



BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

SOLUTIONS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

ABOUT DATAFLOW

Founded in 1981 to deliver more flexible software capabilities than standard off-the-shelf packages, Dataflow is committed to developing high quality accounting and business management solutions that will enhance the productivity of small to medium-sized businesses. Our solutions act as the financial backbone for vertical market and bespoke applications. To complement our software we provide the highest levels of customer care, system support and after sales service.

Dataflow's goal is to deliver practical software solutions to meet industry-specific challenges.

OUR SOLUTIONS

Dataflow's vertically-focussed solutions have been developed, enhanced and proven effective through years of practical application.

OUR PEOPLE

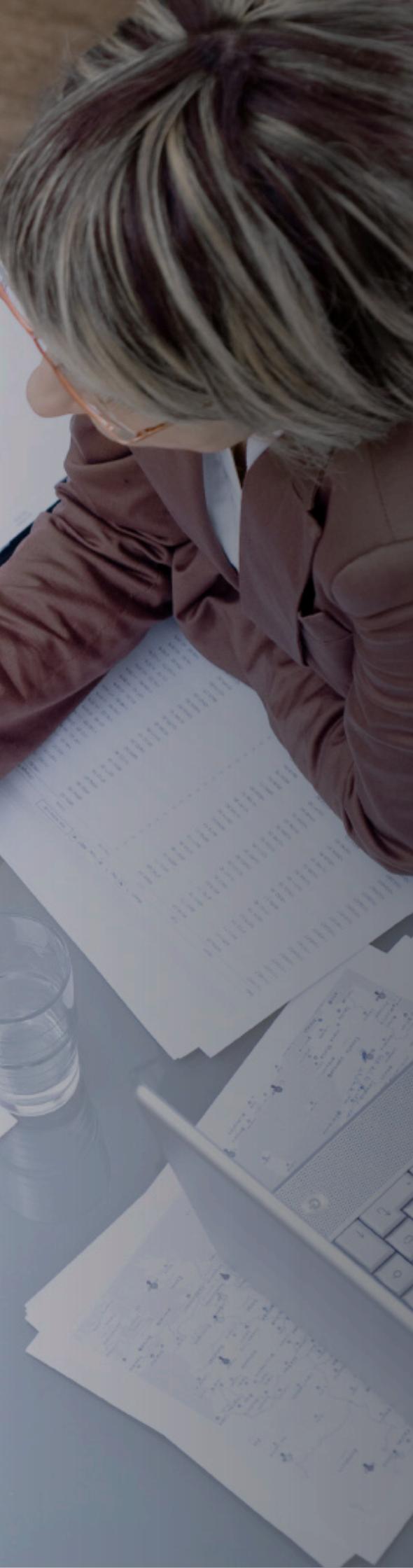
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OUR PASSION

Dataflow are committed to making you successful by understanding the requirements of your industry.

OUR VALUES

We treat our customers, employees and partners with honesty, respect and integrity.



YOUR PARTNER IN CHANGING TIMES

Dataflow provides business management solutions to a wide range of industries - solutions that make the difference between average and competitive performance.

We have ensured that our Dataflow Business Accounting Software is not just the back-end of our industry specific MIS solutions; they are a comprehensive, fully featured ledger suite and are the choice of many companies as their general accounting and financial reporting systems.

Industry-specific expertise has been used to deliver innovative, flexible MIS solution suites to over 1,000 Dataflow customers, including Project Management and Accounting, Distribution software, Haulage Management, Storage & Warehousing, Automotive Workshop Administration, Waste Management, Property Management and School Administration software. All these systems have at their heart the Dataflow financial management software, giving them a truly integrated solution.



SYSTEM FEATURES

SECURITY

System security is currently a hot topic, and rightly so as computer fraud escalates. Integral security features let you enforce either simple or detailed strategies as appropriate, with the flexibility to change at any time. User access security is down to record level, whereby access may only be granted to part of the Chart of Accounts, or just a portion of the data with only the ability to View, Add, Modify and/or remove data as you see appropriate.

PERIOD AND YEAR END

The rush to finalise period and year end accounts, and to produce final reports in order that processing can move on to the next period, is now a thing of the past. You can carry on using the system for future periods and the year, and produce your management reports until ready to close the period, which is an instant simple procedure that prevents any further postings being made to the period.

MULTI-COMPANY

Dataflow can support an unlimited number of companies. Each company can use its own separate system configuration, document layouts, etc. Users are able to move easily between companies, subject to their user access profiles, switching directly to avoid the normal log-on procedures.

Any static data that can be shared between the companies such as Customers details, Suppliers details, Chart of Accounts, Stock Details etc., are only entered once and the correct balances/transactions are displayed for the company in use at the time.

CONSOLIDATION

The ability to define consolidation 'groups' within Dataflow means that any mix of companies within the group can be combined. All reports and analysis can be produced in a consolidated format by simply changing run-time parameters.

MULTI-CURRENCY

Dataflow is designed to handle international dimensions as the need arises. The product is fully multi-currency throughout with the ability to either lock an account into a particular currency, or allow transactions with different currencies to be posted into the same account.

Within the Sales and Purchase ledgers invoices are raised or received in one currency and can be settled in any number of different currencies. These are handled in Dataflow as easily as if only one currency were in use, automatically dealing with exchange rate gains and losses.

REPORT IN DIFFERENT CURRENCIES

Dataflow reports include full support for foreign currency postings. Reports show values for the currency of posting and base currency. Where appropriate, many reports will filter or sort transactions by their currency of posting.

MULTIPLE BASE CURRENCY OPERATION

The multiple base currency approach is ideal for organisations whose group companies operate in different base currencies such as Sterling, Euro, Dollar, Yen, etc., enabling the production of statutory and local information in the relevant base currency, whilst allowing management and group consolidation reports to be produced into any other currency of choice automatically.

Each company in the group can be assigned to a specific base currency relevant to the country of operation, whilst the system will maintain a separate set of books in any number of different currencies of your choice concurrently, without any input from the user. So consolidating your books and reporting to a foreign partner in the currency of your choice has never been easier.

COMPREHENSIVE IMPORT AND INTEGRATION FACILITIES

Dataflow provides powerful features for importing and exporting data. Our belief is that under strict security you should have open access to your data. Whether you need to import static and transactional data to go live with Dataflow, or if you need to pragmatically interface your legacy system for ongoing bi-directional data transfer, Dataflow provides a host component from the basic CSV to Web based XML COM interface to satisfy all your needs.

RAW DATA ACCESS

RDA technology gives you the capability of extracting the raw data from any ledger report within Dataflow. With RDA you can view all SQL tables selected in the production of a report, cherry pick and highlight the columns you want, use the Excel button to dynamically populate a spreadsheet and use the data to produce any relevant reports or graphics in Excel.

RETROSPECTIVE REPORTS PRODUCTION

You can produce Dataflow reports retrospectively for any period in the past and see the exact report that you produced at that time. For instance, you can produce an Aged Debtors or Creditors report for any past period and see the exact results as at that time. All future movement since the required reporting date will be shown in a forward dated column.

MAINTAIN HISTORY FOR AS LONG AS YOU NEED

Dataflow's system design allows history to be maintained for as long as you require without worrying about losing any system performance. With Dataflow's ability for retrospective reporting, keeping tonnes of reports in the cupboards is now a thing of the past.

USER PREFERENCES

Dataflow is a multi-user platform and allows the execution of a number of tasks simultaneously, increasing productivity and ease of use. For example, you can set up a new customer account and Interrogate Stock whilst entering a Sales invoice.

DOCUMENT STORAGE

Dataflow Document Storage includes the ability to attach any number of documents in any format - Word, Excel, PDFs, scanned images, video clips etc, to many key data items within the system. These include Sales and Purchase accounts, all transaction documents created through the Sales and Purchase Order routines, transactions posted directly to the Sales and Purchase ledgers, Job, and Stock records.

CUSTOM SOLUTIONS

If you're looking to develop a bespoke solution, something tailored to the unique demands of your industry sector or simply something to enhance the functionality of your in-house software, the Dataflow Software Development Kit (SDK) could be the answer.

The SDK includes all the tools necessary to customize Dataflow to meet your specific business needs. Unlike some software development kits, with Dataflow you do not sacrifice compatibility with future versions of the software. Dataflow provides a future-proof solution as all of your custom content remains intact when you upgrade.

There is no requirement for re-implementation of user-defined content, even if the source files were subject to changes within the new release

KEY BENEFITS

- Upgrade to the latest release without losing your customization
- Form designer allows users to customize Dataflow with little or no programming experience
- Add user-defined processing to cater for your specific needs
- User-friendly Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) enabling you to integrate business processes and link third party applications
- Designed for ease of use, the APIs perform a wide range of functions to access and update your Dataflow application
- All Dataflow processes and business rules are encapsulated within the APIs ensuring that the Dataflow database is correctly updated
- The transaction interface is a simple way to programmatically post accounting transactions and order-processing documents to Dataflow

DATABASE

Dataflow supports Microsoft SQL Server, the industry standard SQL relational database. Benefits include security, scalability, self tuning, robust data integrity and easy integration with other applications.

Dataflow takes advantage of automatic transaction rollback, giving solid data integrity and making it ideal for companies where a restore from back-up due to any kind of system failure would be unacceptable.

SERVICES

At Dataflow, we believe that solutions are about more than software. They're about people too - the people who design, implement and support them. We know that people make the difference between good and great.

The average Dataflow consultant has over 10 years of experience in the industry that he or she serves. Our consultants know your industry, understand your challenges, and have first-hand experience with solving them. We combine this knowledge with a passionate commitment to your success to provide solutions that are uniquely effective at solving the essential challenges you face. Dataflow is proud of the relationships we have with our customers, and we understand the critical role our solutions play in running their businesses.

EVALUATION

Right from the start our experts listen and learn, so that they can understand your business processes and what you want to achieve. This way we all get to know each other and sow the seeds of a successful business partnership.

IMPLEMENTATION

We use both real and representative data from your business during implementation and are able to remove any worries regarding going live, because it is essentially just an increase in volume through already proven processes.

TRAINING

Dataflow provides comprehensive and flexible training solutions, which are designed to support all users across all relevant modules.

SUPPORT

Dataflow value their customers and provide effective, professional and friendly support. Our support contracts enable us to resolve any queries or issues you experience with speed and efficiency.

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