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# **Introductions and General Information**

# **Organization of this Document**

This document is for truck carriers only and provides information on basic functionality of the ACE Reports Tool and outlines detailed instructions on how to access available reports. These instructions begin with features that apply to all reports users. Following the basic features, instructions are organized into three key sections:

- 1) Standard Reports Viewing reports with pre-set data fields.
- 2) Modified Reports Modifying data fields within standard reports.
- 3) Customized Reports Building fully customized reports from a blank slate.

Each section is organized similarly by providing instructions on how to run, filter, sort, save, schedule, create charts and graphs, and print reports. The instructions provided are designed to supplement the web based training titled, "ACE Reports for the Trade Community" and other instructional documents within the Training and Reference Guides section on cbp.gov/modernization.

## Introductions to ACE Reports Tool

By selecting the **Launch Tool** within the "Reports" link on the "Accounts" tab, you have many report options. The ACE Reports Tool allows you to run a variety of reports that range from a standard report to one that is fully tailored to meet your needs. The Reports Tool also allows you to print, download and save these reports for later use or further manipulation, or share reports within your account. This document is intended for truck carriers, all others should refer to either "Running ACE Reports for All Importer, Broker and Surety Trade Users" and "Running ACE Reports for Rail or Sea Carriers." CBP users should refer to "Running ACE Reports for CBP."

The reports available are organized into several folders. There are Account Management, Reference and Transactions reports for truck carriers but truck carriers will primarily use reports under Transactions. To help navigate through the available reports, there are several sub-folders within these folders.

#### I. Account Management

Within the Account Management folder the following sub-folders are available:

- 1. Account Profile
- 2. Declarations
- II. Multi-Modal Manifest for rail and sea carriers
- III. Reference
- IV. Shared Reports

Within the Shared Reports folder the following sub-folder is available:

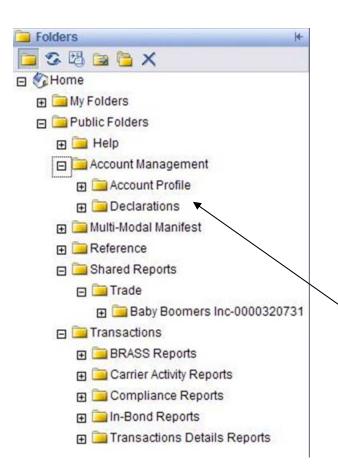


#### 1. Trade

#### V. Transactions - for truck carriers

Within the Transactions folder the following five sub-folders are available:

- 1. BRASS Reports
- 2. Carrier Activity Reports
- 3. Compliance Reports
- 4. In-Bond Reports
- 5. Transactions Details Reports



Within "Reports" the report list is used to find the desired report folder.

Click the + to expand the report list and the folders.

See "Appendix A" of this document for a list and brief description of all Account Management, Reference and Transactions reports.

The Declarations report will only be available to importers and brokers at this time.

# Software Set Up and Requirements

It is important for first time users to verify setting preferences and that Java 1.6 is installed on the computer. Internet Explorer is recommended to access any ACE reports or to utilize the ACE Portal. To run Modified or Customized reports, the user must set their preference to "Interactive" and must operate Java. To set preferences or to verify Java, follow the instructions below:



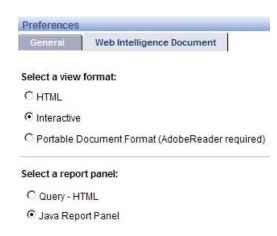


## Setting Preferences



When you select the **Reports** link and select **Launch Tool**, the Welcome to ACE Reports screen, as shown above, will display.

- 1. Select the **Preferences** icon or the link from the "Welcome to ACE Reports" page. A new screen will open.
- 2. Select the Web Intelligence Document tab.
- 3. Select **Interactive** radio button under "Select view format" and **Java Report Panel** radio button under "Select report panel".
- 4. Scroll down and select **OK** on the bottom right hand corner of the screen.





Verifying Java



All users need to verify Java running on their computer. To determine if Java is on your computer, following the steps below:

- 1. Launch Internet Explorer.
- 2. Select **Tools**.
- 3. Select Sun Java Console.
- 4. Verify Java Plug-In Version.



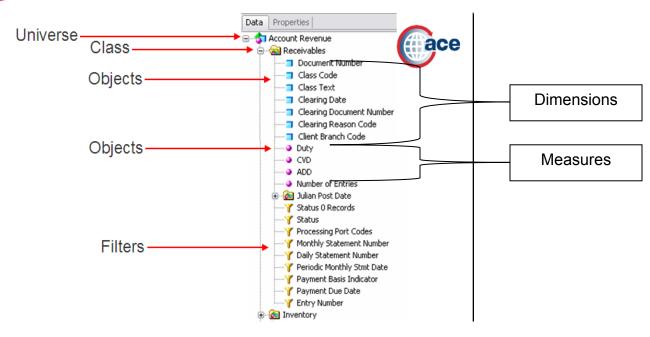
If a pop up appears asking if you want to upgrade to the latest version of Java, CBP recommends you **NOT** upgrade to a version higher than Java 1.6.

# **Terminology**

There may be unfamiliar terms and acronyms used within the ACE Secure Data. Here are 5 frequently used terms when running reports:

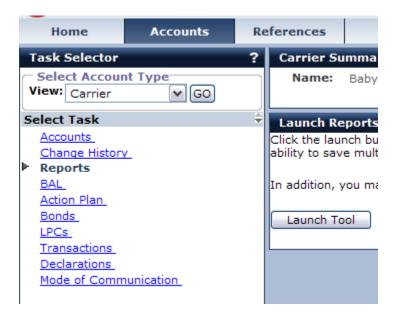
- <u>Universe</u>: A representation of the information available in a database. Universes are made up of classes and objects.
- Class: Logical groups of objects with a meaningful name.
- **Object:** A named component that maps to data in the database. Blue boxes = Dimensions (qualitative) and Pink circles = Measures (quantitative)
- Query: A request for data from the database.
- Filter: A control to limit the amount of returned data.





# **Using the Toolbar**

Log on to ACE; select the appropriate view (that is, Broker, Carrier, Importer or Surety) and select **GO**. Select the **Reports** link and then select **Launch Tool**.



At the top left of the "Welcome to ACE Reports" page there is a gray toolbar that displays the following icons:





- <u>Home Icon</u>: The "Home" icon on the far left of the toolbar is the home page for the report tool. By selecting the "Home" icon, you will be returned to the home page and will see "My Folders" and "Public Folders" displayed.
- <u>Toggle Navigation Icon</u>: The square icon to the right of the house is the "<u>Toggle Navigation</u>" icon that allows you to show or hide the "<u>Folders</u>" panel. You can also hide the "<u>Folders</u>" panel by selecting the arrow in the right corner of the panel.
- <u>Applications Icon</u>: The third icon from the left on the toolbar is the "*Toggle Applications*" icon, which at the time of publication, is not working.
- <u>New Icon</u>: The fourth icon on the toolbar is "New." This icon will allow you to create private folders. See topic: "Creating a Folder" for additional information.
- <u>Refresh Icon</u>: The fifth icon is the "Refresh" icon. Selecting this icon will refresh your "Workspace Panel."
- <u>My InfoView Icon</u>: "My InfoView" allows you to customize your dashboard. See section: "Customizing Your Dashboard" for additional information.
- <u>Search Title Icon</u>: The "Search" function allows you to search for reports by title and keyword and advanced options. See topic: "Searching for a Report."

The three icons on the far right side of the toolbar are:



- <u>Preferences</u>: Allows you to set how information is displayed in your workspace panel.
- <u>Log Out</u>: Logs you out of the Reports Tool.
- <u>Help</u>: Displays the Online Help for the Reports Tool.

Under the gray toolbar there is a blue toolbar containing four icons on the right side of the workspace view.



- The upward pointing arrow "↑" removes the header from the screen. To reinsert the header, select the downward pointing arrow "↓."
- The large box to the right of the arrow maximizes the workspace panel.
- The two smaller boxes minimize the workspace panel.
- The "x" returns the workspace panel to the last main page visited.





Hold your mouse arrow over any one of these icons to display a text box with the definition of the icon.



The "back" button only works in the ACE Reports Tool and does not work with any other Portal application.



In order to modify a report with additional data elements, you must have your preferences set to "Interactive," as stated under the "Setting Preferences" section. If this is not done, "Available Objects" will not appear on your screen and you will not be able to add new data objects to your report.



Before selecting the "Reports" link, please ensure you have selected the correct view for your account type. For example, carriers must be under the carrier view before running ACE reports for results to be displayed.

# **Customizing Your Dashboard**

You have already logged into the ACE portal, selected "Reports" and launched the report tool.



- 1. Select **My InfoView** from the gray toolbar.
- 2. You will notice the "Choose Template" option under "My InfoView." There are six templates available. Select the template you would like to use to customize your dashboard (for example, select on the template with two containers).
- 3. Select the **Define Content** link. The "Dashboard Properties" window opens.
- 4. Select the "+" next to "My Folders" then select Favorites.
- 5. Select the **OK** button.
- Follow steps above to define the content of additional containers.

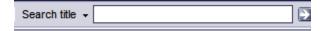


In the "Dashboard Properties" window you also have the option to "link to web address". For example, you could link to <a href="www.CBP.gov">www.CBP.gov</a> from your dashboard.



# Searching for a Report

The center icon in the toolbar is "Search title."



- 1. Select the down arrow "↓" beside "Search title."
- 2. Select the **Search Title** to view the following 4 options: (1) *Search all fields* (2) *Search title* (3) *Search keyword* or (4) *Advanced search*. Select how you would like to search.
- 3. Enter the word, partial word or report number (e.g. "TR-001") in the text box for the report you want to find and it will return any report that has that text in the title. By default, you can also search keywords.
- 4. Select the right arrow →. Your search results will appear in the workspace panel.



In order for the "Search Keyword" functionality to work you must first save the report to your "Favorites" folder and associate a keyword with that report.



# **Chapter 1: Standard Report**

# **Running a Standard Report**

Standard reports are reports with pre-established data fields. You will be able to add data elements ("objects") to a standard report; however, only the data elements that are pre-defined for that particular report will be available. If you would like to add additional data elements to the report, you should follow instructions in the next chapter called, "Modified Report."



Data Availability: Data available for ACE reports includes the previous four CBP fiscal years plus the current fiscal year. The CBP fiscal year runs October 1 through September 30.

You have already logged into the ACE portal, changed to the carrier view, selected **Reports** and launched the reports tool.

- 1. Select the "+" beside "Public Folders" in the left hand column. Determine the type of report in the public folders you want to run (e.g. Account Management, Reference or Transactions.) Continue to select "+" beside the report folder to see the sub-folders for Account Management and Transactions reports.
- 2. A list of available reports will appear on the right. Select the report name you wish to run. You will see the "*Prompts*" box displayed that allows you to set your preferred parameters for viewing the report. You will then be able to change the prompts for the report. If the prompt shows a red arrow (→) then a value must be entered. If the prompt shows a green check mark (√), then a default setting has been selected and you can change the prompt or leave the default setting. A value for each prompt must be shown (either entered by you or the default value) before running the query or the "*Run Query*" selection will not be available.



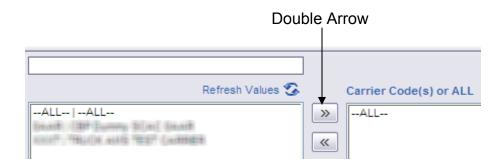


- 3. Select the prompt you wish to change. Note, most prompts contain an "ALL" option. Either select the --ALL-- option or for greater efficiency, enter the specific value.
  - You can also scroll through the list of values or search for a value by
    entering it in the box to the left of the binoculars. You will need to highlight
    your entered value to move it to the selected value box. You can also
    enter a value in the rectangular box above the selected prompt value.



To improve performance, you should narrow the scope of the report as much as possible by amending the prompts.

4. Select the double right arrow to move the selected value into the box on the right. Note: You will need to use the double left arrows to remove the word "--ALL--" from the selected value box if you want to run your report for defined Port Code(s), etc.



- 5. Repeat steps above for each prompt shown that you wish to change.
- 6. Select the date range. You can either enter a date in the text box or left click the calendar to select the date and/or year.
- 7. Select "Run Query" to run the report with the prompts you have changed. Note: You will not be able to select the "Run Query" box until all prompts have been satisfied.





Once the report has been generated, if there is a blue hyperlink displayed in the report, select the hyperlink to view additional detail. Detail will vary by report. Not all reports contain a hyperlink.

# Using the "Quick Filter" in a Standard Report

To apply filters among the data returned, follow the steps below:

- 1. Highlight the column you want to filter by clicking below the column header. This will highlight the entire column.
- 2. Right click your mouse in the highlighted column.
- 3. Select **Quick Filter**. The "Quick Filter" window will appear.



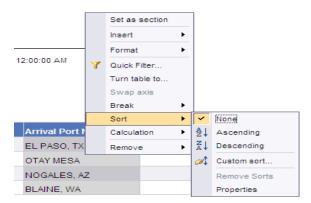
- 4. Enter the value you want to filter and then select the double arrows to move the value into the blue box on the right.
- 5. Select the dropdown arrow to select the filtering options.
- 6. Select, for example, the "greater than or equal to" option.
- 7. Select the **OK** button at the bottom of the "Quick Filter" window. Only values greater than or equal to the value you entered will now appear in the highlighted column of the report.

# Sorting a Column in a Standard Report

To sort the data returned, follow the instructions below.

- 1. Left click to highlight the column in the report that you want to sort below the column header. This will highlight the entire column.
- 2. Right click your mouse in the highlighted column.
- 3. Select **Sort**. If the "*Remove Sort*" option is highlighted, select it. You will need to remove the existing sort before selecting a new sort option.
- 4. Select one of the options displayed, for example select **Ascending**. The highlighted column now appears in ascending order.





## Saving a Standard Report

To save a standard report, you have two options.

- Save the report in your favorites folder in ACE, which allows scheduling capabilities; or
- 2. Save the report to your computer.

## Saving to Your ACE Favorites Folder

To create a folder within your ACE Favorites folder, follow the steps below:

- 1. Select the "+" beside "My Folders."
- 2. Select the **Favorites** folder.
- 3. Select the **New** icon and select the down arrow.



- 4. Select the **Folder** option. The "Create a New Folder" portlet appears.
- Enter a "Folder Name." You also have the option of entering a "Description" or "Keywords."
- 6. Select the **OK** button.

Follow the steps to save to your Favorites folder:

- 1. Select the **Document** dropdown by selecting the down arrow.
- 2. Select **Save as.** The "Save Document" dialog box appears. CBP recommends changing the report name. To do that, position your mouse at the end of the report name in the "Title" box and click. Type in your new name for the report.
  - a. The "Refresh on Open" box, if checked, allows you to save the report format but not the data.





- 3. Navigate down the page and select the "+" beside "My Folders."
- 4. Select the **Favorites** folder.
- 5. Select the **OK** button. You have now saved the report to your favorites.

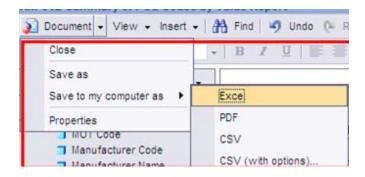


You can also save a report to any other folder you have created under "Favorites" by locating the folder and then selecting it.

## **Saving to Your Computer**

To save the report to your computer, follow the steps below:

- 1. Select the **Document** dropdown by selecting the down arrow.
- 2. Select Save to my computer as.
- 3. Select a format, e.g. Excel.



4. Select the **Save** button in the "File download" box.

## Accessing a Saved Standard Report from Your Favorites Folder

To access a report saved in your Favorites folder, follow the steps below:

- 1. Select the "+" beside "My Folders."
- 2. Select the **Favorites** folder. You will see a list of reports you have saved to the "Favorites" folder.
- 3. Select the report you want to open by selecting the report name. The report will display.



### **Deleting a Saved Standard Report from Your Favorites Folder**

To delete a report saved in your Favorites folder, follow the steps below:

- 1. Select the "+" beside "My Folders."
- 2. Select the **Favorites** folder. You will see a list of reports you have saved to the "Favorites" folder.
- 3. Select the check box beside the report name that you wish to delete.
- 4. Select the **X** icon shown at the top of the "Favorites" screen. The report selected will be removed from the "Favorites."



## **Trouble Shooting Tips for Saving a Standard Report to Your Computer**

When you try to export a report to your computer using the "Document" / "Save to my computer as" menu option and the screen flickers but nothing happens, check your download security options in Internet Explorer. To do so, follow the steps below:

- 1. Open Internet Explorer.
- Select Tools and then select Internet Options.
- 3. Select the **Security** Tab.
- 4. Highlight the Internet Globe and select **Custom Level**.
- 5. Scroll down the list of choices until you find the "Downloads" section.
- 6. Locate "Automatic prompting for file downloads" and select Enable.
- 7. Locate "File download" and select Enable.
- 8. Locate "Font download" and select Enable.
- 9. Select **OK** to close the dialogue box.
- 10. Select **OK** to close the Internet Explorer properties box.



Turn off any pop-up blockers that are active so that the report will download.



#### Data Refresh

 For truck carriers, reports in the Account Management, Reference and Transactions are refreshed nightly. Entries filed on Monday should be available for reports on Tuesday.



# **Scheduling a Standard Report**

You have already logged into the ACE Portal, selected "Reports" and launched the report tool. You now have the option to schedule a report to run from your "Favorites" or "Public Folders". Scheduling a report from your "Favorites" will generate the report you saved. Scheduling a report from the "Public Folders" will generate the standard report. To schedule a report with moving date parameters, such as "45 Days Ago," please review "Running a Modified Report" section.

## History | Schedule | Properties

- 1. Select the report that you wish run.
- 2. Run the report and save it to your "Favorites" folder or a personal folder that you have created (See topic: "Saving to Your ACE Favorites Folder"). This will allow you to schedule a standard report.
- 3. Select the "+" beside "My Folders."
- 4. Select the Favorites folder. Choose the report you want to schedule.
- 5. Select the word **Schedule** under the report name. The "Schedule" portlet displays.
- 6. Notice that the "Instance title" fills with the report name you selected. The "When" category expands to reveal a dropdown menu. "Run Object" will default to "Now."
- 7. Select the **Run Object** dropdown.
- 8. Select, for example, the Last Day of the Month from the dropdown.
- 9. Notice that the remainder of the "When" category has changed to include a "Start Time" and "End Time" selection. The "Start Time" is the time and date you would like this report to run on a recurring basis. The "End Time" is the time and date that you no longer wish to have the report run on a scheduled basis.
- 10. Select the **Start Time** from the dropdown menu.
- 11. Select the Calendar icon and select, for example, February 28th.
- 12. Follow instructions above to select the **End Time**. You may also want to change the end date for the report since the default is 2017.
- 13. Select the "+" next to the "Format" option to specify the format for the report.
- 14. The default is "Web Intelligence." Select the dropdown if you want to change to either Microsoft Excel or Adobe Acrobat.
- 15. Select the "+" next to the "*Prompts*" option then select **Modify Values**. If you do not change the date range on your prompt values once you select "*Modify Values*", you will see the same results each time the report is scheduled.
- 16. Enter the filters you want included in your report and select **Apply**. The prompt values will be displayed.
- 17. Select the **Schedule** button to complete scheduling the report. If you scheduled the report from your "Favorites," the report results can be found by selecting the "History" link under the name of the report you scheduled. If you schedule a standard report, the report results will be returned to your "Inbox." All scheduled reports are available by selecting the "History" link under the name of the report you scheduled.



## **Rescheduling a Standard Report**

- 1. Select the + beside "My Folders."
- 2. Select the **Favorites** folder. Choose the report you want to reschedule.
- 3. Select the word **History** under the report name.
- 4. Select the **Reschedule** link. You are now back on the schedule page.
- 5. Select the + next to the "Prompts" option then select Modify Values.
- 6. Enter the filters you want included in your report and select **Apply**. The prompt values will be displayed.
- 7. Select the **Schedule** button to complete scheduling the report.
- 8. You are now returned to "History" and will notice there are two instances of the scheduled report.
- On the tool bar within the portlet, place a check mark in the small box next to the originally scheduled instance of the report and select the **Delete** button to remove the old report.

## **Deleting a Scheduled Standard Report**

- 1. Select the + beside "My Folders."
- 2. Select the **Inbox** folder.
- 3. Select the check box beside the report name that you wish to delete.
- 4. Select the **X** icon shown at the top of the "*Inbox*" screen. The report selected will be removed from the "*Inbox*."



# **Creating Charts and Graphs in a Standard Report**

There are several options to create a chart or graph of the data retrieved.

## **Chart Types**

There are five basic chart types available: bar charts, line charts, area charts, pie charts and radar, polar and scatter charts. There are multiple options within these chart types as well. Chart selection will vary depending on the data you are charting.

1. <u>Bar Charts</u>: Bar charts display data in bar form, either vertically or horizontally. Bar charts are useful if you want to compare similar groups of data. There are 5 types of bar charts: grouped, bar and line, stacked, percent and 3D.

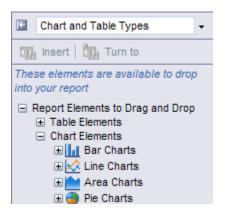


- 2. <u>Line Charts</u>: Line charts connect specific data values with lines, either horizontally or vertically. Line charts are useful if you want to show trends or changes in data overtime. There are five types of line charts: mixed, stacked, percent, 3D and 3D surface.
- 3. <u>Area Charts</u>: Area charts are line charts in which the area between the lines and axis are filled in. Area charts are useful if you want to emphasize the size of the total data in a report, as opposed to the changes in the data. If you have a sharp contrast between specific data points, it is recommended that you use a line chart instead of an area chart.
  - a. You can use more than one object on the Y-axis as long as the measures are the same type and scale, e.g. number of entry summaries reviewed and number of discrepancies found. There are five types of area charts: absolute, stacked, percent, 3D area and 3D surface.
- 4. <u>Pie Charts</u>: Pie charts display data as segments of a whole. Pie charts are useful if you want to show how each part of your report data contributes to the total.
  - a. You can only include one object in a pie chart. If you have several measures in your report, you should choose another chart type. There are four types of pie charts; pie, 3D pie, ring and 3D ring.
- 5. Radar, Polar and Scatter Charts: The four types in this category are radar line, stacked radar, polar and scatter.
  - a. In radar charts, the X- and Y-axis connect at the chart's center. Radar charts are useful if you want to look at several different factors related to one item. For example, you could use a radar chart to display revenue data for different commodities within a port.
  - b. Scatter charts are similar to line graphs, except that the data points are plotted without a line connecting them. Scatter charts are useful to make a comparison between specific data points.
  - c. A polar chart is an XY plot drawn on a circular grid, showing trends in values on the basis of angles. The dependent variable (Y) is charted on the radial axis, with the origin (by default) at the center of the circle.

To create a chart from your standard report, follow the instructions below:

- 1. Select the dropdown arrow in the left margin next to the table of data.
- 2. Select Chart and Table Types.
- 3. Expand, for example, the "Pie Charts" list by selecting the + beside "Pie Charts."
- Select Pie.





- 5. Drag and drop **3D Pie** so that it is displayed at the bottom of the report.
- 6. The "Format Chart" window appears showing the "Pivot" tab. You will need to define the "X-axis" and the "Y-axis" for your pie chart.
- 7. Select the data element you want from the "Available Objects" list to define the "X-axis." You must select an attribute (field shown in blue font) for the "X-axis."
- 8. Select the right arrow button to add the data element to the "X-axis."
- 9. Select the **Y-axis** radio button and follow steps 7 and 8 above to define the "*Y-axis*." You must select a metric (field shown in pink) for the "*Y-axis*."
- 10. Select the **OK** button if there are no other changes you wish to make. To view, scroll down to the bottom of the report where you indicated you wanted to insert the chart.

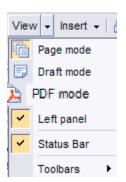
# **Printing a Standard Report**

Reports can be printed in portrait or landscape format.

## **Printing a Standard Report in Portrait**

- 1. Select the **View** dropdown by selecting the down arrow.
- 2. Select **PDF** mode. Opening the report in "PDF" mode will allow you to see the report in a printable format. The Adobe Acrobat reader opens to display the report.
- 3. Select the **Printer** icon. The print options window displays on your screen. From this window you can specify number of copies, etc.
- 4. Select the **OK** button in the "*Printer*" dialog pop-up box to print.





## **Printing a Standard Report in Landscape**

- 1. When results are received right click the mouse one time above the report header.
- Select Format report from the drop down list displayed.
- 3. Select Layout properties.
- 4. Change paper size to letter or legal.
- 5. Change orientation to "Landscape."
- 6. Select OK.
- 7. Select the **View** dropdown by selecting the down arrow.
- 8. Select **PDF** mode. Opening the report in "PDF" mode will allow you to see the report in a printable format. The Adobe Acrobat reader opens to display the report.
- 9. Select the **Printer** icon. The print options window displays on your screen. From this window you can specify number of copies, etc.
  - a. Select **Properties** and then **Basics** to change the orientation to "landscape." This may be a two step process for you.
  - b. Another option is to check "Choose paper source by PDF page size."
- 10. Select the **OK** button in the "Printer" dialog pop-up box to print.



# **Chapter 2: Modified Report**

# **Running a Modified Report**

ACE Reports Tool allows you to modify a standard report by providing greater flexibility in choosing the data objects desired. The "modify" functionality has greatly enhanced the ability to customize reports and improve reports performance. You are no longer restricted to the available objects list. The entire universe of objects is now available utilizing the "Edit Query" mode. In addition, reports run faster because filters may be applied prior to generating the report. Furthermore, ACE Reports now allows reports to be scheduled within set date parameters, such as "7 Days Ago to Today." This will be discussed later in the document.

To run a modified report, follow the instructions below using the "TR- 001Crossing by Carriers Report" as an example:

- 1. Select the **Reports** link on the "Accounts" tab.
- 2. Select Launch Tool.
- 3. Select the + beside "Public Folders."
- 4. Select the + beside the "Transactions" subfolder.
- 5. Select **Carrier Activity Reports** and locate the "TR 001 Crossing by Carrier Report."
- 6. Select **Modify** below the report name.



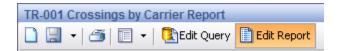
- a. Selecting **Modify** allows greater editing capabilities.
- b. Selecting the report name will generate the standard report. You will not be able to add "Available Objects" to modified reports.
- 7. Select **Yes** if you see a "Warning Security" message displayed after selecting **Modify.** 
  - a. You will see messages cycle through the window until all of the report information has been retrieved.
- 8. Select **Cancel** when the "*Prompts*" box displays to enter the edit mode.
  - a. If you know you will be modifying the report once it is generated, select **Cancel.**



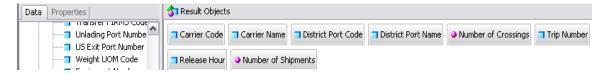
b. If you want to run the standard report with no customization, enter data for the prompts.



9. A new screen displays; select the **Edit Query** button located just below the report title.



- 10. Delete extra objects in the standard report by highlighting the object and selecting the "delete" button. You may also drag the object to be deleted into the list of objects under the "Data" panel.
  - a. By deleting an object from the "Results Objects" pane, the object remains available in the "Data" panel. Objects in the "Data" panel are not part of the report query's output.

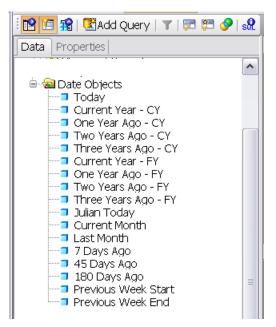


- 11. To expand the list of objects:
  - a. Select a "Universe" (e.g. Transactions) by selecting the "+" sign.
  - b. Select a "Class" (e.g. Carrier, Shipment Report, Trip, etc.) to expand the list of objects. Additional data elements will be displayed to customize the report.
  - c. Select the object and drag it from the left side of the screen under the "Data" tab to the "Result Objects" pane. For example, add FAST Shipment Quantity and Number of Shipments to the report to view shipment information.
  - d. Note: You may also select the new object by double-clicking the object to move it to the "Results Objects" pane. Multiple objects may be selected at one time by holding down the shift key to move them to the "Results Objects" pane.
  - e. By dragging and dropping an object into the "Result Objects" pane the object will be available to add to the report once it has run.

# **Adding New Date Objects for Modified Reports**

Date Objects allows reports to be run and updated with variable date ranges. Reports no longer must be run against specific calendar dates; they can now be run with date ranges such as "*7 Days Ago*" to "*Today*." This eliminates the need to filter by date each time you choose to run a report.





To add a new date filter to "TR-001," for example, add the new date object to the "Query Filter" pane and follow the steps below:

- 1. Once the new date filter has been added to the "Query Filter" pane, select the dropdown arrow ▼ next to "In List" to view options for defining the filter.
- 2. Select Between.
- 3. Select the first filter type menu button and select **Object**.
- 4. Select the "+" icon next to the "Date Objects" class to expand the folder.
- 5. From the "Date Objects" class, select 45 day ago as an example.
- 6. Select the second filter type button and select **Object.**
- 7. Select **Today**.
- 8. Select Run Query.

Note: If you save the report to your "Favorites," when you run the report it will always display carrier activity with a date range of the last 45 days until today.



Hyperlinks do not work in edit mode. The report must be viewed, not edited, for the hyperlinks to work.



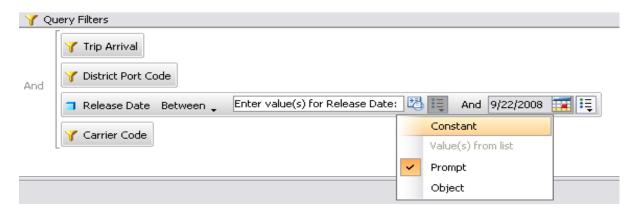
# **Using the Query Filters in a Modified Report**

Once you have entered all the data objects needed for your report, the system can filter these data object and return only the desired data fields. This can be done by using

"Query Filters". "Query Filters" allow you to retrieve a sub-set of the data requested, resulting in improved report performance and usability.

Follow the steps below to add filters to the "Query Filters" pane. Similar to the data objects in the "Result Objects" pane, dragging and dropping an object into the "Query Filters" pane will apply it to the query. "Query Filters" is where the prompts can be set.

1. After adding a new filter to the "Query Filters" section, select the down arrow to view options for defining the filter.



#### 2. Select Constant, Value from a List, Prompt, or Object.

- a. A "Constant" allows you to enter a specific value or values that do not change unless you edit the query again. This is useful when you have a certain port, carrier, importer, broker ID, or other data that remains the same for this report.
- b. "Value (s) from List" allows you to select a value from a list, if one is provided.
- c. "Prompt" allows you to type in text when prompted. When the report is run the prompt will require your input. You may also select default values if you choose a prompt.
- d. "Objects" will allow specific variable objects to be used in the filters. See section titled "New Date Objects."

# 3. Select the **Edit Report** button.

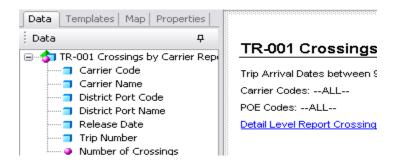
- a. When you return to the "Edit Report" view, the new data objects added to the report will be displayed in the "Data" pane.
- b. You must add the new data objects to the report in order to see the data.
- 4. Drag and drop or double-click the objects to be added to the final report. It is possible to add more than one object at a time by highlighting the objects to be added to the report.



- Select the Refresh Data button. Refresh Data
- 6. When the "*Prompts*" dialog box opens, update prompts as needed, then select "*Refresh Data*" to display the report.

## OR in lieu of steps 1 through 6

- 7. Select Run Query button.
- 8. When the "*Prompts*" dialog box opens, update prompts as needed then select **Run Query** to display the report.
- 9. Drag and drop or double-click the objects to be added to the final report. It is possible to add more than one object at a time by highlighting the objects to be added to the report.





Cannot drop here. Incompatible object

Incompatible objects: Sometimes it is not possible to use certain combinations of data objects. This is because the data objects are not related. These objects are called "incompatible." If you run a report and include incompatible objects, you will not be able to combine the data by dragging and dropping objects.

## **Using Wildcards with Query Filters**

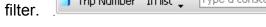
Within "Query Filters", you have the ability to use wildcards on any field that is defined as alpha numeric. The wildcard symbol is "%." For example, a wildcard may be used with a Trip Number by entering all but the last digit of the Trip # followed by the percent sign. This would return a specific range of Trip Numbers. If you enter SCAC123%, the report will return 8 digit Trip numbers that have SCAC123 as the first seven digits. Carries may also use wildcard searches to search by the first several digits of Shipment Control Numbers, Conveyance Numbers, etc. It will take a little longer for the report to display when using the wildcard capability.

The example below outlines the steps to run a report filtering by Trip Number and using the wildcard.

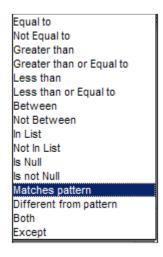
1. Select the report.



- Select Modify below the report name.
- 3. Select **Cancel** when the "*Prompts*" box displays to enter the edit mode.
- 4. A new screen displays; select the **Edit Query** button located just below the report title.
- Add and remove data elements as needed.
- 6. Select the object you want to use as the wildcard capability. The object MUST appear in the "Query Filters" pane.
  - a. Let's assume you want to use the wildcard on the Trip number. If the Trip Number appears with the icon, delete the object by highlighting it and selecting the "Delete" button; or right click and select "Remove." You may also drag the object to be deleted to the objects list under the Data panel.
  - b. Under the Data panel, open the "*Trip*" class and drag the Trip Number object to the "Query Filters" pane.
  - c. Select the down arrow "▼" beside "In List" to view options for defining the

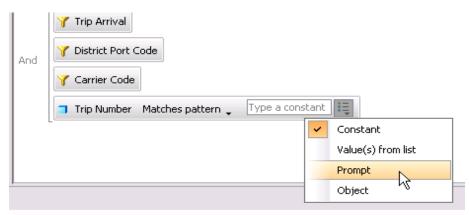


d. Select Matches Pattern.

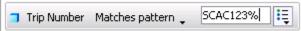


e. Select the down arrow ▼ next to "Type a constant" and select **Prompt.** 





- 7. Select **Run Query** button.
- 8. When the "*Prompts*" dialog box opens, update prompts as needed. Enter the Trip Number with the wildcard, for example, "*SCAC123%*."



9. Select **Run Query** to display the report. The results displayed will include all trips beginning with the trip numbers SCAC123.



If doing a word search using the wildcard search feature, remember all alphabetic characters are case sensitive. Results will be only returned if it is an exact match to the wildcard search.

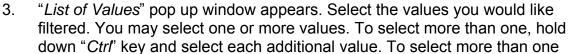


In addition to adding a data element to the body of the report, you can drag a data element and place it above the table to further customize the report by that specific data element. For example if you are running TR-001 Crossing by Carrier Report, and you select the "Trip Number" and place it above the table, your data would be sorted by the Trip #, allowing you to view each trip as a section.

# Using a Quick Filter in Modified Reports

Once you have selected the desired data objects, used the query filter function, and have run your query, you can now apply a quick filter. To do so follow the steps below:

- 1. Select the column you would like to filter by placing your cursor within the column and left click.
- 2. Select the "Quick Filter" icon in the tool bar.



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consecutive value, select one value, hold the "Shift" key and select another value. All values in between the two values selected will be highlighted.

4. Select "**OK**" and your revised report will display.



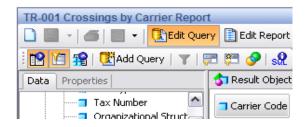
You may occasionally see a "Context Pop-up" if based on the objects and filters you have chosen, the reports tool has more than one way to answer the question. When this happens, the possible classes will be listed and any one of them is valid depending on the results you are seeking. This will happen more frequently with Transactions reports than Account Management reports. Let's say as a carrier you want a list of trip arrival dates. You create your report add the Trip Arrival date. In this example, the objects can be pulled from several classes. You would highlight the "Shipment Report" class to obtain the needed results.



## Adding a Query

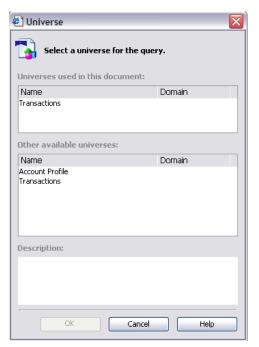
In addition to being able to modify the report selected you can also add a query to that report. To add a query, follow the steps below after you select **Modify** for the report you want to customize and then **Edit Query**.

1. Select the **Add Query** button on the query toolbar. A new screen appears asking you to "Select a universe for the query." You can create a new query on a universe already used or select a different universe.

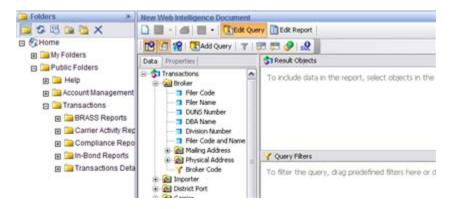


2. Select the appropriate universe by highlighting it under the "Other available universes" then select **OK**. A new query screen appears.





- 3. To expand the list of objects under the Transactions Universe:
  - a. `Select a "Class" (e.g. Trip) to expand the list of objects. Additional data elements will be displayed to customize the report.



- b. Select the objects you would like displayed in the report and drag them from the left side of the screen under the "Data" tab to the "Result Objects" pane.
- c. If you would like to include all of the objects in the "Result Objects," simply highlight the class name and drag that into the "Result Objects."
- d. The objects and filters you define will only apply to the selected query.
- 4. Select **Run Query** button, gueries to be displayed.
- 5. When the "*Prompts*" dialog box opens, update prompts as needed then select **Run Query** to display the report.



6. The "New Query" box appears asking you to "Choose how you want to include the data from the new query."

If you want to:	Then select
Display the data on a new report	Insert a table in a new report
Display the data on the current report	Insert a table in the current report
in a new table	-
Include the data in the document	Include the result objects in the
without displaying the data in a report	document without generating a table

7. Select, for example, **Insert a table in a new report.** The new query will appear as a new tab at the bottom of the results when the report displays.



8. Select OK.

OR

9. If you want to return data for just the new query, select the drop-down arrow next to the "Run Queries" button on the toolbar and select **Query 2**.



10. Follow steps 6 – 8 above to include the data from the new query and to display the results. The results will display under "Report 2."







When creating a report from scratch or adding a query to an existing report, if you are logged on as a Carrier, you MUST include your SCAC code in the report to receive results. The SCAC code can be added to either the "Result Objects" pane or the "Query Filter" pane.

To add the SCAC code to the "Result Objects" pane, select the SCAC code with the blue box to the left and drag it over. If you want to add the SCAC code to the "Query Filter" pane, you will need to follow the steps below:

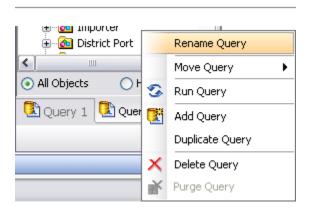
- 1. Drag the SCAC code with the blue box to the left into the "Query Filter" pane.
- 2. Select the drop down arrow to the right of the "On List."
- 3. Select "Equal To."
- 4. Select the drop down arrow to the right of "Type a constant."
- 5. Select "Object."
- 6. Select the SCAC code with the blue box to the left from the Carrier Class.

Carriers, you will need to drag your SCAC number into any report that you create from scratch or when you are adding a query to an existing report.

## Renaming a Query

By default, each query is identified by a number in sequence. The first query is named "Query 1" and the second "Query 2." You can rename the query something more meaningful to reflect the data the query includes. To rename a query, follow the instructions below:

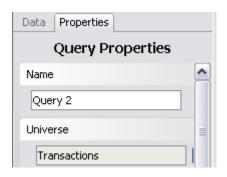
- 1. Make certain you are in the "Edit Query" view.
- 2. Right click the tab of the query you want to rename.
- 3. Select **Rename Query** from the shortcut menu.



OR



- 4. With the query tab highlighted that you want to rename, select the **Properties** tab.
- 5. Type the name for the guery in the "Name" box.



6. Press the **Enter** key. The new name appears on the "Query" tab.

# Sorting a Column in a Modified Report

You have already logged into the ACE portal, selected *Reports*, launched the report tool and successfully run a modified report. The report has returned all the data fields requested, but you would like it sorted differently than the report displays.

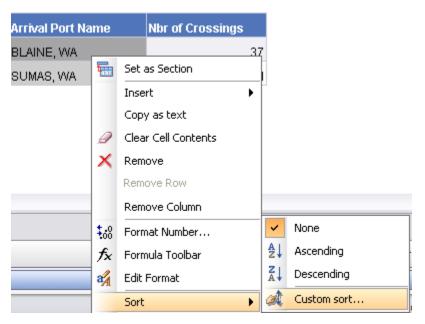
- Highlight the column in the report that you want to sort by clicking below the column header. This will highlight the entire column.
- 2. Right click your mouse in the highlighted column and select **Sort**, or select the **Sort** icon in the toolbar.
- 3. If you choose to sort another column you must remove the existing sort before selecting a new column to sort. This can be done by right clicking on the sorted column and choosing "None." You may now sort a new column.



You can sort multiple columns at once (i.e. Shipment Control Numbers) as long as the first column sorted has repeated values (i.e. there are at least two different port codes with the same number of Shipment Control Numbers).

4. Select one of the options displayed, for example select **Ascending**. The highlighted column now appears in ascending order.





# Saving a Modified Report

To save the modified report, you have two options.

- 1. Save the report in your "Favorites" folder in ACE (this allows for scheduling capability.); or
- 2. Save the report to your computer.

## Saving to Your ACE Favorites Folder

Follow the steps below to create a folder within your ACE Favorites folder:

- 1. Select the "+" beside "My Folders."
- 2. Select the Favorites folder.
- 3. Select the **New** icon and select the down arrow.



- 4. Select the Folder option. The "Create a New Folder" portlet appears.
- 5. Enter a "Folder Name." You also have the option of entering a "Description" or "Keywords."
- 6. Select the **OK** button.

Follow the steps below to save to your Favorites folder:



- 1. Select the down arrow ▼ beside the "Save" icon.
- 2. Select **Save as** from the dropdown list.



- 3. The "Save Document" dialog box displays. Type a new report title in the "Title" field.
  - a. The "Refresh on Open" box, if checked, allows you to save the report format but not the data.
  - b. The "Permanent Regional Formatting" box, if checked, allows you to save the data and the report format.
- 4. Select the "+" sign next to "My Folders."
- 5. Select **Favorites** to save the report to your personal folder.
- 6. Select **OK** at the bottom right of the window.

#### Saving a Report to Your Computer

Follow the below steps to save the report to your computer.

- 1. Select the down arrow "▼" beside the "Save" icon.
- 2. Select "Save to my computer as."
- 3. Select either the "Excel" or "PDF" option.



4. You may also print after opening the report in "Excel or PDF". See section on "Printing a Modified Report."



Modified reports have only two format options for saving a report from Edit mode: Excel and PDF. If you need to save a customized report in CSV format, you will have to create it using Edit mode, then save it to your Favorites folder. When you open the report from your Favorites folder, you will have the option to save it as CSV.



## **Deleting a Saved Modified Report from Your Favorites Folder**

To delete a report saved in your Favorites folder, follow the steps below:

- 1. Select the "+" beside "My Folders."
- 2. Select the **Favorites** folder. You will see a list of reports you have saved to the "Favorites" folder.
- 3. Select the check box beside the report name that you wish to delete.
- 4. Select the **X** icon shown at the top of the "Favorites" screen. The report selected will be removed from the "Favorites."



## Trouble Shooting Tips on Saving a Modified Report to Your Computer

When you try to save a report to your computer using the "Document" and then "Save to my computer as" menu option and the screen flickers but nothing happens, perform the following steps:

- 1. Open "Internet Explorer."
- 2. Select **Tools**, and then select **Internet Options**.
- 3. Select the **Security** tab.
- 4. Highlight the Internet Globe and select **Custom Level**.
- 5. Scroll down the list of choices until you find the "Downloads" section.
- 6. Locate "Automatic prompting for file downloads" and select Enable.
- 7. Locate "File download" and select Enable.
- 8. Locate "Font download" and select **Enable**.
- 9. Select OK to close the dialogue box.
- 10. Select OK to close the Internet Explorer properties box.



Turn off any pop-up blockers that are active so that the report will download.

#### Data Refresh



- For truck carriers, transaction data in reports is refreshed nightly.
- Account Management and Bond data are also refreshed nightly. Bonds filed on Monday should be available for reports on Tuesday.



# **Scheduling a Modified Report**

You will have the option to schedule the report you want to run from your "Favorites" or from the "Public Folders." Scheduling a report from your "Favorites" will generate the customized report you saved. Scheduling a report from the "Public Folders" will generate the standard report.

### History | Schedule | Properties

- 1. Select the report you want to run.
- 2. Run the report and save it to your "Favorites" folder or a personal folder that you have created (See topics, "Creating a Folder" and "Saving a Report"). This will allow you to schedule a customized report.
- 3. Select the "+" beside "My Folders."
- 4. Select the **Favorites** folder. Choose the report you want to schedule.
- 5. Select the word **Schedule** under the report name. The "Schedule" portlet displays.
- 6. Notice that the "Instance title" fills with the report name you selected. The "When" category expands to reveal a dropdown menu. "Run Object" will default to "Now."
- 7. Select the Run Object dropdown.
- 8. Select, for example, the Last Day of the Month from the dropdown.
- 9. Notice that the remainder of the "When" category has changed to include a "Start Time" and "End Time" selection. The "Start Time" is the time and date you would like this report to run on a recurring basis. The "End Time" is the time and date that you no longer wish to have the report run on a scheduled basis.
- 10. Select the **Start Time** from the dropdown menus.
- 11. Select, for example, the Calendar icon and select February 28th.
- 12. Follow instructions above to select the **End Time**. You may also want to change the end date for the report since the default is 2017.
- 13. Select the "+" next to the "Format" option to specify the format for the report.
- 14. The default is "Web Intelligence." Select the dropdown if you want to change to either Microsoft Excel or Adobe Acrobat.
- 15. Select the "+" next to the "*Prompts*" option then select **Modify Values**. If you do not change the date range on your prompt values once you select "Modify Values," you will see the same results each time the report is scheduled.
- 16. Enter the filters you want included in your report and select **Apply**. The prompt values will be displayed.
- **17.** Select the **Schedule** button to complete scheduling the report. When the scheduled report is run, it can be found by selecting the "*History*" link under the name of the report you scheduled from your "*Favorites*."

# **Rescheduling a Modified Report**

- 1. Select the "+" beside "My Folders."
- 2. Select the **Favorites** folder. Choose the report you want to reschedule.
- 3. Select the word **History** under the report name.



- 4. Select the **Reschedule** link. You are now back on the schedule page.
- 5. Select the "+" next to the "Prompts" option then select Modify Values.
- 6. Enter the filters you want included in your report and select **Apply**. The prompt values will be displayed.
- 7. Select the **Schedule** button to complete scheduling the report.
- 8. You are now returned to "History" and will notice there are two instances of the scheduled report.
- 9. On the tool bar within the portlet, place a check mark in the small box next to the originally scheduled instance of the report and select the **Delete** button to remove the old report.

#### **Deleting a Scheduled Modified Report**

To delete a previously scheduled report, follow the instructions below:

- 1. Select the + beside "My Folders."
- Select the Inbox folder.
- 3. Select the check box beside the report name that you wish to delete.
- 4. Select the **X** icon shown at the top of the "*Inbox*" screen. The report selected will be removed from the "*Inbox*."



# **Creating an Alerter**

You have already logged into the ACE portal, selected the **Reports** link from the "Accounts" tab, launched the report tool and successfully run a modified report. When the results are displayed you want to add an alerter, which helps you highlight certain conditions or attributes in a report. This calls attention to that defined condition. To create an "Alerter" follow the instructions below:

- 1. Highlight the column you wish to contain the alerter.
- 2. Select the **Alerter** icon on the tool bar.
- 3. Select **New** when the "Alerter" box appears.





- 4. The Alerter Editor box appears. Enter a "Description" for the alerter.
- 5. Under the "Sub Alerter" section, select **Operator** from the drop down list.



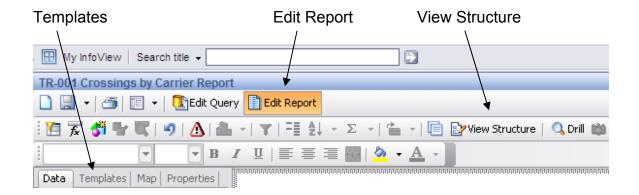
- 6. Select **Operand(s)** or enter an amount depending on your alerter. For example, type the District Port Code. You can add a second alerter by selecting the **+** button.
- 7. To change the format of the alerter, select the **Format** button. You can format the following elements in your report.
  - a. Number format number, currency, date/time, etc.



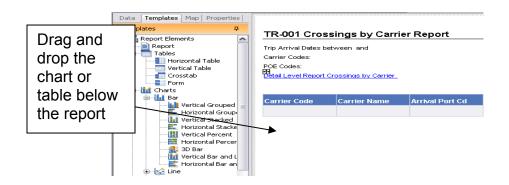
- b. Cell properties text, cell border, cell background colors
- 8. Select **OK** to close the "Alerter Editor" box. You are returned to the "Alerter" box.
- 9. Select **OK** to close the "Alerter" box. Alerters have now been added to the report.
- 10. Save your report.

# **Creating Charts and Graphs for a Modified Report**

There are charts and graph options to depict the results of your modified report. To create a chart or graph, your tool bar options should be "View Structure" and you need to be in the "Edit Report" mode. Select **Templates**.

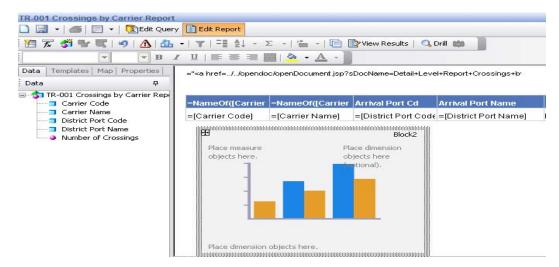


- 1. Select "+" beside the folder you want to choose from to open the sub-folders.
- 2. Select the chart of your choice, and drag and drop just below the report.



3. Change from the "*Templates*" view to the "*Data*" view and drag and drop "*Measures*" (pink circles) directly on the "*Place measure objects here*" section. You can drag and drop multiple "*Measures*" in that section.



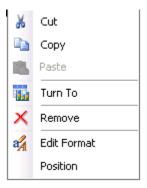


- 4. Drag and drop dimension objects (blue squares) into the "*Place dimension objects here*" section.
- 5. Select the **View Results** tab on the tool bar. The chart results are now visible.

### **Changing a Chart Type**

To change the type of chart or graph, choose one of the options listed below:

- 1. Right click in the center of the chart and select **Turn To** and select a different chart/graph; or
- 2. Drag a new chart over from the "*Template*" view and drop it on the chart or graph you wish to replace.



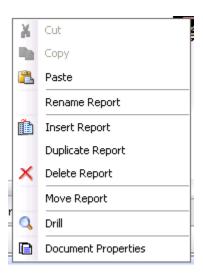
### **Creating Multiple Charts to One Report**

To depict the data in an additional chart format, you can add another chart type by the following:

- 1. Right click on the original chart.
- 2. Select Copy.

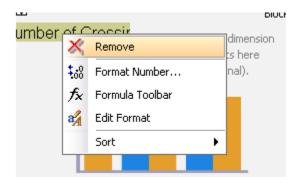


- 3. Move cursor to area below the original chart and right click.
- 4. Select Paste.
- 5. Than drag a different chart onto the duplicate chart.

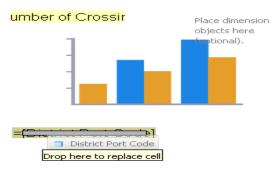


#### **Changing a Measure or Dimension**

You have viewed the chart and have decided you would like to change the data objects. To change the Measure (Y Axis – Pink) or Dimension (X Axis – Blue) in the chart, select the **View Results**, drag another measure or dimension directly onto the one you wish to replace, or you may drag the measure or dimension back to the data box, or right click on the item you wish to remove and select **Remove**.

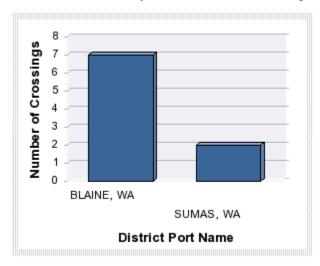






#### Sizing a Chart

Select the chart and place the cursor over the border you wish to change. The cursor will change to the double arrow; click and drag the border to the desired size. Repeat for the other border if you would like to change the size.



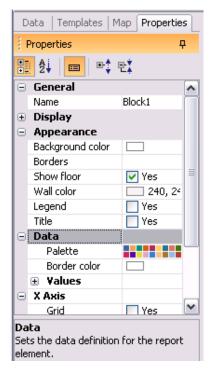
#### Removing a Chart

To remove a chart, right click on the chart and select **Remove**, or verify that the data tab is displayed and drag the chart from the document and drop it in the data section.

#### **Changing Properties of Charts and Graphs**

The properties of each chart and graph can be changed as well. The appearance, colors, page lay out and more can be change to fit your needs.





# **Printing a Modified Report**

To print a modified report you will need Adobe Acrobat, as you are only able to print in PDF mode unless you would like to save and print the report from Excel. For instructions on saving, see the section above called "Saving a Modified Report."

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- 1. Select the **Printer** icon.
- 2. Choose landscape or portrait layout. You must choose the layout now before opening in "*PDF*" mode.
- 3. Select the **OK** button. The report will open in the "PDF" mode.
- 4. Select the **Printer** icon. The print options window displays on your screen. From this window you can specify number of copies, etc.
- 5. Select the **OK** button in the "Printer" dialog pop-up box to print.



# **Chapter 3: Customized Report**

### **Creating a Customized Report**

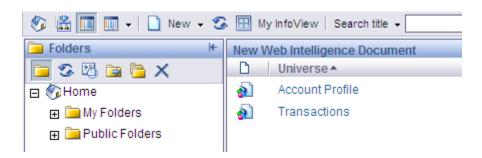
This section provides instructions on how to create a customized report from scratch by using the "Web Intelligence Document" capability.

You have already logged into the ACE portal, changed to the Carrier view, selected the **Reports** link from the "*Accounts*" tab and launched the reports tool. To create a customized report from scratch, follow the steps below:

- 1. Select the down arrow ▼ on the toolbar to the right of the "New" icon.
- 2. Select **Web Intelligence Document.** A new screen will open which displays a list of Universes.



 Select the appropriate Universe, for example **Transactions**, to create your customized carrier report. A new screen will open once you have selected the Universe.



4. To expand the list of objects under the Transactions Universe:





- a. Select a "Class" (e.g. Carrier, etc.) to expand the list of objects. Additional data elements will be displayed to customize the report.
- b. Select the objects you would like displayed in the report and drag them from the left side of the screen under the "Data" tab to the "Result Objects" pane.
  - Note: You may also select the new object by double-clicking the object to move it to the "Results Objects" pane. Multiple objects may be selected at one time by holding down the shift key to move them to the "Results Objects" pane.
  - By dragging and dropping an object into the "Result Objects" pane the object will be available to add to the report once it has run.
- 5. Follow the steps above to add filters to the "Query Filters" pane. Similar to the data objects in the "Result Objects" pane, dragging and dropping an object into the "Query Filters" pane will apply it to the query.
  - a. "Query Filters" is where the prompts can be set.
  - b. "Query Filters" allow you to retrieve a sub-set of data from the database without first having to pull all the available data before filtering. This improves report performance because you are limiting the amount of data being pulled from the database.



CBP recommends you enter a date range in your filters to ensure you receive results.



When creating a report from scratch, or adding a query to an existing report, if you are logged on as a Carrier, you MUST include your SCAC code in the report to receive results. The SCAC code can be added to either the "Result Objects" pane or the "Query Filter" pane.

To add the SCAC to the "Result Objects" pane, select the SCAC code with the blue box to the left and drag it over. If you want to add the SCAC code to the "Query Filter" pane, you will need to follow the steps below:

1. Drag the SCAC code with the blue box to the left into the "Query



Filter" pane.

- 2. Select the drop down arrow to the right of the "On List."
- 3. Select "Equal To."
- 4. Select the drop down arrow to the right of "Type a constant."
- 5. Select "Object."
- 6. Select the SCAC code with the blue box to the left from the Carrier Class.
- 6. After adding a new filter to the "Query Filters" section, select the down arrow ▼ to view options for defining the filter.
- 7. Select Constant, Value from a List, Prompt or Object.
  - a. A "Constant" allows you to enter a specific value or values that do not change unless you edit the query again. This is useful when you have a certain port, carrier, importer, broker ID or other data that remains the same for this report.
  - b. "Value from a List" allows you to select a value from a list, if one is provided.
  - c. "Prompt" allows you to type in text when prompted. When the report is run the prompt will require your input. You may also select default values if you choose a prompt.
  - d. "Objects" will allow specific variable objects to be used in the filters. See section titled "New Date Objects."
- 8. Select the **Edit Report** button.
  - a. When you return to the "Edit Report" view, the new data objects added to the report will be displayed in the report layout in the order you selected them and in the "Data" pane. You have the opportunity to re-arrange the objects in the report layout if needed.
- 9. Select the **Refresh Data** button.
- 10. When the "*Prompts*" dialog box opens, update prompts as needed then select **Refresh Data** to display the report.

### OR in lieu of steps 8 through 10

- 11. Select the **Run Query** button.
- 12. When the "*Prompts*" dialog box opens, update prompts as needed then select **Run Query** to display the report.
- 13. The final report will display the objects in the order you selected them. You have the opportunity to re-arrange the objects in the report layout if needed.





cannot drop here. Incompatible object: Incompatible objects: Sometimes it is not possible to use certain combinations of data objects. This is because the data objects are not related. These objects are called "incompatible." If you run a report and include incompatible objects, you will not be able to combine the data by dragging and dropping objects.



You may occasionally see a "Context Pop-up" if based on the objects and filters you have chosen, the reports tool has more than one way to answer the question. When this happens, the possible classes will be listed and anyone of them is valid depending on the results you are seeking. This will happen more frequently with Transactions reports than reports. Let's say as a carrier you want a list of trip arrival dates. You create your report add the Trip Arrival date. In this example, the objects can be pulled from several classes. You would highlight the "Shipment Report" class to obtain the needed results.

# **All Other Functions for Customized Reports**

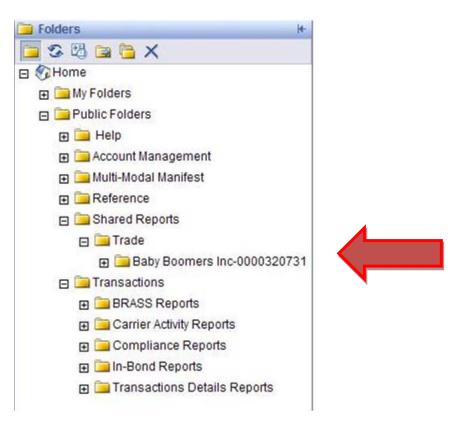
For all other functions, except creating the customized report, please refer to corresponding sections within the "Modify" Reports section. Other functions include sorting, adding a new date object, printing, charts and graphs, etc.



# **Chapter 4: Shared Reports**

# **Creating and Managing Shared Reports**

All ACE report users now have the ability to share customized reports with any user of their account who has access to ACE reports. This will improve efficiency for the account by eliminating the need for multiple users to create similar reports.



Your account shared folder is located under the "Public Folders, Shared Reports, Trade" folder. The account specific folder will be automatically generated by ACE and will reflect your top account ACE ID number followed by the name of the top account. Any reports posted to this folder can be viewed by all users within your account who have access to ACE reports, but will not be visible to other accounts.

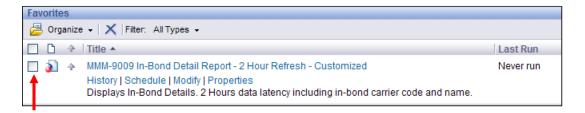
#### **Creating a Shared Report**

You are already logged in to ACE reports and have successfully run an ACE modified report that you believe will benefit others in your company. (See section on *Running a Modified Report*.) You decide to share this report.

- 1. First save the report to your "Personal Folder" so that you always have a pristine copy of the report. (See section on *Saving a Modified Report to your Favorites*) You are now ready to save the report to the "*Shared Folder*."
- 2. Select the Favorites folder.



3. Select the **Checkbox** next to the report you want to share.



4. Select the **Organize** dropdown arrow.

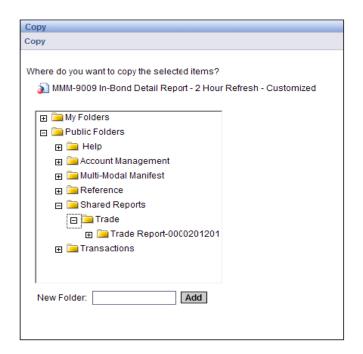


5. Select **Copy to New Folder** from the dropdown menu.



Selecting "Move to New Folder" will move the report out of your "Favorites." To keep a pristine copy of the report you want to share, always select "Copy to New Folder."

- 6. Select the "+" next to "Public Folders" in the "Copy" panel.
- 7. Select the "+" next to "Shared Folders;" then select the "+" next to "Trade."
- 8. Select the "+" next to your account folder.



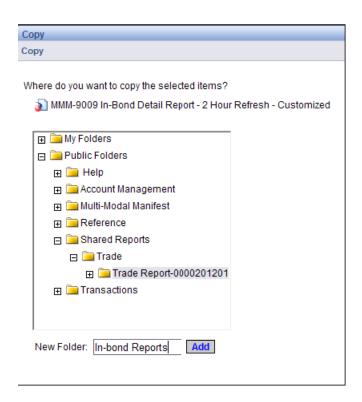


- 9. Select **OK.** You are returned to your personal folder.
- 10. Select your account folder to see that the report has been successfully saved to the shared folder.

#### Creating a Sub-folder

To create a folder within your "Shared Reports" folder in which to save your report, follow the steps below:

- 1. Highlight the folder under Shared Reports/Trade.
- 2. Enter a sub-folder name in the "New Folder" box.
- 3. Select the ADD button.



- 4. Select OK.
- 5. The sub-folder name appears. You can then save the shared report to the sub-folder.







Since there is only one Trade Report folder for the account, we recommend that accounts with multiple views (i.e. Carrier view, Broker view, etc.) first create a sub-folder for each view so that users can more easily locate a shared report related to their specific account view.

#### **Managing Shared Reports**

There is only one shared report folder per account. Any account user with access to ACE reports can post, modify or delete a report from this shared folder. Thus, as the Trade Account Owner you needed to manage this folder carefully. Here are some recommendations for managing your shared folder.



#### Recommendations:

- Develop consistent naming standards for shared reports
- Appoint one or two users to manage the shared reports folder
- Delete unnecessary or duplicate reports
- Use sub-folders under your account folder
- Keep a pristine copy of any report that you share or that you create in your personal folder
- Copy a shared report to your personal folder before making any modifications
- Add meaningful descriptions and keywords to shared reports to assist the user in quickly identifying the report



Adding a meaningful, detailed description and keywords to shared reports will reduce the amount of time other users spend searching for the appropriate report. Descriptions and keywords can be included when saving a report or when editing the properties of an existing report.



# **Chapter 5: Additional ACE Resources**

There are several options to help you better understand the ACE Reports Tool and how to fully utilize the tool.

- The second version of the ACE Portal Reports Dictionary has been completed and is available for download to user's desktops. The ACE Portal Reports Dictionary defines the most frequently run ACE Account Management, Account Revenue and Transactions reports. Formatted as a PDF file, the Reports Dictionary is available for each specific user category (Importers, Brokers, Carriers and Sureties) and is posted on CBP.gov (<a href="http://cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace\_welcome/ace\_report\_s/">http://cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace\_welcome/ace\_report\_s/</a>) within the "ACE: Modernization Information Systems" link, in the "ACE Training and Reference Guides" section, as well as in the ACE Resource Center.
- The "Help" folder located under "Public Folders" contains both the ACE Reports Data and the Reports User Guide. The Reports User Guide contains step by step instructions for running ACE reports.
- For additional assistance, take the web-based training (WBT) titled "ACE Reports for the Trade Community," or visit the "Training and Reference Guides" section on www.cbp.gov.modernization.

The URL for the ACE Online Training Center is: <a href="http://nemo.cbp.gov/ace\_online">http://nemo.cbp.gov/ace\_online</a>





For more information on ACE, send an e-mail to <u>CBP.CBPCSPO @dhs.gov</u>. If you are a trade caller or if you are calling outside the United States, you can also contact the **Technology Service Desk** at 1-866-530-4172.

# **Appendix A**



**Account Management: Account Profile** 

Report Number	Report Name	Report Description
AM - 5096	Carrier – Account profile	This report displays all information contained within an account profile by specific account type.

**Account Management: Declarations** 

Report Number	Report Name	Report Description
AM - 7002	Trade Declarations	This report will display all declaration records associated to an IR number or group of IR numbers and will be used to review declarations when a particular entry summary is filed by the trade. This report is not available to Carriers at this time.

**Help: ACE Reports Data Dictionary Carriers** 

Report Number	Report Name	Report Description
	ACE ReportsDictionary- Carriers	ACE Portal Reports Dictionary for Carriers. Contains details of report data elements.
	Truck Carrier Reports User Guide	Contains step by step instructions on running truck carrier reports.

# Multi-Modal Manifest: Rail and Sea Carriers Only

#### Reference:

Report Number	Report Name	Report Description
MMM 6003	Public FIRMS	This report provides a list of Facilities Information Resource Management System (FIRMS) codes including name, status, and type and location information.
MMM 6005	UN Location Code	This report uses the United Nations Location Codes to produce a report which provides physical locations and attribute data for use on BAPLIE/Vessel Stowage Plan manifest transactions.



**Transactions: BRASS Reports** 

Report Number	Report Name	Report Description
TR_018	BRASS Products Report	This report provides users a view of BRASS product information for a specified range of tariff numbers at a specified port or ports. The report can be viewed at a summary level that provides aggregated BRASS product totals for each specified port. The user may drill down to a detailed view of the BRASS product information by choosing one of the aggregated totals.
TR_019	BRASS Commodity Code Report	This report displays a list of all BRASS commodity codes (C4 codes) related to shipments, including information on the commodity, shipper, importer, filer and product.

**Transactions: Carrier Activity Reports** 

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Report Number	Report Name	Report Description
TR_001	Crossings by Carrier	This report provides users a view of transactional information for specified carrier(s). The report can be viewed at a summary level that provides aggregated total number of crossings for specified port(s). This report will allow the user to drill down to view a specific crossing and the transaction data for that specific crossing.
TR_002	Crossings by Driver Report	This report provides users a view of transactional information for specified driver(s). The report can be viewed at a summary level that provides an aggregated total number of crossings for specified port(s). This report will allow the user to drill down to view a specific crossing and its related transaction data.
TR_003	Crossings by Conveyance	This report provides users a view of transactional information for a specified conveyance or group of conveyances. The report can be viewed at a summary level that provides the aggregated total number of crossings for specified port(s). This report will allow the user to drill down to view summarized crossing information by choosing one of the aggregated totals.



TR_006	Carrier Activity Report	This report provides information concerning border crossing activities for a specific carrier. The report can be viewed at a summary level, which provides the aggregated total number of crossings for specified ports or a port group. This report will allow the user to drill down to view crossing information by choosing one of the aggregated totals. Once the user is viewing the detail-level report the user may choose a specific crossing and view the available transaction data for that specific crossing.
TR_020	Carrier – Truck – Driver Report	This report provides users a list and related detail information for all carriers registered in the Land Border Carrier Initiative Program (LBCIP). The information includes carrier data, conveyance data, and driver data. The report can be viewed at the carrier level that provides LBCIP compliant carrier information. The user may navigate to view the pre-registered driver or conveyance information related to the chosen LBCIP carriers.
TR_029	Empty Trip Report	This report provides users a view of transactional information for trips crossing the border without any shipments. The report can be viewed at a summary level that provides aggregated total number of trips for specified ports and/or carriers. This report will allow the user to drill down to view a specific crossing and view the available transaction data for that specific crossing.
TR_036	Crossings by Equipment Report	This report provides users a view of transactional information for a specified piece of equipment. The report can be viewed at a summary level that provides aggregated total number of crossings for specified ports or a port group. The user may navigate to another level of detail and view the crossing information by choosing one of the aggregated totals.

Transactions: Compliance Reports

Report Number Report Name	Report Description
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TR_007	Split Shipment Interval Compliance Report	This report provides a list of carriers and related shipments that failed to comply with the split shipment interval rule. It provides users with a view of manifest information for those transactions. The user may choose to view a summary-level report including aggregated totals. The user may choose to aggregate by arrival port or carrier. From the summary-level view the user can navigate to a detailed level report by choosing one of the aggregated totals through a workflow. The detail-level view provides increased manifest data for the specified result set.
TR_008	Preferred Filing Interval Compliance Report	This report provides a list of carriers and related shipments that failed to comply with the preferred e-Release filing interval rule. CBP maintains a rule that once a manifest is submitted and accepted by the carrier that carrier must wait a set period of time prior to attempting to enter the shipments into the commerce of the United States.
TR_009	Standard Filing Interval Compliance Report	This report provides a list of carriers and related shipments that failed to comply with the standard e-Release filing interval rule. CBP maintains a rule that once a manifest is submitted and accepted (that is to say the manifest has a filing status of complete accepted) by the carrier that carrier must wait a set period of time prior to attempting to enter the shipments into the commerce of the U.S.
TR_011	Unresolved Shipment Control Number Report	This report provides users with a view of transactional information concerning shipments that are unresolved for ten days after the filed arrival date or estimated date of arrival (for shipments that are in a status of pre-arrival). The report can be viewed at a summary level that provides aggregated totals of unresolved shipments. The totals may be aggregated by arrival port (estimated arrival port) or carrier ID / Standard Carrier Alpha Code (SCAC). The user may choose to group totals aggregated by arrival port by carrier ID/SCAC code and vice versa. The user may navigate to a detailed view of the shipment information through a workflow. Once the user is viewing the detail-level report, the user may choose a specific shipment and view the



		available transaction (related trip and other shipment(s)) data for that specific shipment.
TR_030	Release Count Report	This report provides users the total number of releases either by commodity (C4 code), shipper, importer, broker, product, carrier, conveyance and/or driver over a specified date range.
TR_033	Exam Type Count Report	This report provides the end users with the total number of exam types either by commodity (C4 code), shipper, importer, broker, product, carrier, conveyance, driver, trip and/or shipment over a specified date range.

**Transactions: In-Bond Reports** 

Report Number	Report Name	Report Description
TR_010	In-Bond Shipment Status Report	This report provides end users with information on the life cycle status of in-bond shipment(s). The report can be viewed at a summary level that provides aggregated totals of how many shipments fall into each status category. The user can drill down to a detailed view of the shipment information. Once the user is viewing the detail-level report, the user may choose a specific shipment and view the available manifest data for that specific in-bond shipment.



TR_013	Unresolved In-Bond Shipments Report	This report provides end users with statistics concerning in-bond shipments that have not arrived or been exported 30 days after move authorization is granted. The report can be viewed at a summary level that provides aggregated totals of unresolved shipments. The totals may be aggregated by arrival port (estimated arrival port) or carrier ID/SCAC code. Also, the user may choose to group totals aggregated by arrival port by carrier ID/SCAC code and vice versa. The user can drill down to a detailed view of the shipment information. Once the user is viewing the detail-level report, the user may choose a
TR_027	In-Bond Types by Port Report	specific shipment and view the available transaction data for that specific shipment.  This report provides users a view of the total number of in-bond shipments being processed at a specific port. The types of in-bond movements reported are: immediate transportation (IT), transportation and export (T&E), immediate export (IE), paperless (prefiled), carrier paper (not pre-filed), QP (application identifier), and manual. From these totals, users may choose to navigate to report TR_010: "In-Bond Shipment Status" for the chosen total.

**Transactions: Details Reports** 

Report Number	Report Name	Report Description	
TR_004	Transactions View	This report provides users with an organized view of the available transaction data for a specified trip. The user is brought to the summary level first and may choose a number of workflow paths to view detailed information concerning the trip, shipment, carrier, conveyance, crew and equipment for a specific arrival port.	



TR_005	Shipment Type Report	This report provides users information concerning the types of shipments (Border Cargo Selectivity (BCS)/ Pre-Arrival Processing System (PAPS), BRASS, preferred, or in-bond) that a specified carrier or groups of carriers are carrying. There are three views for this report that include a summary
		level that presents aggregated totals for each
		shipment type and two variances of a details view.