

How to get reports on OpenOffice 2.0 Base, part one

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With databases, it's important not just to put things in correctly, but to get them out correctly. You can slam data into your database all day long, but if you can't eventually print it out for your employees, your accountant, or that nice man from the IRS, you're not playing with a full database.

Luckily, the new database tool in OpenOffice.org 2.0, called Base, makes it put data in and get it out correctly. Base has a reporting tool with a built-in wizard. This means you can print out any data you want, from any single table, query, or view.

Here's my tour of the Base reporting tool. In part one, I'll describe how to create a simple report and modify the report layout. In part two, I'll tie it all up with an overview of how to modify a report layout to your own taste and specifications. Along the way, I offer lots of screen shots to illustrate the process.

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