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Getting Started
This document describes how to configure the Agilent OpenLab CDS chromatography data system so that results can be processed automatically by EZReporter at the end of each run.

Software Requirements
The EZReporter OpenLab CDS Connector Plugin was designed for Agilent Technologies OpenLab CDS Data Analysis version 2.1 or later.

Note: If you are using either the OpenLab EZChrom or ChemStation chromatography data system, you will need to use the connector plugin designed specifically for each of those data systems.

Configure OpenLab CDS
The Diablo EZReporter software supports automated processing of calibrated external-standard peak and group (summed peak) results generated by Agilent OpenLab CDS Data Analysis.

Important: In order to process results from the OpenLab CDS Data Analysis, you must first make sure that the names in the EZReporter component settings table match the compound names in the OpenLab CDS Compound Table. For example, if a compound is named “Hexane” in the OpenLab CDS Compound Table, it must also be entered as “Hexane” in the component settings table (not “n-Hexane”, or “nC6”).

Install the Required Report Templates
The EZReporter OpenLab CDS Connector Plugin reads CSV files exported from OpenLab CDS Data Analysis. The CSV files must be based on the OpenLab CDS “Short_Estd” or “Short_Estd_letter” default report template.

Important: In order for the OpenLab CDS Connector to read the exported CSV file and extract the information correctly, the default report template titles, labels, component tables, and summed peaks table should not be modified.

1) In OpenLab CDS Data Analysis, switch to the “Reporting” view

2) Expand the “Report Templates” option. Select the Report Templates folder for the project you are using and make sure that either “Short_Estd.rdl” or “Short_Estd_Letter.rdl” are listed (Short_Estd.rdl is designed for A4 paper, and Short_Estd_Letter.rdl is designed for Letter sized paper):

Alternatively, you can use the special EZReporter versions of these templates. See “EZReporter Report Templates” on page 2.
If the required report template is not present, then you will need to install the default report templates:

1. Switch to the “Data Selection” view
2. Select the “Import/Export” tab in the ribbon bar at the top of the window
3. Click the “Import Default Templates” button:

**EZReporter Report Templates**

When you install EZReporter, special report templates named, “EZReporter.rdl” (for A4 sized paper) and “EZReporter_Letter.rdl” (for letter sized paper), will be saved to either the OpenLab CDS Default Project Report Templates folder, if it exists:

C:\CDSProjects\Default\Report Templates

Or to the EZReporter Program Folder:

C:\Program Files (x86)\Diablo EZReporter 4.0

These OpenLab CDS Report Templates are based on the “Short_Estd.rdl” and “Short_Estd_Letter.rdl” templates with the following changes:

1. The “Sample Description” field has been added to the report header so that it is available in EZReporter.
2. A filter has been removed from the Summed Peaks results that prevented timed group results from being reported in some circumstances. This is especially important for natural gas analysis applications using a timed group for Hexanes Plus.

If you want to take advantage of either of these features, you should copy the desired template to the “Report Templates” folder of your OpenLab CDS project and then specify it as the report template as described below.
Configure the Injection Report

Once you have the required report template installed, you must configure the injection report to save the results to a CSV file as follows.

1) Switch to the “Data Processing” view
2) Select the “Home” tab in the ribbon bar at the top of the window
3) Click the “Method” layout button and make sure that the “Processing Method” window is enabled (highlighted):

4) In the “Processing Method” panel, set up the “Injection Report” with the following settings:

   Note: You can set up the CSV export in either the “First Report” or “Second Report” section if you want to generate multiple reports after each injection.


   Report destination: check “File”

   File format: check “CSV (Comma delimited) (*.csv)

   Copy report to folder: Windows file system

   Destination folder: C:\Users\Public\Documents\Diablo EZReporter\Export

5) When you have finished modifying the processing method, make sure to save the method by clicking the “Save Method” button in the ribbon bar at the top of the window:
Configure the EZReporter Instrument

Add an Instrument

First, you must add and configure an instrument. Switch to the “Sample Processing” tab of the main window, and click the “Add” button below the instruments table.

Select the Data System Connector

In order to process results from your chromatography data system, you must select the Data System Connector for the data system you are using, and then click the “Edit” button to apply any connector-specific settings. Please refer to the reference manual or help file for the particular Data System Connector you are using.
**Important:** The data system connectors available for you to select will be dependent on which version of the installation program you used to install the EZReporter 4.0 software. Make sure that you download the installer version for the manufacturer of the chromatography data system you are using to control your gas chromatograph.

**Configure the Connector**

The only setting you typically need to set for the OpenLab CDS Connector is the “Export Folder to Monitor”. This must match the “Destination Folder” you specified in the OpenLab CDS Data Analysis Injection Report window.
Other Settings

These settings should not need to be changed in a typical installation.

**Result Polling Interval**: This is the interval in milliseconds at which the connector will check the export folder for new CSV files exported from OpenLab CDS. The default value of 2000 milliseconds should be correct for most situations.

**Processing Delay**: After finding new text files in the export folder, the connector will wait for this period in milliseconds before processing results. The default value of 2000 milliseconds should be correct for most situations.
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