

ULTRAQuest

The Best of Mainframe and Web Technology



- UltraQuest Reporting**
- Ad hoc reporting from mainframe data
 - Easy to use GUI client for creating reports
 - Efficient access to all mainframe data
 - Simple to complex reporting
 - Full spectrum of end users
 - Minimizes training and IT support

Enterprise Reporting

To stay competitive in global markets, businesses require solutions that transform critical data into information for users worldwide. Despite efforts with client/server, ERP, and data warehouse tools, much of this data resides on IBM z Systems, creating high demand for decision-making access to the data on these servers.

Concurrently, the explosion of the Internet's popularity has made vast amounts of information universally available through the user friendliness of a standard Web browser. This phenomenon has led today's business users to expect the same ease of use when accessing their enterprise-wide data.



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The UltraQuest Design Wizard

- **Bi-directional: no loss when going forward or backward**
- **Re-entrant: used for modifying requests as well as new ones**
- **Expandable: dialogs can be expanded for advanced options**
- **Jumpable: users can jump to any step with a right-click**
- **Flexible: multiple requests can be managed simultaneously**

The challenge is delivering this expected ease of use, without burdening IT.

To meet this challenge, businesses require:

- Efficient access to a variety of z Series data, both relational and non-relational
- Powerful reporting and analysis capabilities
- Support for a wide range of users with diverse needs and skills
- Minimal impact upon existing IT resources

UltraQuest Reporter delivers this and more.

It combines the best of mainframe and Web technology by providing your business users with efficient, ad hoc reporting access to their enterprise data with the convenience of the Web. It empowers your users with the information they need, while minimizing IT involvement and training effort.

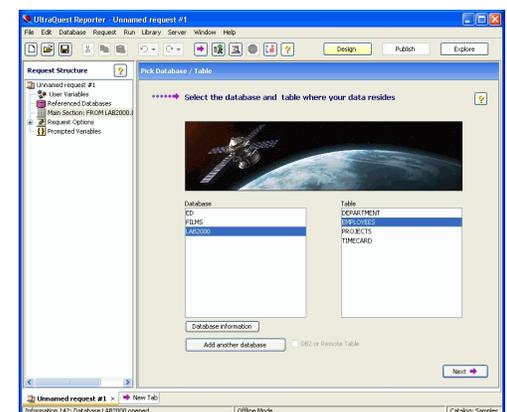
Easy to Use for a Spectrum of Users

UltraQuest offers a unique user interface that provides ease-of-use for beginning, intermediate and advanced users in a single, consistent environment.

Key features include a full range of tools to match individual skill levels and tasks – a design wizard, expandable dialogs, hyper-jumping between dialogs, dropdown menus, tool bars, and a universal interface that helps

new and advanced end users to become productive quickly and instinctively.

Novices start with the UltraQuest Design Wizard, which walks them through a series of dialogs for building a report request. Unlike traditional wizards, the novice user can remain in the tour. They can move forward and backward at will without losing entries; they can run requests, modify them, or open new ones without exiting the wizard.



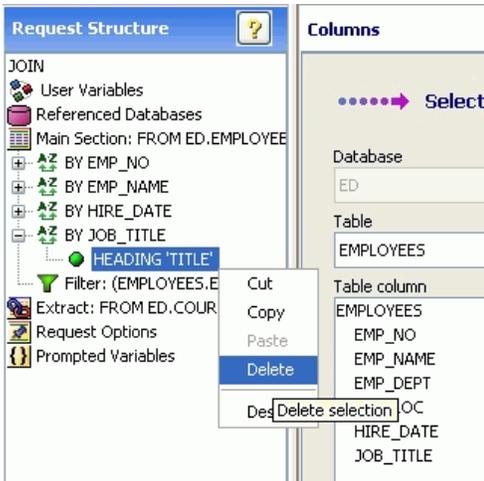
Design Wizard: ideal for the novice user.

As skill levels increase, the hyper-jump capability lets users jump among the dialogs in any order while still remaining within the wizard. Most dialogs can be expanded at the click of a button to offer advanced features. And multiple design wizards may be open simultaneously, accessed via tabs.

An Explorer-like tree representation of the request is automatically created as it is being built. More advanced users can use

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right-click pop-up menus to manipulate the request directly.



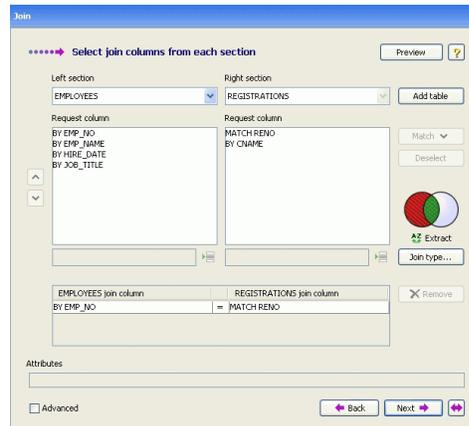
The tree view allows advanced users to execute or modify their report requests.

Consequently, users of all skill levels quickly gather, process, and analyze data in less time and with less effort, freeing up valuable IT resources for other projects.

Powerful Capabilities

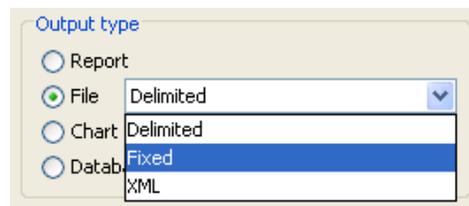
With a wide breadth of functionality and versatility, UltraQuest Reporter will continue to meet your needs, even as they evolve and change.

End users will enjoy the powerful capabilities of UltraQuest Reporter, whether it's to access z Systems data, to join data from multiple tables or multiple databases, to sort down or across the page, to insert extensive calculations or summarizations, to handle arrays, or to add flexible formatting.



Joining data is just a few clicks away

Report requests can be tested with sample data, run interactively, or scheduled to run once or repeatedly in batch. Output from requests can be plain text, formatted HTML, a chart, PDF or XML, and can be directed to a Web browser, to a mainframe printer, to email, extracted to PC applications such as Microsoft Excel, or held for later viewing and redirection using a Web interface.



A variety of output choices is available.

The creation of complex or innovative requests no longer requires the construction and maintenance of custom, workaround code to compensate for missing functionality. With UltraQuest Reporter, you will meet your deadlines. You will

consistently deliver the right information into the right hands at the right time.

Low Impact

UltraQuest is a low-cost reporting solution, scalable to tens of thousands of users, with a minimum startup investment and fast payback!

UltraQuest's unique two-tier architecture and the ability to utilize a mainframe Web server eliminate the need to purchase additional software or hardware. The UltraQuest thin-client implementation and client-side dialogs maximize end user response, yet minimize host-side impact. With out-of-the-box support for a range of users, UltraQuest Reporter also eliminates the need for additional IT support staff and minimizes training requirements.

UltraQuest's user-based pricing enables customers to start up inexpensively based on the numbers of users. With this approach, you will not be penalized by large CPU-based license fees. There are no hidden costs, and the price per user decreases aggressively as the number of users increases. The pricing structure includes built-in flexibility to accommodate your specific needs.

Mainframe Friendly

Specifically tuned for mainframe performance, UltraQuest Reporter offers the high reliability, performance, and scalability inherent in the z Series platform.

Through our advanced technology and years of experience with the z/VM and z/OS environments, UltraQuest Reporter is designed for optimal end-user performance while exploiting z Series facilities. It provides direct, native interfaces for efficient access to DB2, IMS, IDMS, VSAM, and QSAM data sources, while preserving host-based security. It also accesses Oracle and SQL Server, and allows this data to be joined with data on the mainframe.

UltraQuest Reporter eliminates processing startup costs through its unique durable application servers, and lets you scale to thousands of users without diminishing mainframe-level performance, even when dealing with very large databases. No other reporting tool is tuned for access to your legacy data like UltraQuest Reporter!

Summary

UltraQuest Reporter combines the best of mainframe and Web technology for the ultimate in ad hoc reporting from mainframe data. It leverages your investment in existing z Series hardware and software, while delivering critical information for fast decision-making to users worldwide.

Additional UltraQuest Options

- **UltraQuest Menus** allows publishing report requests to a centralized catalog. Users can execute published reports interactively or in batch directly via their Web browsers. Optional parameterized reports allow dynamic data selection.
- **UltraQuest Applications** extends UltraQuest's capabilities to include full two-tier Web applications. Potential uses include enabling existing 3270-based applications, custom reporting environments, new self-service applications, and data management. For these uses and more, UltraQuest provides data access, shared servers, security and rapid application development, producing a simple and quick integration of mainframe z/OS and z/VM systems to corporate intranets and extranets.

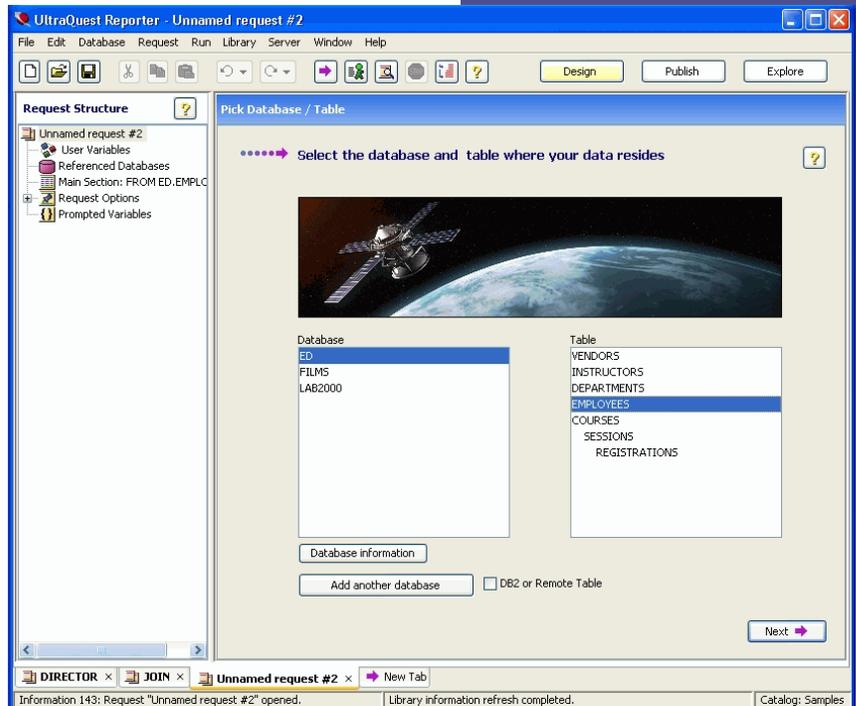
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“To business people, reporting is another tool among others. They have no time to read manuals and should not have to switch between three and four reporting products. They need one product that is intuitive to use and provides all the functionality needed for any task. The UltraQuest Reporter is the only product that we found to achieve this.

Ask our Customers!



This is a high-return product that actually delivers what other products claim.

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