Lawson Smart Reports

Market and product overview.

Reporting is a vital method of deriving value from your ERP system – and it should be easy to do. Standard reports need to be easy to find, easy to use and also easy to personalize. Furthermore, when the data they generate is simple to reuse and distribute, their value increases even more. To get the most intelligence, you need a streamlined and smart way of managing and viewing all standard reports in your organization.

Lawson M3 now provides a new and efficient way of finding, personalizing and maximizing the use of all standard report output. It is called Lawson Smart Reports and out of the box, it lets you realize the hidden value in over 600 standard Lawson M3 reports while dramatically improving their usability and flexibility. It makes reports easier to find and easy to preview. It improves how they look, makes them easier to read, and more valuable to your business. It also provides simple ways of distributing them to colleagues and reusing the data they generate – using either Lawson Smart Office or a web browser. Most importantly, Lawson Smart Reports enhances the value of all its standard reports with tools for reformatting or adding data without the cost, complexity and time of modifications.

Target industries.

Lawson Smart Reports can be useful for all organizations that use standard reports from Lawson M3 and are looking for an easy way to improve business agility and increase user satisfaction, as well as lower their total cost of ownership.

Product line.

Available for the Lawson M3 product line.

Supported processes.

Lawson Smart Reports provides a central catalogue of all standard and modified reports, making finding the right report easier and quicker than ever before.

By providing a complete makeover to all standard reports, Lawson Smart Reports also enhances their format and layout to improve readability, usability, as well as user adoption and acceptance.

Other processes supported include the capability to preview reports, so they can be used on-line in addition to being printed, exporting the content of reports, so that it can be re-used in other applications and more easily distributed, as well as the ability to archive and retrieve reports that have already been generated.

Lawson Smart Reports reduces the need for costly and time-consuming development of reports by making standard reports more accessible, usable and flexible. It can eliminate the need for additional reporting and analysis tools while enhancing report format and layouts including the ability to add additional fields to existing reports without the time and cost of modification.

Built-in export and distribution functions allow standard reports to be used to satisfy broader information needs, making the export and re-distribution of information simpler and quicker, which eliminates costs associated with specialized technical resources.

Features and functions.

Lawson Smart Reports framework includes:

- Editable templates (using Crystal Reports, delivered as part of LBI)
- Previewing, exporting, archiving and cataloging
- Enhanced M3 standard report layouts
- Ability to add data fields in M3 standard reports using APIs
- M3 Report catalog with report browsing and searching
- Access to previously generated reports in the LSR archive
- Online preview of reports through Lawson Smart Office
- Export of report s in popular formats (Excel, Word, PDF, etc.)
- Multi-language support

Benefits.

- Better utilization of M3 reports
- Lower cost of implementation
- Flexible access to valuable information
- Increased business value from standard M3 functionality.
- Reduced cost of ownership by eliminating modifications and reducing the need for additional reporting tools.
- Increased user productivity through faster adoption and increased user satisfaction.

Technical pre-requisites.

- M3 7.1 or M3 10.1 (BE 14.1.2.0 / 13.1.0.x)
- LSO 9.1.3.x or LSO 10.0.0.0
- LBI 9.0.4.2 (full or runtime only)
- IBM WebSphere Application Network Deployment (WAS ND) 7.0.FP17

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