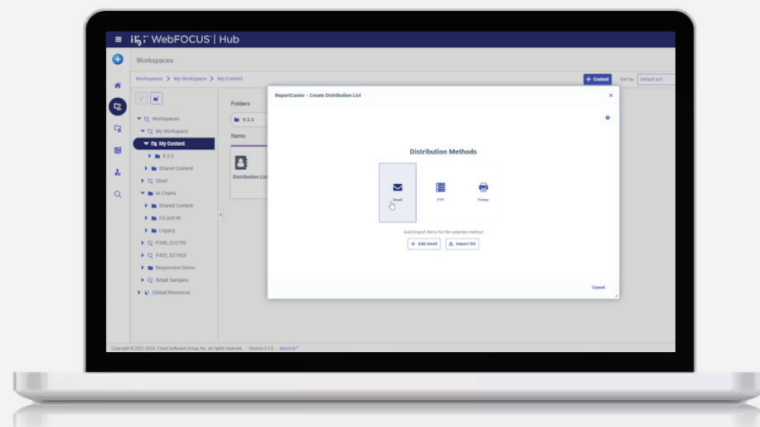# Distribute to the masses with ease, introducing the all-new WebFOCUS ReportCaster

ibi™ WebFOCUS® 9.3 introduces the new ReportCaster featuring a comprehensive re-design of the tool that makes it incredibly easy to use. Now, schedule and distribute your reports and dashboards to the masses with ease and in style–directly from the WebFOCUS Hub. The redesign of ReportCaster involved new technical features here as well including: enhanced functionalities such as Recurrences, Log Reports, SMTP and FTP server configuration, and Test connections.

Designed to automate the distribution and scheduling of reports and dashboards generated by WebFOCUS, ReportCaster supports multiple administrators and provides a single point of control for managing information distribution within an organization.
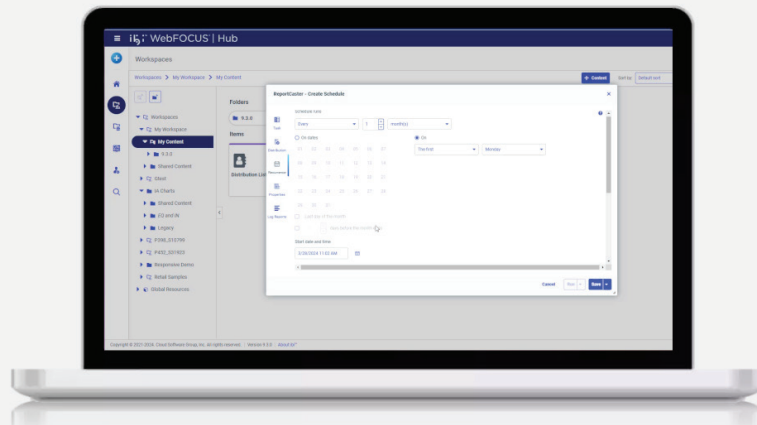

How does ReportCaster work?

The tools in ReportCaster are web-based Rich Internet Application facilities, through which you manage the ReportCaster Configuration and the ability to create and access schedules, distribution lists, access lists and log reports, and Report Library reports. The WebFOCUS Client security authorization model controls access to each ReportCaster tool. This

enables administrators to control the users who are authorized to access ReportCaster

Key benefits of using ReportCaster:

- **Automated Report Distribution:** ReportCaster automates the process of distributing reports to users, stakeholders, or systems at scheduled intervals. This ensures that recipients receive up-to-date information without manual intervention, improving efficiency and timeliness.

- **Relevant reporting:** ReportCaster can distribute an entire report or break a report into sections using the ReportCaster burst feature. When the user bursts a report, ReportCaster sends only the relevant report sections specified to selected stakeholders.

- **Scheduled Delivery:** Users can schedule reports to be delivered at specific times or intervals, such as daily, weekly, or monthly. This allows organizations to distribute critical information on a regular basis, helping users stay informed and make data-driven decisions.

- **Multi-channel Delivery:** ReportCaster supports delivery of reports through various channels, including email, FTP, printers, and the WebFOCUS® Repository that stores output in a Report Library. This flexibility enables users to receive reports in their preferred format and delivery method, enhancing accessibility and usability.

- **Customizable Distribution/Access Lists:** ReportCaster allows users to define custom distribution/ access lists based on roles, departments, or other criteria. This ensures that relevant stakeholders receive the right information, tailored to their specific needs, leading to more informed decision-making.

- **Centralized Management:** ReportCaster provides a centralized management interface for administrators to configure, monitor, and track report distribution activities. This simplifies administration and ensures consistency in report delivery across the organization.

- **Enhanced Compliance and Governance:** By automating report distribution and scheduling, ReportCaster helps organizations

ensure compliance with regulatory requirements and internal policies. It provides audit trails and tracking capabilities to monitor report delivery and access, enhancing governance and accountability.

In addition to a facelift and usability upgrade, WebFOCUS 9.3 gave ReportCaster key feature improvements.

The new ReportCaster gives users these exciting new abilities:

- **Task/ Distribution:** Option to Enable/Disable Tasks/ Distribution methods from the list view itself. Rearrange them using drag and drop.

- **Recurrences:** Provides a clear and easy-to-understand summary of recurring events of a schedule.

- **Log Reports:** We've introduced new features allowing users to filter log reports by Last Executed or Custom Date. In addition, it highlights warnings or error runs of the schedule. Ability to search log reports by Job number. Also, log reports can be copied and downloaded from the same window or viewed in another tab.

- **SMTP and FTP server configurations:** Allow customers to create new SMTP and FTP profiles, which can be directly used in Email/ FTP task/ distribution method options or can be used to create customized server configurations.

- **Test Connection:** Now, SMTP and FTP connection details can be verified using the Test Connection button from the schedule dialog itself to avoid connection failures during schedule execution.

- **Oauth support:** Added additional support for Oauth 2.0 for SMTP configuration apart from the existing password method.

- **Email chips:** Now, email addresses are shown in chip format to make them more readable and manageable.

WebFOCUS users benefit from ReportCaster by automating and streamlining the process of distributing reports, improving accessibility, timeliness, and usability of business-critical information across the organization.

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