

# Basis for picking a reporting tool

- How did we wind up here?
  - Crystal Reports, Basic Report, WinReport
  - Choices: VPE, List & Label, Crystal & Mertech, VRW
  - Wanted WYSIWYG Design & Straightforward Integration
  - Invest in the existing tool set
  - World Class Support
  - Rapid pace of progress

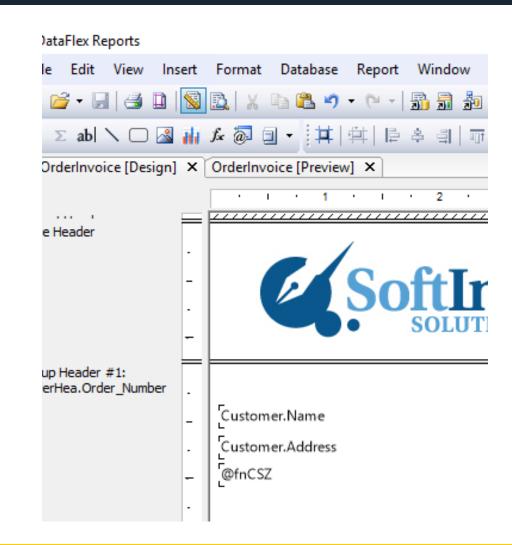
## Reasons to continue using DR

- Newton's first law
  - > Inertia
  - If it ain't broke, don't fix it
  - It does its job
  - > The tight integration with DF is getting tighter
  - Joint future
  - Flexibility

### Killer features

#### I'm so happy it does this

- In-Line SQL in functions
- > Auto Code Generation
- Barcodes
- Is external to the app
- Can be customized on the fly



### **The Future**

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YAFR: Yet another feature request.

— Some Random Dude On The Internet





## Follow Up

- Sorry, the library isn't free
  - > Library Demonstration; well you had to be there ©
  - Code Availability
    - > Testing classes will be available as a product before year-end
  - > Features:
    - > Automated Integration testing of reports
    - Scheduled reports
    - Reports to Email (can be on schedule)

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