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Introduction

Welcome to Ariadne Reporting Help!

Ariadne Reporting is a reporting platform that can be integrated into any SQL based business operations system (e.g. Exact Globe, Microsoft Navision, SAP Business One).

The Crystal Reports based software speeds up and makes reporting easier in many ways, thus enabling more efficiency in satisfying requirements for business information. In order to manage or create reports from Ariadne Reporting, you must have Crystal Report Developer Edition installed (minimum requirement is version 8.5, however version 11 is recommended).

In this Help you can find information about the settings, features and functions with only a few mouse clicks.

Should you have any further question please do not hesitate to contact our support team.

We wish you good work with the program!

Your Ariadne Reporting-Team

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Installation

If required the following software components are also installed on the computer.

- ✓ Microsoft .NET 2.0 framework.
- ✓ Crystal Reports XI Rel. 2. SP5 (runtime)
- ✓ MDAC 2.8
- ✓ MSXML 6.0 SP1
- ✓ Windows Installer 4.5

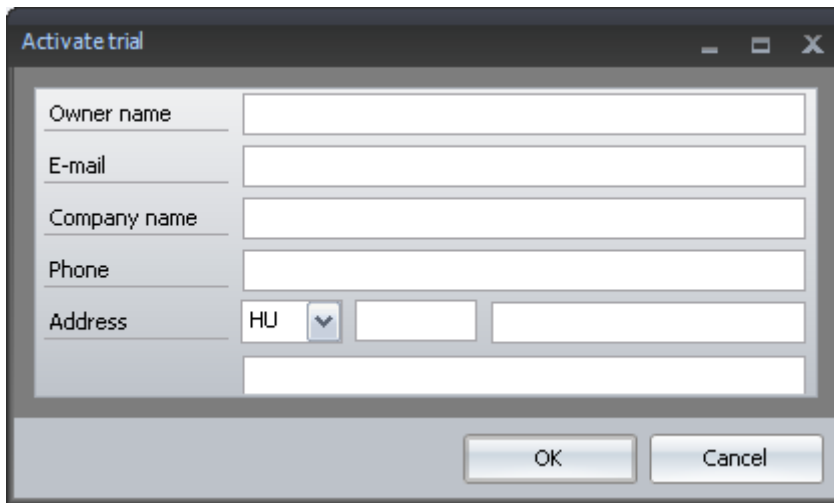
Prerequisites

Ariadne Reporting has the following prerequisites.

Prerequisites	
!	Operating systems: Microsoft Windows 2000 SP4, Microsoft Windows XP SP2, Microsoft Windows 2003 Server SP2, Microsoft Windows Vista SP1.  Note: 32 bit operating systems only.
!	Memory: 512 MB.
!	Hard disk space: 400 MB.

Trial version

To evaluate Ariadne Reporting without the demo limitations you can activate a trial licence. Click the **Ariadne** icon then select **Registration** and click **Activate trial**.



The 'Activate trial' dialog box is a standard Windows-style window with a title bar. It contains several input fields: 'Owner name', 'E-mail', 'Company name', and 'Phone' are each followed by a single-line text box. The 'Address' field is more complex, featuring a dropdown menu currently showing 'HU', followed by two adjacent text boxes. At the bottom right of the dialog are two buttons: 'OK' and 'Cancel'.


If you add all the relevant information and click **OK** Ariadne Reporting will work immediately with full functionality – except the nag screen – for 30 days.

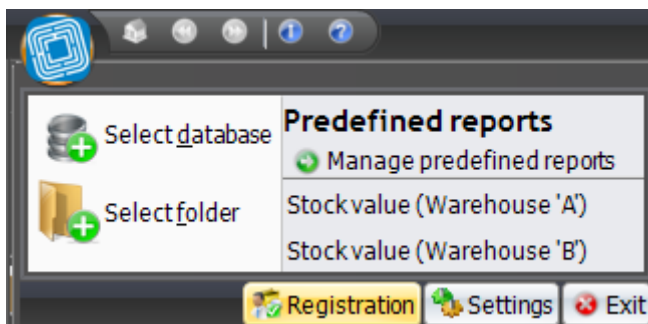
You can verify the expiration day by clicking **Check licence**.

Demo version

If you do not wish to request a licence you can use Ariadne Reporting in demo mode.

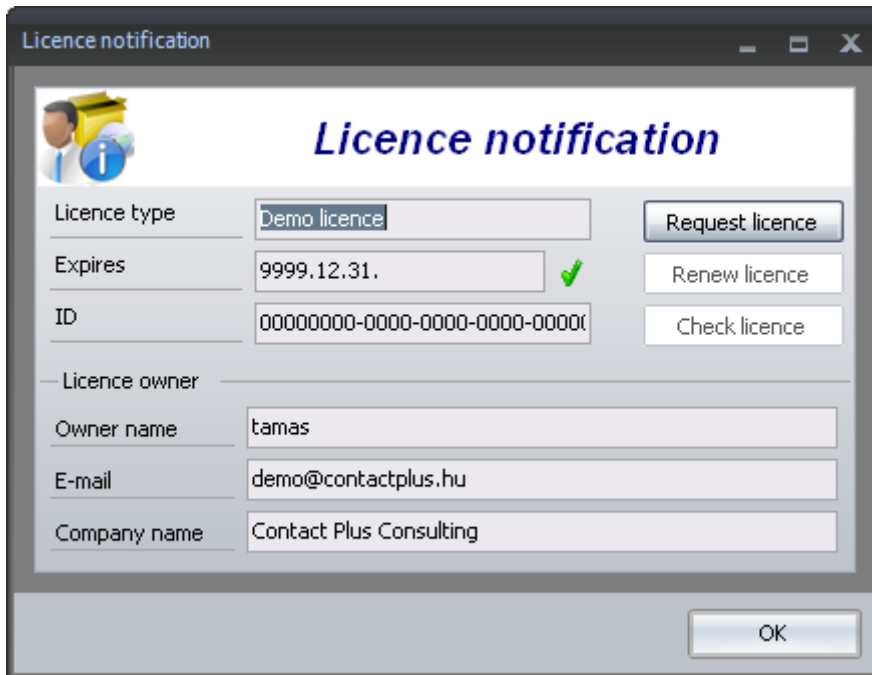
Demo version limitations	
!	Only local database server connections are allowed.
!	A nag screen will appear after running 3 reports.
!	After running 10 reports Ariadne Reporting has to be restarted to run further (10) reports.

 **Note:** later you can request a licence by clicking the **Ariadne** icon and selecting **Registration**.




Registration

Without having a valid licence every time when Ariadne Reporting starts the **Licence Notification** window will pop up.

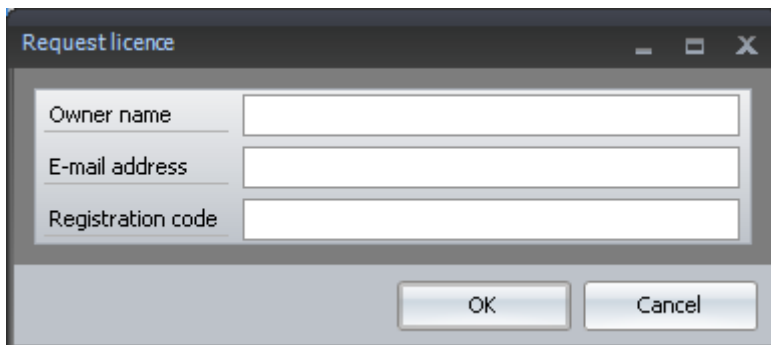


The 'Licence notification' dialog box displays the following information and options:

Field	Value	Action
Licence type	Demo licence	Request licence
Expires	9999.12.31. 	Renew licence
ID	00000000-0000-0000-0000-00000000	Check licence
Licence owner		
Owner name	tamas	
E-mail	demo@contactplus.hu	
Company name	Contact Plus Consulting	

OK

You can request a full licence by clicking **Request licence**. You have to provide your name, e-mail address and your licence number.



The 'Request licence' dialog box contains the following input fields and buttons:

Owner name	<input type="text"/>
E-mail address	<input type="text"/>
Registration code	<input type="text"/>

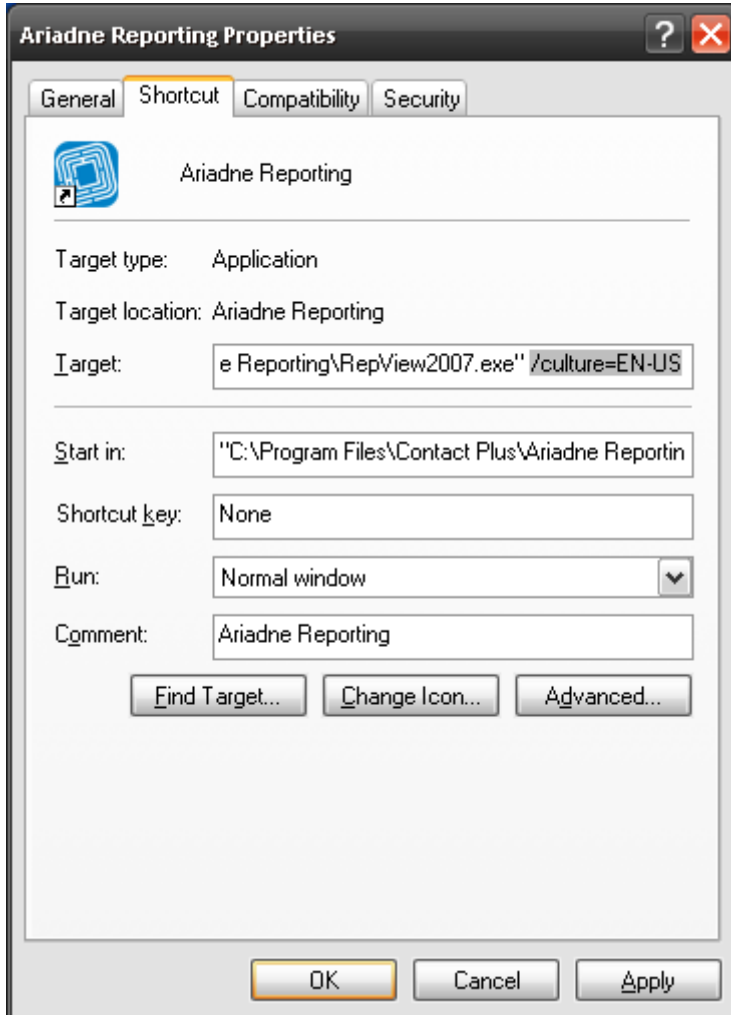
OK Cancel

Your licence will be approved in eight business hours or automatically depending on your licence contract.

Language setting

Ariadne Reporting is available in four languages: English, German, Hungarian and Polish. The default language is based on the operating system's language. For non supported system languages English is the default.

To run Ariadne Reporting in a different language modify the shortcut properties.

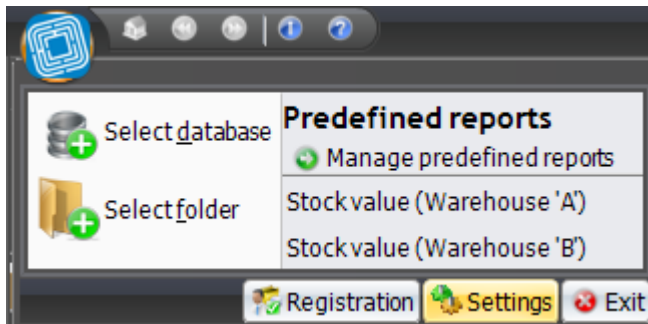


Language settings will take effect after restarting Ariadne reporting.

Language setting	
Hungarian (HU)	/culture=HU-HU
English (EN)	/culture=EN-US
Polish (PL)	/culture=PL-PL
German (DE)	/culture=DE-DE

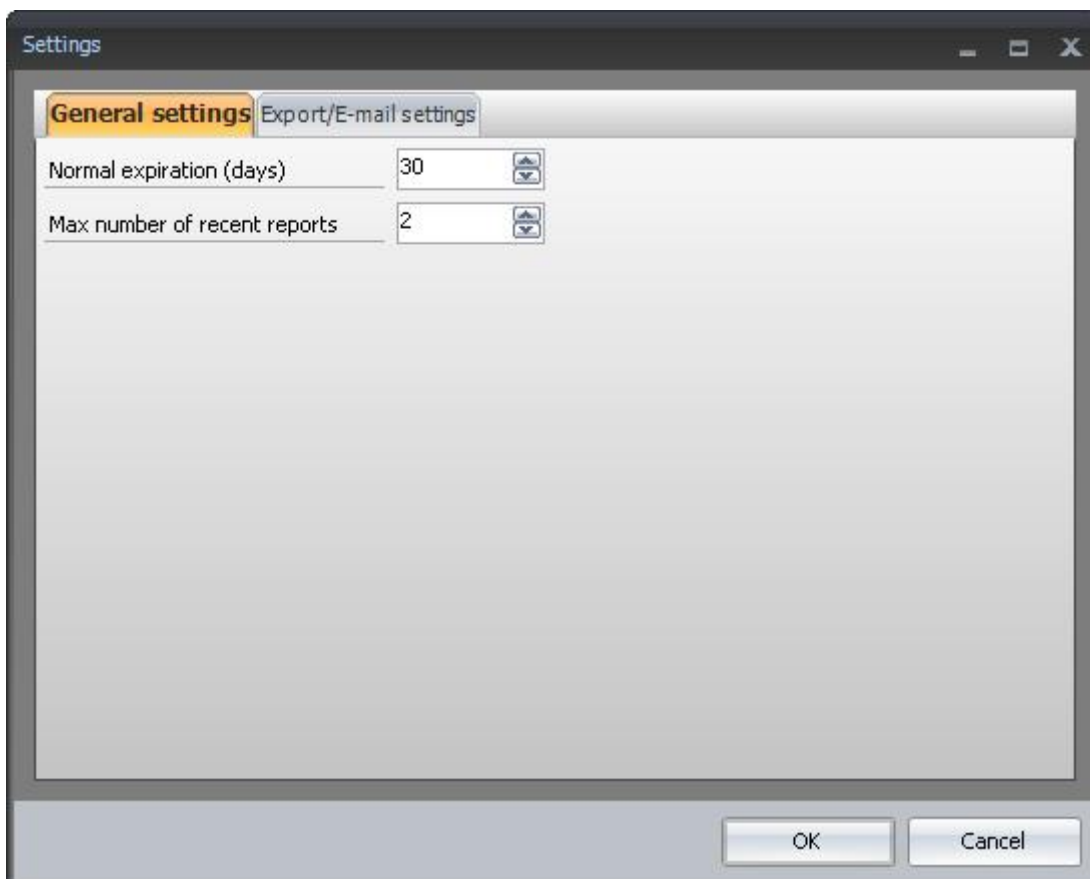
Settings


Click the **Ariadne** icon then **Settings** to open the settings window.

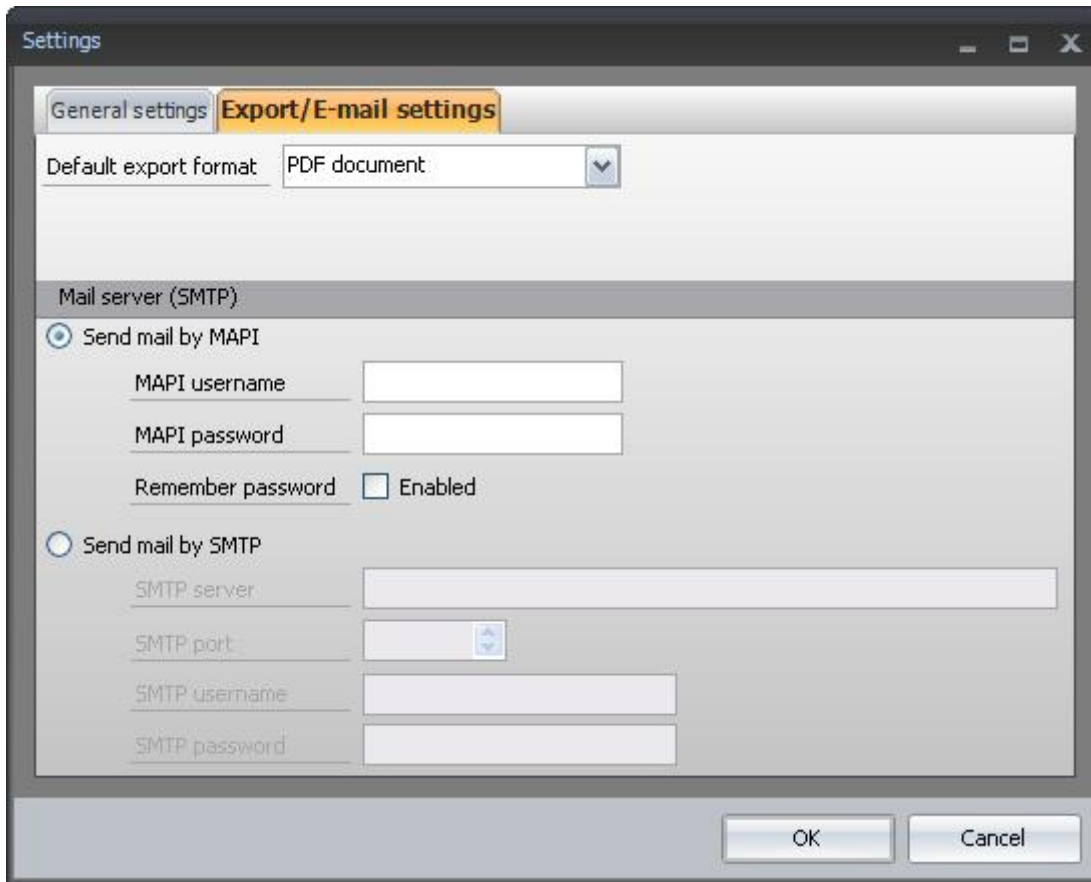


General settings

Normal expiration (days)	The number of days while Normal expiration lasts.
Max number of recent reports	The maximum number of reports to be preserved in the recent reports' list after restarting Ariadne Reporting.



 **Note:** if you set MAPI e-mail configuration all e-mails will be sent via your MAPI compatible e-mail client (e.g. Microsoft Outlook, Outlook Express).



Settings

General settings **Export/E-mail settings**

Default export format PDF document

Mail server (SMTP)

Send mail by MAPI

MAPI username

MAPI password

Remember password Enabled

Send mail by SMTP

SMTP server

SMTP port

SMTP username

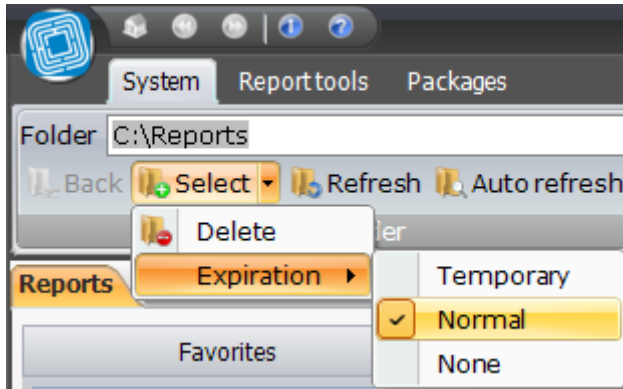
SMTP password

OK Cancel

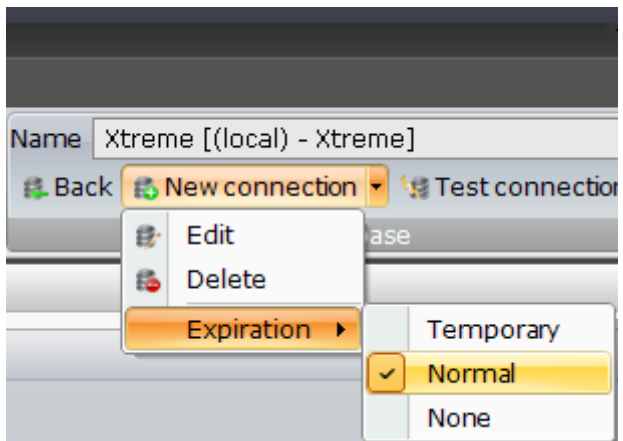
Expiration

Ariadne Reporting uses expiration (temporary, normal, none) for the following objects: database connections, reports and report folders.

Expiration: report folder



Expiration: database



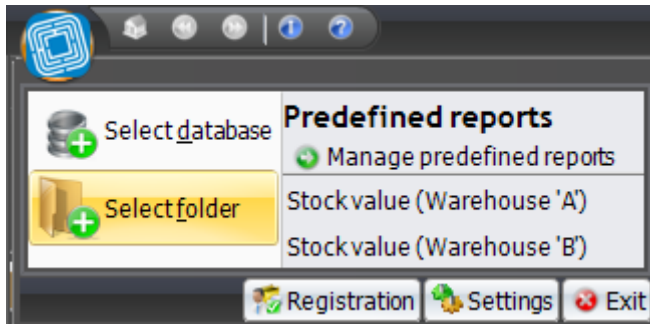
Expiration: report

Expiration types	
Temporary	The object or its reference will be deleted when you exit Ariadne Reporting.
Normal	The object or its reference will be deleted after the number of days specified in the General Settings . This is the default expiration type.
None	The object or its reference will not be deleted.

Report folder

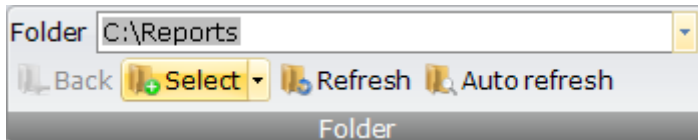
Select report folder I.

First click the **Ariadne button** then the **Select folder** icon.

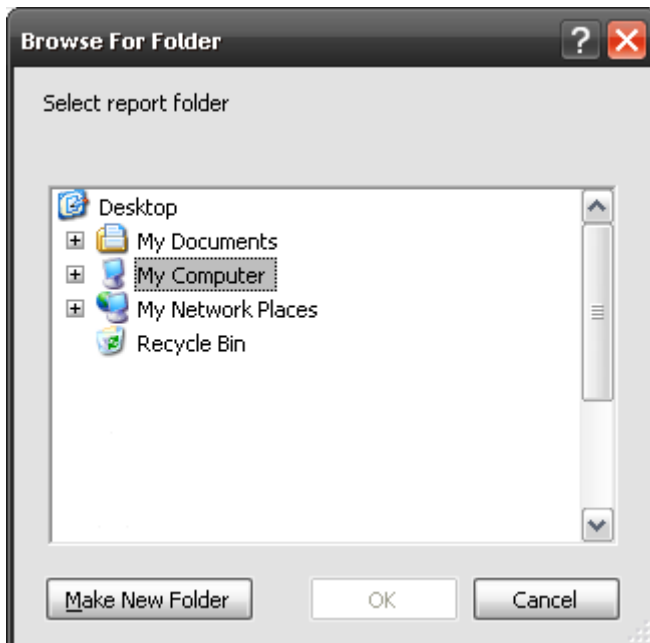


Select report folder II.

Click the **Select** icon in the **Folder** tab of the **System ribbon**.



In both cases the **Browse For Folder** window will pop up where you can select the appropriate report folder.

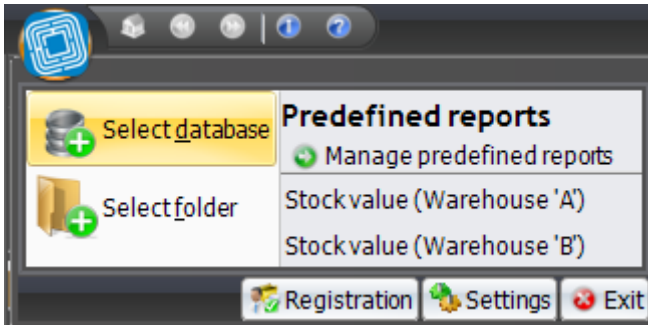


Note: on network folders **Auto-refresh** is not allowed.

Database connection

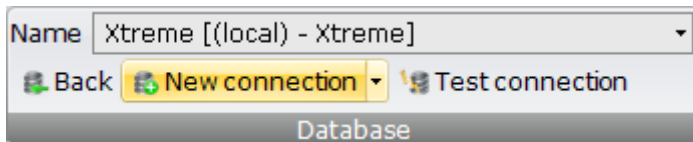
Database connection I.

First click the **Ariadne button** then the **Select database** icon.

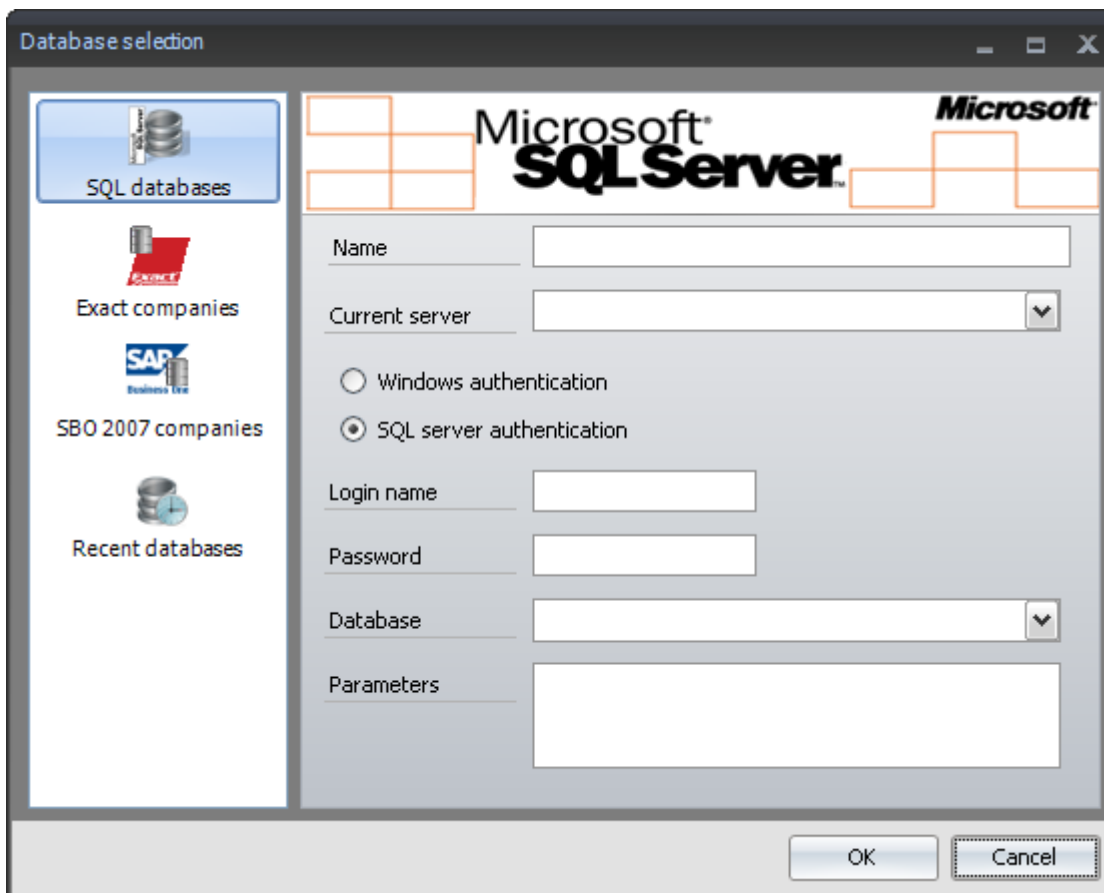


Database connection II.

Click the **New connection** icon in the **Database** tab of the **System ribbon**.



To build up a database connection add the following data.



Note: if you select **Exact companies** or **SBO 2007 companies** and click the **Refresh** button you can select only databases of the appropriate ERP system. Currently supported ERP systems: Exact Globe for Windows, SAP Business One 2007.

Running reports

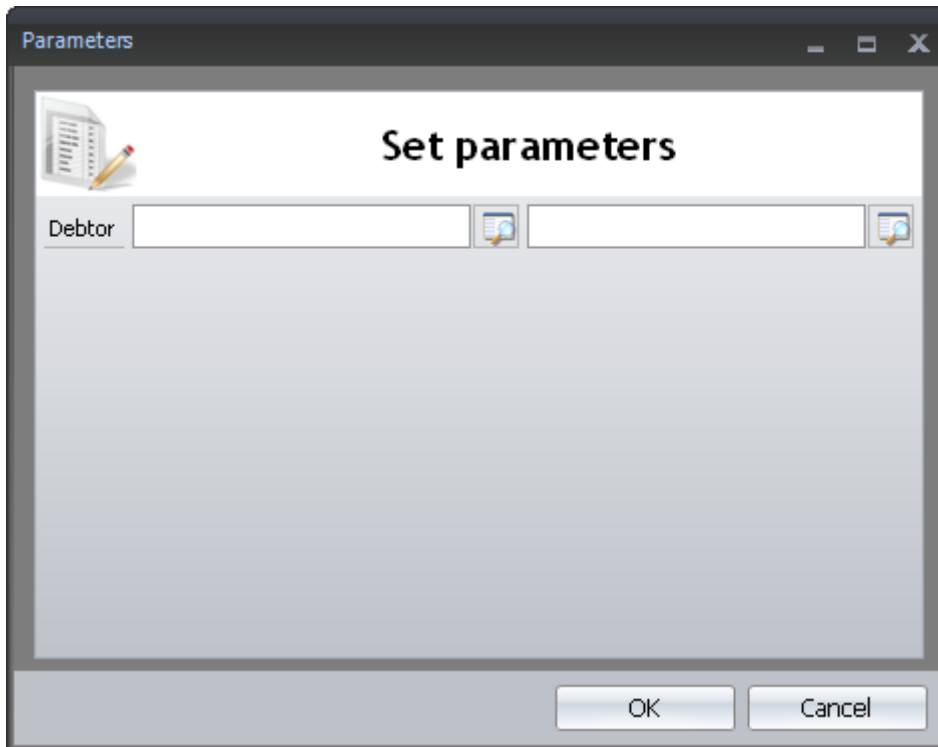
If all the settings are correct the available reports are listed in the start page.

Reports						
					Search	
Name	Description	Author	Version	Created		
Financial reports						
Account Statement	SAP BO Account Statement	Contact Plus Consul...	1.0.0	2007. 09. 10.		
Open invoices	SAP BO Open Invoices	Contact Plus Consul...	1.0.0	2007. 12. 07.		
Human Resources						
Employee list	SAP BO Employee List	Contact Plus Consul...	1.0.0	2007. 09. 25.		

You can run reports by double clicking on them. If you have several different databases please check if the correct one is selected before you run a report. (Incorrect database selection may result error messages.) If you run several reports after each other each report will be opened in a separate tab.

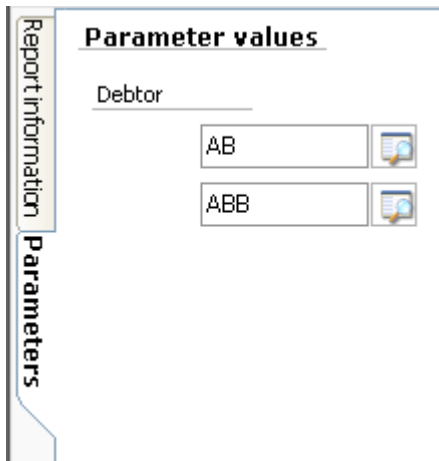
Parameters

If your report contains parameters the **Parameters** window will pop up. Here you can add the parameter values.



In the dropdown list you can filter the possible values by typing the known characters of the parameter. For the unknown characters use the **asterisk (*)** mark.

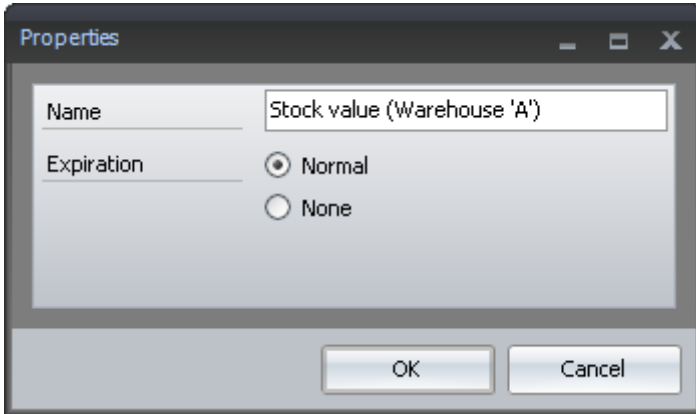
After running the report you can see the chosen parameters in the left side of the screen (**Parameters** tab).



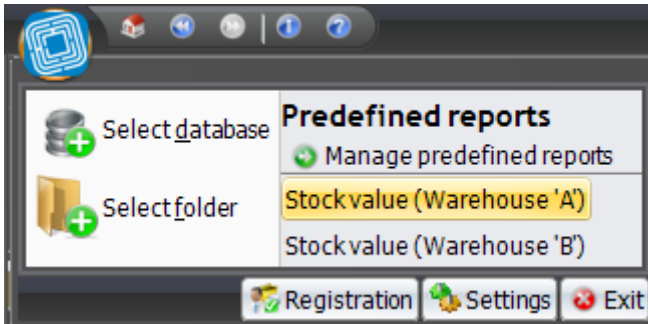
To re-run the report with different parameters change the parameter values in the **Parameters** tab and click **Modify** in the bottom left part of the screen.

Predefined reports





Reports with parameters can be saved with preset parameter values. So in the course of a later usage you do not have to bother with adding parameter values. To save a predefined report first run the report, fill the parameters and click the **Save** button in the bottom left part of the screen. Name the report and select an expiration.




You can find the predefined reports by clicking the **Ariadne** icon.



Report tab

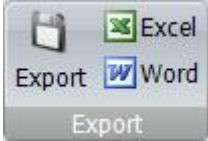
Basic report functions	
	Print report.
	Add report to the Favorites list.
	Refresh report data.
	Close report.

E-mail tab

Send reports in e-mail	
▶	Enter a valid e-mail address or click the Open address book icon to open the address book. You can select multiple e-mail addresses by holding down the <i>Ctrl</i> button. Microsoft Outlook connection If this option is enabled you can open your Microsoft Outlook address book. Based on the security settings Microsoft Outlook may require user permission each time to access its address book.  Note: this function also requires the .NET programming support for Microsoft Outlook to be installed on your computer.
▶	Select the attachment format from the dropdown list.
▶	Click the Show format options icon to set the selected export format's properties.
▶	Click Send to open the e-mail client, edit your e-mail and click OK to send the e-mail.

Export tab

Export types	
▶	One-click export If you wish to quickly export the current report to Microsoft Excel or Microsoft Word click the Excel or Word icon.
▶	Advanced export You can select other export formats and methods by clicking the Export icon.




Export formats

Export formats	
✓	Text file (*.txt)
✓	Rich Text Format (*.rtf)
✓	Portable Document Format (*.pdf)
✓	Microsoft Word (*.doc)
✓	Microsoft Excel (*.xls)
✓	Coma Separated Values (*.csv)

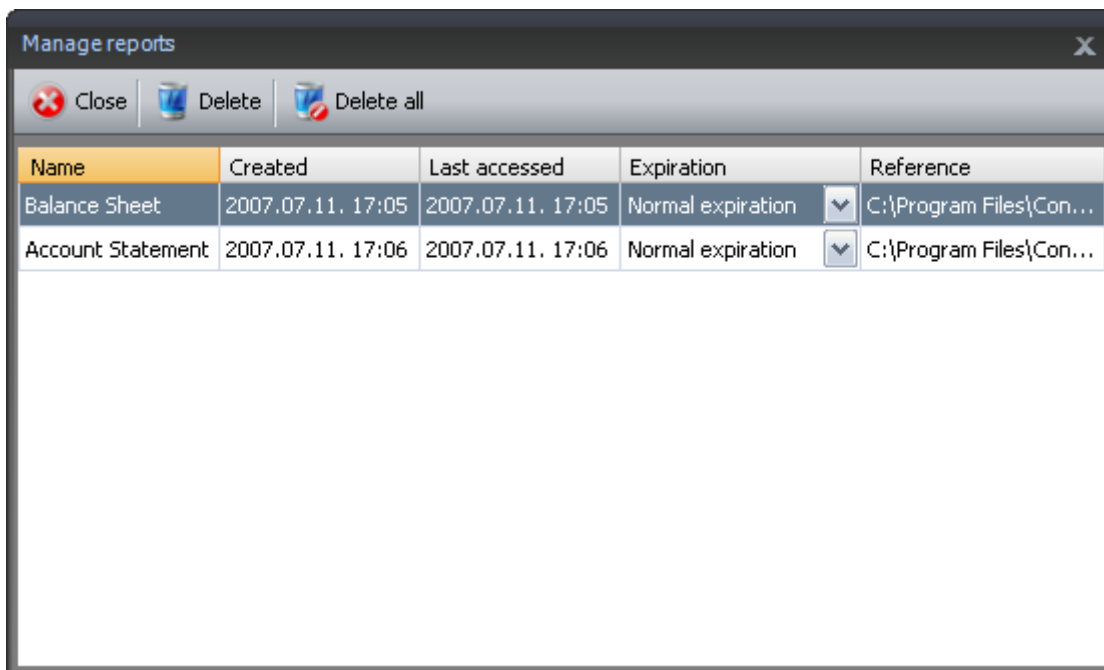
 **Note:** the usability of the exported report greatly depends on the report's design and layout.

Jump to page/Search

Jump to specified page/Search	
▶ Jump to specified page Enter the target page number into the textbox below the navigation buttons and click the Jump to page/Search icon.	
▶ Search Enter the text (alphanumeric) into the textbox and click the Jump to page/Search icon. 🗨 Note: if you are looking for a specific number (numeric) in the report put it between apostrophes. (e.g. '1522')	

Managing favorite, recent and predefined reports

The report management layout is similar in all cases of report types.



You can delete reports from the specific list one by one by clicking the **Delete** icon or all of them at once by clicking the **Delete all** icon.

Report expiration also can be set here.

🗨 **Note:** in the predefined reports' management window there is an extra column (**Database**). It shows the database of the predefined report.

Report-package

In Ariadne Reporting it is not possible to run Crystal Reports files (*.rpt) directly. First you have to create report-packages with the help of Ariadne Package Editor. The aim of these report-packages is to gather all the relevant data about the report and to provide security against unauthorized and accidental usage and modification.

The report-package (*.rpk) contains the report (*.rpt) and all the information about the report, like name, category, version, author, publishing date, description, keywords, parameters and their properties.

The report-packages have to be copied or moved into a folder accessible by the end-users.