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A4GL and VENTAS ERP Solution

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20 Years+ VENTAS











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- 21 million lines of 4GL code
- 1.380 programs, modular
- generates 2.160 C code files to be compiled
- 2.000 screen forms
- compiling time 23 min. (after make clean)



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For Broking Agencies

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Production Planning and Control

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Modernize! ...was the task

But how?!



The Goals

- A modern graphical user interface
- To influence the development of the GUI
- Users should be able to change the screen layouts
- Easy to adapt invoices and other documents
- Reports that are easy to create
- Last but not least: keep the large scope of stable functionality



The choice

On the server:

A4GL

(generates C-Code)

On the Client:

Qt4

(generates C++)

- C and Perl for additional routines
- Open Office for documents and reports



Best GUI - Java versus Qt

- Pro Qt:
 Easier deployment, without a runtime machine
 Faster than Java
 Strong influence of the community on new features
- Pro Java:
 Also runs on the web
 Still en vogue (more developers available)

Qt wins 3 to 2!...



More numbers...

The Ventas Desktop Client (VDC) has today

40.000 lines of code

8 man-years of developement until now



... 4GL vs. Java/C++ (the server side)

- Programming in 4GL is much faster ...including finding bugs
- 4GL being Open Source can be enhanced (if necessary)
- I like 4GL

4GL wins 3 to 0...



VENTAS today

Platform independency











Mac Client



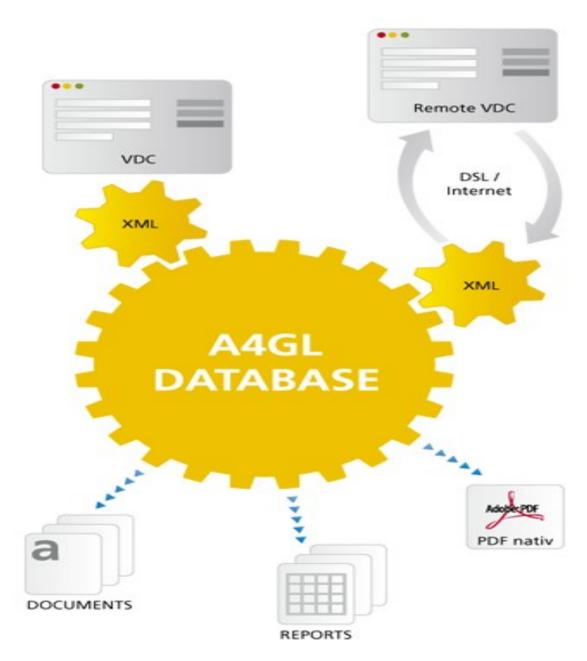
Four technical pillars:

4GL

VDC

Reports

Forms



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The golden middle

- Freedom + Discipline
- Commercial Open Source

- well-known examples: Apple, Google or Qt
- Linux and ODF are supported by the European Union



Brief philosophical thesis:

When you are successful with open source?

When it runs!

(Counter-examples: You can find enough)



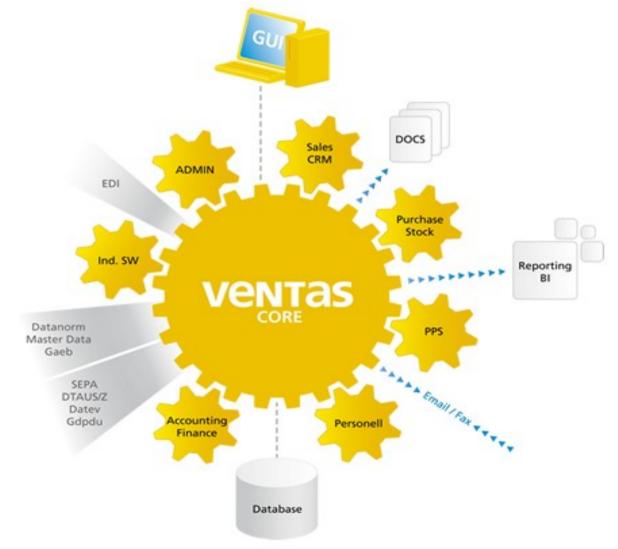
VENTAS - Strategy

More flexibility for the user:

- Design and change documents
- Define own reports
- Automatical reports (e. g. once a month)
- Form fields: easy hide or show
- Change main menu
- Parameter for different workflows
- 4GL language cost free in addition (if you also want to write own programs)



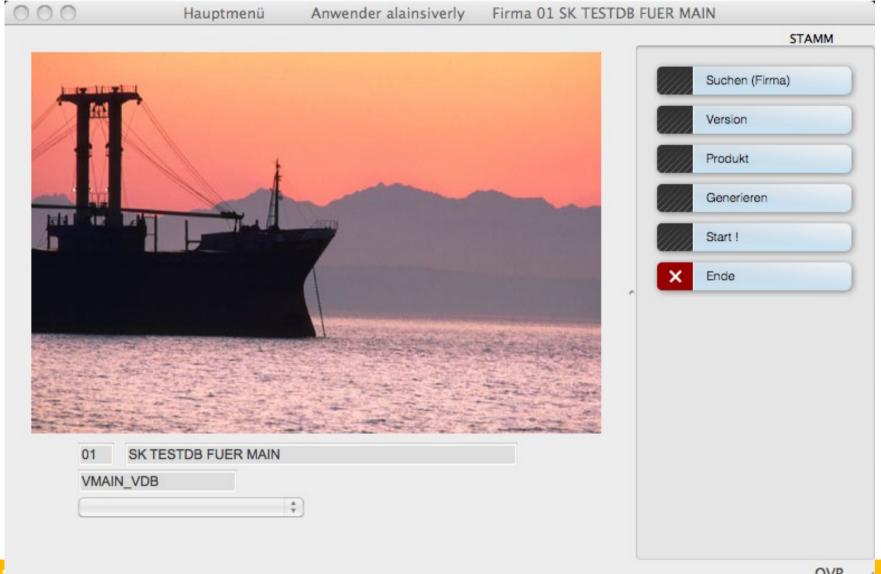
The new VENTAS generation



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The tour begins...



OVR



Main Menu: customizable in the database





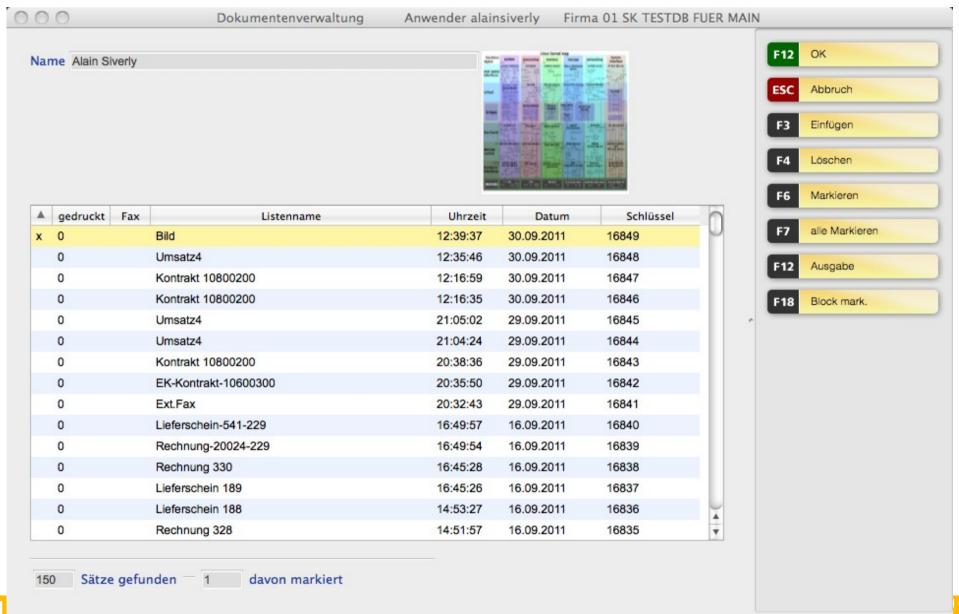
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Document preview



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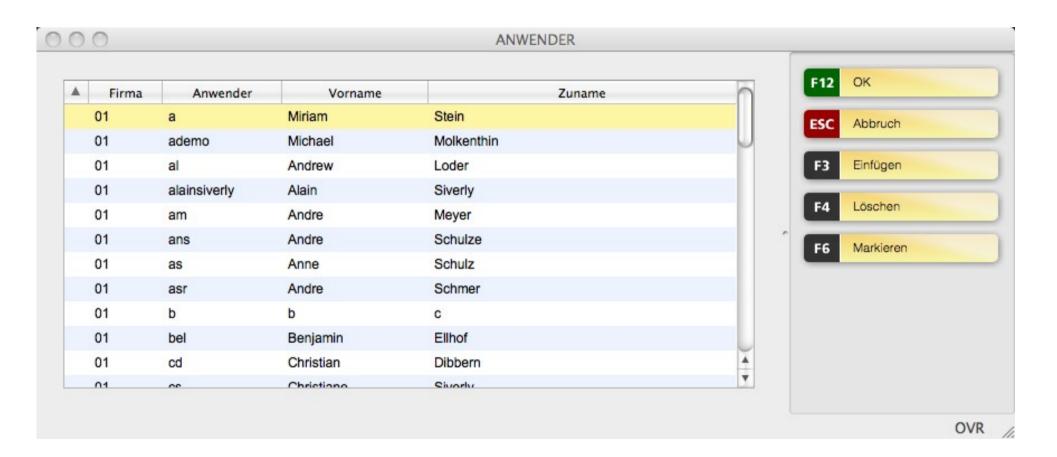


A query screen...

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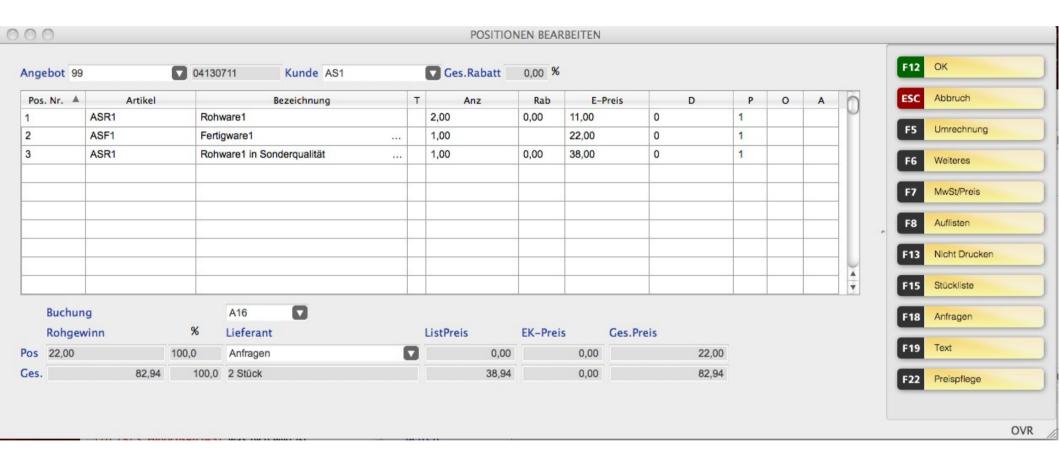


Showing data...





Input in a table





Folders - as normal fields...





Folders - ...and endless text





Folders - if you have a large input ...



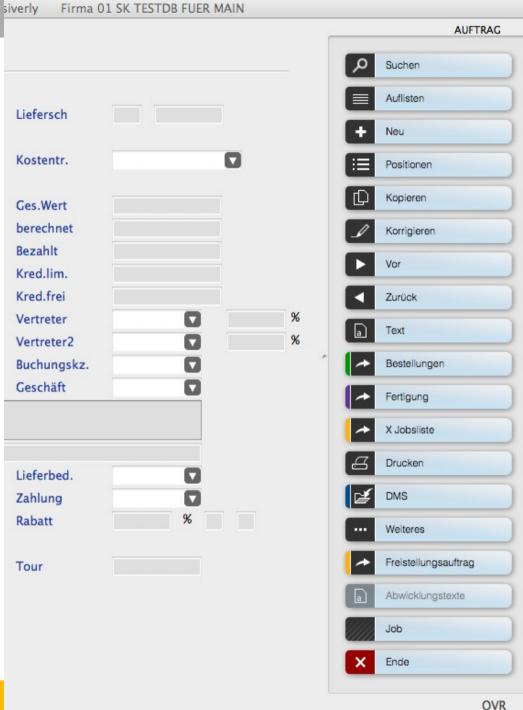


Folders - ...you can separate it





Menus



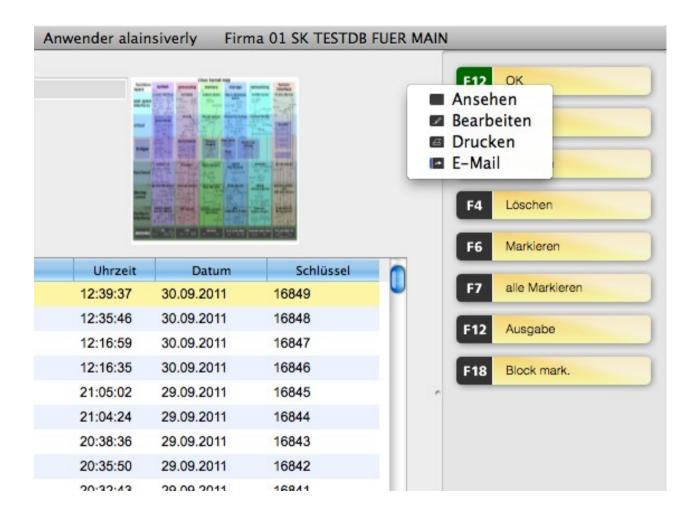


Menus – as dialog

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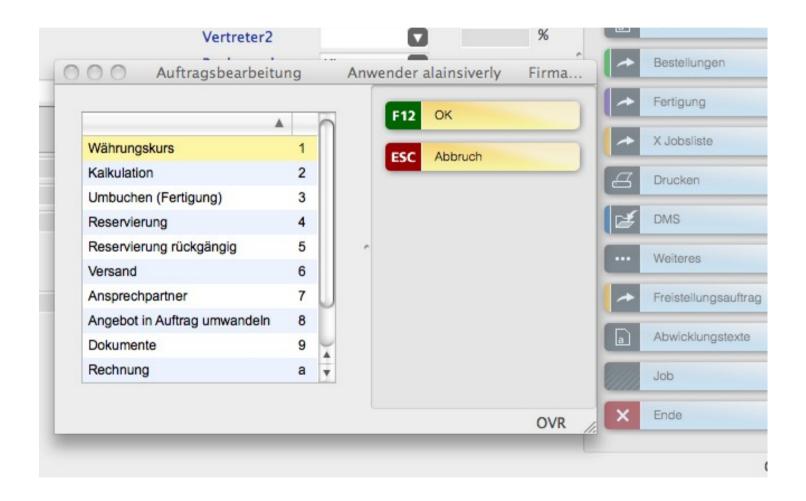


Menus – popup style





Menus – as a pulldown





Function keys as shortcuts





Calender in data entry



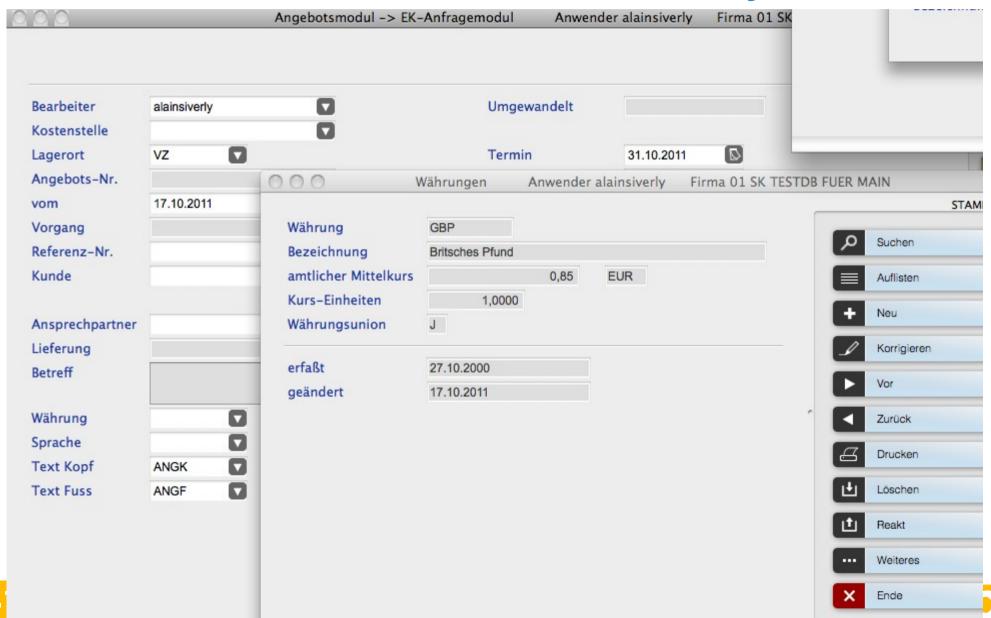


Calling a query screen on a key field





Zoom into the master data of a key field



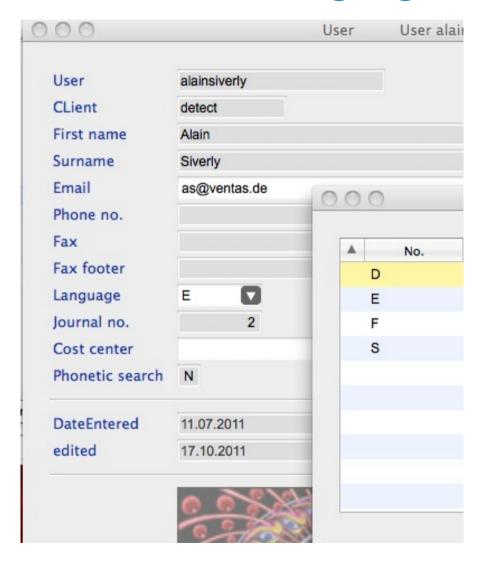


Different user languages for the GUI



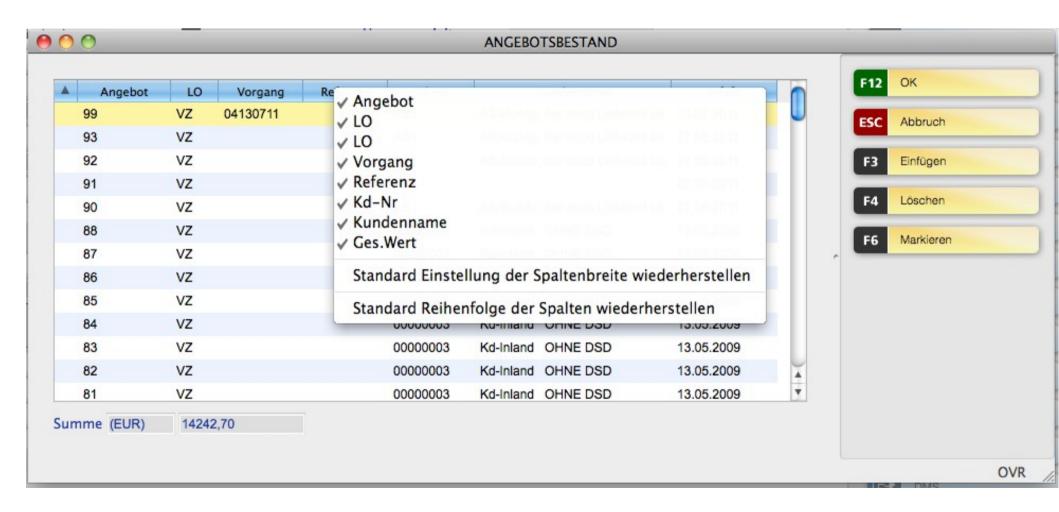


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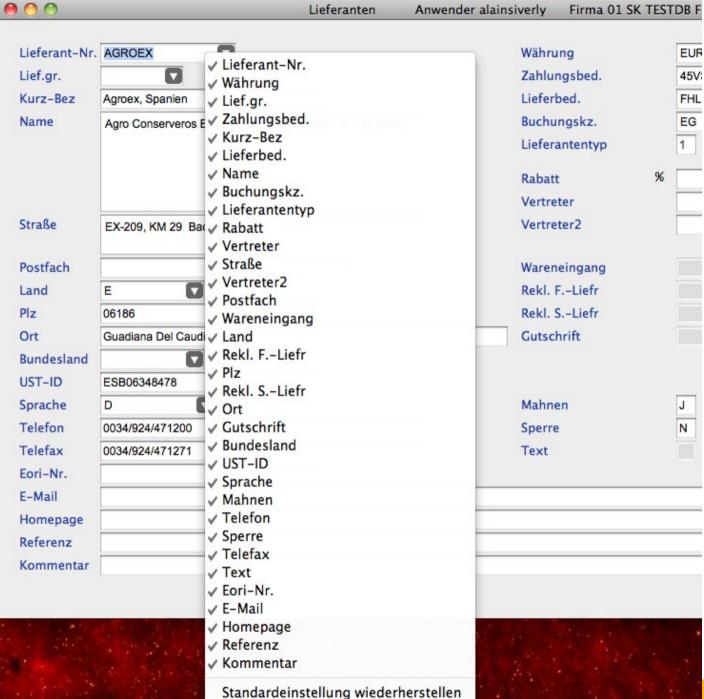


Show and hide form fields easily





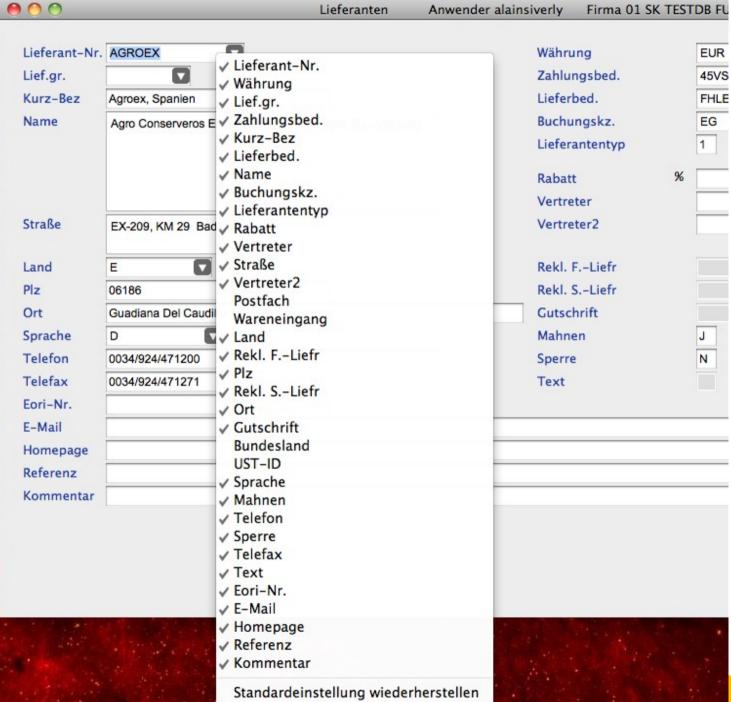
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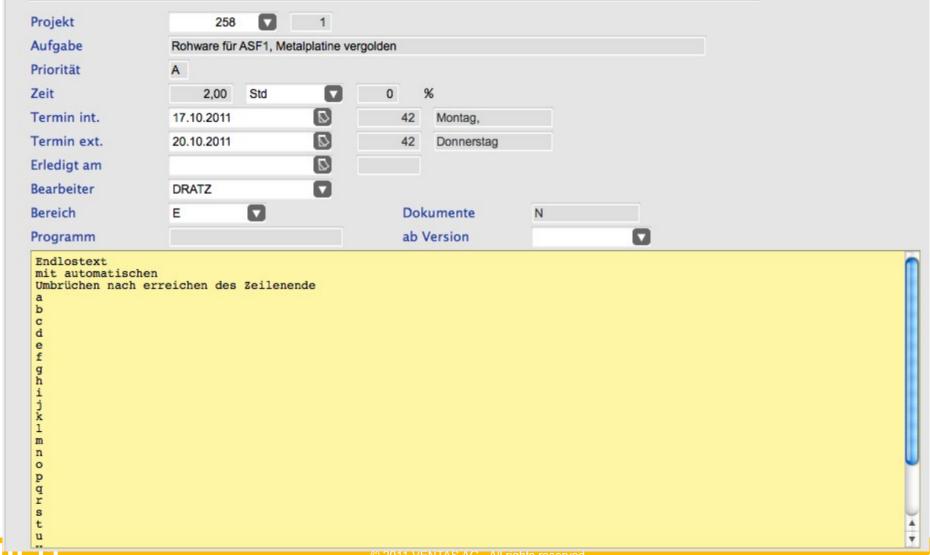


Text on input fields

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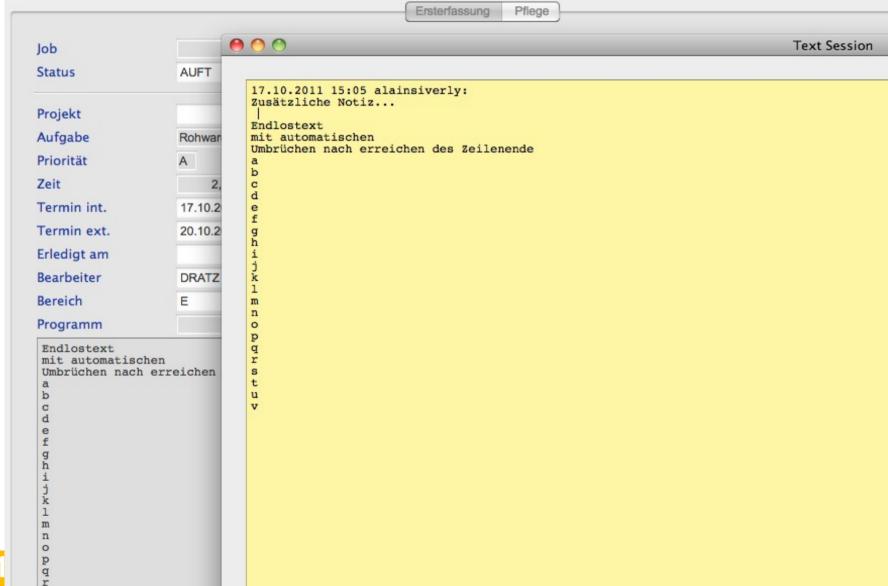
Endless text in screen forms



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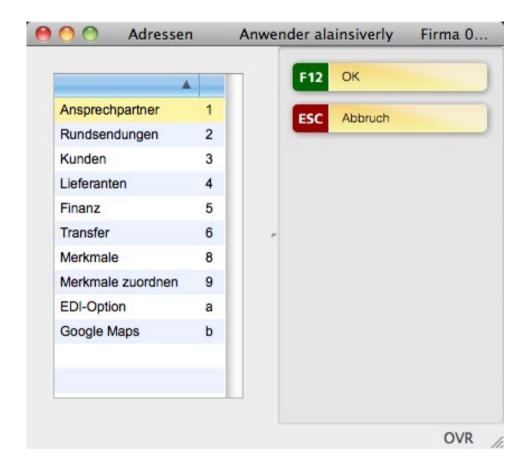


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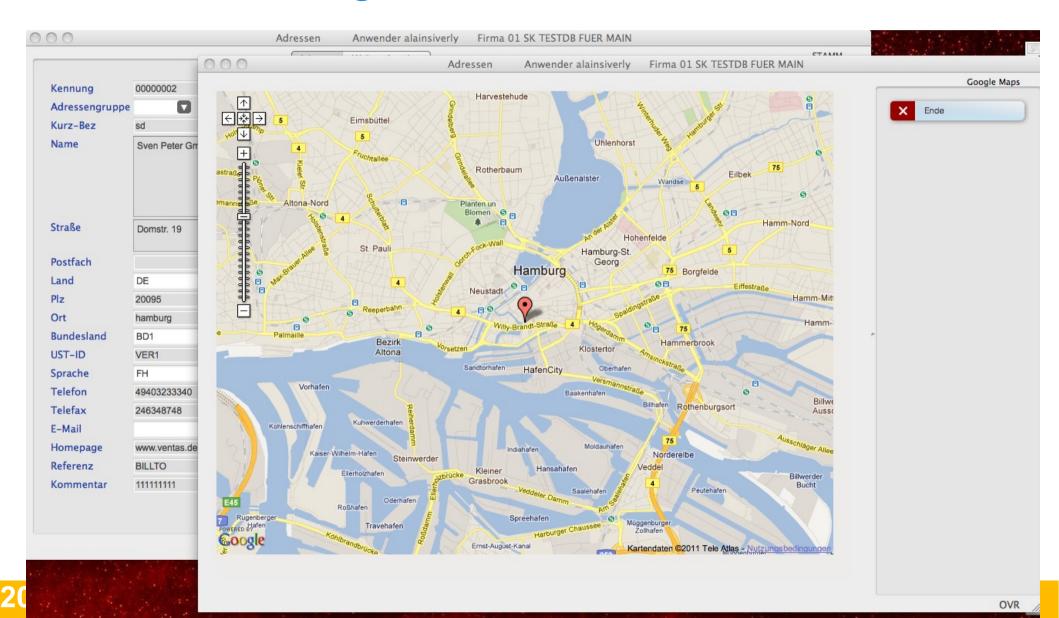


Using Google Maps...



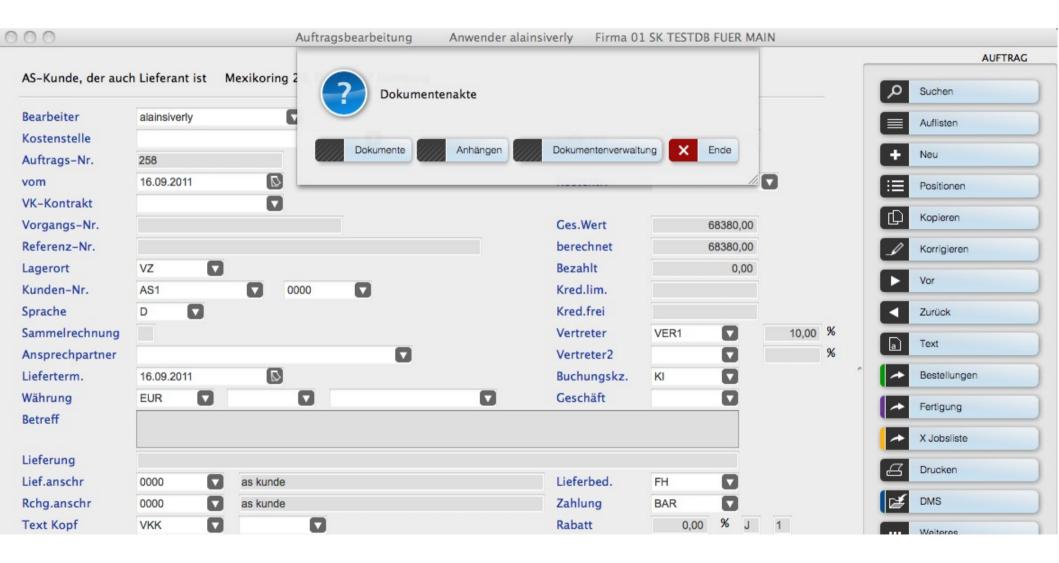


...for bring Webkit in action



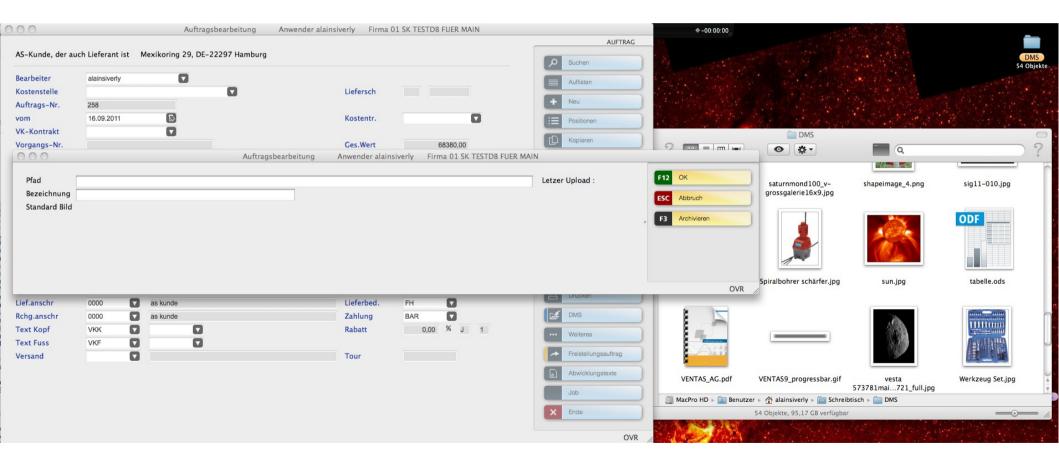


DMS – make your choice...



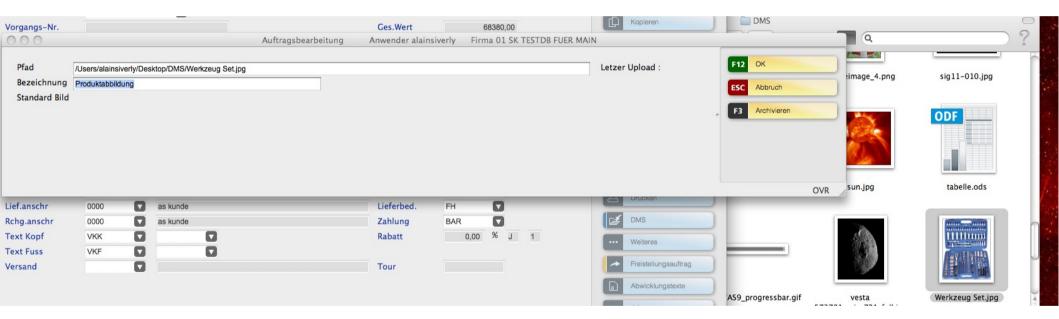


DMS – assign a document with drag & drop



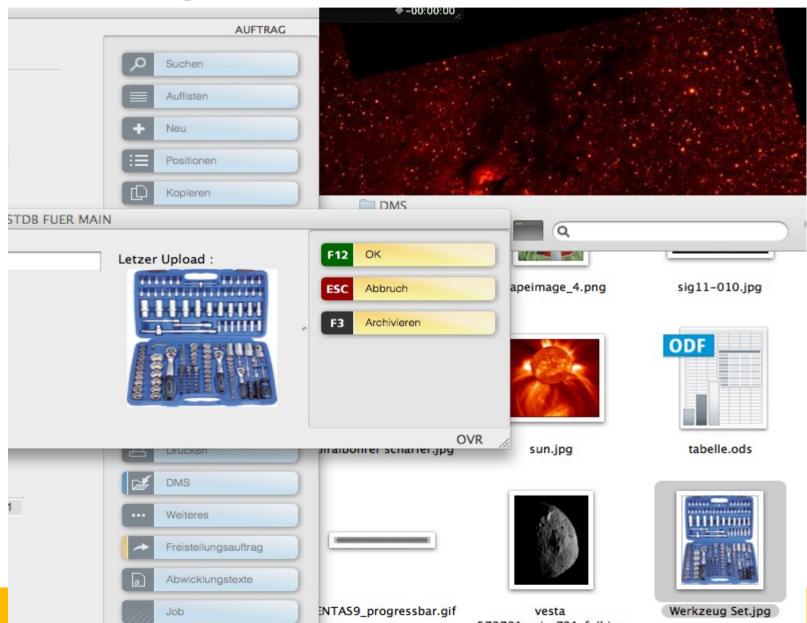


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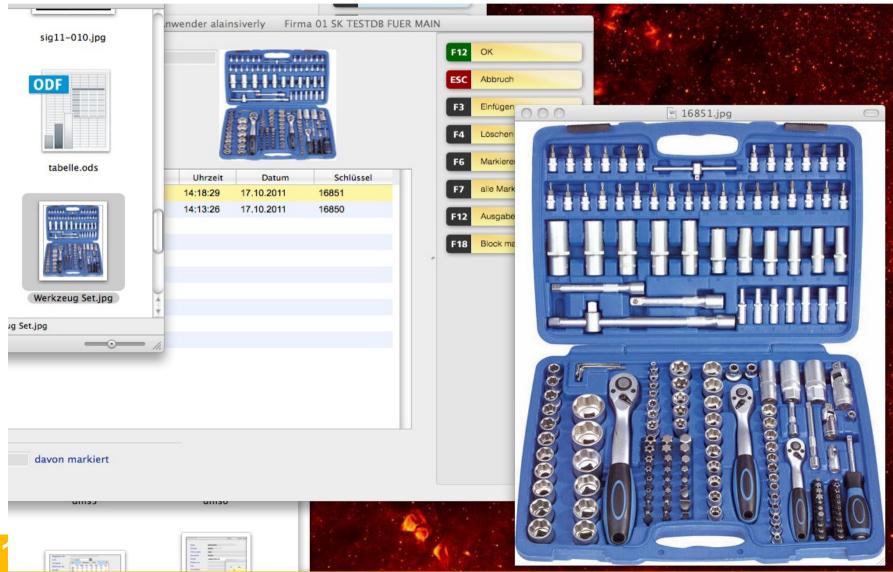


DMS – get a thumbnail as preview





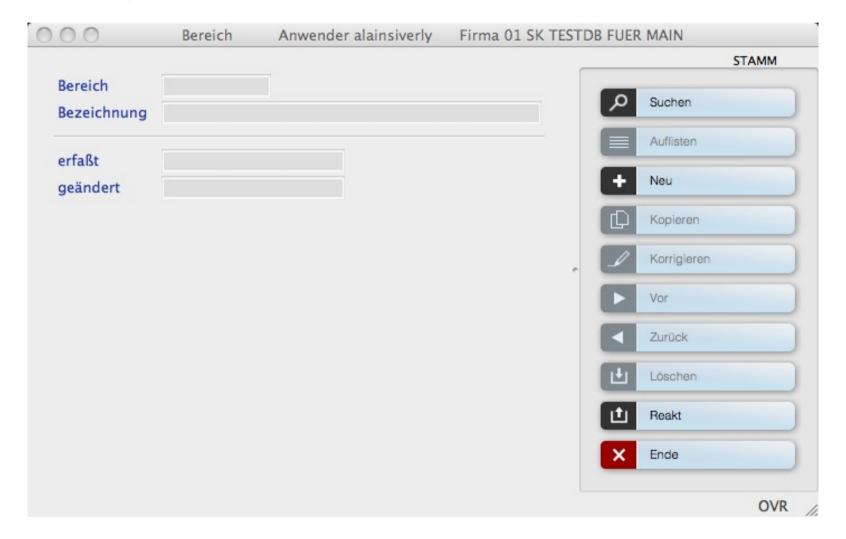
DMS – opening a document



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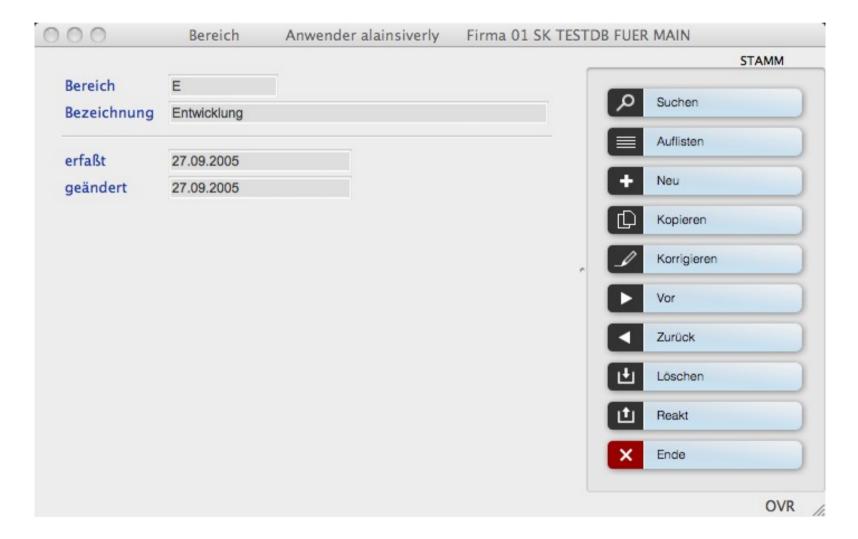


Dynamic menu





Dynamic menu – after finding data





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Report generator

- Template based creation of documents and reports
- Different output formats: PDF XLS DOC ODT ODS
- You can open it with MS-Office or Open-/Libre-Office
- Print or create the file in the backgroud
- Attach it to an email
- Send a file as fax or receive one
- Easy change of templates
- Flexible print menu

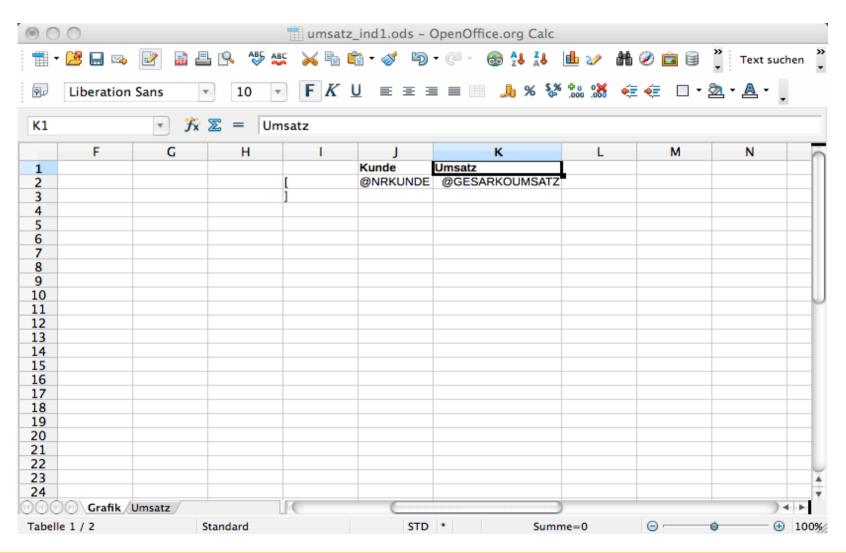


Send a report template to the client and open it

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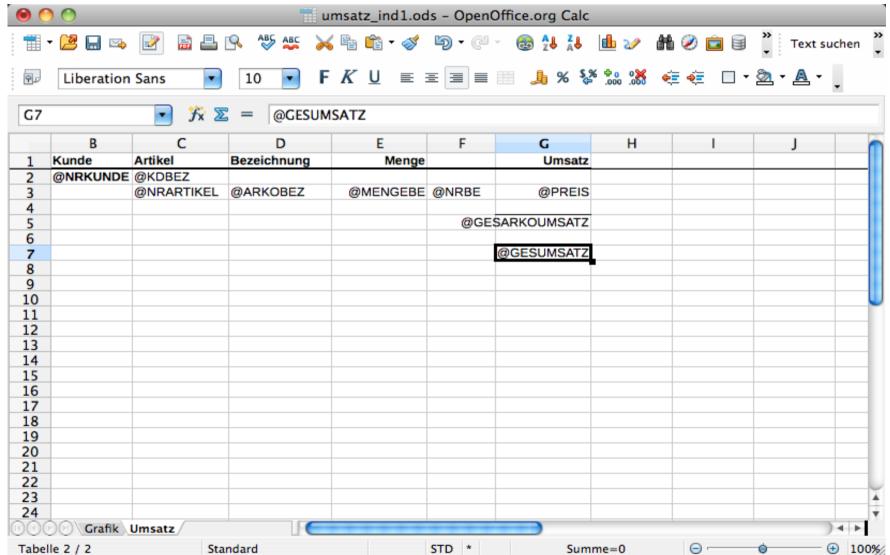


Change a report template without programming





Change a report template (second sheet)



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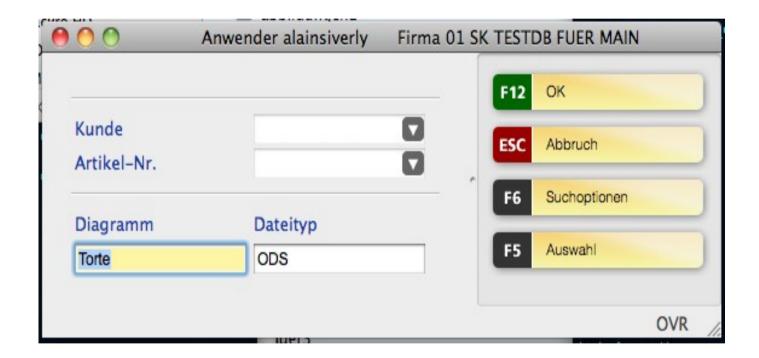


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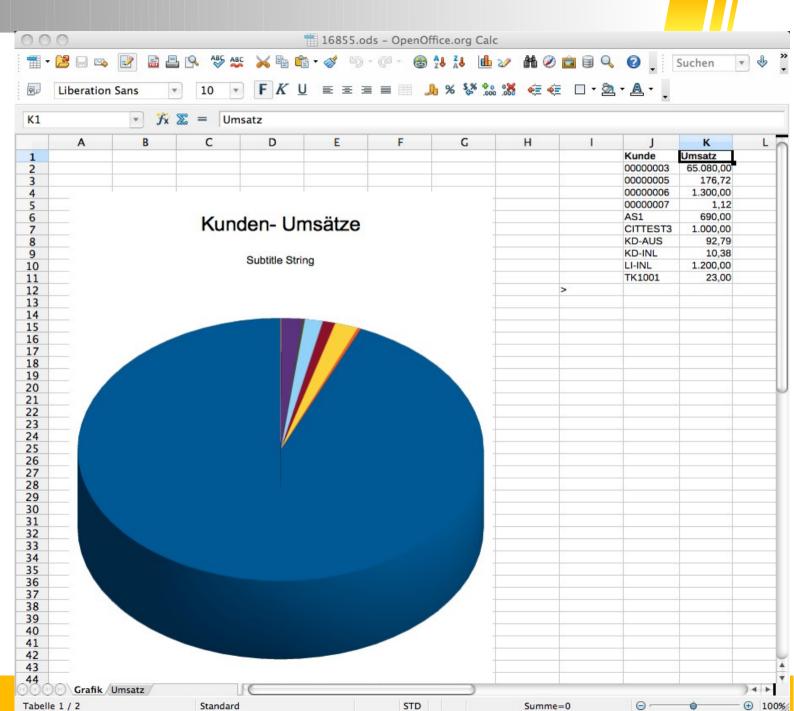
Calling the report generator





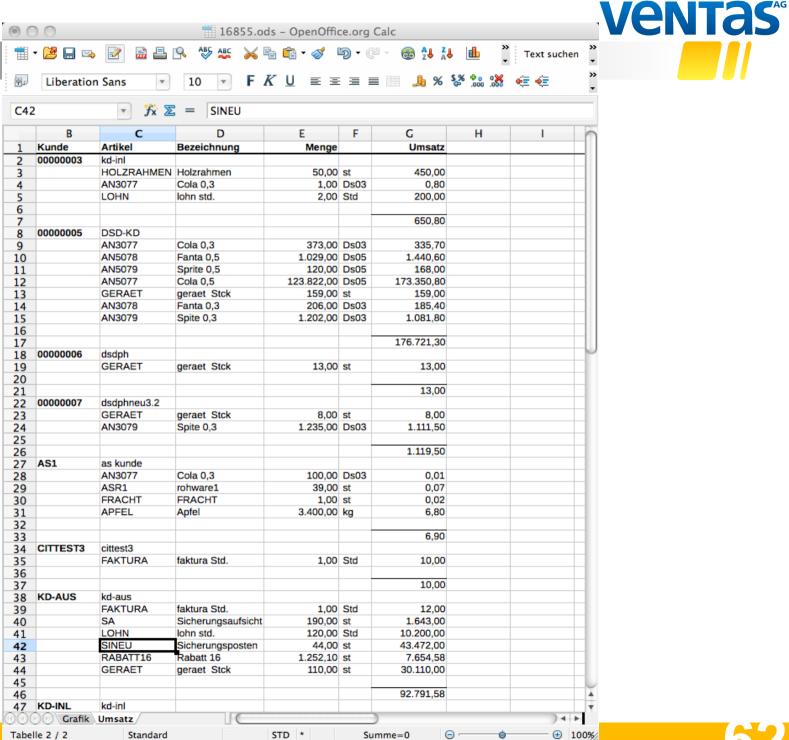
Report generator

First sheet



Report generator

A second sheet



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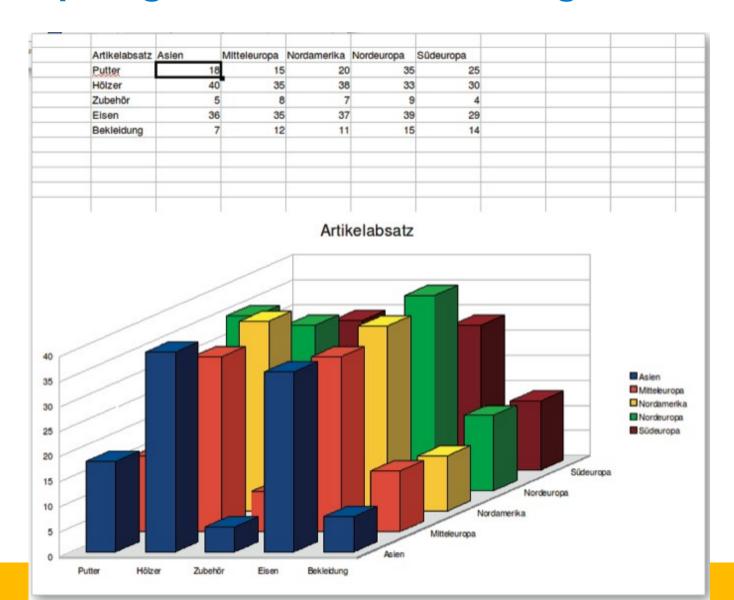


Report generator – history of the last queries

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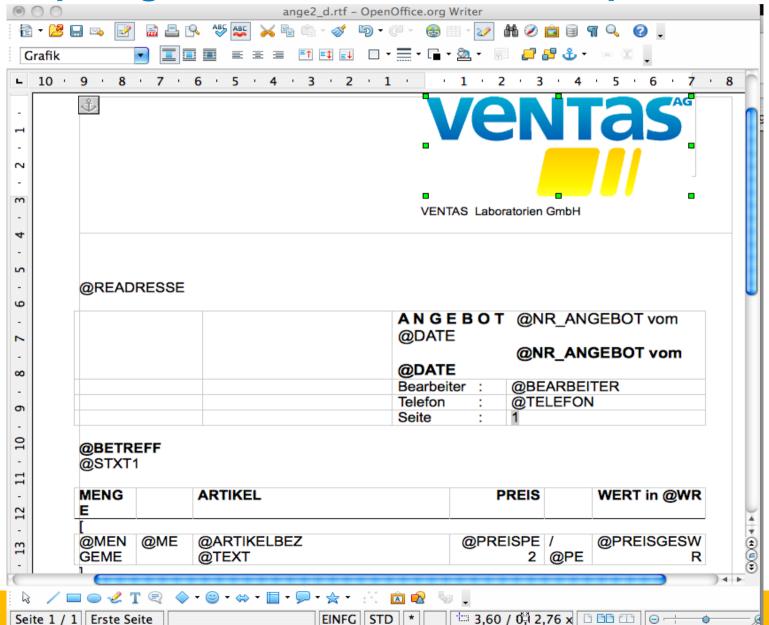


Report generator – another diagram





Report generator – document template



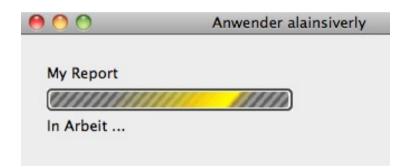


Report generator – generating the document



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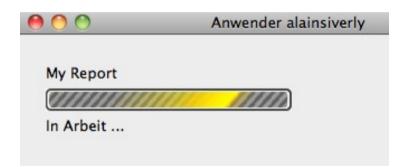


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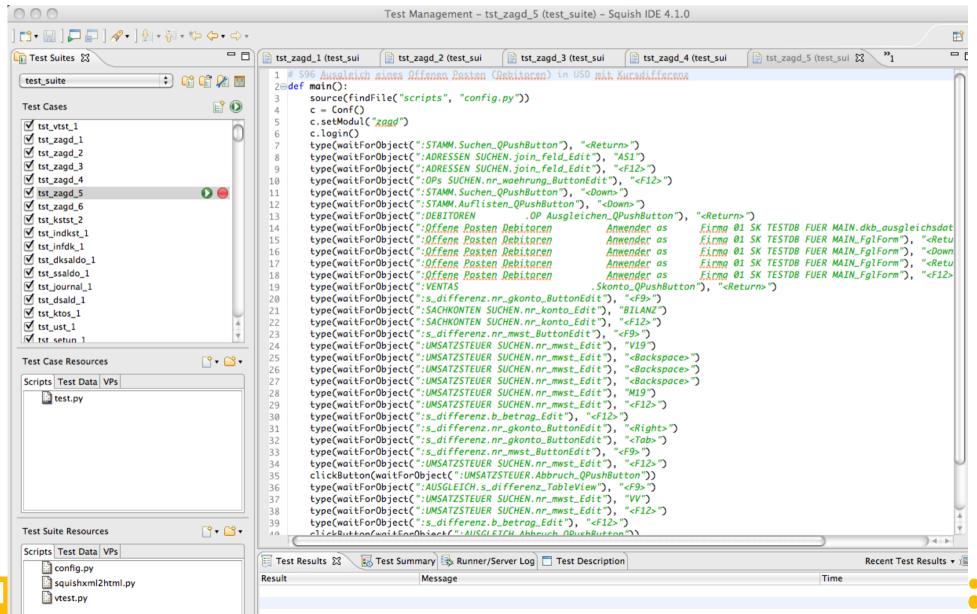
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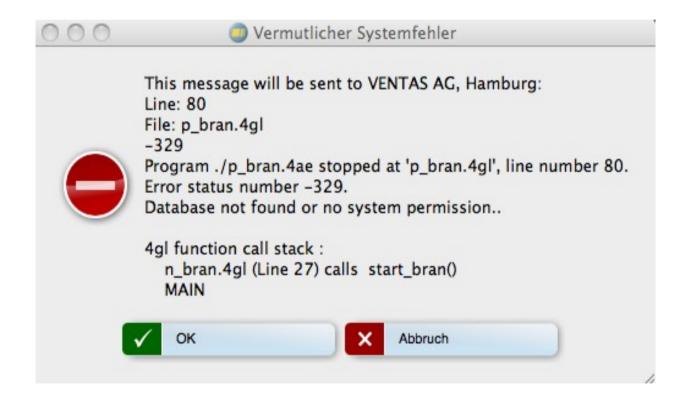


QA – automatic tests using Squish



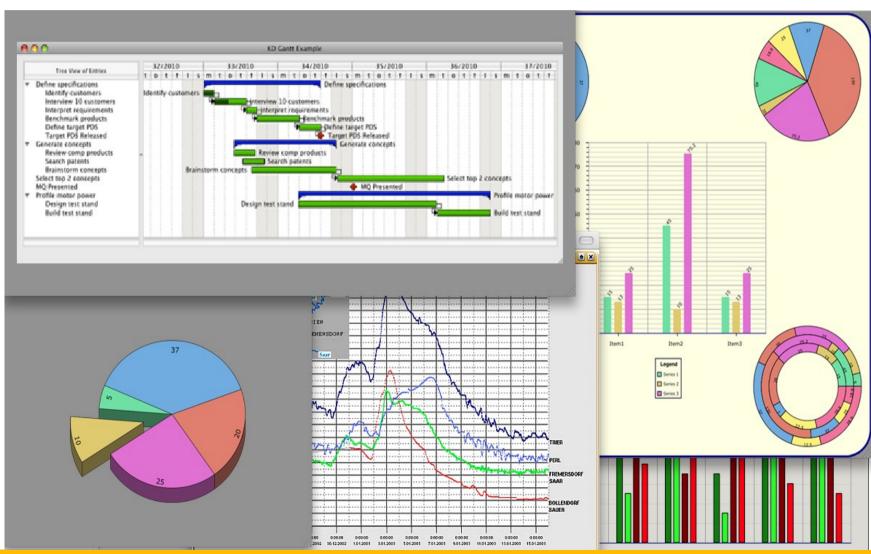


QA – unique error signature (getting the message only once from different users)



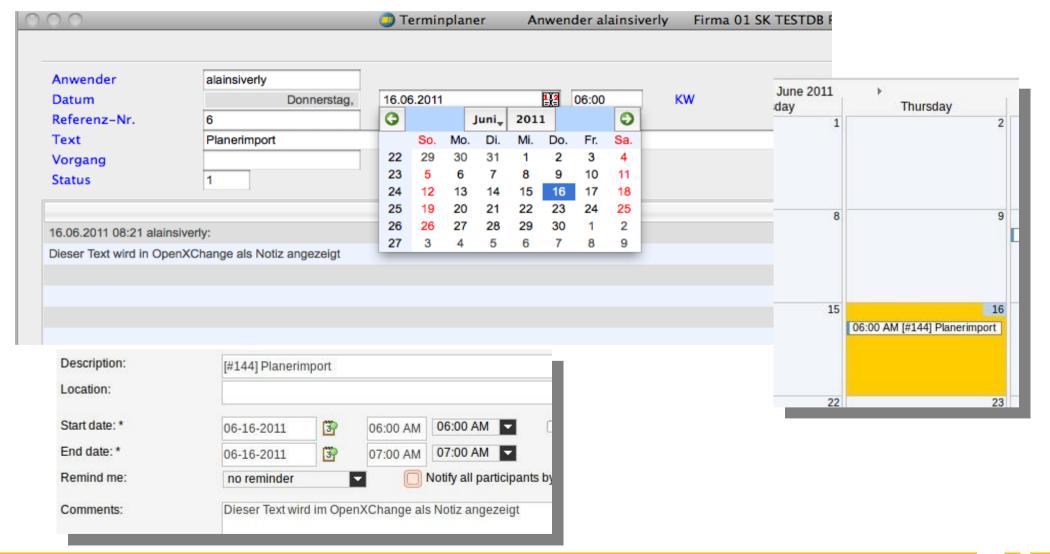


Next steps – integrate graphics on the GUI





Next steps – schedule planner goes IPhone





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