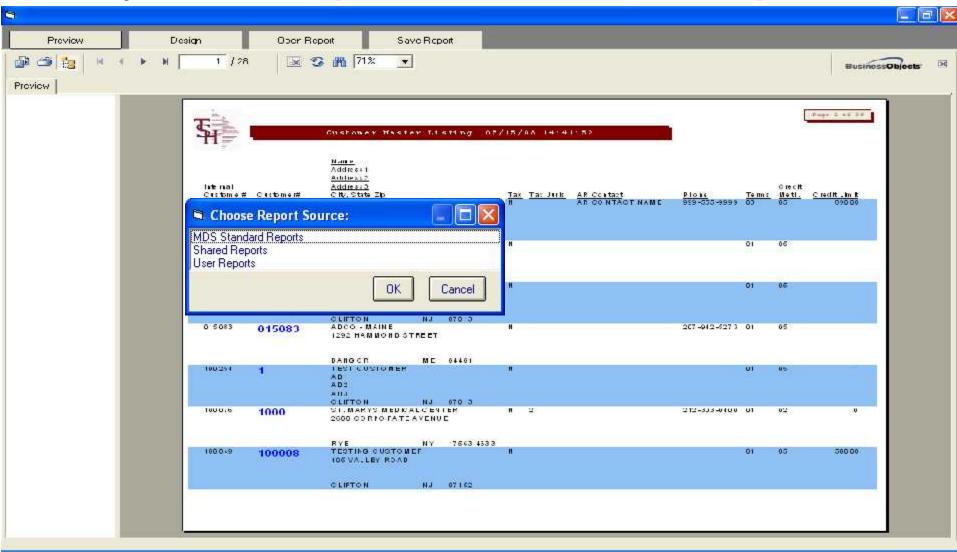
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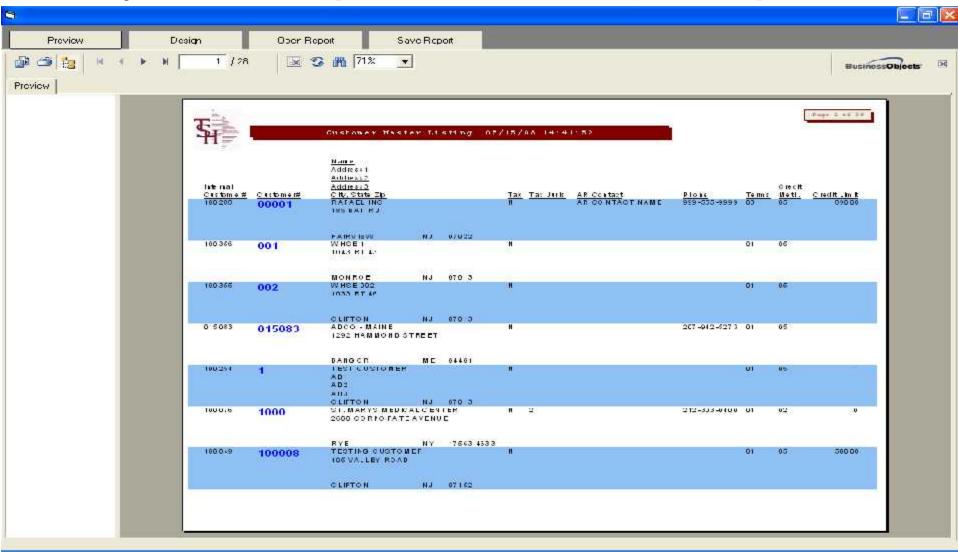
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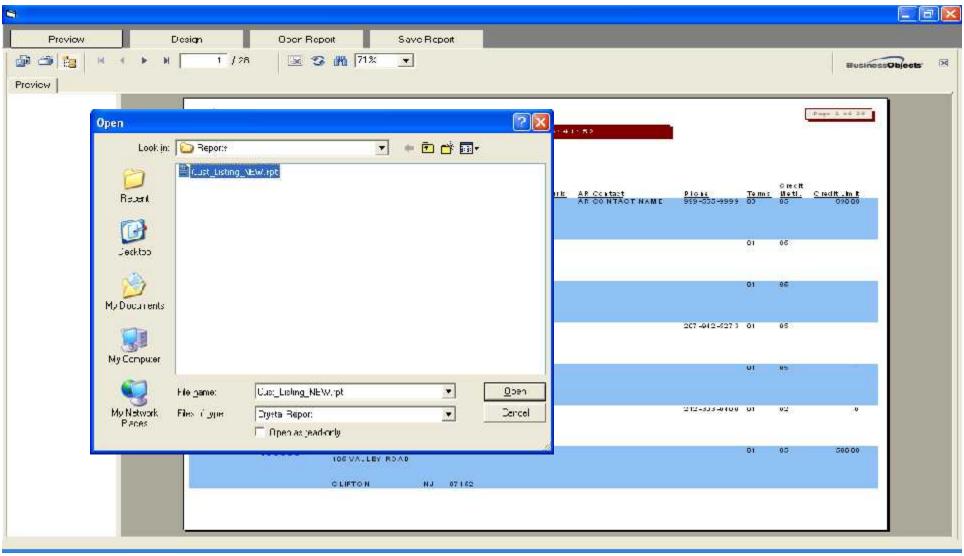
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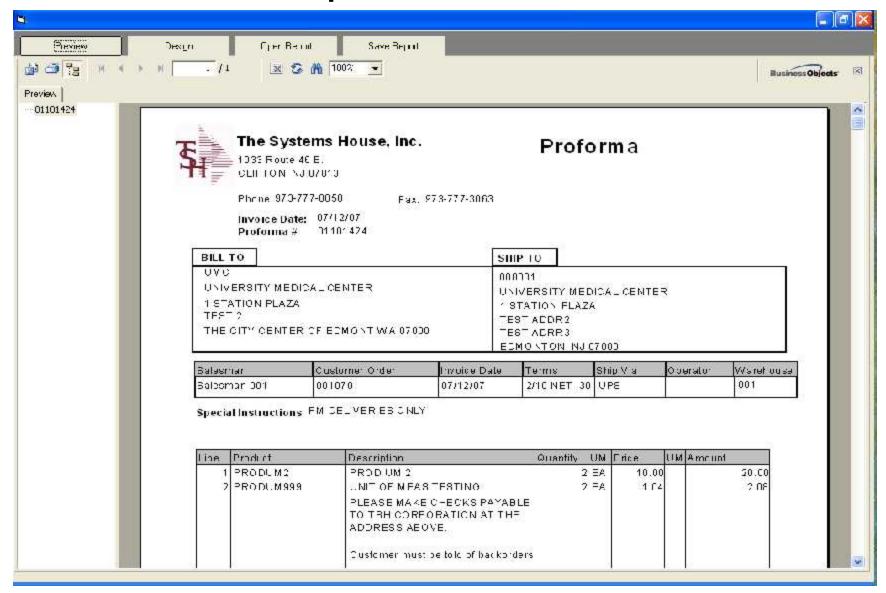




Crystal Reports Parameters

- MDS includes the ability to pass Crystal Reports Parameters transparently to the Crystal Reports viewer.
 - Allows us to automatically popup a specific report based on MDS processing, such as bringing up a specific quote during Quote Inquiry.
 - Allows us to automatically print or archive a specific report during MDS processing such as a PO or an Invoice.

MDS Quote Export





Benefits

- Easily access Real time data
- Flexibility to create own reports NOW!
- Crystal is an Industry Standard
- Reduce Expenses save money on custom programming

