

Including fields from a database

In this demo you can see a simple report using one record from a database. Select the record on the listbox below, and run the report.

Concepts shown:

- **Lazy open:** You don't have to open the databases before running the report. FlexCel automatically opens any closed databases it needs, and closes them when it finishes. If a database was already open before running the report, it remains open after.
- **Database fields:** To reference a database field, just write `##Dataset##FieldName` in the template. Then make sure to define a dataset with this name in the report datamodule. You can mix fields from any recordset you want into the same template.
- **Calculated fields:** Sometimes you want to write data contained in two fields into one cell (as the firstname-lastname in this example). The easiest way to do this is to define a **calculated** field into the Delphi dataset, and set its value on the OnCalculate event.