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LL13: Reporting for Heroes

It takes a bit of courage to use a version 13 ;-) But apart from that we now back you up when taking your most adventurous project dives: List & Label 13 is also available as a subscription including support. Oh, yes, and we've got a bit of news to report, too.

It's turned into the version you wished for. Which means that first of all: LL developers are justified in having high expectations of their equipment, and second: We can do well by listening to them.
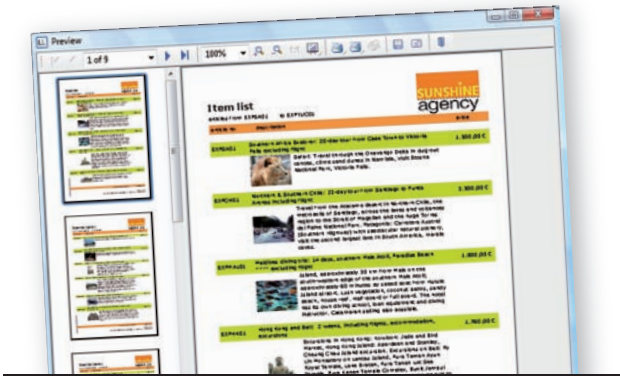
The chart area can just about be recognized. „We want to amaze the end users when presenting the first chart report with List & Label 13", said Jochen Bartlau, Project Manager of List & Label, and he means what he says. A completely new rendering engine has been integrated; the property dialog has been reviewed; pie charts can be seen in an exploded view and bar charts have been visually enhanced with regards to many aspects. **With the List & Label DOM model** you can manage almost all the properties that can be adjusted in the Designer by using code. This is not a function for loud-mouths but for people who dare to rappel deep into their projects – particularly elegant with .NET and VCL. **The preview** displays results while printing is still running. Blink in the sun and the first page is ready. It has also developed ambitions for PowerPoint-similar presentations. **Export** outputs to Unicode, or to ZIP archives, *as image* and now we can report that we have added XPS as a new format. And there's a lot more for which we simply don't have enough room here.

LL13 Highlights

➡ **Charts** :: New rendering engine :: Property list :: New chart types :: Exploded view of pie charts, cone diagrams, octahedron diagrams, horizontal bar charts :: Labeling on all charts :: Extended scaling of axes :: Multiple y-axes
Object model / DOM (Professional + Enterprise)
Preview :: Immediate view while print job is still running:: Slideshow mode
Designer :: More ergonomics in tables :: Multiple-column tables :: Free content in tables
Export :: Unicode :: ZIP archive :: XPS format
New barcodes :: QR code (2D) :: ISBN
.NET :: LINQ support
Formula editor :: this can be used independently of List & Label (Enterprise)

➡ **Release** :: Anticipated November 2007
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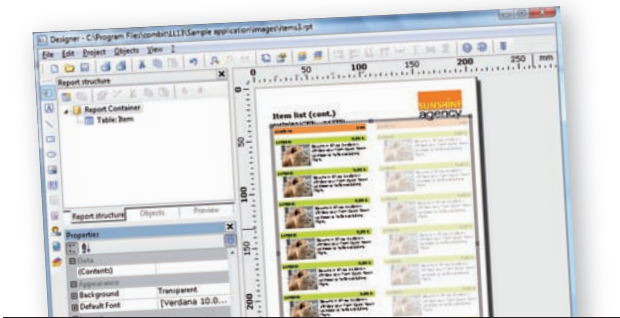
Preview with immediate display

No need to wait. You can already enjoy looking through the first pages while printing takes place in the background. Also, the preview files are a lot smaller – which is practical for e-mailing the preview.
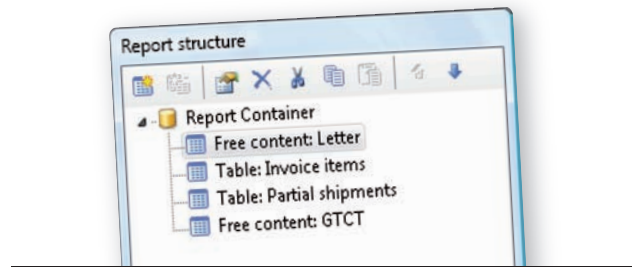
Preview with slideshow mode

No detours, get straight to your goal: from your report to an attractive presentation, full-screen image including typical slide transitions. The preview sorts things out and even supports PowerPoint-typical shortcuts.
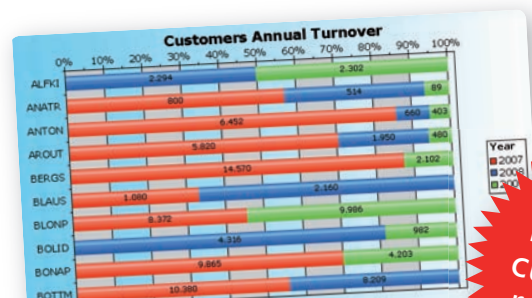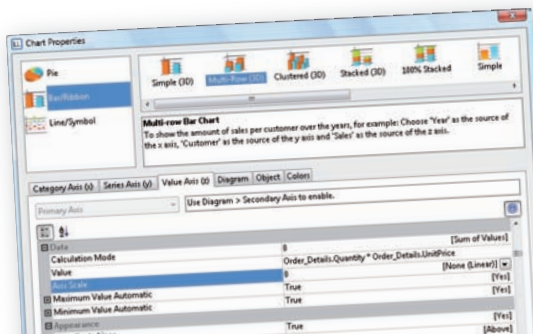
Multiple-column tables

Optically appealing and space-saving layout. Have your tables flow into multiple columns. This even works with free text, group headers as column subheadings, charts and much more.

Free content in the report container

Simply integrate subtext that doesn't contain any fields, e.g. introductory text for an invoice. This also applies to images, variables and barcodes and with Data Binding it's automatic.
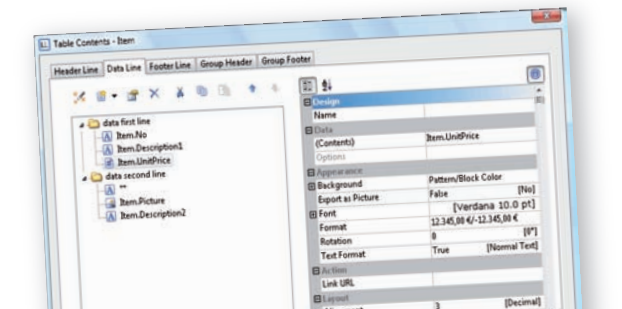
Wishbox

➡ Great enhancements to charts

Versatile and more attractive graphic evaluations. Feel a fresh breeze blowing with the new rendering engine, exploded pie charts, cone diagrams, octahedron diagrams and horizontal bar charts as well as a property based design.

Enjoy a completely new look & feel, labeling on charts, extended scaling of axes (logarithmic), multiple y-axes, long axes labels that can be rotated, adjustments via navigation tool, and much more.
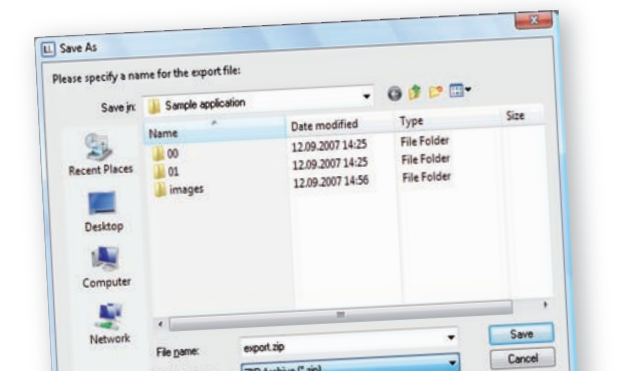
Due to multiple customer requests

Refined table dialog

Extended functionality, for example a tree view of all line definitions, line properties as true properties (formulas!), copy & paste for complete line definitions and parallel modifying of several definitions.
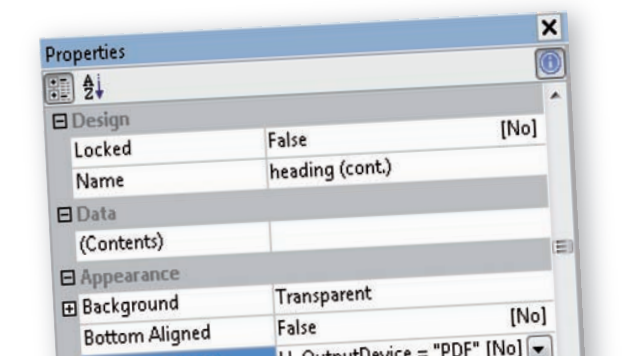

New barcode formats

ISBN and 2D barcode QR*, which has distinguished itself with a high error tolerance, increased data density and faster scanning capabilities. The key: It can be read by recent cell phone models which opens whole new perspectives.

Export and ZIP archive creation

Save space and keep files together by packing your result files from an export process into a ZIP archive. HTML exports are particularly useful as a neatly tied-up package.
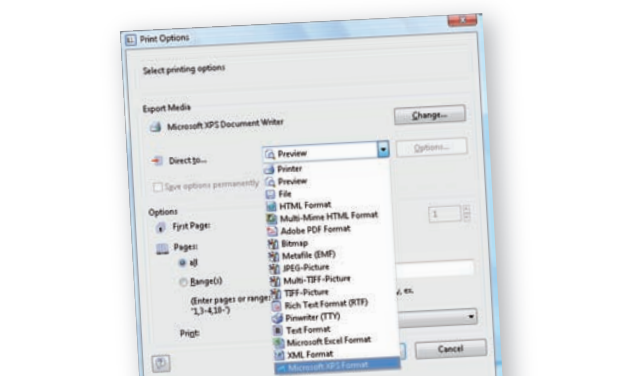

Export as picture file

When less is more leave out conversion during the export process and put more focus on the output as an image, for example, complex vector graphics in combination with the PDF export.

Export as Unicode

Sail straight to the course even in international waters with Unicode character sets such as Japanese, Russian or Greek - thanks to the new Unicode capability of the List & Label exporter.
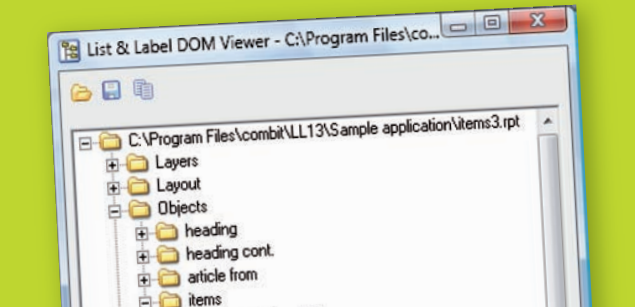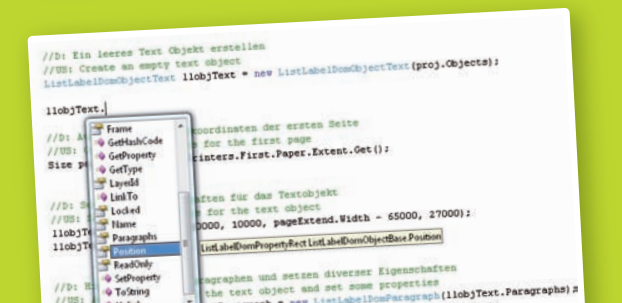

Export - new format

The XPS format (XML paper specification) is supported by List & Label as soon as .NET 3.0 Framework has been installed on your computer. The Framework also includes an XPS viewer.

Due to multiple customer requests

Object model for projects – DOM *

You decide the course to take. Almost every Designer property can be managed by code. Dynamic creation of projects, own project assistants or a slimmed down designer – test the power!

Particularly smooth with .NET and VCL, and also possible in other programming languages. Here are a few examples in C#.

➡ In this manner, all sum variables can be output including content:

```
Proj.Open(@"item.lst", LlDomFileMode.
    OpenOrCreate);
foreach (ListLabelDomSumVariable sumVar in
    Proj.SumVariables)
{
    MessageBox.Show(sumVar.Name + "=" +
        sumVar.Contents);
}
Proj.Close();
```

➡ This is how each first paragraph of a text object is output:

```
ListLabelDomProjectList Proj = new
    ListLabelDomProjectList(LL);
Proj.Open(@"item.lst", LlDomFileMode.
    OpenOrCreate);
foreach (ListLabelDomObjectBase obj in
    Proj.ObjectCollection)
{
    if (obj is ListLabelDomObjectText)
    {
        MessageBox.Show((obj as
            ListLabelDomObjectText).
            Paragraphs[0].Contents);
    }
}
Proj.Close();
```

➡ „Create a new project inclusive customers table and fields":

```
Proj.Open(@"c:\Reports\item.lst",
    LlDomFileMode.Create,
    LlDomAccessMode.ReadWrite, true);

ListLabelDomObjectReportContainer container=new
    ListLabelDomObjectReportContainer
    (Proj.Objects);
container.Position.Left = "0";
container.Position.Top = "0";
container.Position.Width = "150000";
container.Position.Height = "200000";

ListLabelDomSubItemTable table = new
    ListLabelDomSubItemTable
    (container.SubItems);
table.TableID = "Customers";

ListLabelDomTableLineData dataLineNew = new
    ListLabelDomTableLineData(table.Lines.Data);
dataLineNew.Name = "Dynamically created";

ListLabelDomTableFieldText textCol = new
    ListLabelDomTableFieldText
    (dataLineNew.Fields);
textCol.Contents = "Customers.Name";

ListLabelDomTableFieldBarcode barcodeCol = new
    ListLabelDomTableFieldBarcode
    (dataLineNew.Fields);
barcodeCol.Contents = "Barcode(Customers.Name,
    'PDF417')";

Proj.Save();
Proj.Close();
```

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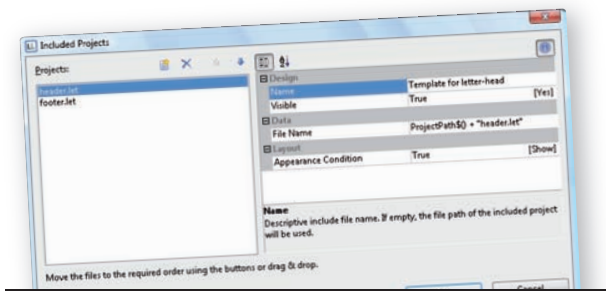
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Unicode module for international character sets		•	•
2D barcodes PDF417, Maxicode, Data Matrix/EC200, Aztec and QR-Code		•	•
DOM (Object model)		•	•
Alternate usage on developer notebook permitted		•	•
Server /web server license: unlimited number of servers, unlimited number of end users			•
Formula assistant independent of List & Label			•
Preferred handling for support			•
15% on training and customization			•
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Enhancements to project includes

By using formulas, project includes can now be hidden and shown independently in the Designer and in printing. They can also be applied across different project types, e.g. card and list projects.

Important to know

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Other innovations

Crosstab-wrap on same page :: It doesn't always have to be a new page – now it works without the so-called shadow page.

New object properties :: Fit text to object: The font size is varied so that the paragraph completely fills the object :: Force a page wrap in the text object or in table columns: Long words are separated rather than cut off :: Rotate bar codes in tables :: Set the line spacing for text in table columns :: Relative filename for graphic objects :: TOC depth and text for group headers :: Fixed height for table rows

New designer functions :: Exists() :: GetValue() :: Evaluate()

Insert graphics in original size

The .NET component now also supports LINQ (Language Integrated Query) in Data Binding, a new feature from VS.NET codename „Orcas".

OCX now without MFC42 dependencies, therefore simplified distribution

New in printing and API :: With *LlDlgEditLineEx* in the Enterprise Edition access the formula editor independently of List & Label and apply in a variety of ways in your own application – if formulas are what you need :: *LlGetErrortext* supplies descriptive text to an error code, is localized and therefore simplifies error handling considerably. These texts are also output to the debug log.

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