# Robot REPORTS 7 Getting Started

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# **Notes:**

# ■ Robot REPORTS— The Total Solution For Report Output

No other area of operations is more costly or labor intensive than managing report output on the IBM® eServer<sup>TM</sup> iSeries<sup>TM</sup>. As a result, the payback from automating these duties is big. Report management includes many tasks—running and printing reports, bursting and sorting the resulting stacks of paper, and delivering the reports to the recipients. And, report management doesn't end there. Report recipients must be able to reviewing reports, need to store them. When they need to look up historical information, they have to find and retrieve reports.

Like other HelpSystems products, Robot REPORTS is designed to be a total solution to a specific problem—the high cost of report management.

# Many Report Viewing Features

Robot REPORTS offers elegant report viewing features that make users want to switch to report viewing. There's no need for special equipment—Robot REPORTS works on any workstation. Report recipients can view their list of reports using either a PC or a web browser interface.

- Authorized users can reformat their reports by eliminating, moving, or copying report columns and save their new view definitions as report views. These report views can be secured so that access to specific columns is restricted to authorized users.
- All users can freeze page headings and columns during windowing and scrolling just like Lotus<sup>™</sup> or Excel<sup>™</sup> spreadsheets. They can also use scan functions to find important items quickly. Report information that exceeds thresholds can be highlighted in color. These features will have your users moving toward a paperless office in no time.
- Robot REPORTS lets users create Report Notes. Users can add useful
  information to a report. A user can set up a note for their eyes only
  (bookmark notes), for everyone who receives the report, or for a list of
  recipients.
- The Robot REPORTS Administrator can convert report views to Portable Document Format (PDF), to be viewed and printed by any computer that has the free Adobe Acrobat Reader installed. They can also convert report views into HyperText Markup Language (HTML) to use on the Internet.

# Automating Operator Report Duties

Virtually any procedure the operator performs in response to information in a report can be done automatically by Robot REPORTS.

- Robot REPORTS can burst reports into report segments. It makes
  new reports from old ones by including only the lines or pages that
  a recipient needs. For example, Robot REPORTS can burst a report
  into a segment whenever a department name changes, or it can create
  a report segment that summarizes report results by reporting only the
  lines containing totals.
- Robot REPORTS can secure a report segment so that access to certain lines or pages is restricted to authorized users. Robot REPORTS can even use Robot ALERT to page experts if reports contain information that needs clarification or a response.
- Robot REPORTS can execute commands, send messages, and signal prerequisite job completion to Robot SCHEDULE in reaction to the information in a report. For example, it can start another job in a closing procedure when balancing report totals agree. All these procedures are easy to code using our powerful OPerator Assistance Language (OPAL).

# Automatic Report Bundling And Distribution

If you have problems with sorting, delivering, or losing reports, Robot REPORTS is the package for you. Robot REPORTS automatically bundles all of the reports (including report segments) into a recipient packet. Robot REPORTS even generates a packet cover sheet with an index listing the reports in the packet, the number of pages in each report, and the packet page numbers.

Robot REPORTS can print a packet at any printer in your iSeries network, including laser printers with special print command requirements. These printers are supported without you having to change your report programs.

Robot REPORTS offers you several choices for your report formats. You can convert a report to...

- Column-delimited format and place it in a directory for downloading to a workstation.
- A text file and save it to a workstation.
- A microfiche-format file to be output as microfiche.
- Portable Document Format (PDF), to be viewed and printed by any
  computer that has the free Adobe Acrobat Reader installed. You can
  convert reports using either the PDF option or the TRANSFORM
  option (you must have Robot TRANSFORM installed).

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You can use the TRANSFORM option to create customized PDF files containing embedded graphics such as watermarks or logos, with complete PDF functionality, including full text searching. For example, you can re-create order forms and other company information perfectly.

• HTML (HyperText Markup Language) to use on the Internet.

# ■ Thorough Report Archiving

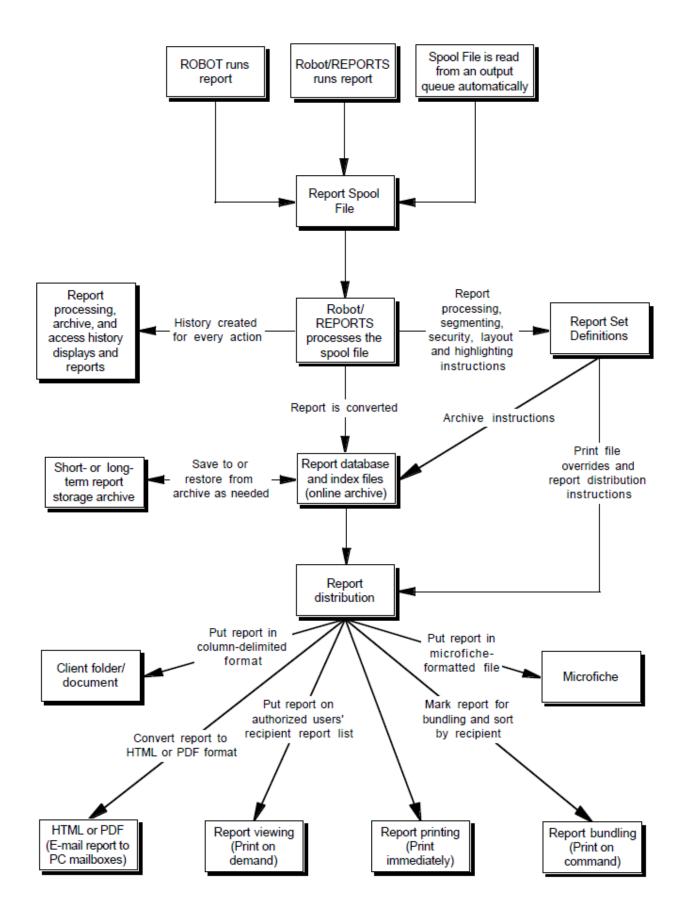
Robot REPORTS can archive any iSeries spooled file. It lets you have a different archive strategy for each report. You tell Robot REPORTS how many days you want the report to remain in each type of archive and Robot REPORTS does the rest. You can store reports online for instant access. You can place them in short-term storage using a disk drive, an optical disk drive, a dedicated tape drive, or a tape librarian. Or, you can store them long term using tape to be moved off-site.

The report archive history shows the archive status of the report and on which tape volumes it is stored. If a user needs a report from short-term storage, they can restore it by pressing a function key.

# ■ Complete Report History

Robot REPORTS provides a complete history of every report it processes, whether it is printed or archived on the iSeries. It also provides the status of every report currently being processed. And, if report processing is interrupted, you can restart it without rerunning the report.

The report access history display tells who viewed or printed the report, including the date and time of access. You can use the report access history to review report usage and detect security violations. You can display or print the Robot REPORTS history at any time.



### ■ How Robot REPORTS Works

The diagram on the preceding page outlines how Robot REPORTS manages reports on your iSeries. It shows the relationships between the files and processes of the Robot REPORTS system (Each process is explained in greater detail in the Robot REPORTS Administrator Guide.)

■ Three Ways To Create Report Spool Files For Robot REPORTS The most commonly-used method to create a report spooled file is to run your report program normally and divert the output to an output queue that is not attached to a printer. Robot REPORTS can monitor this output queue and look for spooled files that match the information in its report sets. When it finds a match, it processes the spooled file. Robot REPORTS can process almost any spooled file on the iSeries, no matter what its source.

The second easy way to create your report spooled file is to use Robot SCHEDULE, our job scheduler. Robot SCHEDULE takes care of the overrides and diverts the spooled file to Robot REPORTS for processing.

The third method is to use the **REPRUNSET** command to create your report spooled file. This command runs your report program and has Robot REPORTS process the resulting spooled files.

■ Robot REPORTS
Processes The
Spooled File

A report set contains the instructions Robot REPORTS needs to process spooled files and print the reports. Using report set instructions, Robot REPORTS puts the spooled file data into secured iSeries objects that also form the online archive. Any report segmentation and line highlighting are performed at this time.

A bursting instruction distributes the pages or sections of a report that should be output to give users just the information they need. OPAL Segments distribute lines and pages of a report to recipients. Comparison information is used to burst the report into multiple segments, and distribution is set up for each segment.

Robot REPORTS can highlight report lines in color (26 colors are available) based on the data in the report to spotlight items needing management action or other attention. You can create OPAL code to tell Robot REPORTS the rules you want to use to highlight lines.

Report segment viewing and printing security authorizations are contained in the report set. This security allows authorized users to see the entire report, or only certain lines or pages.

A report processing history record is created for each spooled file processed. This history can be displayed or printed at any time. The processing status indicator is used to restart the processing if it is interrupted.

# ■ The Reports Are Distributed

Robot REPORTS offers many output options:

- Print copies immediately with a report banner page showing how many copies each person gets. Robot REPORTS supports all kinds of laser printers.
- Convert a report to a microfiche-formatted file to output as microfiche.
- Convert a report to column-delimited format and distribute it to a
  directory or an iSeries file to download into a spreadsheet. You can
  also email these reports to a PC mailbox automatically if you have
  Robot ALERT, HelpSystems' iSeries messaging software.
- Convert the report to PDF format, to be viewed and printed by any computer that has the free Adobe Acrobat Reader installed. You can convert reports using either the PDF option or the TRANSFORM option (you must have Robot TRANSFORM installed).
  - Use the TRANSFORM option to create customized PDF files containing embedded graphics such as watermarks or logos, with complete PDF functionality, including full text searching.
- Convert a report to HTML format for easy online and web access. You
  can email a PDF or HTML report to a PC automatically if you have
  Robot ALERT.
- Bundle all of the night's reports for a recipient into an indexed packet and print it at the recipient's chosen printer.
- Archive the report and add it to each recipient's report list for later viewing or printing.

Or, use all of the above on the same report—just create a distribution record for each type of output you want. Create distribution records easily by picking from a list of recipients or using a distribution list (a list of recipients who commonly receive the same reports).

# **■** Report Bundling

Report bundling replaces the operator duties of bursting all of the night's report copies and sorting them by recipient for delivery in the morning.

If the distribution instructions specify to bundle the report into a recipient's packet, the recipient's report record is marked as ready for bundling (rather than printing the report). When the **REPBUNDLE** command is executed early in the morning, all of the reports marked for bundling are placed on the output queues in recipient order. This command bundles all of the reports that were run since the last time the command was executed.

Each recipient's report packet can have a packet banner page that contains an index of the reports in the packet plus the report page numbers and packet page number.

### **■** Report Viewing

Recipients can access a list of reports—reports they have been authorized to view or print—from their workstations. The PC and Web Portal interfaces give Robot REPORTS the familiar feel of PC applications. From their report list, users can choose a report title and see all of the archived report versions available to them. If the report is online, they can view the information instantly.

- They can print the pages they need to any printer.
- They can print the report in its original format or a report view format.
- They can add, change, remove, or print report notes.

If the report is not online, the recipient (or an operator) can retrieve it quickly from short-term or long-term storage by pressing a function key.

With Robot REPORTS you can reformat a report into report views. A report view can have highlighting instructions and recipients can create as many views as they want by freezing headings, and freezing, excluding, or moving columns.

The report access history display shows who viewed or printed the report, including the date and time of access. You can use this history review report usage and detect security violations.

# **■** Report Archiving

Robot REPORTS can use any save media supported by IBM's save commands and supports three stages of report archive:

#### Instant Online Storage

The report is stored online in a normal data library for instant report viewing.

#### • Short-term Storage

The report is moved from an online library and placed on a short-term save device that can do unattended restoration. This device can be a disk drive, an Auxiliary Storage Pool (ASP), an optical disk drive, a dedicated tape drive, or a tape librarian.

#### • Long-term Storage

The report is shifted to a long-term save device, usually a separate tape or disk dedicated for archiving reports. These tapes or optical disks typically are kept for a year or more.

# How Robot REPORTS Works

# ■ Report Archiving (cont.)

Robot REPORTS moves reports from one archive stage to another automatically, according to your archive plan, when you execute the **REPARCHIVE** command. It keeps an archive history record for each report so you stay informed and in control.

Less sophisticated archive software prevents you from viewing old versions of a report when the report layout changes. This is not a problem with Robot REPORTS. The report, its search indexes, and all the report viewing formats are archived and restored together. You can look at any version of the report, no matter how often its layout changes.

### ■ The Paper Habit Is Hard To Break

Paper reports are comforting. You can write on them. You can carry them home with you. You can copy them. But printed reports have some big disadvantages:

- They clutter your desk.
- They can be a security issue when left lying around.
- They are hard to find in stacks of paper.
- They can give you paper cuts and dirty hands.
- They are very, very expensive.

# ■ Paper Costs More Than You Think

A paper reduction program can reduce a company's operating costs dramatically. A large corporation conducted a study that showed it cost 10 cents a page to print their reports. The items totaled included material costs (paper, printers, maintenance, supplies, floor space and storage cabinets for paper and reports, paper disposal costs) and labor costs (offshift operators to watch printers; operators to sort, collate, and deliver reports; employee time to file current reports and retrieve prior ones; labor to dispose of paper).

Obviously, every page viewed on a workstation rather than printed can save money. For example, if your company prints 150,000 pages a month and converts half of its reports to viewing, it could save \$90,000 a year.

# Converting to a Paperless Environment

One of the hardest things to change is people's behavior. Before you can convert to a paperless environment, users must be convinced that there are more advantages to changing than there are disadvantages. The obvious advantage is the big cost savings. To guide users to a paperless environment, you must show them that electronic viewing is easier than looking at paper, and that viewing reports can increase their productivity.

# ■ The Key to a Paperless Environment

To implement a paperless environment, you need a powerful report output management program. That's where Robot REPORTS comes in. Robot REPORTS provides the control you need. Report viewing eliminates the need for printed reports. Report archiving on the iSeries, rather than on paper, stores information contained in the reports in an easily-accessible form. Report segmentation displays or prints only the lines or pages needed, rather than the entire report. When you use all of these features, the benefits really begin to materialize.

# Paper Reduction Program

# Steps to a Paperless Environment

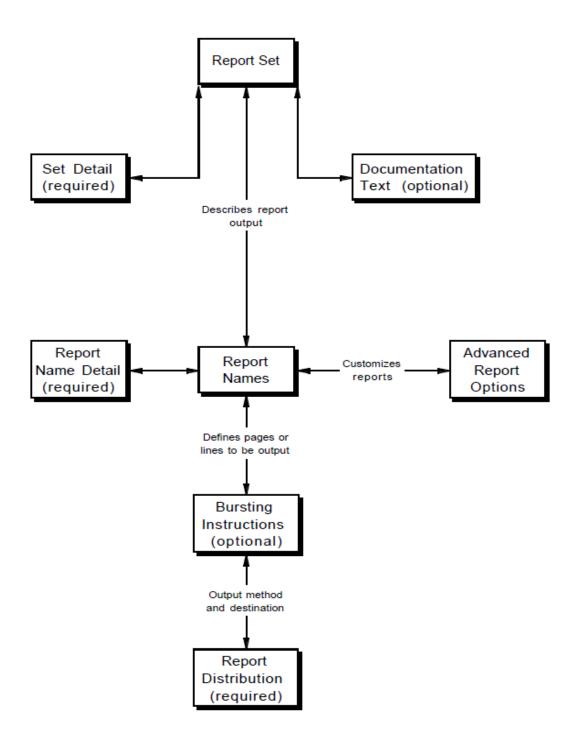
Although you can't force your users into report viewing, you can ease them into the paperless revolution by using the following steps:

- 1. Continue to print reports while archiving them for viewing.
- 2. Train users on how to view and format their reports so they become familiar with the advantages of online viewing.
- 3. Ask them often if they are ready to give up their printed reports. When some users indicate they are ready to switch, stop printing their reports.
- 4. Make users print their own reports on departmental printers. They will realize what a nuisance paper reports are to print and retrieve.
- 5. Begin using a job accounting and chargeback system to charge users for every page they print so they see how much each printed report costs. Money is a great motivator to move people to paperless reports. You can use the chargeback system to measure your progress—are you printing fewer pages now than you did last month?

The road to a paperless environment may not always be smooth, but Robot REPORTS can make the transition well worth the effort. The result—big cost savings and happier, more productive employees.

# **Setting Up Robot REPORTS**

# **Report Set Components**



# ■ Report Set Components

Robot REPORTS needs to know certain things to be able to process your reports. All the components necessary to define a report so that Robot REPORTS can process it are called a report set.

The diagram on the previous page shows the components of the report set. The report set is the umbrella entity in Robot REPORTS. Each time you run Robot REPORTS, you create a new version of the report that is placed in archive for the archive period.

<u>Item</u>	<b>Description</b>
Report Set Detail	Gives Robot REPORTS basic report identification information and report processing options.
Report Set Documentation Text Panel	Lets you enter text to document the purpose of the report set, or how to use it.
Report Names	The individual reports that your report program creates. There is no limit to the number of report names from one program that Robot REPORTS can process.
Report Name Detail	Contains spooled file comparison information that Robot REPORTS uses to identify which spooled files to process.
Advanced Report Options	Allow you to perform advanced Robot REPORTS functions, including print file overrides, report indexes, report views, and segment OPAL.
<b>Bursting Instructions</b>	The pages, or sections, that will be included in the report segment. Bursting instructions also let you define a banner page for each report segment.
Report Distributions	Processes, distributes, and archives the reports according to the instructions you provide in the report set components.

# ■ Setting Up Robot REPORTS

The following checklist will help you make sure you have defined the basic components that Robot REPORTS needs to process your reports successfully. This is a list of the *minimum* components required. Depending on the choices you make as you define your report sets, you may need additional components. The pages that follow cover how to define these components.

#### For overall Robot REPORTS operation:

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- ☐ Set system defaults.
- Modify recipients (as needed).

#### For each Robot REPORTS report set:

- ☐ Define the report set.
- ☐ Define report names.
- ☐ Define bursting instructions (optional).
- ☐ Define report distribution.

# ■ Making Robot REPORTS Run

After you have defined the components for Robot REPORTS, you want to process a report. How a report is run depends on the method you selected for the report set on the Report Set panel (if you use automated setup, all of the report sets created use the SEARCH method).

#### **Method Description**

#### **SEARCH**

If you use automated setup, it automatically defines the report set (you can change the defaults) and you set up the monitoring of the specified output queue. Robot REPORTS processes the appropriate spooled files as soon as they appear in the queue in a ready status.

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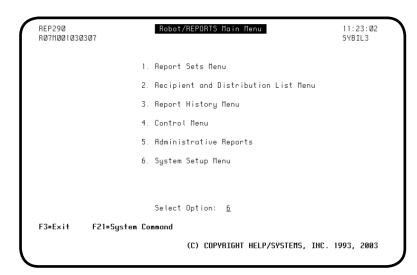
If you're currently running your report program using Robot SCHEDULE, you can link your new report set to an existing Robot SCHEDULE job (described in Quick Tour 1). Your reports process automatically using the schedule you defined in Robot SCHEDULE.

#### **EXECUTE**

When you select the EXECUTE method of report processing on the Report Set panel, you must specify a command to run the report program. Later, when you use the REPRUNSET command—from a command line, in your own program, or in your application menu—Robot REPORTS processes the report.

# Setting System Defaults

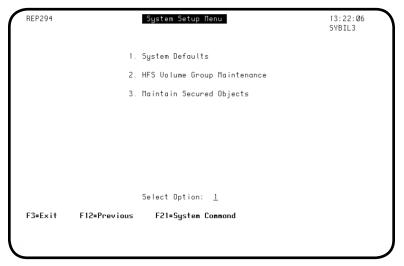
Follow the installation instructions provided with Robot REPORTS. After Robot REPORTS has been installed, you must define your system defaults and define the report sets you will use. You can also set up recipients and distribution lists.



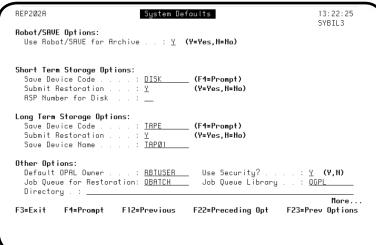
1. Enter the following command to display the Robot REPORTS Main Menu:

#### RBTREPLIB/REP

2. On the Robot REPORTS Main Menu, select **option 6**, System Setup Menu.



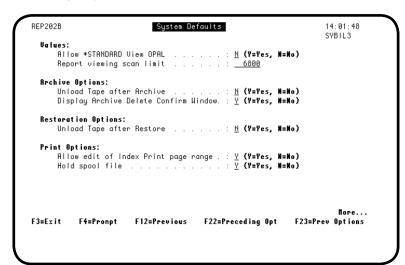
3. Select **option 1** on the System Setup Menu to display the System Defaults panel.

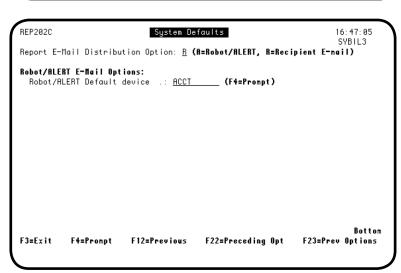


4. Use the first System Defaults panel to enter storage information for the short- and long-term archiving of your reports. If you aren't using Robot SAVE for archiving, enter the type of save device used for short-term and long-term storage. You must indicate whether Robot REPORTS should restore the report immediately or submit it to batch.

Press Page Down to continue.

# Setting System Defaults

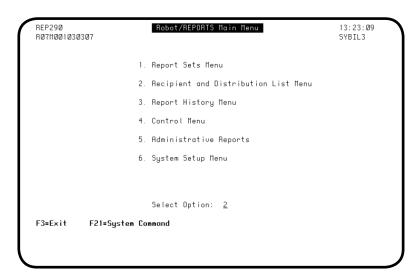




- 5. Use the second System Defaults panel to customize the \*STANDARD reports view, set the line limit for report scans, unload tapes automatically after archiving or restoration, display a confimation window before deleting an archived report, edit the print index range, or hold a spooled file in the output queue. After you have specified your choices, press Page Down to continue. For more information, refer to the *Robot REPORTS Administrator Guide*.
- 6. Use the third System Defaults panel if you want to distribute your reports using Robot ALERT. You can email iSeries reports to PC mailboxes using Robot ALERT, HelpSystems' automated paging and email software. You must have Robot ALERT installed and a directory on the iSeries where you store reports to be emailed. For more information, refer to the *Robot REPORTS Administrator Guide*.

### Setting Up Recipients

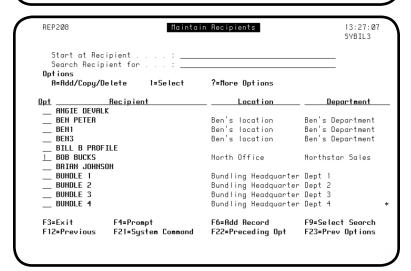
Recipients are defined as all the individuals who are allowed to view or receive report output. When you install Robot REPORTS, the installation procedure creates a recipient record from all the valid user profiles on the system. You can edit the recipient information.



1. On the Robot REPORTS Main Menu, select **option 2** to display the Recipient and Distribution List Menu.



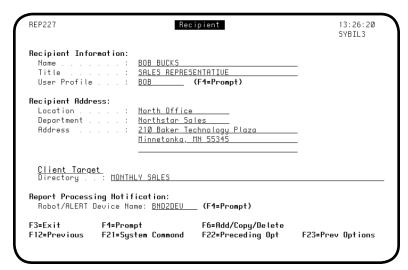
2. Select **option 1** on the Recipient and Distribution List Menu. This displays the Maintain Recipients panel.



3. The Maintain Recipients panel lists all the recipients that were defined to Robot REPORTS at installation. To edit a recipient profile, enter a 1 in the Opt column next to the recipient name. This displays the Recipient panel, on which you can modify the information for the recipient.

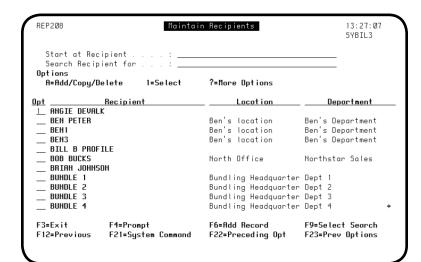
If you need to add additional recipients later, simply press **F6**.

# Setting Up Recipients



4. The Recipient panel is already filled in with the name and user profile of the recipient. Restrictions on report access are based on the user profile. You can fill in the recipient's title and optional address information. If you supply an address and choose to print a banner page, the address will appear on the banner page to aid in delivering printed reports.

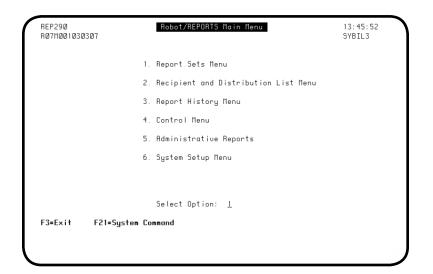
If the recipient will receive reports with the output code of Client (C) for downloading, enter the name of the directory on the iSeries to receive the report distribution.



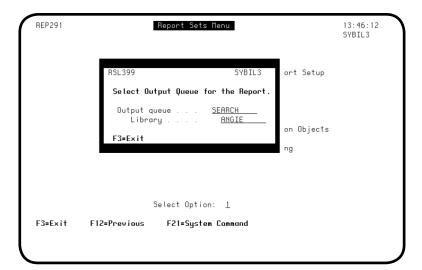
- 5. Edit the recipient profile for any employee whose information you want to modify. All the address information you define will appear on the Maintain Recipients panel. You can use this panel to change recipient information in the future or delete a recipient from the list.
- 6. Press **F3** to return to the Recipient and Distribution List Menu.

The Robot GUIDE for Automated Report Setup option sets up a report set with a minimum number of steps so you can process and view your reports quickly. Automated setup creates a report set that uses the SEARCH method. The SEARCH method empowers Robot REPORTS to search the selected output queue for spooled files that have been generated by your report programs and to process them immediately.

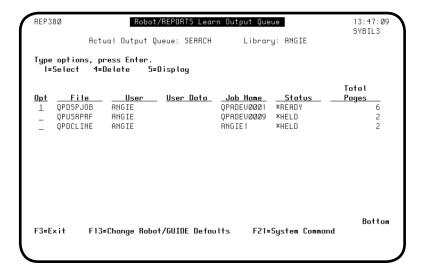
Robot GUIDE uses defaults shipped with Robot REPORTS. You can change these defaults while you create the report set. Or, after you have set up your report set, you can modify or maintain it using the options on the Report Sets Menu. See the *Robot REPORTS Administrator Guide* for a complete discussion.



 On the Robot REPORTS Main Menu, select option 1 to display the Report Sets Menu.

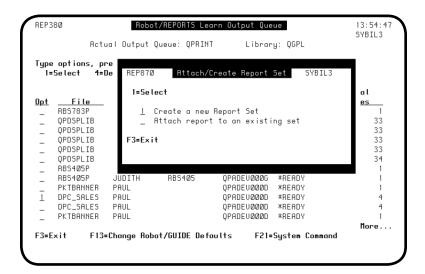


2. Select **option 1** on the Report Sets Menu to begin the Automated Setup process. A window displays so you can enter the name of the output queue and library where the spooled files you will be processing currently are found. Press Enter to display the Robot REPORTS Learn Output Queue panel.



3. The Robot REPORTS Learn Output Queue panel shows all the spooled files on the selected output queue. Enter a 1 next to the file for which you want to create a report set. You can display or delete the spooled files in the list.

You also can press **F13** to change defaults for the report set, such as output and archive options. See Changing Robot GUIDE Defaults in the *Robot RE-PORTS Administrator's Guide* for more information.

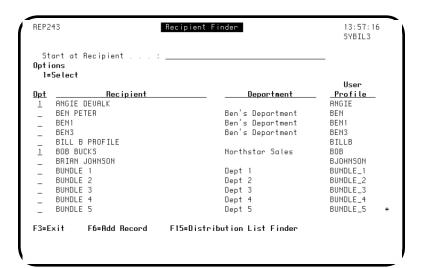


4. The Attach/Create Report Set window displays with Create a new Report Set already selected. Just press Enter to display the Create Report Set panel to define the new report.

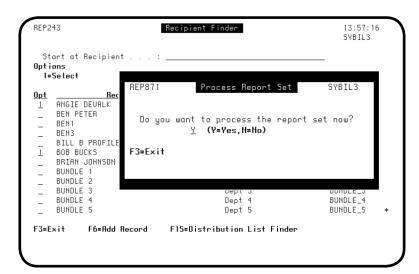
**Note:** If you have an existing report set to which you want to attach the new report, enter a 1 next to Attach the report to an existing set. A list of other report sets currently defined to Robot REPORTS displays. Select the report set to which you want to attach the new report.

 On the Create Report Set panel, enter a name for the report set, the report name, and a brief description of the report.
 Press Enter to display the Recipient Finder.

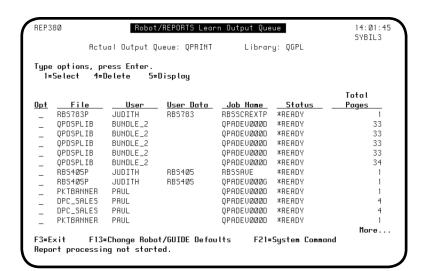
**Note:** If you selected Attach report to an existing set in the previous step, the Create Report Set panel does not display.



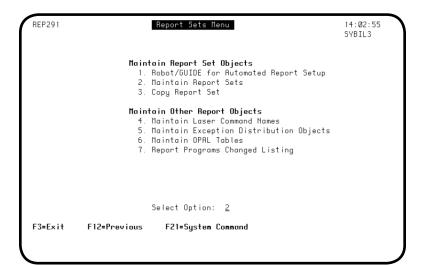
6. On the Recipient Finder panel, enter a 1 next to the names of all the recipients who should receive the report. You must select at least one recipient.



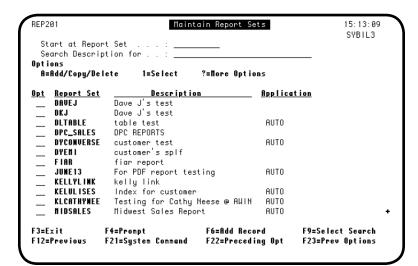
- 7. When you have selected your recipients, press Enter to display the Process Report Set window. Enter a Y if you want to process the report set immediately. Enter an N if you do not want to process the report set now.
- 8. Press Enter to return to the Robot REPORTS Learn Output Queue panel. If you selected to process the report set, the name of the spooled file appears highlighted.



9. From the Robot REPORTS Learn
Output Queue panel, you can choose to
define another report set from the same
output queue. Or, press **F3** to return to
the Report Sets Menu.



10. You have now finished creating a report set. You can select **option 1** again to create another report set using automated setup from a different output queue. Or, select an option from the Reports Sets panel to modify the new report set you just created.

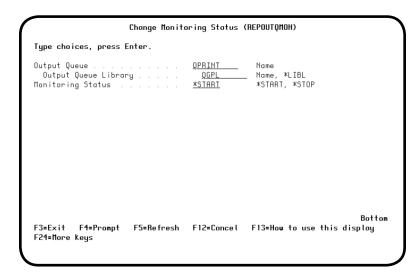


11. To modify the report set, select **option 2** from the Report Sets panel. The report set you just created appears on the Maintain Report Sets panel. The Application column defaults to AUTO for report sets created through automated setup.

From this panel, you can press **F4** in the Opt column to select from a list of options for the report set.

### Monitoring an Output Queue

Use the command **REPOUTQMON** to set up output queues to be monitored for spooled file entries. This command can be prompted to start or stop the monitoring of any output queue you select. The output queues that Robot REPORTS monitors must not be associated with a printer.



1. If you want Robot REPORTS to monitor an output queue, type the command **REPOUTQMON** and press **F4**. Enter the output queue name, the library, and whether you want to start or stop monitoring. If you want Robot REPORTS to monitor more than one output queue, use this command for each. The start or stop function can also be performed through the following screens within the Robot REPORTS product.

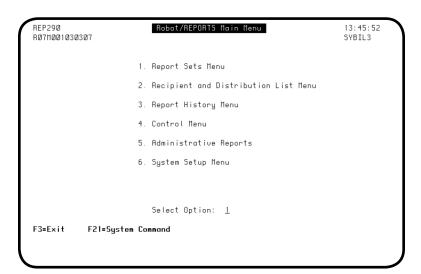
14:10:45 SYBIL3

2. Display the Robot REPORTS Main Menu. Select **option 4** to display the Control Menu.

- REP296 Control Menu 14:11:12 SYBIL3 Robot/REPORTS is: ACTIVE Output Queue Monitoring Start Output Queue Monitoring End Output Queue Monitoring Display Robot/REPORTS Subsystem Work With Output Queue Status Archiving
  5. Move Reports to Next Archive Stage **Bundling Options** Bundle all Reports Processed Bundle Reports Processed for a Recipient Select Option: 1 F3=Exit F21=System Command
- 3. Select **option 1** on the Control Menu to start output queue monitoring. Robot REPORTS will monitor the output queues you selected with the command REPOUTQMON. When you run your report program as usual, it will create a spooled file and place it on a monitored queue. Robot REPORTS then compares its entry information with each report set's report name data. When a match is found, Robot REPORTS begins processing the spooled file automatically.
- 4. To add more output queues to monitor, you don't have to end and restart queue monitoring. Use the REPOUTQMON command or **option 4** on the Control Menu to add more output queues while output queue monitoring is running.

# **Advanced Report Setup**

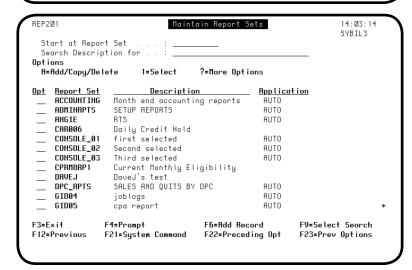
If you do not use automated setup to set up a report set that uses the SEARCH method, you can use the Robot SCHEDULE method described in this quick tour. For this type of report set, a Robot SCHEDULE job provides the spooled file to Robot REPORTS for processing.



 On the Robot REPORTS Main Menu, select option 1 to display the Report Sets Menu.

REP291	Report Sets Menu	14:02:55 SYBIL3
	Maintain Report Set Objects 1. Robot/GUIDE for Rutomated Report Setup 2. Naintain Report Sets 3. Copy Report Set	
	Maintain Other Report Objects 4. Maintain Laser Command Names 5. Maintain Exception Distribution Objects 6. Maintain OPAL Tables 7. Report Programs Changed Listing	
	Select Option: 2	

2. Select **option 2** on the Report Sets Menu. This displays the Maintain Report Sets panel so you can define a report set.



3. To begin defining report sets to Robot REPORTS, press **F6**. This displays the Report Set panel, on which you define your report set.

3=Exit	F4=Prompt F21=System Command	F6=Add/Copy/Delete	ompt Command) F10=Start Mavigator F23=Prev Options
	Storage : <u>29</u> d :	<u>-</u>	
Online	emains in Archive		
	for Distribution: _	Library: _	
		cnnon   distribution: <u>N</u>	s,N=No)
	essing Code (1 = Sel 1 ROBOT SE		
Hold Set fr	om Processing : <u>N</u>		
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		Library : (memo	
Application	: <u>SALE</u>	ES	
		<u>SMLES</u> hern Midwest Sales	
Report Set In		COLEC	
		ort Set	15:39:57 SYBIL3

4. Use the Report Set panel to enter information for the report set you are defining. At the top of the panel, enter the name and a description of the report set. In this example, a Robot SCHEDULE job provides the spooled file to Robot REPORTS for processing, so enter a 1 next to ROBOT. You can accept the default values for the other fields on the panel.

Press **F10** to start the Navigator and proceed to the next panel. After you start the Navigator, you can press **F3** at any time to return to the preceding panel.

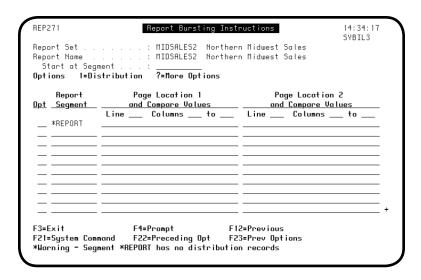
REP207 Maintain Report Names	14:32:49 SYBIL3
Report Set : MIDSALES2 Northern Midwest Sales Start at Report Name : Search Description for : Options R=Add/Copy/Delete 1=Select ?=More Options	
Opt Report NameDescription	
F3=Exit F4=Prompt F6=Add Record F12=Previous F21=System Command F22=Preceding Opt F23=Pre No records exist to display.	v Options

5. The Maintain Report Names panel lists all the report names that are defined for a report set. To define a report name for the report set, press **F6** to display the Report Name panel.

REP223	F	Report Name	15:44:16 SYBIL3
Report Set	: MIO	SALES2 Nothern Midwest	Sales
Description Remove Spool Limited Func	File After Running	MIDSALES   Nothern Midwee   Nothern Mi	)
Spool File At Spool Name Job Name	ormation: (leave bl tributes: 	User Data Output Queue	
F3=Exit F12=Previous	F4=Prompt F14=Check Input	F6=Add/Copy/Delete F21=System Command	F10=Next F24=More keys

6. On the Report Name panel, enter a name for the report, and a brief description. Enter the file name of the spooled file as it appears on the output queue in the Spool File Comparison Information section. Robot REPORTS uses this name to locate the file for processing.

Press **F10** to proceed to the next panel.

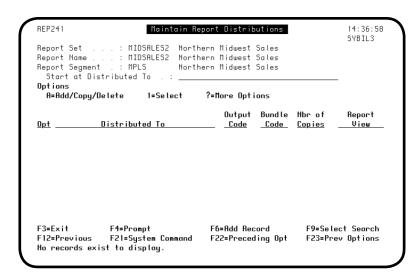


7. The Report Bursting Instructions panel lists all the report segments that are associated with the report set. The \*REPORT segment is created automatically when a report name is created. Comparison information can not be entered for the \*REPORT segment, however, distribution can be set up for this segment.

**Note:** Setting up bursting instructions is optional.

leport Name .	: MIDSALES	32 Northern			SYBIL3
	ment : stribution ?=More (				
	Page Location and Compare Vo	alues	and	<u>l Compare Val</u>	ues
FARGO	Line 15 Columns 2  Weekly sales  Weekly sales  Weekly sales				
	F4=Prompt mand F22=Preceding				

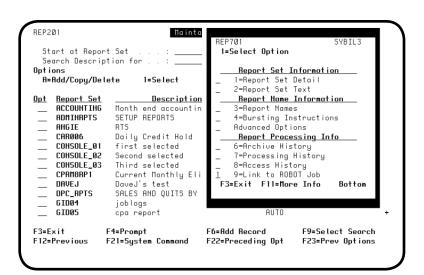
8. Use the Report Bursting Instructions panel to define a report segment for the report set. The name and description of the report set and name appear at the top of the panel. Enter the name of report segments, the line and column numbers where the comparison information can be found, and the comparison information you want to define the segment. Enter a 1 next to the segment to set up distribution for that segment.



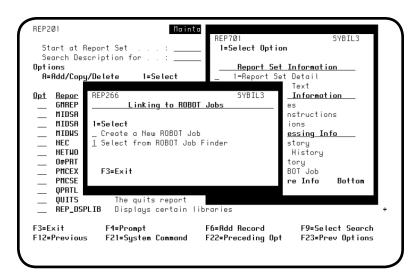
9. The Maintain Report Distributions panel lists all the recipient information for the report segment. To add a recipient to this list, press **F6** to display the Report Distribution Output Options panel.

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REP225
                                                                      14:38:21
                    Report Distribution Output Options
                                                                      SYBIL3
                                MIDSALES2
Report Set
                                           Northern Midwest Sales
                                MIDSALES2
      Name
                                           Northern Midwest Sales
Report
Report Segment
Enter Output Options:
  Distributed To
                        BOB BUCKS
                                                              (F4=Prompt)
  Report View
                         *STANDARD
                                     (F4=Prompt)
  Output Code
                        B (V=View, P=Print, B=Both, M=Fiche, C=Client,
                           D=PDF, H=HTML, T=Transform)
  Bundle Code
                        И
                           (Y=Yes, N=No)
  Use Report View for Print
                                   (Y=Yes, N=No)
  Number of Copies
                                OUT 1USR
                                             (F4=Prompt)
  Output Queue
    Library
                                   OUTUSR
                                               (F4=Prompt)
  Remote Printing:
   User ID
                                             (F4=Prompt)
    System Name
    Is System on AS/400
                                    (Y=Yes, N=No)
F3=Exit
               F4=Promot
                                      F6=Add/Copu/Delete
                                                            FIG=End Navigator
F12=Previous
               F21=System Command
                                                            F23=Prev Options
                                     F22=Preceding Opt
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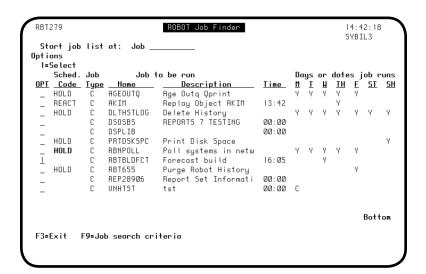
10. Use the Report Distribution Output
Options panel to define who will receive
the segment. A recipient can be either an
individual or a distribution list. The report
view defaults to \*STANDARD, which
is the original report layout. You can
change this if you have other report views
defined. Enter a **B** to allow the recipients
to view and print the report (see the
Robot REPORTS Administrator Guide for
additional security options). Press **F10** to
end the navigator and go to the Maintain
Report Sets panel.



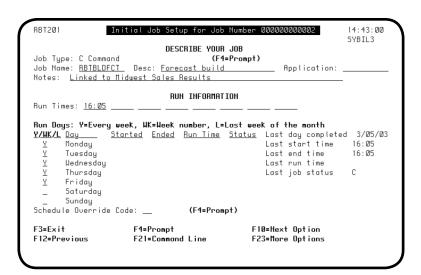
11. Now you need to link the Robot RE-PORTS set to the Robot SCHEDULE job that has been processing the report. To display the options window, press **F4** in the Opt field next to the report set. Select **option 9**, Link Set to Robot SCHEDULE Job.



12. When you link to a Robot SCHEDULE job, you have the option of creating a new Robot SCHEDULE job, or selecting an existing Robot SCHEDULE job from the Robot SCHEDULE Job Finder. Enter a 1 next to Select from Robot SCHEDULE Job Finder, since the report Robot REPORTS will process is created by an existing Robot SCHEDULE job.

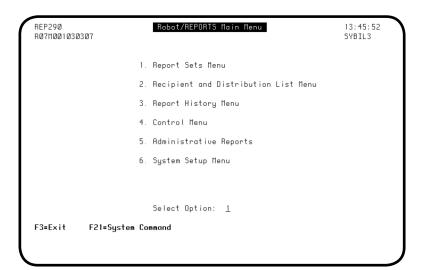


13. When you press Enter, the Robot SCHEDULE Job Finder panel displays. Select the job to which you want to link by entering a 1 next to the job name.



14. The Robot SCHEDULE Initial Job Setup panel will display with the scheduling information for the job. You can change this schedule if you prefer. The next time the INVTRY job processes on Robot SCHEDULE, the report it creates will be diverted to Robot REPORTS for processing as specified by the report set you defined.

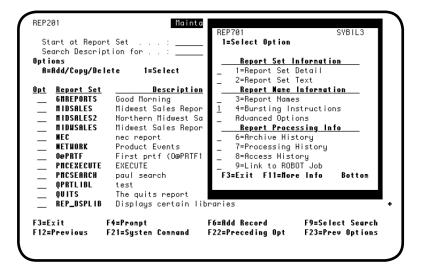
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 On the Robot REPORTS Main Menu, select option 1, to display the Report Sets Menu.

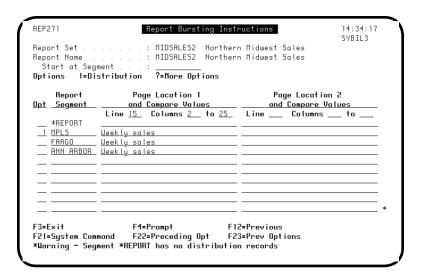
REP291	Report Sets Menu	14:02:55 SYBIL3
	Maintain Report Set Objects 1. Robot/GUIDE for Automated Report Setup 2. Maintain Report Sets 3. Copy Report Set	
	Maintain Other Report Objects  4. Maintain Laser Command Names  5. Maintain Exception Distribution Objects  6. Maintain OPAL Tables  7. Report Programs Changed Listing	
F3=Exit	Select Option: <u>2</u> F12=Previous F21=System Command	

2. On the Report Sets Menu, select option2, Maintain Report Sets.



3. On the Maintain Report Sets panel, press **F4** in the Opt field next to the Report Set for which you want to change distribution. From the options menu, select **option 4**, Bursting Instructions.

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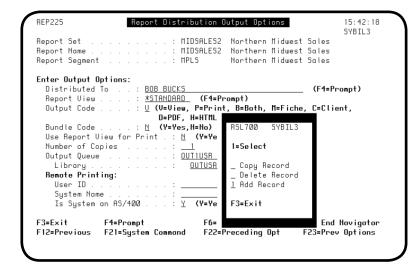


4. The Report Bursting Instructions panel displays. Enter a 1 in the Opt field to go to the distribution panels for the segment.

REP241	Maintain Re	port Distrib	outions		12:47:28 SYBIL3
Report Name Report Segment Start at Dist <b>Options</b>	: MIDSALES2 North : MIDSALES2 North : MPLS North : MPLS North :ributed To :	ern Midwest ern Midwest	Sales Sales		_
<u>Opt</u> <u>I</u> 1 BOB BUCKS	Distributed To	<b>Output</b> <u>Code</u> BOTH		Nbr of <u>Copies</u> 1	Report View *STANDARD
F3=Exit F12=Previous	F4=Pronpt F21=System Connand	F6=Add Rec F22=Preced			lect Search rev Options

5. The Maintain Report Distributions panel lists the recipients that are authorized to the report segment you selected.

To change distribution options for a recipient enter a 1 next to the proper recipient. The Report Distribution Output Options panel displays.



6. Change the information on the Report Distribution Output Options panel, or press F6 to add, copy, or delete a record. After making your entry, the Maintain Report Distributions panel will display. Select F6 from the Maintain Report Distribution panel to add a new record.

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REP225
                                                                      14:51:19
                    Report Distribution Output Options
                                                                     SYBIL 3
                                MIDSALES2 Northern Midwest Sales
Report Set
Report Name
                                MIDSALES2 Northern Midwest Sales
Report Segment
               . . . . . . . : MPLS
                                           Northern Midwest Sales
Enter Output Options:
  Distributed To . . :
                        BRIAN JOHNSON
                        **STANDARD (F4=Prompt)

B (V=View, P=Print, B=Both, N=Fiche, C=Client, D=PDF, H=HTML, T=Transform)
  Report View . . . . :
  Output Code .
  Bundle Code
                        M (Y=Yes, N=No)
  Use Report View for Print . : M (Y=Yes, N=No)
  Number of Copies . . . .
                                USROUTO
                                           (F4=Prompt)
  Output Queue
                                  PAULUSR
   Library
                                               (F4=Prompt)
  Remote Printing:
   User ID .
                                             (F4=Prompt)
    System Name
    F3=Exit
               F4=Prompt
                                     F6=Add/Copu/Delete
                                                            F10=End Navigator
                                                            F23=Prev Options
F12=Previous F21=System Command
                                     F22=Preceding Opt
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report segmen	C	L3 Horthern Hrawe	551 34165
nter Output			
	To : PAT CURRIE		(F4=Prompt)
	: <u>*STANDARD</u>		
Output Code	. P (U=Uiew.	P=Print, B=Both, M=Fid	che, C=Client,
Bundle Code	D=PDF,	H=HTNL, T=Transform)	
	D=PDF, : <u>M</u> (Y=Yes,	H=HTNL, T=Transform) N=No)	
Use Report	D=PDF,	H=HTNL, T=Transform) N=No) (Y=Yes,N=No)	
Use Report	D=PDF, : <u>M</u> (Y=Yes, View for Print . : <u>M</u>	H=HTNL, T=Transform) N=No) (Y=Yes,N=No)	
Use Report	D=PDF, : <u>M</u> (Y=Yes, View for Print . : <u>M</u>	H=HTNL, T=Transform) N=No) (Y=Yes,N=No)	
Use Report	D=PDF, : <u>M</u> (Y=Yes, View for Print . : <u>M</u>	H=HTNL, T=Transform) N=No) (Y=Yes,N=No)	
Use Report	D=PDF, : <u>M</u> (Y=Yes, View for Print . : <u>M</u>	H=HTNL, T=Transform) N=No) (Y=Yes,N=No)	
Use Report	D=PDF, : <u>M</u> (Y=Yes, View for Print . : <u>M</u>	H=HTNL, T=Transform) N=No) (Y=Yes,N=No)	
Use Report Number of C	D=PDF, : <u>M</u> (Y=Yes, View for Print . : <u>M</u> opies :	H=HTML, T=Transform) N=No) (Y=Yes,H=No) 1	
Use Report	D=PBF, : M (Y=Yes, View for Print . : M opies :	H=HTML, T=Transform) N=No) (Y=Yes, N=No) 1 F6=Add/Copy/Delete	F10=End Mavigator F23=Prev Options

7. Enter the name of the recipient, the report view, and the output code. The remaining information on the panel is determined by the output code.

If you enter an output code of **B** (Both), the recipients automatically receive a printed copy of the report and can view the report online. The bundle code of **Y** specifies that the report should be bundled into a packet, to be delivered to the recipient. Specify if the report view format should be used for printing and the number of copies to be printed for each recipient.

8. Press **F6** to add distribution information for the next recipient.

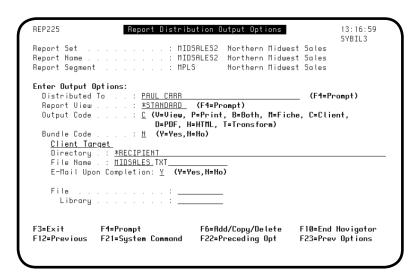
To restrict this recipient to receiving a printed report, enter an output code of **P** (Print). By entering a bundle code of **N**, the report will be printed immediately.

REP225 Report Distribution Output Options 13:14:16 SYBIL3 : MIDSALES2 Northern Midwest Sales Report Set Report Name : MIDSALES2 Northern Midwest Sales Report Seament . . . . . . : MPLS Northern Midwest Sales Enter Output Options: : CHRIS DUNBAR (F4=Promot) Distributed To \*STANDARD (F4=Prompt) Report View . . Output Code D=PDF, H=HTML, T=Transform) Bundle Code N (Y=Yes,N=No) Microfiche Options: : <u>REP</u>07 \_\_\_ (F4=Prompt) File Libraru (F4=Prompt) (A=Add Records, R=Replace Records) File Updates Control Character . . 1 (1=\*PRTCTL, 2=\*FCFC) F3=E×it F4=Prompt F6=Add/Copu/Delete F10=End Navigator F12=Previous F21=System Command F23=Prev Options F22=Preceding Opt

9. Press **F6** to add the next recipient. Another distribution option allows you to specify that a report be placed into a microfiche-formatted file for processing into microfiche output.

Enter an **M** in the Output Code field and press Enter. The Microfiche Options fields then display on the panel. Enter the names of the microfiche file and library. Specify whether you want to overwrite existing records (**R**) or append new records to the current file (**A**).

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10. Press **F6** to add the next recipient. The Client distribution option (C) puts the report in column-delimited format so you can download it into a PC spreadsheet.

Enter a C in the Output Code field and press Enter. Enter the directory/file name or file/library where you want the file stored. (If you want to email the report, use the Directory/File Name fields.) Enter Y if you want to email the report to the recipient's PC mailbox.

REP225	Report Distrib	ution Output Opti	ions	15: 22: 39 SYBIL3
Report Name .		SALES2 Northern	Midwest Sale Midwest Sale Midwest Sale	5 5
Report View Output Code Bundle Code <b>PDF Target:</b>	TO : ANGIE DEVAL	(F4=Prompt) P=Print, B=Both, =HTML, T=Transfor	M=Fiche, C=C	=Prompt) lient,
File Name E-Mail Upo	. : <u>QDLS/REPORTS</u> . : <u>MIDSALES.PDF</u> n Completion: N <b>(Y=Y</b>			
F3=Exit F12=Previous	F4=Prompt F21=System Command	F6=Add/Copy/De F22=Preceding (		nd Mavigator rev Options

11. Press **F6** to add the next recipient. The PDF distribution option converts the report to Portable Document Format, which can be viewed and printed by any computer that has Adobe Acrobat Reader installed.

Enter a **D** in the Output Code field and press Enter. Enter the name of the file and the directory where you want it stored. Enter **Y** if you want to email the report to the recipient's PC mailbox. In the Auto-Increment field, enter Y if you do not want to overwrite previous versions of the report.

**Note**: You can use CC Address only if you are using Robot CLIENT to e-mail; Robot ALERT does not support it.

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REP225
                      Report Distribution Output Options
                                                                           14:51:52
                                                                           SYBIL3
                                               Northern Midwest Sales
Report Set
                                   MIDSALES2
                 . . . . . . : MIDSALES2 Northern Midwest Sales
Report Name
Report Segment
                        . . . . : MPLS
                                               Northern Midwest Sales
Enter Output Options:
  Distributed To . . :
                          DAVE JOHNSON
                                                                   (F4=Prompt)
                          **STRNDARD (F4=Prompt)
H (V=View, P=Print, B=Both, N=Fiche, C=Client, B=PBF, H=HTML, T=Transform)
  Report View . . .
  Output Code
                 . . . : <u>N</u> (Y=Yes, N=No)
  Bundle Code
  HTML Target:
    Directory . : //QDLS/REPORTS
    File Name .
                  : MIDSALES.HTM
    E-Mail Upon Completion: N (Y=Yes, N=No)
    Auto-Increment HTML Name . . : N
                F4=Prompt
                                         F6=Add/Copy/Delete
                                                                 F10=End Navigator
                F21=System Command
                                        F22=Preceding Opt
                                                                 F23=Prev Options
F12=Previous
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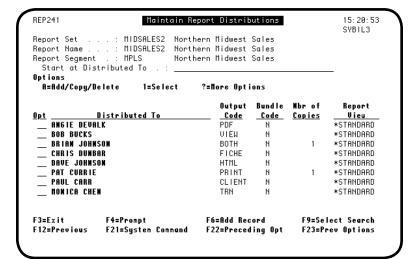
12. Press **F6** to add the next recipient. The HTML distribution option converts the report to HyperText Markup Language, which can be uploaded to the Internet or e-mailed to users. Enter an **H** in the Output Code field and press Enter. Enter the name of the file and the directory where you want it stored. Enter **Y** if you want to email the report to the recipient's PC mailbox.

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REP225
                     Report Distribution Output Options
                                                                       14:42:16
                                                                       SYB1L3
                                 MIDSALES2 Northern Midwest Sales
Report Name
                                            Northern Midwest Sales
                                 MPLS
Report Segment
                                 *REPORT
                                            Northern Midwest Sales
Enter Output Options:
 Distributed To . . :
                        MONICA CHEN
                                                             _ (F4=Prompt)
                        *STANDARD (F4=Prompt)

I (V=View, P=Print, B=Both, M=Fiche, C=Client,
  Report View . . . :
  Output Code . . . :
                            D=PDF, H=HTML, T=Transform)
  Bundle Code
                    . : <u>M</u> (Y=Yes, N=No)
  Transform File Set : SALESRPTS (F4=Prompt)
                                                             F10=End Navigator
F3=Exit
               F4=Prompt
                                      F6=Add/Copy/Delete
F12=Previous
               F21=System Command
                                      F22=Preceding Opt
                                                             F23=Prev Options
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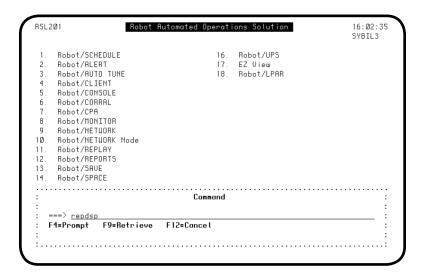
13. Press **F6** to add the next recipient. The Transform distribution option converts the report to PDF format using the report set and options that you specified using Robot TRANSFORM (Robot TRANSFORM must be installed on the system to use this option).

Enter a T in the Output Code field and press Enter. Enter the name of the Robot TRANSFORM file set that you created using Robot TRANSFORM.



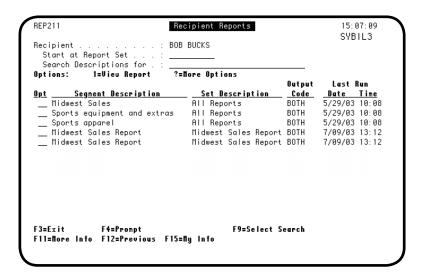
14. When you return to the Maintain Report Distributions panel, all the recipients you defined are listed, along with the distribution options you specified.

### Quick Tour 3: Viewing a Report



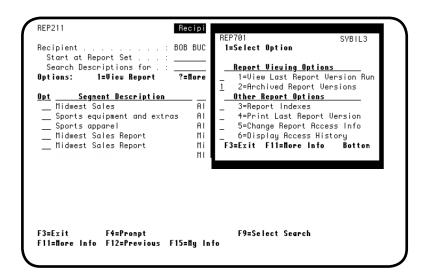
1. Enter the command **REPDSP** to display a list of the report sets to which you are authorized.

**Note**: The RBTREPLIB library must be in your library list to use the REPDSP command.



The Recipient Reports panel lists the report sets that you are authorized to see.
 Press F9 to change the sort order of the panel. You can sort by bundle or report set order.

To display more information for the report set, press **F11**. Pressing **F15** displays the My Information panel, where you can update personal information for your reports (name, title, address, and how you want your report packet printed.)



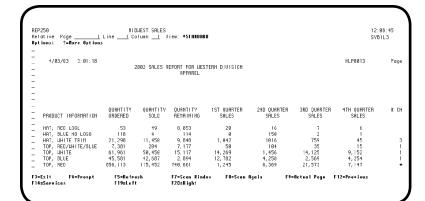
To display the options for a report, press
F4 next to the name of the report set.
Through the options window, you can
view a report, work with archived reports and report indexes, print a report,
change report access information, and
display report access history.

To view an archived report, enter 1 in the Opt column for Archived Report Versions.

# Quick Tour 3: Viewing a Report

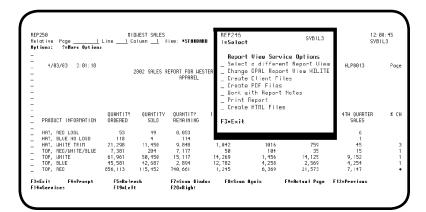
REP226	Recipient	Archived Reports		15: 11: 14 SYBTL3
Recipient :				
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Report Name :		west Sales Report		
Report Segment :	APPAREL Mido	west Sales Report		
Report View :				
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Print Schedule :				
Start at Splf Creat				
	Report ?=Nore			
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5/29/03 10:08	SHORTTERM	7/29/03 9:51	132	2
5/29/03 10:00		7/29/03 9:51	132	2
5/16/03 13:54		7/29/03 9:51	66	2 2 1
5/16/03 13:35		7/03/03 16:33	132	2
1 7/89/83 13:12 5/29/83 18:88 5/29/83 18:88 5/16/83 13:54 5/16/83 13:35 5/16/83 13:35	SHORTTERM	7/03/03 16:33	132	2 2
F3=Exit F21=System Command	F4=Prompt F22=Preceding	F12=Previ Opt F23=Prev		

4. The Recipient Archived Reports panel lists all the available versions of the selected report. It also tells you the archive status of each report. To select a report, enter a 1 next to the version you want to see. If the report is in online archive, it will be loaded immediately. If it is in short- or long-term archive, you must restore it before viewing it.



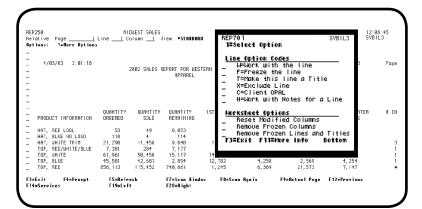
5. The report is loaded in the format specified by your default view.

To scan for a value in the report, press **F7**. **F9** lets you choose between using relative or actual page numbers. Actual page numbers are the page number of the report. Relative page numbers are the page numbers in your segment of the report.

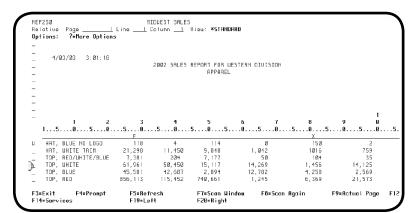


6. To work with the report view, press **F14** to display the Services options. From here, you can select a different view, highlight lines, create client and PDF files, work with notes for the report, and print the report. These options are discussed in detail in the *Robot REPORTS Recipient Guide*, except for Change OPAL Report View HILITE, which is covered in the *Robot REPORTS Administrator Guide*.

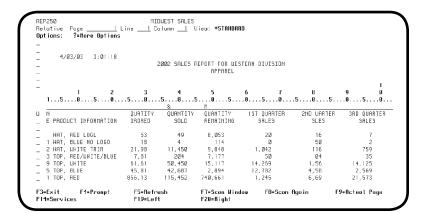
### Quick Tour 3: Viewing a Report



7. To work with a line in the report, position your cursor in the Opt column for the line and press **F4**. An options window displays. Enter 1 to select the option you want. You can freeze lines, make them titles, exclude them, work with notes, and mark columns for downloading to a client. To go back to the original format, you can use the worksheet options.



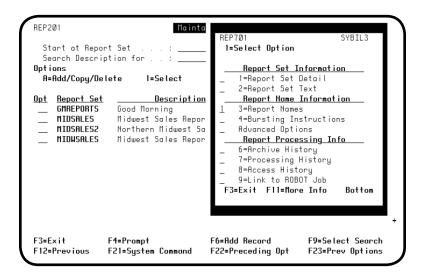
8. To work with the columns in the report, enter **W** (Work with line) in the opt column. A column ruler displays. Column operations include freeze (F), exclude (X), copy (C), and move (M). To freeze or exclude a column, enter **F** or **X** on the column ruler over each column you want. Press Enter.



9. To move or copy a column, enter M or C on the column ruler over the column you want. Enter & on the column ruler where you want the column to go. If that place is on a different window, press Enter. Press F19 or F20 to window to the place in the report. Enter W to display the column ruler, and enter the & where the column goes.

See the *Robot REPORTS Recipient Guide* for a complete discussion of report viewing and using the PC interface.

# Quick Tour 4: Creating Multiple Bursting Instructions with Banner Pages



1. This procedure explains how to set up multiple segments with banner pages using Bursting Instructions. When you have defined your report set, as described earlier in this Guide, press **F4** in the Opt field next to the report set to display the options window. Select **option 3**, Report Names.

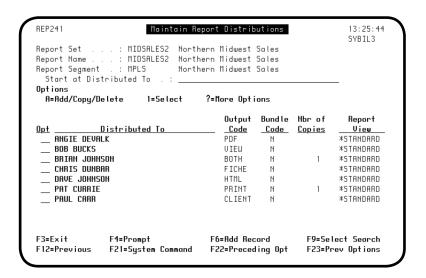
Start at Repo	ne <u>Descripti</u>	Report Mame I=Report Name L=Bursting Ir S=Print Burst Rdvanced Opt	e Detail nstructions ting Instructions ions
REP2Ø7	Maint	REP701 1=Select Option	SYBIL3

2. The Maintain Report Names panel is displayed. Press **F4** in the Opt field next to the Report Name for which you would like to create Bursting Instructions. In the options window, select **option 2**, Bursting Instructions.

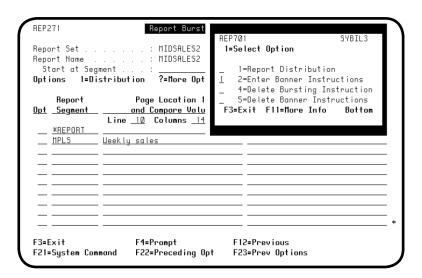
	Report Bursting Inst	SYE n Midwest Sales	:24:29 3IL3
Start at Seg	ment : MIDSALES2 Norther	n Nidwest Sales	
Report	stribution ?=More Options  Page Location 1 and Compare Values	Page Location 2 and Compare Values	
*REPORT  1 MPLS	Line 10 Columns 14 to 30  Weekly sales	Line Columns to	<u> </u>
F3=Exit F21=System Com		2=Previous 3=Prev Options	

3. The Report Bursting Instructions panel is displayed. Enter the line and column numbers for each segment. Enter the report segment name and the comparison value. After you enter this information press the **Enter** button to create the report segment. Select **option 1** for each of the report segments you defined. The Maintain Report Distributions panel is displayed. Distribution must be set up for each report segment.

# Quick Tour 4: Creating Multiple Bursting Instructions with Banner Pages

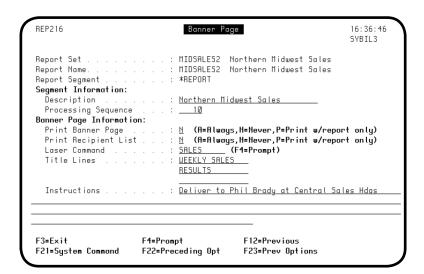


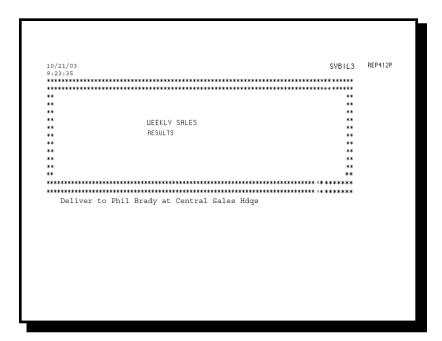
4. Add, copy, delete, or change distribution records as you wish. Quick Tour 2 shows a detailed example of changing distribution for a report.



5. After you complete distribution, you are returned to the Report Bursting Instructions panel. Press **F4** in the Opt field next to the segment to display the options menu. Select **option 2**, Enter Banner Instructions, to set up a banner page.

# Quick Tour 4: Creating Multiple Bursting Instructions with Banner Pages

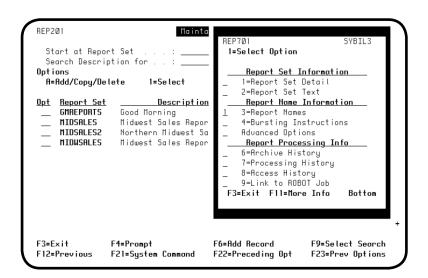




6. The Banner Page panel displays. Enter an A under the Print Banner Page field to always print a banner page for the segment, an N if you never want to print a banner page (default), or a **P** to print the banner page for segments that are not being bundled and have an output code of PRINT or BOTH, or are printed on demand by a recipient. Do the same as above for the Print Recipient List field. In the Laser Command field, enter the name of a special laser command (if desired) for the banner page. Enter the title that you want the banner page to display in the Title Lines field. In the Instructions field, enter any special instructions that you want printed on the banner page.

The banner page will print as the first page of the report.

# Quick Tour 5: Creating Bursting Instructions with \*REMAINDER



1. The \*REMAINDER segment automatically contains all of the information that is left in a report when segmenting is complete. Use the \*REMAINDER segment to determine if you need more segmenting, or just to see all of the left over information.

When you have defined your report set as described earlier, press **F4** in its Opt field to display the options window. Select **option 3**, Report Names.

Start at Repo	<u>Descripti</u>	Report Name 1 =Report Name 1 2=Bursting Ii 3=Print Burs Hovanced Opt	e Detail nstructions ting Instructions ions
REP207	Maint	REP701 1=Select Option	SYBIL3

2. The Maintain Report Names panel is displayed. Press **F4** in the Opt field next to the Report Name for which you would like to create Bursting Instructions. In the options window, select **option 2**, Bursting Instructions.

Report Name . Start at Segi	: MIDSALES2 Northern	
Report	Page Location 1  and Compare Values  Line 10 Columns 14 to 30	
MPLS *REMAINDER		

3. The Report Bursting Instructions panel displays.

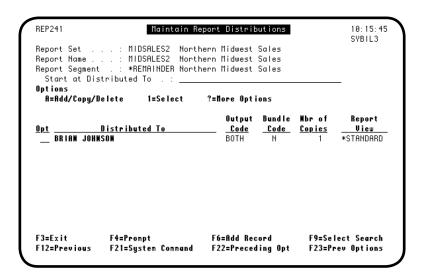
If you have not done so already, enter the line, column, report segment name, and the comparison value for the other segments. Enter the \*REMAINDER segment at the end of the list. You do not need to specify line and columns for the \*REMAINDER segment—whatever you did not specify for the other segments (the leftover) will go into the \*REMAINDER segment.

# Quick Tour 5: Creating Bursting Instructions with \*REMAINDER

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0 <u>p t</u>		Page Location 1 and Compare Values	
1	*REPORT *REMAINDER MPLS	Line   10   Columns   14 to   30	
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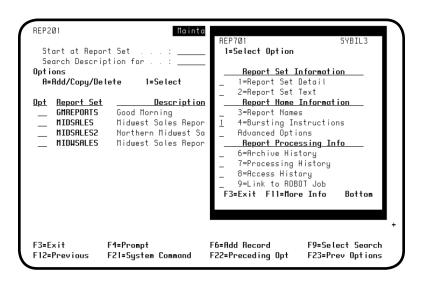
4. Press **Enter** to create the report segments (the segments will be sorted alphabetically, using the star character [\*] as the first sorting value).

You must specify distribution for each report segment. Select **option 1** for each segment you defined.



5. The Maintain Report Distributions panel displays. You can add, copy, delete, or change distribution records. Quick Tour 2 shows a detailed example of changing distribution for a report.

# Quick Tour 6: Creating Bursting Instructions with Two Compare Values



1. Occasionally, you may want to use more than one comparison value to create Bursting Instructions. When you have defined your report set (described earlier), press F4 in the Opt field next to the report set. In the options window, select option 4, Busting Instructions.

REP271	Report Bursting Inst	ructions	10: 36: 46 SYBTL3
Report Name . Start at Segm	: MIDSALES2 Norther : MIDSALES2 Norther ent : tribution ?=Nore Options		
Opt         Segment           *REPORT           *REMAINDER	Page Location 1 and Compare Values Line 10 Columns 14 to 38  Weekly sales		lues
F3=Exit		2=Previous 3=Prev Options	

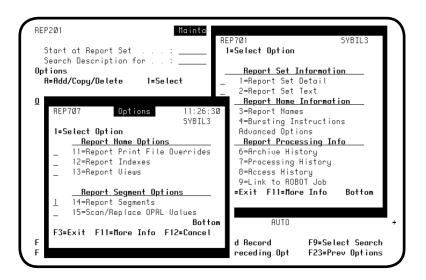
2. The Report Bursting Instructions panel displays. Enter the report segment name, the line and column numbers for the first comparison value, the first comparison value, the line and column numbers for the second comparison value, and the second comparison value.

After you enter this information press **Enter** to create the report segment. You must specify distribution for each report segment. Select **option 1** for each segment you defined.

REP241 Maintain Report Distributions 10:38:24 SYBIL 3 MIDSBLES2 Report Set Northern Midwest Sales MIDSALES2 Report Name . Northern Midwest Sales Report Segment MPLS Northern Midwest Sales Start at Distributed To A=Add/Copy/Delete 1=Select ?=Nore Options Bundle Mbr of Output Report Distributed To View Code Code Copies ANGIE DEVALK \*STANDARD BOB BUCKS VIEW \*STANDARD BRIAN JOHNSON BOTH И \*STANDARD CHRIS DUMBAR FICHE И \*STANDARD DAUF JOHNSON HTML \*STANDARD И PRINT \*STANDARD PAT CURRIE Н PAUL CARR CLIENT \*STANDARD F6=Add Record F3=Fxit F4=Promnt E9=Select Search F21=System Command F12=Previous F22=Preceding Opt F23=Prev Options

3. The Maintain Report Distributions panel displays. You can add, copy, delete, or change distribution records. Quick Tour 2 shows a detailed example of changing distribution for a report.

### Quick Tour 7: Creating a Report Segment Using OPAL



You can use Report Segment OPAL to define more advanced report segments.
 Create a report set with an OPAL Processing type of 1 or 3 on the Report Name panel. Then, on the Maintain Report Sets panel, press F4 in the Opt field next to the report set. In the Options window, select Advanced Options. The advanced options window displays. Select option 14, Report Segments.

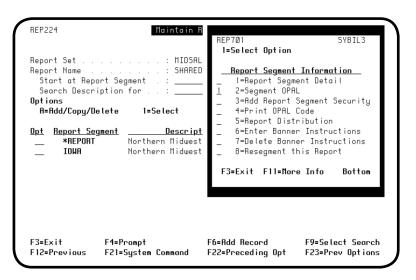
Search Description for :	
Search Description for :Options	
Start at Report Segment . :	
Report Set : MIDSALES3 Northern Midwest Sales w OF Report Name : SHARED Northern Midwest Sales w OF	

2. The Maintain Report Segments panel lists all the report segments defined for the report set and report name. Press **F6** to add a new report segment.

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REP239
                                                                     13:47:37
                               Report Segment
                                                                     SYBIL3
            . . . . . . . . : MIDSALES3 Northern Midwest Sales w OPAL
Report Name
                               : SHARED
                                            Northern Midwest Sales w OPAL
Report Segment Information:
 Report Segment . . . . .
                               : MPLS
                             : Northern Midwest Sales w OPAL
 Description
 Processing Sequence
Report Paging Options
 Retain Paging
                               : <u>Y</u>
                                       (Y=Yes.N=No)
 Last heading line
                                       (1 - 255)
Report Segment Overrides (leave blank to default)
                                       (1 - 255)
(1 - 255)
 Overflow line number . . . .
 Page length
 Page width
                                       (1 - 378)
 Characters per inch
                                       (5, 10, 12, 13.3, 15, 16.7, 18, 20)
 Lines per inch
                                       (3, 4, 6, 7.5, 8, 9, 12)
                                             (F4=Prompt)
 Laser Command Name
F3=Fxit
               F4=Promot
                                    F6=Add/Copy/Delete
                                                          F10=Next
F12=Previous
              F21=System Command F22=Preceding Opt
                                                          F23=Prev Options
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3. Use the Report Segment panel to define a report segment for a report. The Report Set and Report Name are filled in. Enter the name and a brief description of the new report segment. (You can leave the override fields blank.) Press F12 to return to the Maintain Report Segments panel.

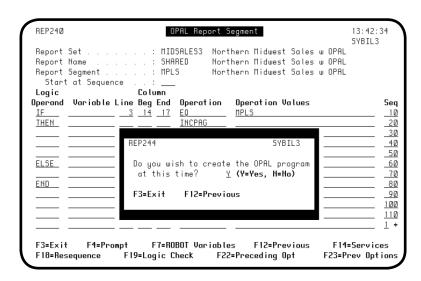
### Quick Tour 7: Creating a Report Segment Using OPAL



4. The new report segment you just defined has been added to the list. Press **F4** in the Opt field. The Report Segment Information window displays. Select **option 2**, Segment OPAL.

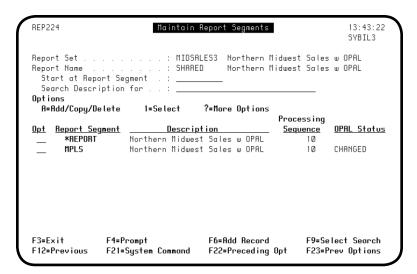
REP240			U	IPAL Report S		13:41:50 SYBIL3
Report S	òet		: MID	SALES3 Nort	thern Midwest Sales w OPAL	
Report N	Yame		: SHA	RED Nort	thern Midwest Sales w OPAL	
Report S	Gegment		: MPL	.S Nort	thern Midwest Sales w OPAL	
Start	at Sequenc	ce	:	_		
Logic		Co	lumn			
perand	Variable l	Line Ber	g End	Operation	Operation Values	S
[F		3 1	<u>4</u> <u>17</u>	EQ	MPLS	
THEN				INCPAG		
				*	INCLUDE IF MPLS IS	
				*	IN THE TITLE	
				QUITPAGE		
LSE				-		
				QUITPAGE		
END						
						÷

5. Use the OPAL Report Segment panel to enter the OPAL code for the segment MPLS. In this example, the report heading on line 3 will be checked for the word "MPLS." If the word "MPLS" is found, that page of the report will be included in the report segment. Press Enter to record your code entry. (Your syntax will be checked automatically.) Press **F3**.



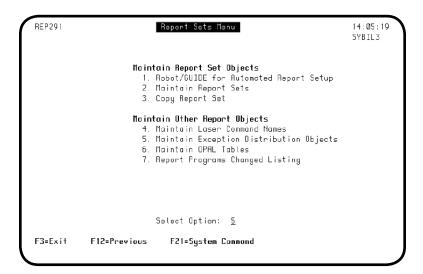
6. When you set up OPAL code for a segment for the first time (or if you change your code later), you are given the option of creating an OPAL program when you exit the panel. Enter a Y to create or revise the program immediately. Press F3 to exit the window without compiling the program and return to the Maintain Report Segments panel.

## Quick Tour 7: Creating a Report Segment Using OPAL



7. The new report segment now shows an OPAL Status of CHANGED. This status means you have changed (created or edited) the segment's OPAL code. When this field returns to a blank status, it means your code has generated and compiled (you receive a completion message), and is ready to run.

# Quick Tour 8: Creating Exception Distribution



1. Under normal circumstances, distribution occurs whenever a report is run. There may be times when you only want distribution to occur on a specific day of the week or month. You use exception distribution to tell Robot REPORTS when *not* to distribute reports.

From the Report Sets Menu, enter **option 5**. The Maintain Exception Distribution Objects panel displays.

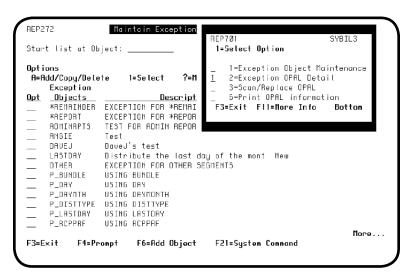
REP2	72		14:06:25 SYBIL3
Star	t list ot Ob	ject:	JIDILJ
Option R=A		te 1=Select ?=More Options	
<u>Opt</u>	<u>Objects</u>	Description OPAL Status Ru	n Status
_		EXCEPTION FOR *REMAINDER	
_	*REPORT	EXCEPTION FOR *REPORT	
_		TEST FOR ADMIN REPORTS	
_	ANGIE	Test	
_	DAVEJ	DaveJ's test	
_	OTHER	EXCEPTION FOR OTHER SEGMENTS	
_		USING BUNDLE	
_	P_DAY	USING DAY	
_	P_DAYMTH	USING DAYMONTH	
_	P_DISTTYPE	USING DISTTYPE	
	_	USING LASTDAY	
_	P_RCPPAF	USING RCPPRF	
_	P_SYSDATE	USING SYSDATE	
F3=E	xit F4≕Pr	ompt F6=Add Object F21=System Command	More

2. Press **F6** to add an exception distribution object. The Exception Distribution Object Maintenance panel displays.

REP273	Exception	Distribution Objec	t Maintenance	14:06:58 5YBIL3
Exception	Object Name . : <u>L</u>	ASTDAY		
Descriptio	in : <u>[</u>	listribute the last	day of the month	
Make Inact	ive	[ (Y=Yes,N=No)		
F3=E×it	F12=Previous	F21=Command Line		

3. Enter the name and a brief description of the Exception Distribution Object that you want to create. When you are finished, press **F3** to return to the Maintain Exception Distribution Objects panel.

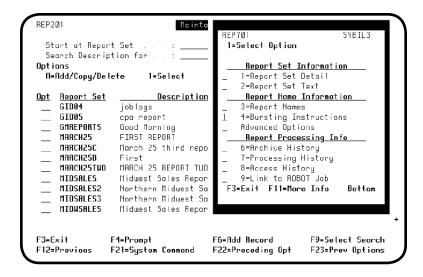
# Quick Tour 8: Creating Exception Distribution



4. Press **F4** in the Opt field next to the exception distribution object you created. The options menu displays. Select **option 2**, Exception OPAL Detail. The OPerator Assistance Language panel displays.

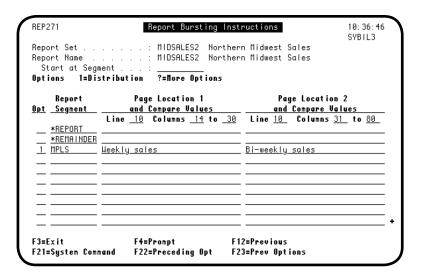
REP240	OPerat	or Assistanı		14:10:05 SYBIL3
exception Object Start at Sequence		DAY Dist	ribute the last day of the i	nont
.ogic	Column	0 1:	0 1: 11.1	c
perand Variable	Line Beg End		Operation Values	S
	- — — —	*	<u>Include if today is the loday of the month.</u>	ıst _
F SYSDATE		NE NE	LASTDAY	
. 91001111	- — — —	SKIP	2110 12011	
IND				
			-	
				<u>12</u>
				1
3=Exit	F4=Prompt	F7	ROBOT Variables F12=Pre	evious
18=Resequence	F19=Logic C	book E2	2=Preceding Opt F23=Pre	ev Option

5. Enter OPAL code to define the exception distribution for this recipient. In this example, if the last day is not equal to the system date, there is no distribution. This makes distribution occur only on the last day of the month. When you press **F3** to exit this panel, you are asked whether you want to create OPAL. Enter a **Y** to create the exception distribution object OPAL. After Robot REPORTS is done checking and compiling your OPAL code, you return to the Maintain Exception Distribution Objects panel.

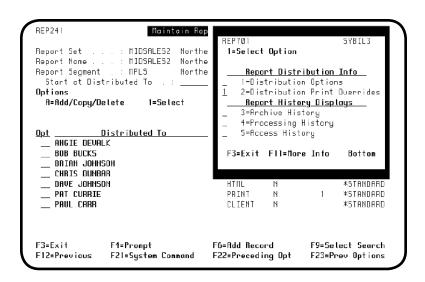


6. Press **F3** to exit the Exception
Distribution Object panels. Go to the
Maintain Report Sets panel. Press **F4**in the Opt field next to the report set
for which you want to create exception
distribution. The options menu displays.
Select **option 4**, Bursting Instructions.
The Report Bursting Instructions panel
displays.

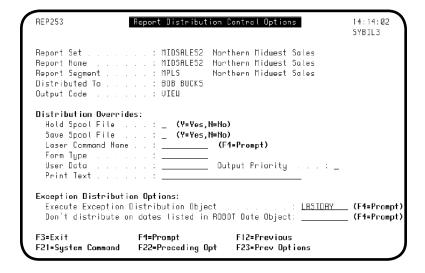
## **Quick Tour 8: Creating Exception Distribution**



7. Enter a 1 next to the report segment for which you want to create exception distribution. The Maintain Report Distributions panel displays.

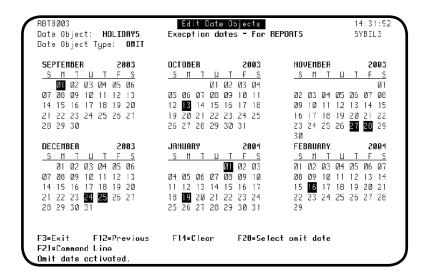


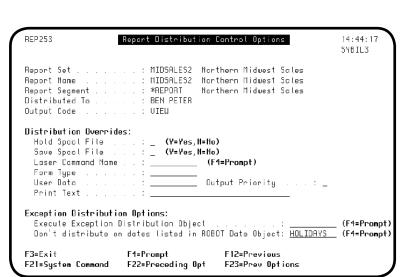
8. Press **F4** in the Opt field next to the recipient for which you want to set up exception distribution. The distribution options panel displays. Select **option 2**, Distribution Print Overrides. The Report Distribution Control Options panel displays.



Under the Exception Distribution
 Options field, enter the exception
 distribution object you want Robot
 REPORTS to execute for this recipient.
 Press F4 in the field to display a list of
 exception distribution objects.

# Quick Tour 9: Creating Robot SCHEDULE Date Objects





1. Robot REPORTS can use Robot SCHEDULE Date Objects for exception distribution.

On the Robot SCHEDULE Edit Date Objects panel, select the dates you *do not* want distribution to occur for the recipient. In this example, distribution will not occur on the holidays selected. For more information on setting up and using Robot SCHEDULE Date Objects, refer to the *Robot SCHEDULE User Guide*.

2. Follow steps 6 through 9 of Quick Tour 8, Creating Exception Distribution, to access the Report Distribution Control Options panel. Under the Exception Distribution Options field, enter the Robot SCHEDULE Date Object that you want Robot REPORTS to execute for this recipient. Press F4 for a list of Robot SCHEDULE Date Objects.

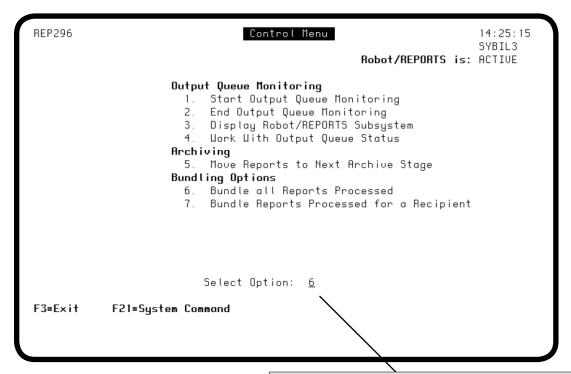
### Report Bundling—REPBUNDLE

You can set up a Robot SCHEDULE job to run the REPBUNDLE command. REPBUNDLE(\*ALL) bundles *all* reports that have been processed and are waiting in bundle-ready (BUNDLERDY) status since the last time the command was run. Optionally, you can enter the command from a command line, or select **option 6** on the Control Menu to bundle your reports.

The REPBUNDLE command bundles the reports into packets and prints them. It bundles them according to the output priority specified on the Recipient Bundling Options panel. (For example, people who arrive at work early in the morning should have higher priority to make sure their reports are ready for them when they arrive.)

The order of the reports in the packet is determined by the recipient—they enter this information in the report sequence field of the Recipient Report Access panel.

- See the *Robot REPORTS Administrator Guide* for more information about setting up bundling.
- See the *Robot REPORTS Recipient Guide* for more information about using the Recipient Report Access panel.
- See the Operations Checklist in the *Robot REPORTS Administrator Guide* for a complete list of daily operations.



Select **option 6**, Bundle all Reports Processed, to have Robot REPORTS bundle all bundle-ready reports into packets and print them. A confirmation window displays to verify that you want to continue.