

Mifos

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Mifos is an industry-wide initiative designed to address the microfinance industry's information management challenge. Using the open-source paradigm, the initiative sets out to create a new service model that will increase access to technology for all microfinance institutions, ultimately enabling them to extend their reach to the world's poor.

BIRT has allowed Mifos to filter data, input parameters and cascade; it is an important tool for Mifos, as it is the mechanism by which a user's access to data is controlled. BIRT can filter at several points in the flow of data from data sources to screen or print. Such filtering is static, built into the report design, but BIRT also allows for dynamic filtering by the user; this offers a degree of ad-hoc reporting by adding input parameters to the design. The user is presented with a UI form where they can either enter values or select from drop-down boxes; these values are entered as query parameters to filter the data retrieved.

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