Features and Functionality of BI Publisher

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- Currently on Oracle 11.5.10+
- Two Instances
 - Financials(Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, General Ledger, Cash Management, Fixed Assets), Purchasing, Inventory, Order Management and Advanced Pricing
 - Financials , Purchasing, and Discrete Manufacturing (Inventory, Order Management, Advanced Pricing, Bill of Materials, Cost Management, WIP, Quality, Configurator), and Mobil Supply Chain





Kirby - Needs

- 3rd party check printing solution
 - Old technology
 - Pre-printed paper
 - Printer issues becoming unsupported
 - Different locations get different check styles
- Update existing AR Invoice printing solution
 - Pre-printed paper
 - Every change in format required a change to the Oracle Report.
- Solution Oracle BI Publisher







Oracle BI Publisher

- Oracle BI Publisher is an enterprise reporting solution to author, manage, and deliver all types of highly formatted documents eliminating the need for costly point solutions
- Developed to solve Oracle Apps reporting problems
- Released with Oracle E-Business Suite 11.5.10 in 2003
- BI Publisher can query or accept data from practically any data source and produce custom data to...multiple destinations like printers, e-mail, fax, WebDav, or ftp
- It is the current and future reporting standard for all Oracle publishing needs.





What can BI Publisher do for you

- Experienced end users are able to insert data fields into Word documents without any help from IT
- Changes to the format can be performed in MS Word requiring no additional training. Examples include:
 - replacing the company logo
 - altering column width
 - changes to fonts or boilerplate text
- The template builder add-in allows end users to mark up word documents easily with charts, data tables and calculations.





Simplified Self-Service Reporting

Reporting Evolution

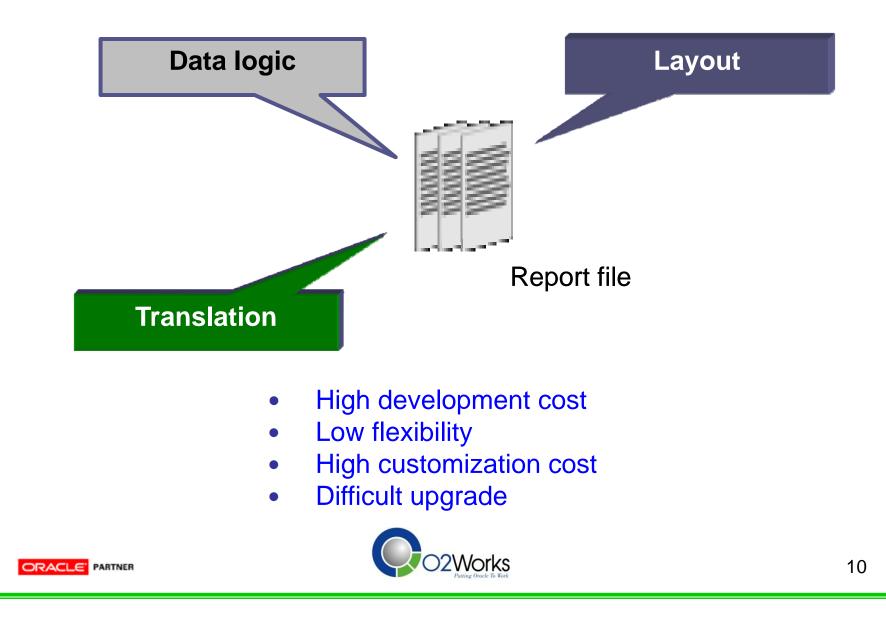
- Replaces most standard reports with data extracts and templates
- Merges custom templates and data extracts at run-time
- Delivers output in PDF, HTML, RTF, Excel (HTML), or text for use with EFT and EDI transmissions

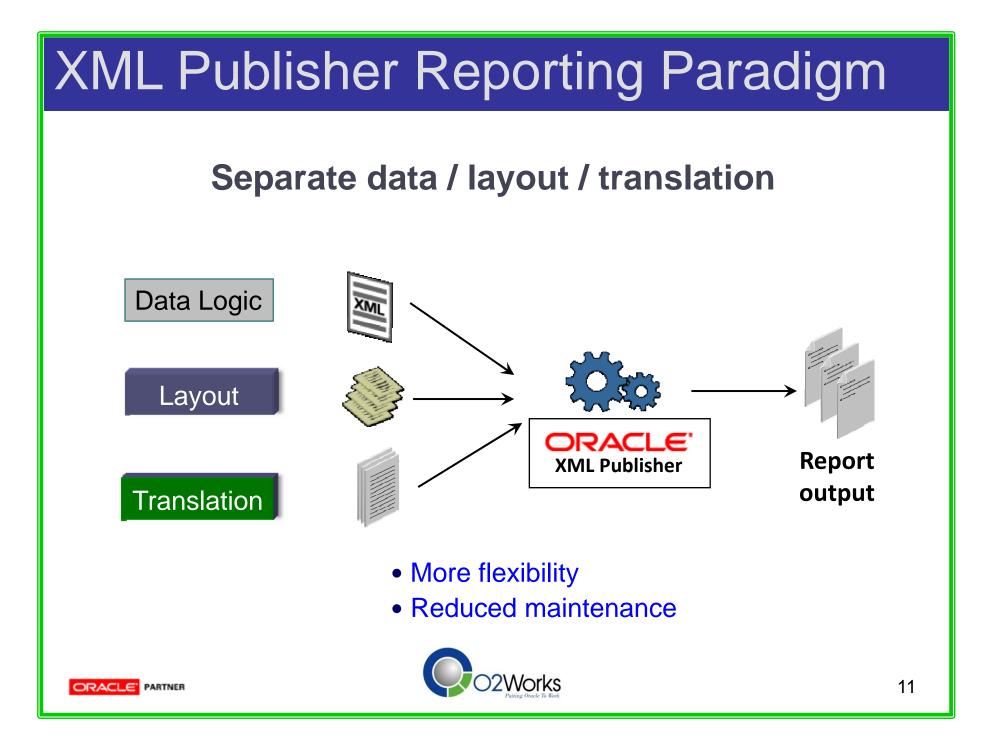
Benefits

- Put reporting in the hands of the business user
- Create report formats using desktop tools (Adobe Acrobat, MS Word, MS Excel, and XSL Editors)
- Publish in any format, to the web and electronically
- Drive reporting consistency with one source of data

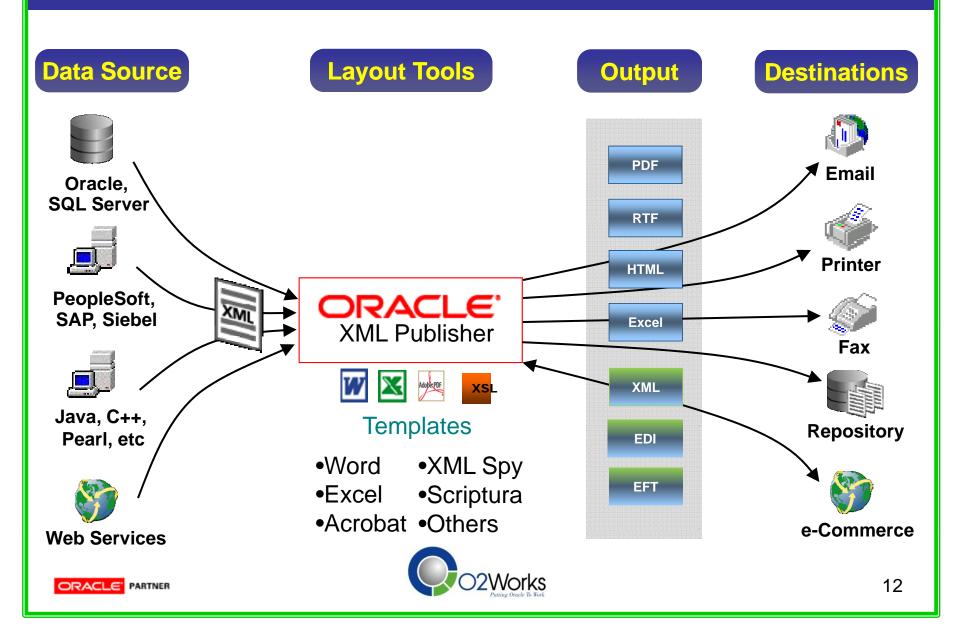


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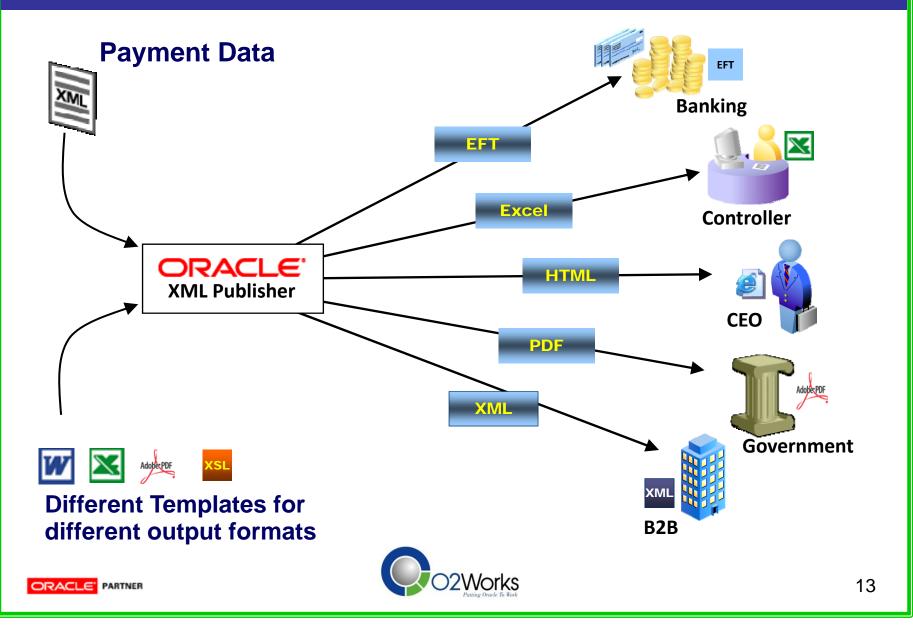




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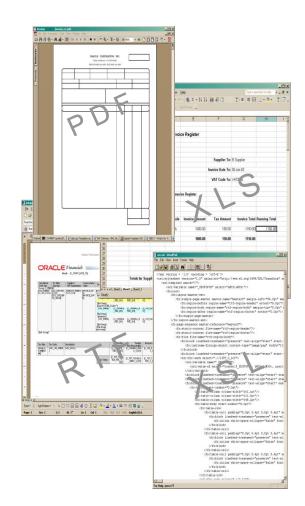
Extract Once – Publish Multiple Times



XML Publisher Technology

Industry Standard Templates

- Using desktop applications
 - Adobe Acrobat
 - MS Word
 - MS Excel
 - XSL Editors
- Template Builder Add ins







One solution for ALL Print needs

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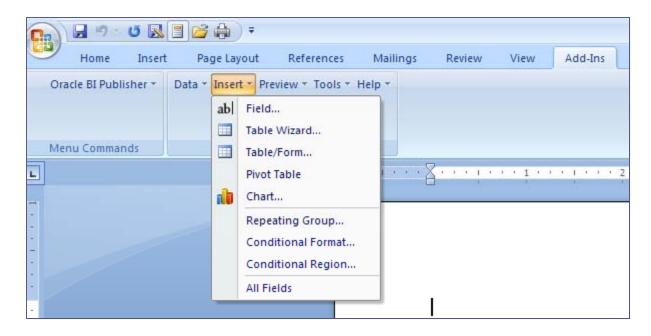
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 - Manage Templates and Data Definitions
- XML Report Publisher Concurrent Request

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BI Publisher Components

- Oracle BI Publisher Desktop Application
 - Template Builder Microsoft Word Add In
 - Template Viewer quick and easy viewing of designs





Kirby Inland Marine – Checks

- Current State
 - 3rd Party Solution
 - Different pre-printed checks for various locations
 - Solution support was running out
 - High Risk with old solution and printing hardware
- Future State
 - Integrated Oracle Solution
 - Less need for pre-printed checks
 - Single format for various destinations
 - Easily maintained





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• Save a copy of the XML Output after running the payment program for use in designing your template.

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- Begin Designing Your Template
 - Open Microsoft Word
 - Create Layout
 - Add data fields and XML simplified tags
 - Save as RTF





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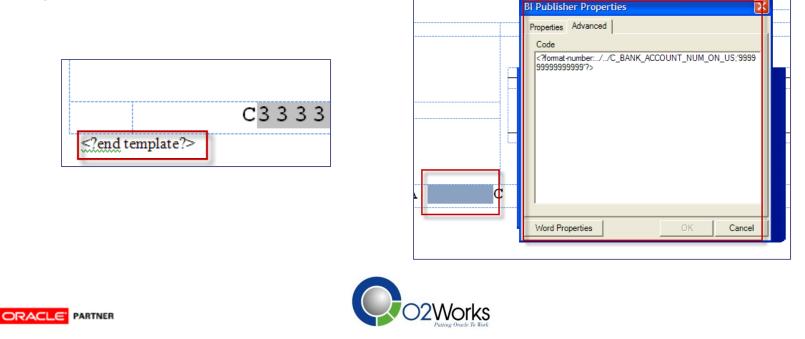
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- You can insert fields, tables, and groups with the template builder

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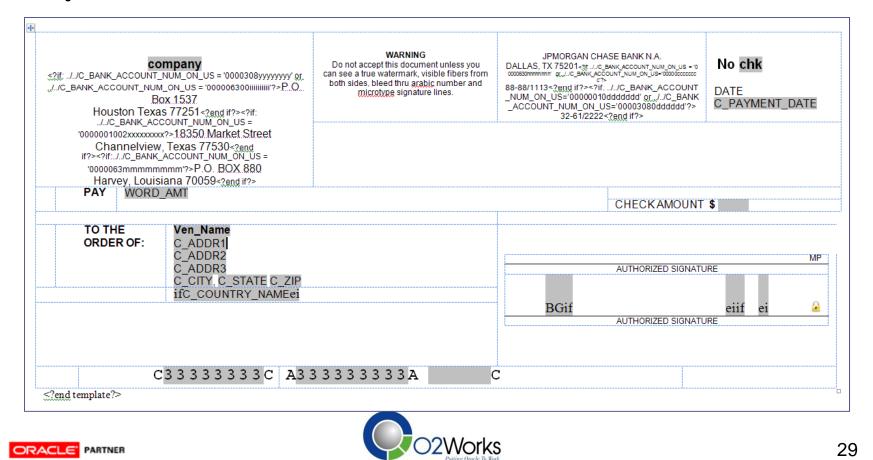




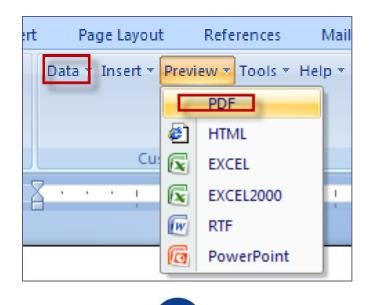
- You can also use the basic RTF method or you can use the Form Field method to add XSL/XSL-FO tags for the fields and commands you would like to use.
- When using the RTF method you are using simplified syntax.



• It is recommended that you utilize tables to aide in your layout formats.



- You can also use the template builder to preview the check output prior to loading the template into Oracle
- Load the data from your XML sample, then preview in PDF





- When you have completed your template, it is time to add the data definition for the report to XML Publisher Administrator
- This step provides the BI Publisher with the name of the report that it will be using for data

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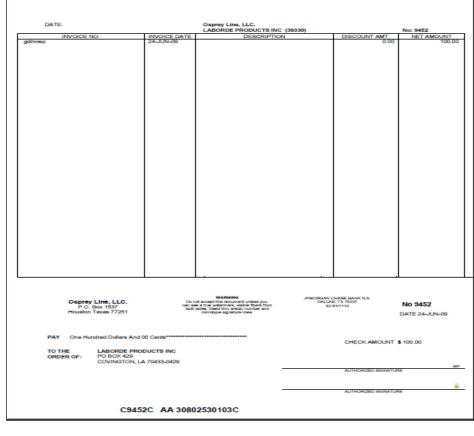


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• Run through your payables process and create the check







BI Publisher Check Creation - Keys

- Load your own font for the MICR
- Utilize a MICR gauge to measure
- Get the requirements from your bank before beginning
- Plan on multiple test cycles with your bank and making tweaks to the check spacing.





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- Kirby also created AR Invoices with BI Publisher.
- The process was basically the same

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Kirby - other

- Bursting to communicate the AR invoice via e-mail
- The Bursting Engine accepts a data stream and splits it based on multiple criteria to be delivered via a specific channel.
- E-mail and Printers are two ways that can be dynamically delivered via the bursting engine.
- A bursting file is added to the data definition.





Kirby - Other

• Bursting File Example

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- - <xapi:request select="/RAXINV/LIST_G_ORDER_BY/G_ORDER_BY/LIST_G_INVOICE/G_INVOICE">
 - <xapi:delivery>
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BI Publisher Benefits

End Users

- Easy to use
- Consistent user interface
- Reports in multiple formats
- Multiple delivery channels

Business Analysts

- Uses familiar tools to prototype reports
- Allows focus on business requirements
- Increases productivity

Reporting Specialist

- Report matches prototype
- Reduces maintenance
- Faster results

Developer

- Focus on data provisioning
- More time for strategic, value-add initiatives



Questions?

Thank you

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