

DataFlex Reports 2014 Standard Edition – 4.0.1 readme

Welcome to DataFlex Reports 2014 Standard Edition – 4.0.1 update

Before installing the DataFlex Reports 4.0.1 update, please uninstall your existing DataFlex Reports 4.0 Standard Edition. If the setup program detects a DataFlex Reports 4.0 installation, the setup will be aborted.

Existing reports

The .dr (or .vrw for existing reports) report definition format has changed between version 3.0 and 4.0. Special caution with regard to this: when opening reports made with an older version it is advised to run the 'check database' option.

DataFlex CodeJock controls

DataFlex Reports uses the same version of the CodeJock components as DataFlex 18.0. If you uninstall DataFlex Reports you must manually run the 'RegisterCodejockControls' batch file in the DataFlex bin directory to ensure DataFlex 18.0 will continue to run correctly.

Installation

DataFlex Reports 2014 – 4.0.1 is developed with DataFlex 18.0. If you do not have a version 18.0 Client License running on your PC, the setup will automatically install one for you.

Supported platforms

- Microsoft Windows 8 excluding RT (32/64 bit)
- Microsoft Windows 7 Home Premium or higher (32/64 bit)
- Microsoft Windows Server 2012
- Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 (32/64 bit)
- Microsoft Windows Vista SP2 Home Premium or higher (32/64 bit)
- Microsoft Windows XP SP3 (32 bit)
- Windows Terminal Services when using Windows Server 2012 or Windows Server 2008
- Citrix XenApp when used in conjunction with other supported Windows operating systems

Registration

DataFlex Reports will run as a 60-day trial version by default. If you start DataFlex Reports you will be asked to register your version. To register, you need to purchase a license. Registering will lift the trial period. After registering your license you have a 60 day period to activate your license. Make sure to have an internet connection, and simply confirm the activation.

Changes between 4.0 and 4.0.1

- The PDF 'high quality' export mode has been improved; adding support for page layers, gradients and transparency.
- Added Czech language support

- HDE 3902: Large numbers (1 million+) use E-notation when used in charts
- HDE 3872: Reports can contain an empty trailing page

- HDE 3830: Hide blank section option does not work
- HDE 3794: Hide/show a page layer based on a function which uses the 'Page number' special field does not work
- HDE 3777: Incorrect page numbers
- HDE 3641: Icons (ICO) files are not exported to PDF in high quality mode
- HDE 3834: The chart 'auto spacing' option shows different horizontal/vertical scales between preview and print
- HDE 3710: When exiting the studio and pressing 'cancel' in the exit/save dialog, the studio exits without saving changes made to reports
- HDE 3865: The page range was incorrectly calculated when printing a report to printer, allowing invalid ranges to be entered
- HDE 3916: Wrong icon used for align left-to-right in toolbar
- HDE 3934: Tab page labels for 'Numeric' and 'Date' are missing
- HDE 3944: Existing guidelines are detached when opening existing (pre 4.0) reports
- HDE 3970: Error when changing the length of a new parameter field

What is New in version 4.0?

Charts

DataFlex Reports 4.0 includes support for creating Charts. In the 4.0 release Area, Bar, Line and Point chart types will be available; more Chart types will follow in future versions.

Function Explorer

The new Function Explorer is a quick and convenient way to browse through all the functions defined in your reports. Both user defined and built-in functions can be queried.

RTF Export

Version 4.0 of DataFlex Reports adds support for RTF Export. The RTF (Rich Text Format) export is based on the Microsoft Word 2007 specifications.

Page Layers

In version 4.0 you can create new page layers and add them to your report(s). A report can contain any number of page layers that are embedded in the report, eliminating the need to deploy the page layers separately.

Images

Images stored in databases (both DataFlex and ODBC) can now be used directly in DataFlex Reports. Also new is the image display option which will display an image Filled, Fitted or in the Original size within the design rectangle.

Collate

New collating files are included with DataFlex Reports version 4.0 that allow sorting based on character weight and include the code page for which the collate was created. The collate is saved in the report ensuring the same sort order with deployed reports.

Function Editor

The Function Editor included with DataFlex Reports now includes a list of all the global variables defined in the report and adds a number of new functions as well as a number of extended functions.

Miscellaneous

Other changes in version 4.0 include a font strikethrough option, improved error reporting, the ability to add summaries in report and group headers and improved remote desktop support.

Language support

DataFlex Reports ships with support for a number of languages. Before changing the language used in DataFlex Reports you must set your Windows Regional Options to the language of your choice. This ensures that the correct (ANSI) code page is selected in Windows. You can change the Regional Options in the Windows Control Panel, for full language support you must change both the 'Standards and formats' option to ensure correct date and number handling and the 'Language for non-unicode programs' option. Please note that the name of these options may differ in various versions of Windows. After changing the Windows Regional Options you can change the language in DataFlex Reports by choosing a language from the 'Language' menu.

Reporting bugs, comments and suggestions

Please report bugs to support@dataaccess.eu, if you have a HelpDesk Express account you can also enter reports directly at <http://hde.dataaccess.eu>. Make sure to provide as much detail as possible to define and reproduce the problem that you are reporting.

Upon your report, you will be invited to use an account on our help-desk support system for reporting future issues.

For further communications and information, there is a forum devoted to [DataFlex Reports in the Data Access Worldwide Support Forums](#).