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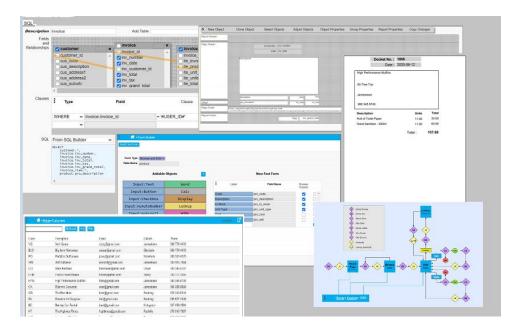
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If you would like to help support the ongoing development of nuBuilder you can do so here <u>Paypal</u>.

Introduction to nuBuilder Forte

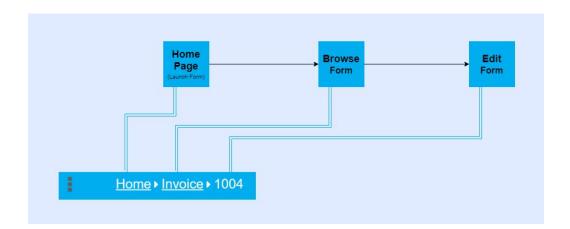
nuBuilder Forte is the 4th version of nuBuilder. It is web based, open source and is used for creating database applications with SQL, PHP and Javascript. All code used to customise is stored in the database and backed up



nuBuilder can be used to create business applications that manage data from a mySQL or MariaDB database. From maintaining simple customer records to building a full accounting system. This is done using Forms to search and edit data and Reports to print data.

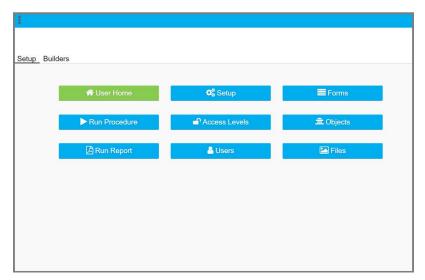
Navigating nuBuilder

nuBuilder Forte is easy to navigate. Each Form (or screen) is either a Browse Form or an Edit Form. When you first log into nuBuilder you will see a Home Page (Edit Form) appear in front of you. This Form will have buttons that can then take you to other Forms...



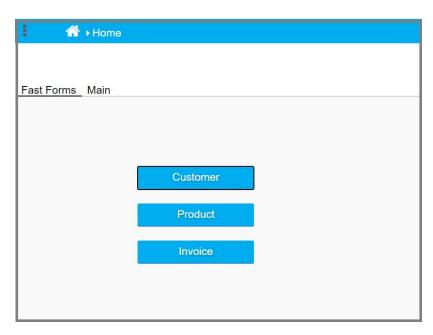
Home Page

Globeadmin Home



If a user logs in as globeadmin they will see a (Home Page) Edit Form with Tabs and Buttons that will lead to different elements of nuBuilder's development tools.

User Home



If a user logs in with any other username they will be taken to a Home Page created by globeadmin for users of other Access Levels. eg.

The User Home Button will take you to a Launch Form where Buttons are automatically placed when creating a **Browse / Edit** Form using Fast Form.

Run Procedure

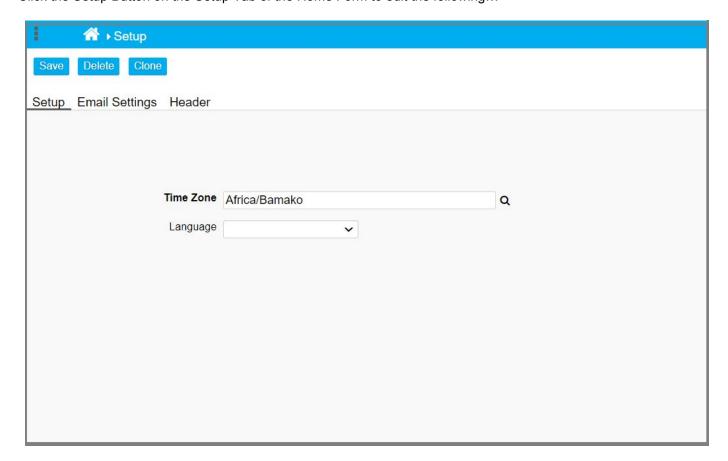
This Button gives Globeadmin access to the list of Procedures available.to run.

Run Report

This Button gives Globeadmin access to the list of Reports available to run.

Setup

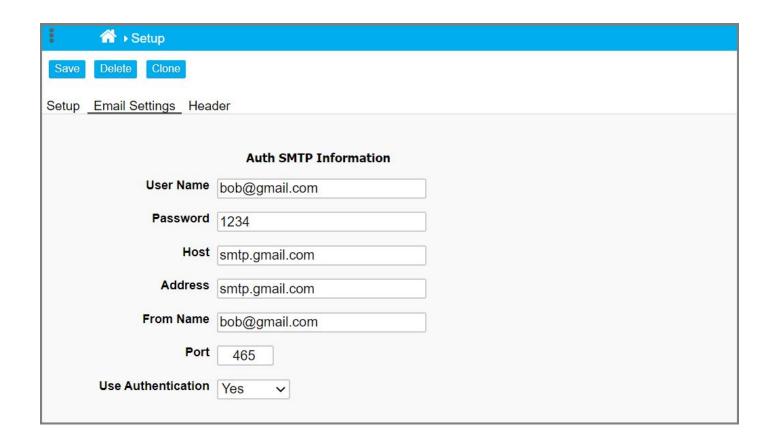
Click the Setup Button on the Setup Tab of the Home Form to edit the following...



Time Zone

Language

Set the language for the globeadmin user.



Email Settings

Auth SMTP settings required...

- User Name
- Password
- Host
- From Address
- From Name
- Port
- Use SSL
- Use Authentication

Header



The Header is placed in the HTML5 header of nuBuilder Forte and can be used for adding...

- Javascript libraries
- Javascript functions
- Style Sheets
- CSS Styles

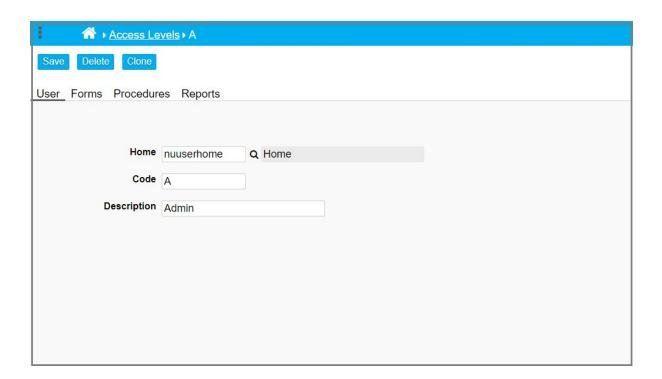
Eg.

Access Levels

Once you have created your required Forms, Reports and Procedures you will need to give users access to them.

To do this you need to do 2 things

- 1. Create an Access Level.
- 2. Add a User.



Home

Choose the Form for this Access Level.

When you log in as a developer the first thing you see is the **Home Page**.

Each Access Level requires a Home Page, which will be its starting point for Users with this Access Level.

This Home Page should be a Launch Form.

The code for the default User Home Page is nuuserhome (the same as User Home on the Setup Tab).

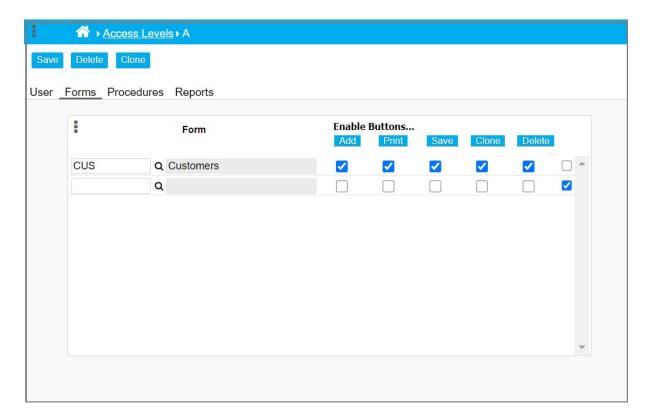
Code

Lookup code for this Access Level

Description

Description of this Access Level

Forms

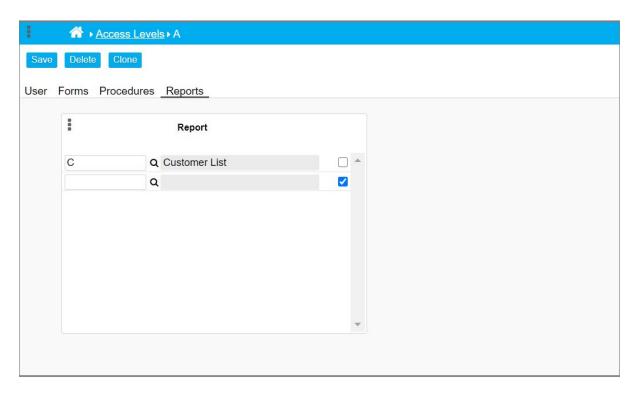


Add Forms that will be available to this Access Level.

Click the checkbox to enable the following on this Form for this Access Level.

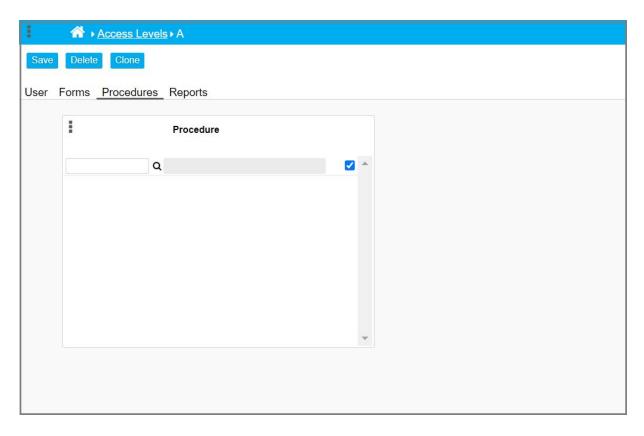
- Add
- Print
- Save
- Clone
- Delete

Reports



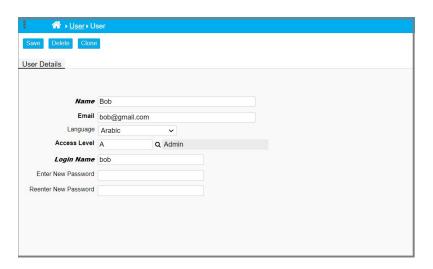
Add Reports that will be available to this Access Level.

Procedures



Add Procedures that will be available to this Access Level.

User



Name

User's real name

Email

Email address

Language

Select a language with a translation in Translations.

If left blank it will just use the phrases used in nuBuilder.

Access Level

Select a previously defined Access Level.

Login Name

nuBuilder Login Name

Enter New Password

nuBuilder Login Password

Only used when changing passwords.

Re Enter New Password

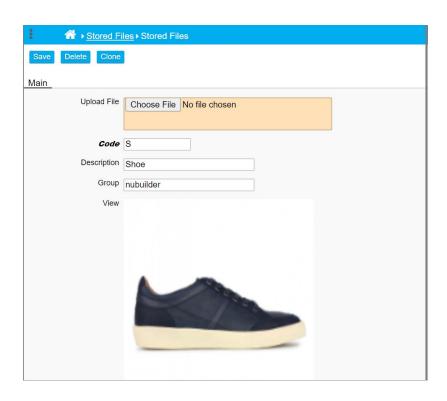
Repeat nuBuilder Login Password

Only used when changing passwords.

Forms

Objects

Files



nuBuilder Forte has an **Upload File** facility and an **Input:File** Object is to allow simple things like photos, pictures or logos. Because files are converted to JSON it's not practical to use this as a general method for storing bigger files over 300 Kb. As the conversion process can take a while.

Upload File

Upload or drag a file here.

Files are stored in nuBuilder Forte, in a JSON format that can be used in an HTML EMBED object...

{"file":"ZGF0YT...SIJVNUVya0pnZ2c9PQ==","name":"nu_icon.png","size":21598,"type":"image/png"}

Code

Add a Lookup Code

Description

Add a Lookup Description

Group

Used to sort Images in a Browse Form.

Fast Form

Procedures

Reports

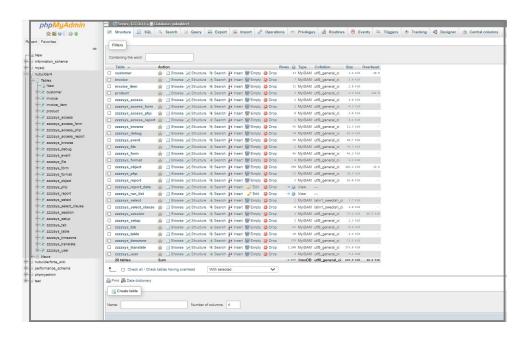
Fast Report

SQL

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Translation

Database



phpMyAdmin will give nuBuilder developers direct access to the database.

It is a free software tool written in PHP, intended to handle the administration of MySQL over the Web.

phpMyAdmin supports a wide range of operations on MySQL and MariaDB.

Frequently used operations can be performed via the user interface, while you still have the ability to directly execute any SQL statement.

Those operations are..

- managing databases
- tables
- columns
- relations
- indexes
- users
- permissions

Update

Copied SYSTEM FILES to TEMP FILES

Copied SYSTEM FILES to TEMP FILES

Copied SYSTEM FILES to TEMP FILES for any new tables added from the import.

Updated TEMP FILE table structure's to SYSTEM FILES

Removed all ids starting with nu from TEMP FILES

Removed all ids not starting with nu from SYSTEM FILES

Inserted TEMP FILES into SYSTEM FILES

You will need to log in again for the changes to take effect.

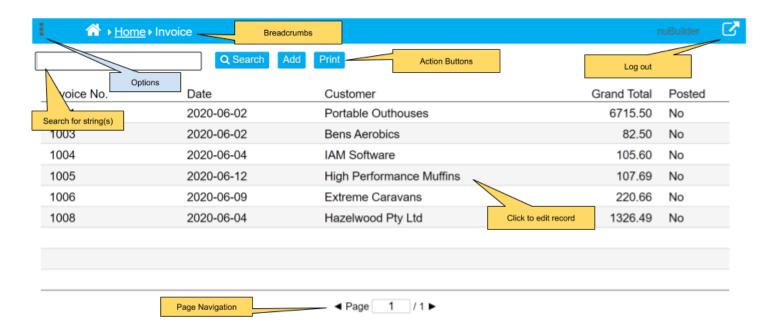
Whenever a new update is pulled from Github it includes a file called nubuilder4.sql

This is used by the Update Button on the Builders tab on the Home Page, to make any changes to the current database.

The Update Button should be run each time files are pulled from Github or Sourceforge.

Browse Form

Clicking a button on the Home Page will generally take you to a Browse Form.



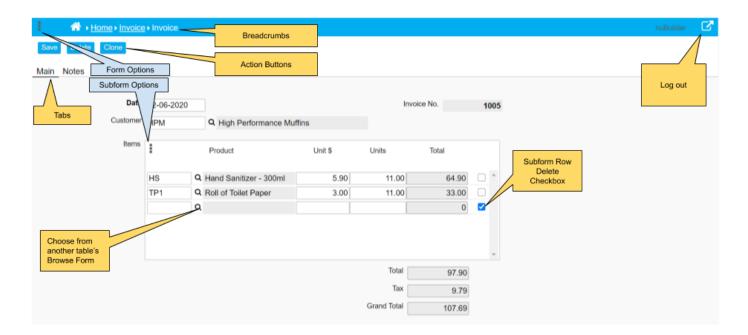
- Breadcrumbs Allows Users to retrace back through Previously opened Forms.
- Action Buttons Actions that can be taken on this Form.
- Log out
- Search for strings Filter records by searching for strings found in that record.
- Click to edit record View this record on an Edit Form.
- Page Navigation Move back and forth through Browse Form pages.
- Options.



- Search Columns Select only specific columns.
- Form Properties View/edit this Form's properties.
- Form Object List A Browse Form of all Objects on this Form.
- nuDebug Results A Browse Form used for debugging.
- Refresh Rebuilds this Form with the latest information from the server.
- Search The same as hitting the Search Action Button.
- Add The same as hitting the Add Action Button.
- Print The same as hitting the Print Action Button.

Edit Form

Adding or selecting a record from a Browse Form will take you to an Edit Form.



- Breadcrumbs Allows Users to retrace back through Previously opened Forms.
- Action Buttons Actions that can be taken on this Form.
- Log out
- Tabs.
- Choose from another table's Browse Form.
- Subform row delete checkbox.
- Form Options.



- Arrange Objects Drag/ Drop and reorder Objects on the Edit Form.
- Form Properties View/edit this Form's properties.
- Form Object List A Browse Form of all Objects on this Form.
- nuDebug Results A Browse Form used for debugging.
- Refresh Rebuilds this Form with the latest information from the server.
- Save The same as hitting the Save Action Button.
- Delete The same as hitting the Delete Action Button.
- Clone The same as hitting the Clone Action Button.
- Open any custom help.
- Subform Options.

Options

- ♣ Arrange Objects
- Form Properties
- Form Object List
- Help

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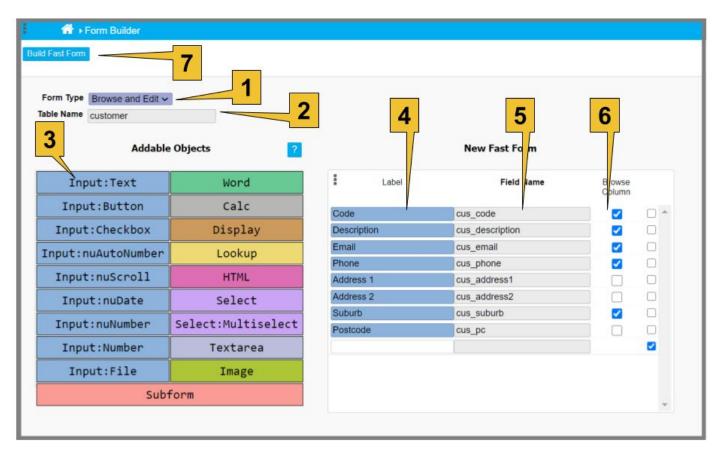
Builders

Fast Form

To create a Form that will allow for searching and editing records in a table, the easiest way is by creating a Fast Form.

A Fast Form can do the following...

- Create a BrowseEdit Form
- Use an existing table or create a new table in the database.
- Add fields to the Browse Form
- · Add Objects to the Edit Form
- Create a button to access the new Form.



- 1. Select Browse and Edit.
- 2. Scroll through the list of available tables or add the name of the new table you want to create.

Repeat the following for adding each Object...

- 3. Click on an Addable Object.
- 4. Add the Object's Label
- 5. Scroll through the list of fields for the chosen table or add the name of the new field for a new table..
- 6. Check **Browse Column** if this **Field Name** is to appear in the Browse Form.

After adding all Objects...

7. Click Build Fast Form.

This will result in the following message...

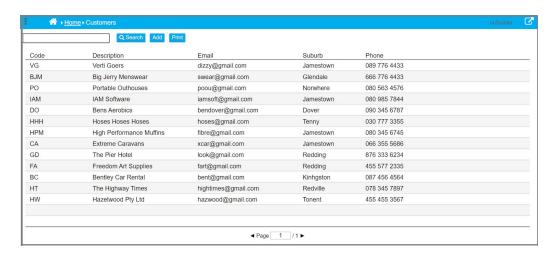


Creating this **Browse / Edit** Form with the Fast Form Builder will create the following...

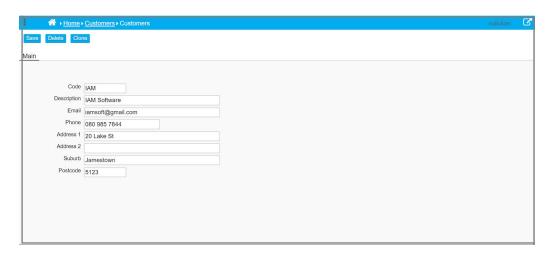
A Button Object to open the new Form.



A Browse Form

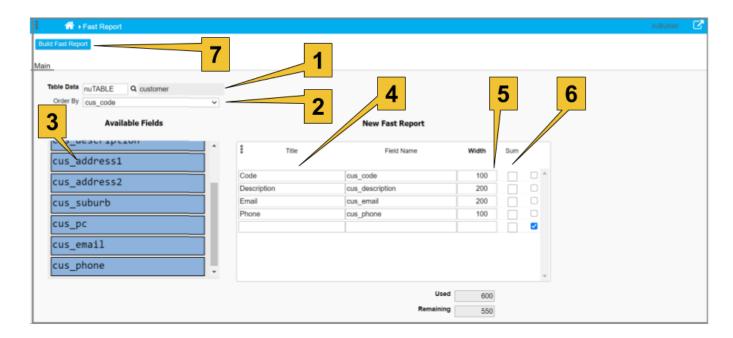


An Edit Form.



Fast Report

To create a Report that can list and total fields, the easiest way is to use a Fast Report.



- 1. Select Table Data. (This is a list of table, SQL and Procedures that can be used)
- 2. Select the field to order the report by.

Repeat the following for adding each Object...

- 3. Choose Addable Fields.
- 4. Edit field title.
- 5. Adjust field width
- 6. Click to Sum this field on the report footer.

After adding all fields...

7. Click Build Fast Report.

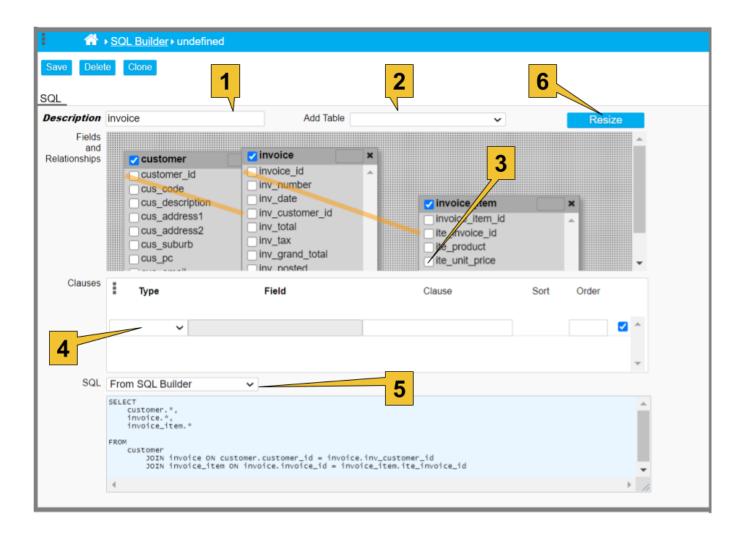
This will result in the following message...



Fast Report 0			
Code	Description	Email	Phone
ВС	Bentley Car Rental	bent@gmail.com	087 456 4564
ВЈМ	Big Jerry Menswear	swear@gmail.com	666 776 4433
CA	Extreme Caravans	xcar@gmail.com	066 355 5686
DO	Bens Aerobics	bendover@gmail.com	090 345 6787
FA	Freedom Art Supplies	fart@gmail.com	455 577 2335
GD	The Pier Hotel	look@gmail.com	876 333 6234
ннн	Hoses Hoses Hoses	hoses@gmail.com	030 777 3355
НРМ	High Performance Muffins	fibre@gmail.com	080 345 6745
нт	The Highway Times	hightimes@gmail.com	078 345 7897
HW	Hazelwood Pty Ltd	hazwood@gmail.com	455 455 3567
IAM	IAM Software	iamsoft@gmail.com	080 985 7844
PO	Portable Outhouses	poou@gmail.com	080 563 4576
VG	Verti Goers	dizzy@gmail.com	089 776 4433
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Creating this Report with the Fast Report Builder will also create the following record in the **Report Builder** that can be further customised .

SQL Builder



The SQL builder only creates SQL SELECT statements.

These records can be used to create Tables used in Reports.

The SQL Builder can also be accessed via the SQL button next to any nuBuilder Forte Textarea Object requiring SQL.

- 1. **Description** Description for this SQL query.
- 2. Add Table Choose tables to add to Field and Relationships.
- 3. Field and Relationships This is a graphical way to create table relationships.

Each table can be dragged by clicking on the table name.

Each table added has...

- A Tablename.
- A field that will allow you to enter an alias for this table.
- A list of fields belonging to this table.
- A checkbox at the left of each field name allowing that field to be chosen.
- A checkbox at the top left allowing all fields to be chosen at once.

To create a relationship between 2 tables you need to do 2 things.

- 1. Click the first field as you hover over it and its name becomes red.
- 2. Unclick as you hover over a field on another table when its name becomes green.

This will create an orange line to represent this relationship.

When hovering over an orange line you will see its join type.

You can change this join type by double clicking it.

4. Clauses

Type

There are 4 types of clauses that can be added using the SQL Builder.

- 1. WHERE
- 2. GROUP BY
- 3. ORDER BY
- 4. HAVING

Field

This is a scrolling list of available field names.

Clause

Used by WHERE and HAVING. eg. = 1234

Hash_Variables can also be used. eg. = '#RECORD_ID#'

Order

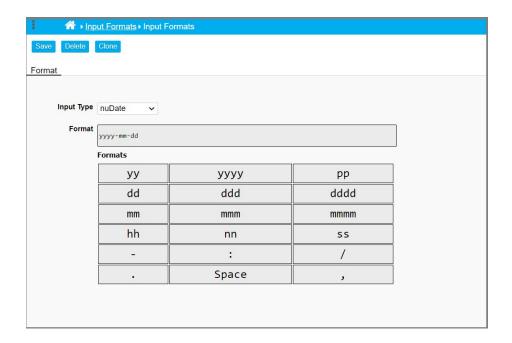
Used by GROUP BY and ORDER BY. eg. ASC or DESC

5. **SQL** - SQL Code Built from *Graphical User Interface* that can be manually edited.

To further edit this, double click on the field and you will open Ace Editor in a full screen.

6. Resize - Resize Fields and Relationships.

Format Builder



The Format Builder will allow you to create custom formats for nuDate and nuNumber.

To create a Format we need to do 2 things.

- 1. Choose the Data Type.
- 2. Build the Format.

Building a nuDate

To build a date format, click on a combination of the following options.

Entering a Date with the keyboard requires the user to enter the date in the exact format.

eg. mask - result (2007-13-01 15:20:01)

- yy **17**
- yyyy 2017
- pp am or pm
- dd 21
- ddd Tue
- dddd Tuesday
- mm 03
- mmm Mar
- mmmm March
- hh 15
- nn 20
- ss 01

.. and some punctuation.

Building a nuNumber

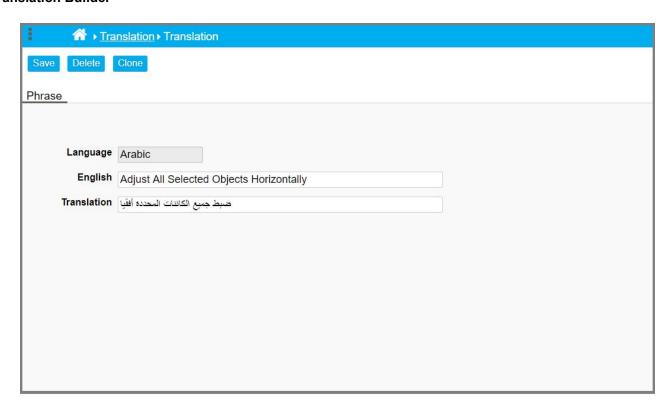
To build a nuNumber format you will need to provide up to 4 things.

- 1. A Currency sign (not essential)
- 2. A Separator that will separate a large number into thousands. (not essential)
- 3. A Decimal point character (only essential if Decimal Places is greater than 0)
- 4. Number of Decimal Places.

Changing these will change the display of the Format field.

All of these 4 fields are nuScroll Input Objects (with default values that can be scrolled through but will also accept other characters.)

Translation Builder



This allows you to make alternative phrases in other languages that can be used instead of nuBuilder Forte's English (Australian) phrases.

Language

The User's language.

English

A phrase used in nuBuilder Forte.

Translation

A phrase used in this language.

Customising nuBuilder Elements.

Forms

The first thing you will see after logging into nuBuilder Forte is a nuBuilder Launch Form containing Button Objects that will take you to other Forms.

This is also referred to as a Home Page.

There are 5 types of Forms.

- 1. Browse A selectable list of records from a database table used by Lookup Objects.
- 2. Edit An area displaying editable fields from a record in a database table.
- 3. Browse and Edit A Form to select and then edit a record in a database table.
- 4. Subform An Edit Form that is repeated inside a Subform Object.
- 5. Launch A Form not associated with a database table.

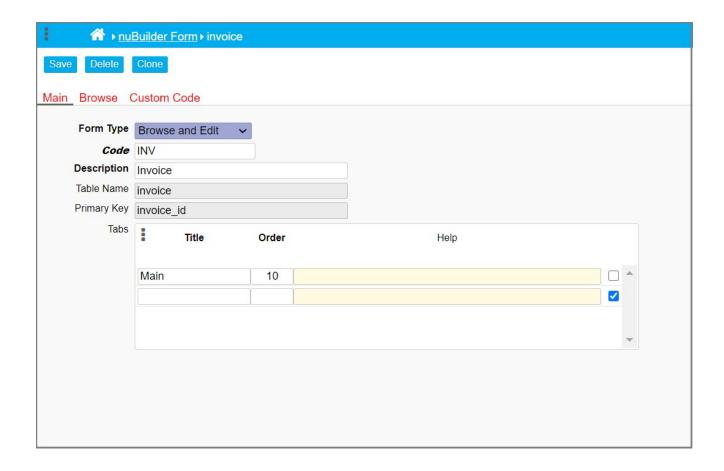
A Browse is used by a Lookup Object to select a record from another table.

You can build a Form (and create a Button to Access that Form) the easy way using the Form Builder.

OR...

You can create a new Form the long way by...

- 1. Clicking the Form Button on the Setup Tab of the Home Page.
- 2. Clicking the Add Button at the top of a Browse Form.
- 3. Filling out your new Form's properties (see below). We suggest you make your first Form a Browse and Edit.
- 4. Clicking the Save Button at the top of its Edit Form.
- 5. You will need to add a Button to the Home Page so users can open it.
- 6. And then you'll want to add some Objects to your new Edit Form, for displaying and editing fields.



Form Type

Choose 1 of the following.

- Browse Used by a Lookup Object.
- Edit Used to display editable fields from a record in a database table.
- Browse and Edit Used to find a record and then display it.
- Subform Used inside a Subform Object.
- Launch Used...
 - As a Home Page
 - A Form to display other nuBuilder Objects
 - For adding criteria to a Report.

Code

A unique code of alphanumeric characters.

Description

Form description.

Table Name

The database table containing records and fields to display.

This is not required for Launch Forms.

Primary Key

The Primary Key belonging to the selected Table.

This is not required for Launch Forms.

Tabs

All Form types, apart from **Browse** Forms, require at least one Tab.

Tabs are arranged horizontally above the editable area of an Edit Form.

Tabs allow users to navigate (what seems like) different layers on the same Form.

Title

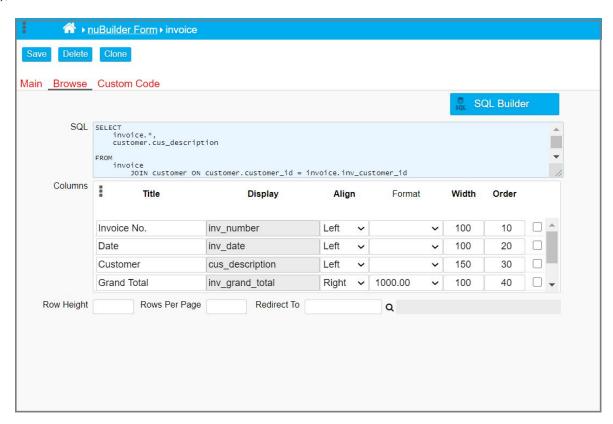
Tab Title

Order

Displayed order of the Tabs. - Every time the Form is saved these records this will be reordered and renumbered in multiples of 10.

Help

Javascript that can run to help the user eg. window.open('www.help.com.') or nuMessage(['You must fill in','all fields.']);



SQL

If you want any help building SQL, the SQL Button will direct you to nuBuilder's SQL Builder.

This SQL is used to display records on a Browse Form

OR

used by Subform Objects to order records inside the Subform.

Columns

Title

Column Title

Display

Table Field Name

Align

Left, Right or Center

Format

Used for formatting dates and numbers - The Formatted part of results are not searchable. (Don't search for a \$ if it's not in the actual record.)

Width

Width of column

Order

Order of column. - Every time the Form is saved these records this will be reordered and renumbered in multiples of 10.

Row Height

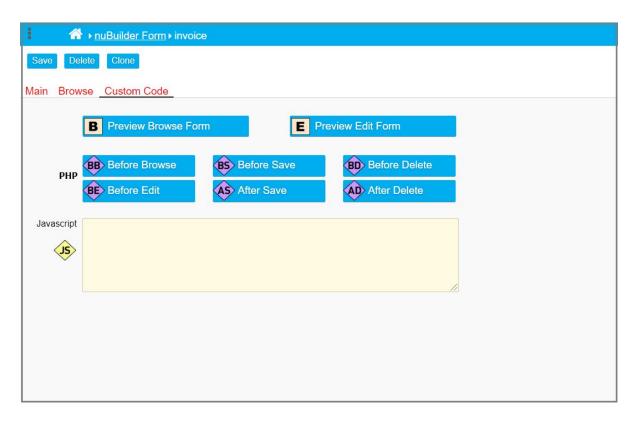
Height in pixels

Rows Per Page

If '0' then all rows will be displayed, if a number fewer than the rows in the database, it will show the remaining rows on a separate page

Redirect To

Redirects the choice made this a Browse Form to another Edit Form.



PHP Code

PHP code can be added at the following places on a Form.

- BB Before Browse
- **BE** Before Edit not available in Subform Forms.
- BS Before Save not available in Subform or Launch Forms.
- AS After Save not available in Subform or Launch Forms.
- **BD** Before Delete not available in Subform or Launch Forms.
- AD After Delete not available in Subform or Launch Forms.

These sections are explained in the flowchart below.

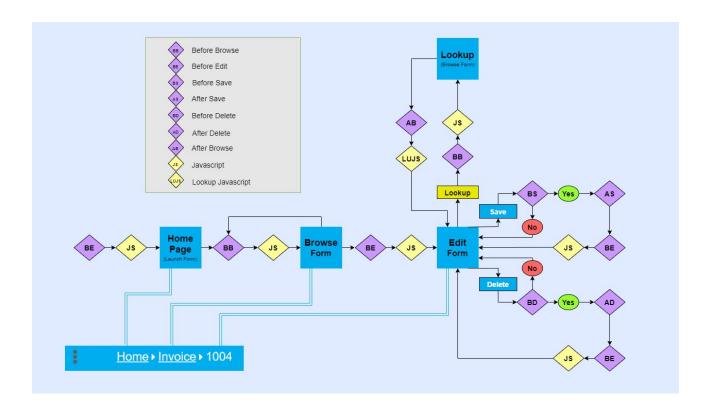
Javascript

A Textarea containing Javascript code - not available in Subform Forms.

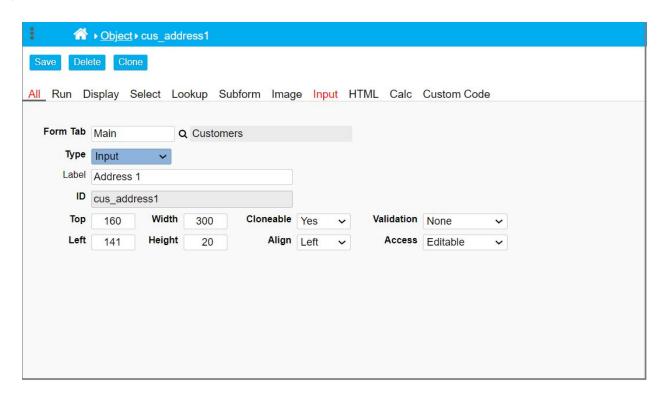
To edit this, double click on the Textarea and you will open Ace Editor in a full screen.

This Javascript can be used on all Forms except for Subforms.

JS in the flowchart below.



Objects



Tab:All

Form Tab

Select a Form's Tab to add this Object to.

Type

Choose one of the following.

- Calc A number field that recalculates after each change made on the current Edit Form.
- Display A read only field that will display the first field of the first record from a SQL Select statement.
- HTML A read only area that can be used to display html.
- Image A read only area that will display an image.
- Input Generally used for entering text, it can also be used for other HTML5 Input types, along with some types exclusive to nuBuilder Forte.
- Lookup A lookup allowing the selection of a value from another table.
- Run Does 1 of 2 things.
 - 1. Creates a Button to allow the user to run another Form, Report or Procedure.
 - 2. Creates an iFrame on an Edit Form in which a Form, Report or Procedure is displayed.
- Select Allows the selection of one or more values from a list.
- Subform Can contain rows (Subform Forms) that relate to the Edit Form.
- Textarea Allows for text with carriage returns.
- Word A read only object that simply creates a phrase in Bold.

Label

Description of Object.

ID

A valid HTML element id that is unique to this Edit Form.

Top

Value in pixels.

Left

Value in pixels.

Width

Value in pixels.

Height

Value in pixels.

Cloneable

Yes or No.

If set to No on an invoice number Object.

It would mean that the whole record is cloned but its invoice number is not.

Used by...

- Calc
- Input
- Lookup
- Select
- Textarea

Align

Left, Right or Center.

Used by...

- Calc
- Display
- Input
- Textarea
- Word

Validation

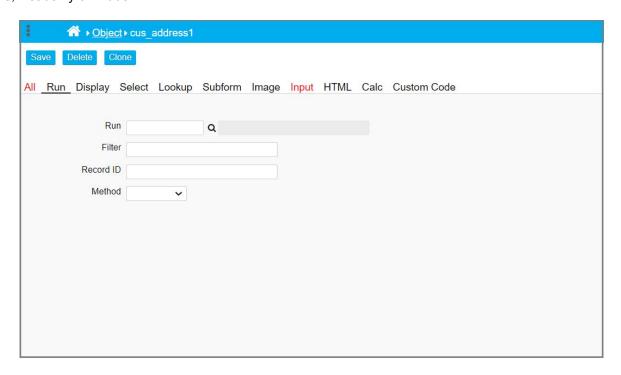
None, No Blanks or No Duplicates.

Used by...

- Input
- Lookup
- Select
- Textarea

Access

Editable, Readonly or Hidden.



Tab:Run

This Object will either...

- Create a Button that will open a Form, Report or Procedure in a new Breadcrumb.
- Display a Form, Report or Procedure, inside an iFrame on the Edit Form.

Run

Choose Form, Report or Procedure to run.

Filter

A string that will be used like the **Search** field to filter Browse records.

Hash Cookies can be used in this string.

Record ID

Entering a Record ID will make the record with the matching ID display in an Edit Form (skipping the Browse Form)

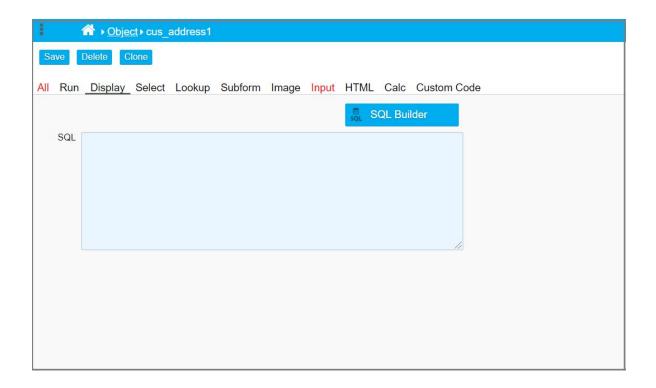
Hash Cookies can be used in this string.

Method

Choose Button or iFrame.

Button will create a button that will take you to the Form, Report or Procedure.

iFrame will mash an iFrame into the existing Edit Form that will display the Form, Report or Procedure.



Tab:Display

SQL

A valid SQL query that will display the first field of the first record from its result.

If you want any help building SQL, the SQL Button will direct you to nuBuilder's SQL Builder.

Ash Cookies can be used within the SQL statement.

Eg.

SELECT cus_name FROM customer WHERE customer_id = '#RECORD_ID#'



Tab:Select

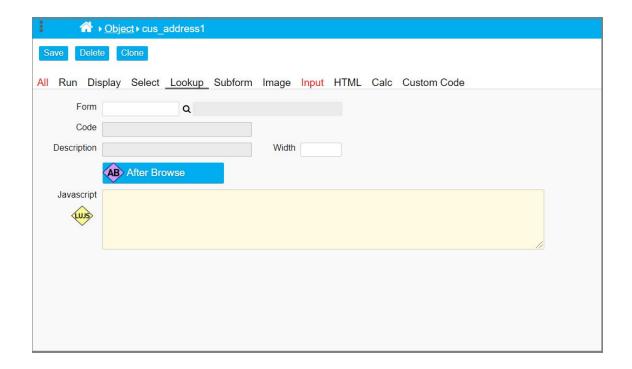
Multiple

Choosing Yes will allow for more than 1 selection from a visible list. Choosing No will allow for only 1 selection from a dropdown list.

SQL or List

The resulting list for this Object can be created 1 of 2 ways.

- 1. SQL A valid SQL query that returns 2 columns If you want any help building SQL, the SQL Button will direct you to nuBuilder's SQL Builder.
- 2. List A list delimited by a | eg. 0|No|1|Yes



Tab:Lookup

A Lookup Object can find and display a record selected from another Browse Form.

Form

Select a previously created nuBuilder Form.

Code

Scroll through to choose the Field to display as the lookup able Code from the list of possible fields.

Description

Scroll through to choose the Field to display as the Description from the list of possible fields.

Width

The width of the Description field in pixels.

After Browse

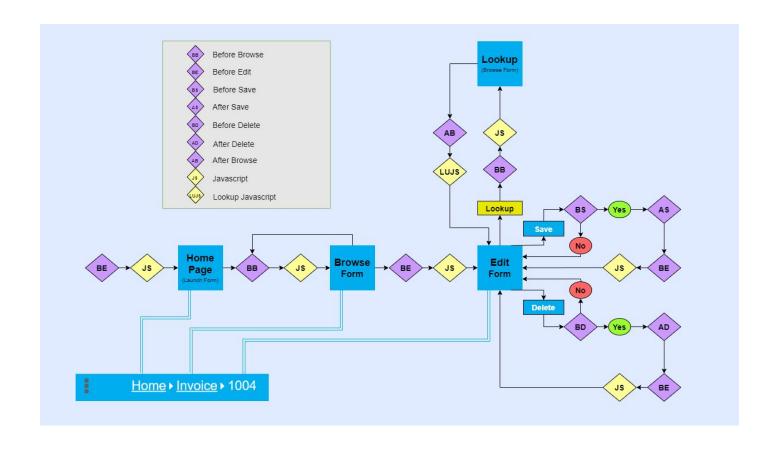
Allows PHP to be run after a record is selected.

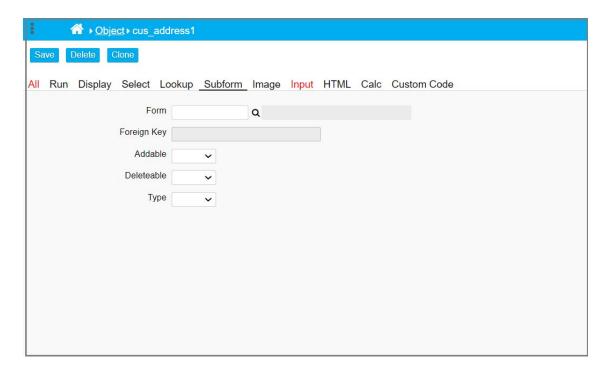
AB in the flowchart below.

Javascript

Allows Javascript to be run after a record is selected.

LUJS in the flowchart below.





Tab:Subform

A subform is scrolling instances of another Form.

With each having a Delete checkbox on it's right - that will delete that record if ticked when the main Edit Form is saved. (if Deleteable)

Invisibly linked by a Foreign Key to the main Edit Form.

This Form can appear in 2 different ways.

- 1. As an Edit Form as normal.
- 2. In a **Grid** format all Objects in a horizontal row.

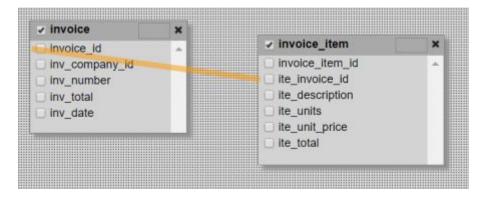
Form

Select a previously created nuBuilder Form that will scroll inside this Subform.

Foreign Key

Scroll though to choose the Foreign Key from the list of possible fields.

A Foreign Key is a field that is used to link to another table's Primary Key.



If a Subform's Form has an Object with the same ID as the Subform's Foreign Key, Subform records cannot be saved.

Addable

Select Yes or No

If Yes, there will always be a blank Form at the end of the scrolling list. So that a new record can be added.

Deletable

Select Yes or No

If Yes, each Form will have a Delete checkbox on it's right - that will delete that record if ticked, when the main Edit Form is saved.

Type

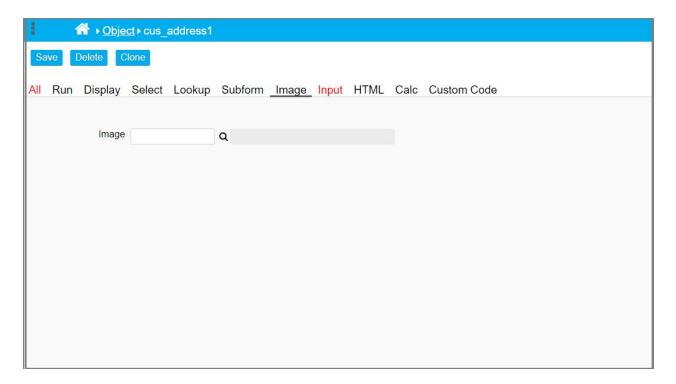
Select Grid or Form.

Inside a Subform, records are repeated either as a

• Form which displays the same as an Edit Form.

OR

• A Grid where each Object is placed in order side by side, making the height of each **Form** shorter.

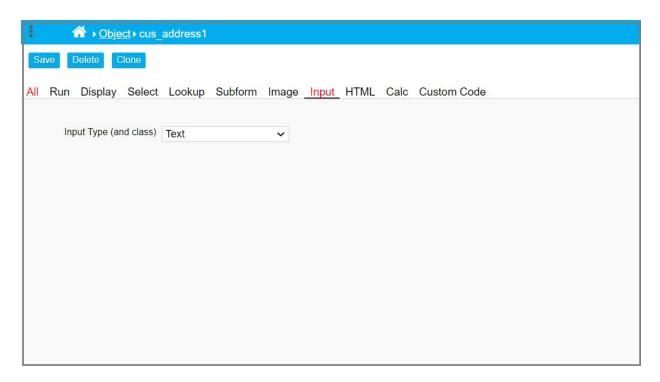


Tab:Image

The Image Object is an easy way to display a specific image stored in nuBuilder Files.

Image

Choose from previously saved images.



Tab:Input

A nuBuilder Input allows for most HTML5 input types as well as 4 types just available in nuBulder Forte.

Each of these 4 Objects requires extra information and will display an extra Object when selected.

nuDate

nuDate is a nuBuilder Input field that will display a calendar as it receives focus and will format data entry or calendar selection, once edited.

It requires Format - A list of customisable Formats.

nuAutoNumber

nuAutoNumber is a read-only nuBuilder Input field that will be populated once the Edit Form it is on, is saved for the first time.

It will be populated with an incrementing number.

It requires **Next Number** - The number this Autonumber will start from.

nuNumber

nuNumber is a nuBuilder Input field that will format data entry once edited.

It requires **Format** - A list of customisable Formats.

Do not enter more than 20 characters.

nuScroll

nuScroll is a nuBuilder Input field that will allow the user to scroll through a list using keyboard up and down arrows but also allows for adding text, not in the list.

It requires a Javascript Array.

File

This is an HTML Object used for selecting a file to upload.

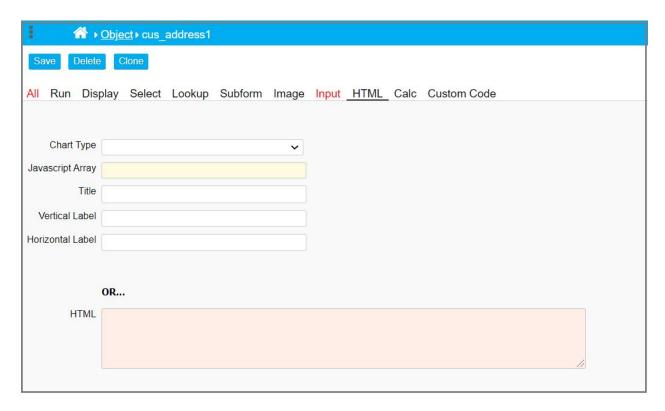
This file is stored in a JSON string and can be used for embedding files inside a div on an Edit Form using nuEmbedObject().

Other HTML Types

- Button
- Checkbox
- Color
- Datetime-Local
- Email
- Hidden
- Image
- Month
- Number
- Password
- Radio
- Range
- Reset
- Search
- Telephone
- Text
- Time
- URL
- Week

a nuBuilder File Object converts a selected file to a JSON string (this is not an efficient way to handle files over 300kB).

This string can easily be used with HTML5 objects like <EMBED>.



Tab:HTML

This Object can be used for displaying custom HTML or a Google Chart.

Chart

Chart Type

- Pie Graph
- Line Graph
- Bar Graph
- Bar Graph Stacked
- Bar Graph Horizontal
- · Bar Graph Horizontal and Stacked

Javascript Array

This could be a hardcoded array,

or a Javascript function that returns an array like ...

nuSubformObject('items').chartData

Title

Appears at the top of the Chart.

Vertical Label

Appears at the left of the Chart.

Horizontal Label

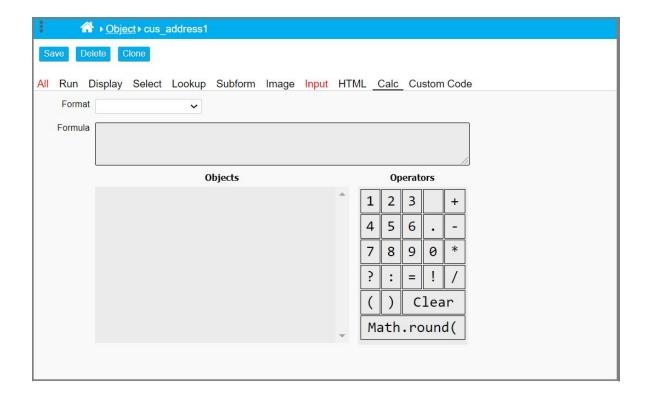
Appears at the bottom of the Chart.

HTML

HTML

This will display any HTML that can be put in a DIV.

It can also contain Hash Cookies and can be used to change the HTML before it is run.



Tab:Calc

A Calc Object is a numeric field that will be recalculated after any Object's onchange event.

Format

Choose from a list of customisable Formats

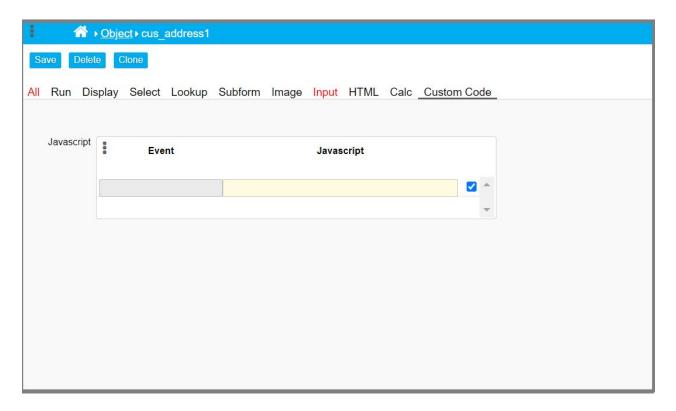
Formula

The Formula for this calculation is simply created by clicking a combination of Objects and Operators.

Objects is a list of available Input:Number, Input:nuNumber, nuCalc and Select Objects on the Edit Form.

Options containing a . refer to the Subform Name and the Input Name on that Subform. And will total up all values for that Object eg. invoice_item_sf.ite_total

Options not containing a . refer to an Object on the Edit Form eg.inv_total



Tab:Custom Code

If an Object has a Javascript event, the Custom Code Tab will be in bold.

These events are standard HTML5 events such as onclick or onchange.

The exception to this is a Subform Object which has only 3 events.

beforeinsertrow

(Setting nuCancel = true; in this event, will stop a row being added to the Subform Object)

```
if(nuSubformObject('item_sf').rows.length > 9){
    if(nuSubformRow == 9){
        alert('Only 10 rows allowed');
    }
    nuCancel = true;
}
```

- afterinsertrow
- clickdelete

Javascript

Event

A valid event name.

Javascript

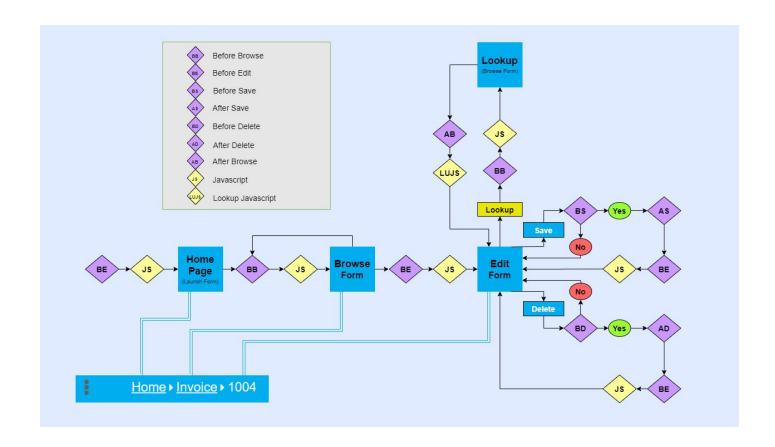
An Input Object (text field) containing Javascript code.

To edit this, double click on the Textarea and you will open Ace Editor in full screen.

PHP can be run at different event points of a Form's loading and saving.

Javascript can be used to automate certain user functions or simply change colors on a Form.

Here are the different points along nuBuilder's Flow that can be customised...

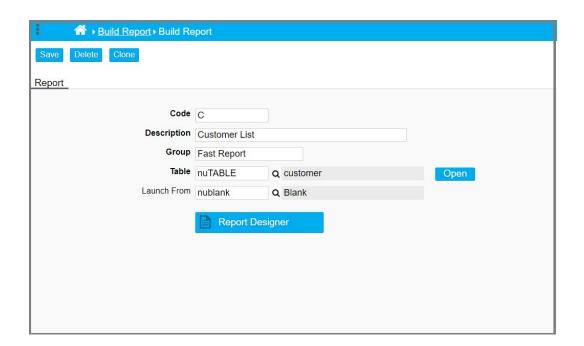


Arranging Objects

Once Objects have been placed on an Edit Form they can be Adjusted with the **Arrange Objects** Form.



Reports



Code

A unique code for this Report

Description

The description of this Report

Group

A field that can be used to help organise Reports.

Table

A Table can be created in 3 different ways.

- 1. A single table. (nuTABLE)
- 2. An SQL statement created with the SQL Builder. (nuSQL)
- 3. A PHP Procedure.

A Procedure will only appear in this list if #TABLE_ID# is found somewhere within it.

The point of using a Procedures is to create a temporary table that can be manipulated before it is used by the Report.

(If a nuTABLE or a nuSQL *table* is chosen, this temporary table is created automatically)

The temp table created must be called **#TABLE_ID#**.

#TABLE_ID# simply gets replaced by the name of a temporary table, created by nuBuilder, that will be used by the Report.

It works the same way as other Hash Cookies.

```
$s = "

SELECT

sta_last_name,
sta_initials,
sta_games,
sta_runs,
sta_captain,
CONCAT(sta_last_name, ',', sta_initials) AS full_name,
1 AS player

FROM

stats

";

nuRunQuery("CREATE TABLE #TABLE_ID# $s");
```

Launch From

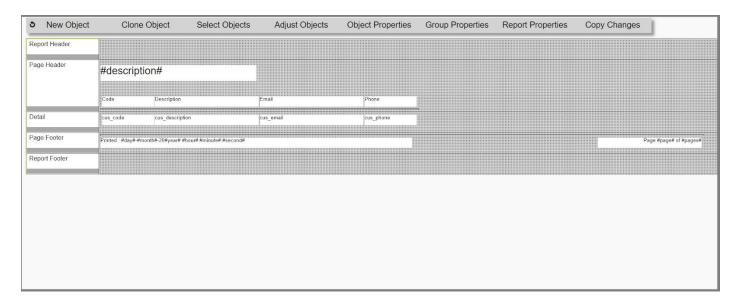
A Launch Form will allow..

- The user defines the information to be stored in the table that will be used by the report.
- Run the Report from an Action Button at the top of the Form.

Report Designer

nuBuilder Forte has its own Report Designer.

Arranging Objects



The nuBuilder Forte Report Designer will open up in a new browser window.

It is a graphical user interface, with drag and drop features, for designing a Report.

9 Functions

New Object

This will add a default Object into the Detail Section of the Report.

Clone Object

Doing this will clone any highlighted Objects.

Cloning an Object often saves more time than just adding an Object.

Select Objects

There are 3 ways to select one or more Objects.

- 1. Clicking on an Object. Holding the Ctrl Key down will allow you to add another Object to those already selected.
- 2. Drawing a rectangle around them with your mouse.
- 3. Clicking Select Objects on the Menu.

Adjust Object

This will bring up a dialog box with options that can adjust all selected Objects..

- Align To Left
- Align To Right
- Align To Top
- Align To Bottom
- Space Vertically
- Space Horizontally
- Thinnest
- Widest
- Tallest

Shortest

Object Properties

- ID
- Object Type
 - Field Displays a value that comes from the reports Table.
 - Label Displays Text these can use Hash Cookies.
 - Image Displays a PNG Image.
- Left
- Top
- Height
- Width
- Background Color
- Border Color
- Border Width
- Field Name/Title/Source (Field/Label/Image)
 - Field Name A Scrollable list that displays a list of values that comes from the report's Table.
 - Title Text that can include Hash Cookies.
 - Source A Scrollable list that displays a list of values that comes from..
 - Field A Fieldname in the Table.
 - Image A list of nuBuilder Forte File.
 - Label A List with only 1 choice (that can be over written with an actual Label) which is used
 to keep the Label to the exact size as its Height Property KEEP EXACT HEIGHT.
- Font Color
- Font Family
- Font Size
- Font Weight
- Format
- Text Align
- Minimum Rows In a growable Field Object.
- Maximum Rows In a growable Field Object.
- Z Index Objects with larger numbers will appear on top.

Group Properties

This will bring up a dialog box that will allow us to do 2 things.

- 1. Sort the records into a certain order before printing. Sorting on up to 8 Scrollable fields.
- 2. Format each sections of the Report. The properties for each Section are..
 - Section Height In pixels.
 - Section Color HTML.
 - Section Page Break Start a new page when completed.
 - Yes.
 - No.

Report Properties

This will bring up a dialog box with 2 options.

- 1. Paper
- 2. Orientation

Copy Changes

This will copy the design back to the **Build Report** Form and close the **Report Designer**.

These changes will **NOT** be saved until the current **Build Report** record is saved!

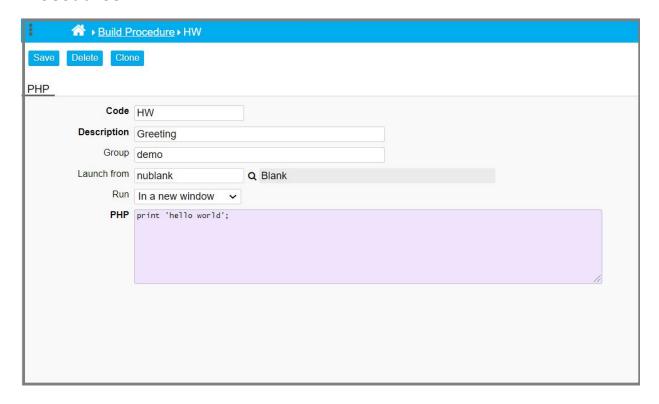
Functions

There are 2 functions that can be used within Group and Report Headers and Footers.

- 1. sum() eg. sum(inv_total)
- 2. average() eg. average(inv_total, units)

For these functions to work there must be at least 1 Report Group.

Procedures



nuBuilder Forte can create Procedures.

A Procedure is PHP code run to manipulate the database.

Procedures are written in PHP to do things to the database directly.

Here are 2 examples of where a Procedure can be used.

- 1. To create the table used in a Report.
- 2. Update a stock table after an invoice is created in nuBuilder.

Code

A unique code for this Procedure.

Description

The description of this Procedure.

Group

A field that can be used to help order Procedures in a list.

Launch From

This is only necessary if you need it to...

- Run it from the Run Procedure Button.
- Reference Hash Cookies from a certain Edit Form.

It can still be used by nuProcedure().

A Launch Form will allow...

- The user defines the information to be used by the Procedure.
- Run the Procedure from an Action Button at the top of the Form.

Run

- In a new window Appears in a new window much the same as a Report.
- Hidden This runs behind the scenes but can display a result using nuDisplayMessage

PHP

A Textarea containing PHP code.

This code can also use Hash Cookies that will help you customise nuBuilder.

To edit this, double click on the Textarea and you will open Ace Editor in full screen.

Hash Cookies

- A cookie helps hold values between Javascript and PHP.
- A nuBuilder cookie does a similar thing and has hashes around it eg. #USER_ID#.

There are a number of places Hash Cookies can be used...

In each of these situations, nuBuilder does a search and replace with all currently available Hash Cookies and any you use in your code before it is run.

There are 5 Hash Cookies always available.

- 1. USER ID
- 2. USER_GROUP_ID
- 3. HOME ID
- 4. GLOBAL_ACCESS
- 5. ACCESS_LEVEL_CODE

To find what other Hash Cookies are available for use, you can run nuHash() inside your code.

PHP

Hash Cookies allow you to customise your PHP code.

Example of using Hash Cookies in PHP.

```
$s = "CREATE TABLE #TABLE_ID# SELECT * FROM invoice";
nuRunQuery($s);
```

HTML

Hash Cookies allow you to customise your HTML Objects.

The Hash Cookies available to HTML Objects are the same as those available on Before Edit.

Example of using Hash Cookies in HTML.

```
<iframe
width="560"
height="315"
src="#cus_youtube#"
frameborder="0" allowfullscreen>
```

</iframe>

Custom SQL

All Custom SQL used in nuBuilder Forte.

CREATE TABLE #TABLE_ID# SELECT * FROM customer;

or

<source lang="sql">

SELECT * FROM customer WHERE cus_group = '#sales_group#';

</source>

SQL Builder

Any Clause in the Clauses Subform in the SQL Builder.

= '#RECORD_ID#'

Report Labels

Using Hash Cookies allows you to have changing titles on Report Labels.

An example of using Hash Cookies in a Report Label. <source lang="html">

Sales Between '#from_date#' And '#to_date#'

</source>

The following are specific hash variables available only for Report Labels are...

- page
- pages
- description
- code
- year
- month
- day
- hour
- minute
- second

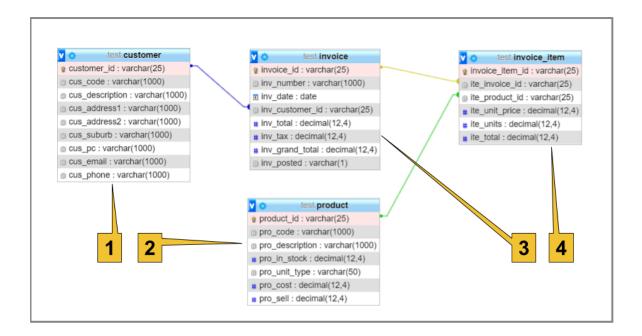
Creating an Invoicing Application

The database created by following this tutorial can be downloaded at Source Forge.

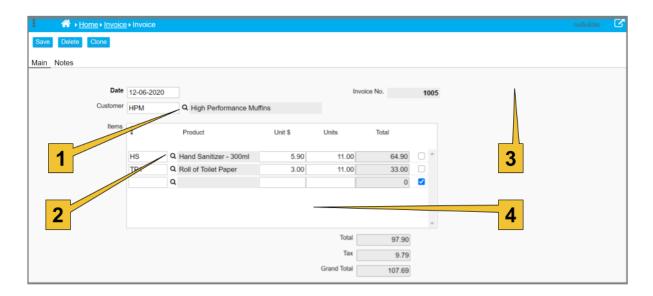
This simple application could be used to take phone orders for restaurants or retail stores etc.

It will store the following information in the database.

- 1. Customer
- 2. Product
- 3. Invoice
- 4. Invoice items



This information will be entered by users through a nuBuilder Form (Invoice Form) that looks like this..

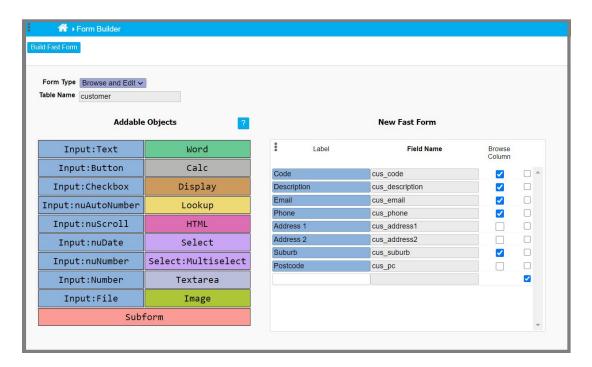


Create Forms and Tables

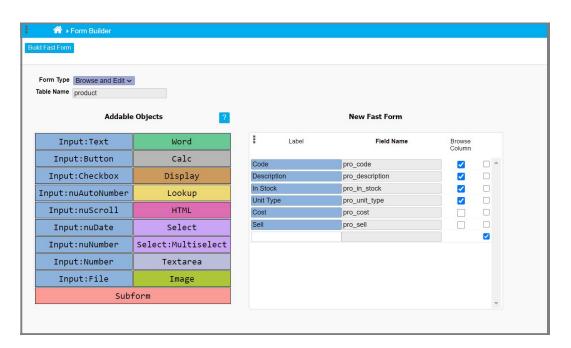
To create the required Forms and tables we will build 4 Fast Forms.

- 3 Edit and Browse Forms
- 1 Subform.

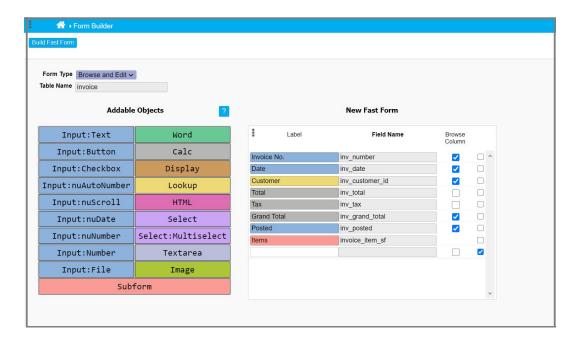
1.Customer



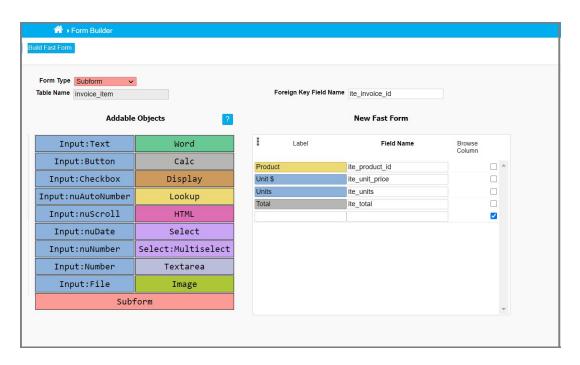
2.Product



3.Invoice

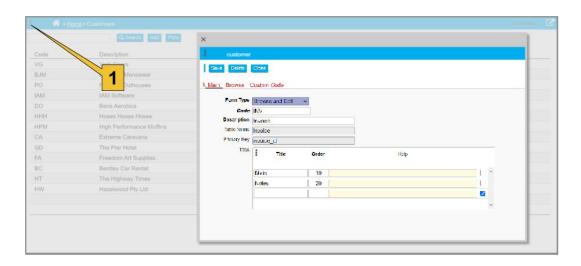


4.Invoice Item



Edit Form Properties

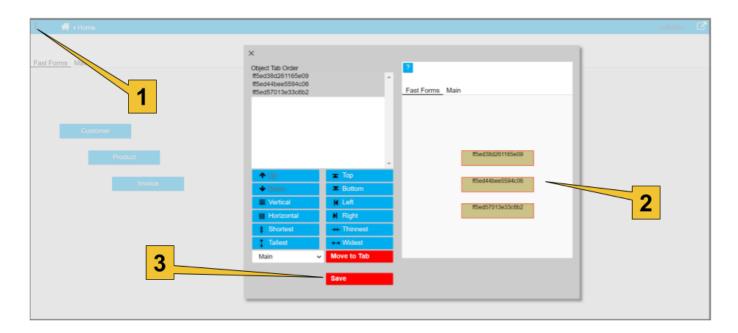
Forms created with Fast Forms will require the default Code and Description to something more descriptive.



1. Click the Options icon in the top left corner of a Form or Subform and select **Form Properties**..

Arrange Objects

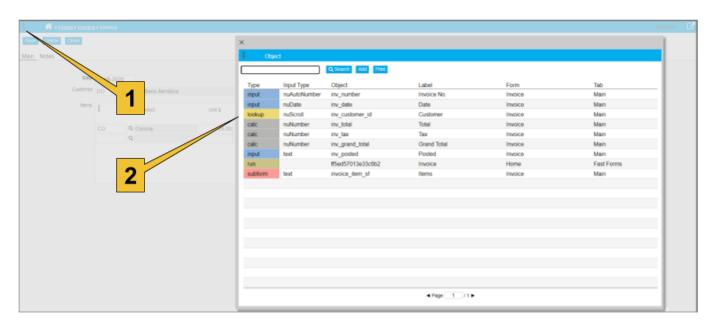
A Fast Forms builds a Form and adds Objects. These Objects will need adjusting so they appear on an Edit Form in a tidy logical order. A Fast Form may also create a Button to open the new Form, on the User Home Page (which will also require adjusting) eg.



- 2. Click the Options icon in the top left corner of an Edit Form or Subform.
- 3. Highlight the Objects you want to adjust.
- 4. Click Save to apply these changes to that Form.

Edit Object Properties

Some objects created with a Fast Form have default values that will need editing.



There are 3 ways to view and edit an Object's properties.

- 1. Via the Options icon (as above).
 - 1.1. Select Form Object List
 - 1.2. Select Object.
- 2. By double clicking and Object's Label if it has one.
- 3. Via the **Object** Form on the Setup Tab.

Edit These Objects.

inv_customer_id

On the Lookup Tab.

- Set Form to Product Form.
- Set Code to pro_code.
- Set **Description** to pro_description.
- ite_product_id

On the Lookup Tab.

- Set Form to Product Form.
- Set Code to pro_code.
- Set **Description** to pro_description.
- Add the following to After Browse to update the item's unit price once a product is selected...

```
$lu = nuLookupRecord();
nuSetFormValue('ite_unit_price', $lu->pro_sell);
```

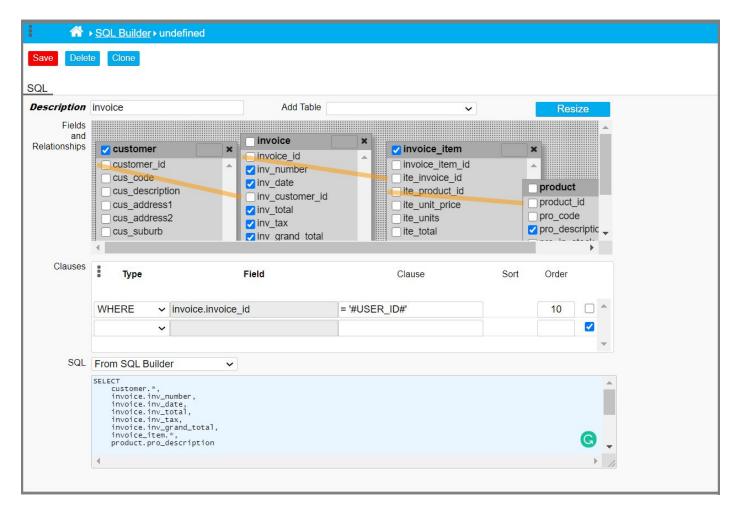
- ite_total Set Formula to nuTotal('ite_unit_price') * nuTotal('ite_units')
- inv_total Set Formula to nuTotal('invoice_item_sf.ite_total')
- Inv_tax Set Formula to nuTotal('invoice_item_sf.ite_total') * .1
- Inv_grand_total Set Formula to nuTotal('invoice_item_sf.ite_total') * 1.1

For more information on an Object's properties refer to Objects.

Create an Invoice Docket

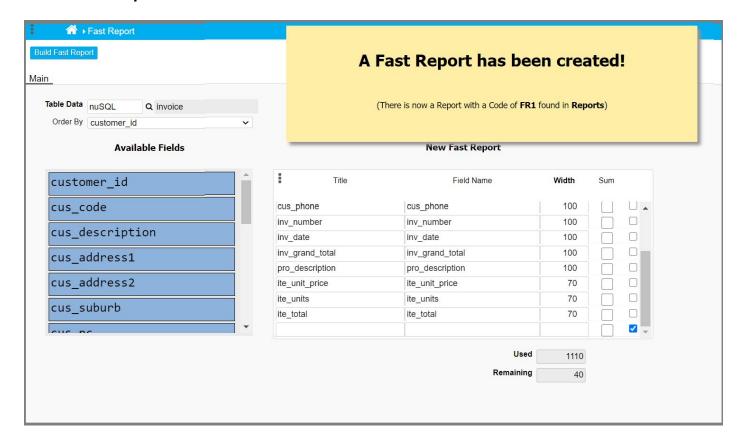
Next, we create a delivery docket that Itemises the customer, product and pricing information that can be run from the Invoice Edit Form.

Build SQL

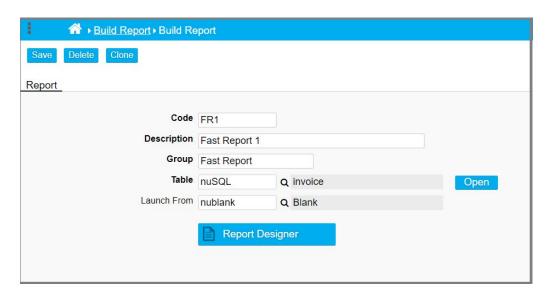


```
SELECT
  customer.*,
  invoice.inv_number,
  invoice.inv date,
  invoice.inv total,
  invoice.inv_tax,
  invoice.inv grand total,
  invoice item.*,
  product.pro_description
FROM
  customer
    JOIN invoice ON customer.customer id = invoice.inv customer id
    JOIN invoice item ON invoice.invoice id = invoice item.ite invoice id
    JOIN product ON product product id = invoice item.ite product id
WHERE
  ((invoice.invoice id = '#RECORD ID#'))
```

Create Fast Report



Edit Report

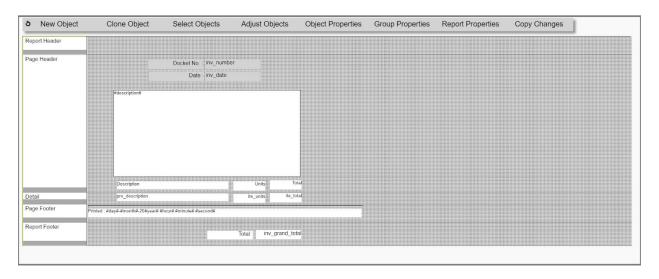


Rename Code and Description.

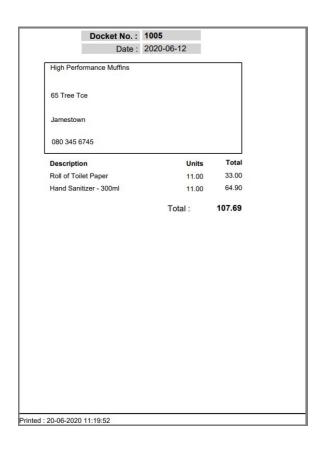
Adjust Report Design from...



To...



To print this...



Add Action Buttons

We can add an Action Button to the Invoice Form that will Print the current docket.

This is done by adding Javascript to the invoice Form

We will add 2 Action Buttons to the invoice Edit Form.

- A Posted Button This will set a flag (inv_posted) to 1. An invoice that is not posted will not see the Print Button.
- The Print Button .This will appear only when an invoice is posted.

```
if(nuFormType() == 'edit'){
    if($('#inv_posted').val() == '1'){
        nuAddActionButton('pinv', 'Print Docket', 'nuRunReport("INV")');
    }else{
        nuAddActionButton('ppost', 'Post Docket', '$("#inv_posted").val(1).change();nuSaveAction();');
    }
}
```

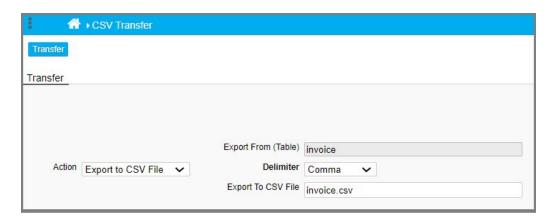
CSV Transfer

The CSV Transfer Form Allows...

Exporting a database table to a CSV file.

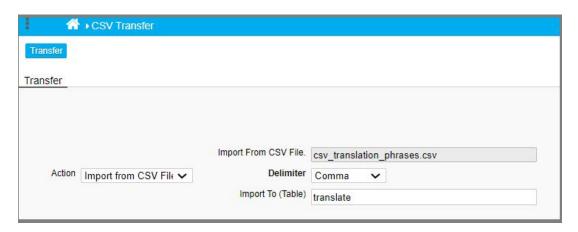
Importing CSV files to a new database table.

Exporting a CSV File



- 1. Export to CSV File. Choose the CSV file from the nuScroll list.
- 2. Delimiter. Choose the Delimiter to space each field value.
- 3. Import to (CSV). Enter a filename for the new CSV file.
- 4. Click the Transfer Action Button.

Importing a CSV File



1. Import from CSV File. Choose the database table from the nuScroll list.

To appear in the nuScroll List the CSV File must be placed in the "csvfiles" subdirectory inside nuBuilder Forte's directory - on the server.

- 2. Delimiter. Choose the Delimiter to space each field value.
- 3. Import to (Table). Enter a filename for the new CSV file.

4. Click the Transfer Action Button.