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Overview

Introduction

The "**GPV Interactive Report/Grid to MSExcel v2**" APEX plugin provides a simple data export from Interactive Report or Interactive Grid into Microsoft Excel.

Features at a Glance

These features of Interactive Report/Grid are supported:

* Correct export of data types (String/Date/Number)
* Filtering and Sorting
* Control Break
* Computations
* Aggregations
* Highlighting
* Auto adjustable Column Width
* Date/Number Formats
* Custom downloaded file name (see FAQ)
* Can be easy implemented for all Interactive Reports/Grids in an application (see FAQ)

License

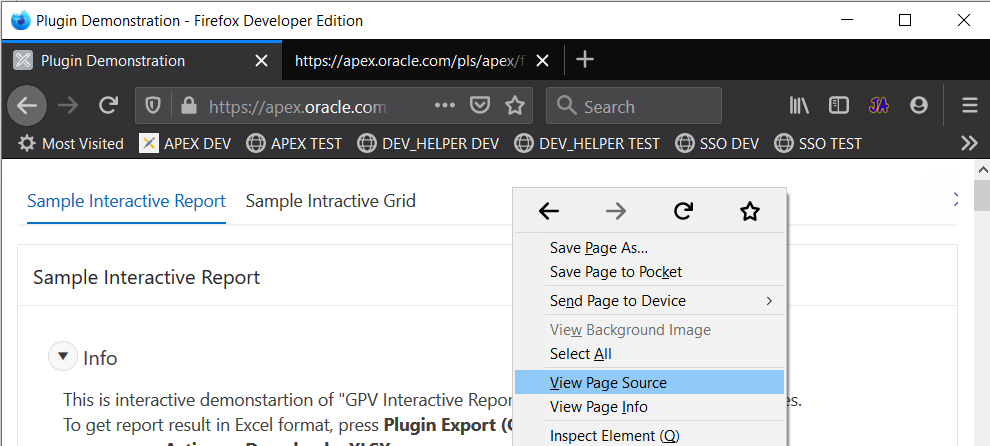
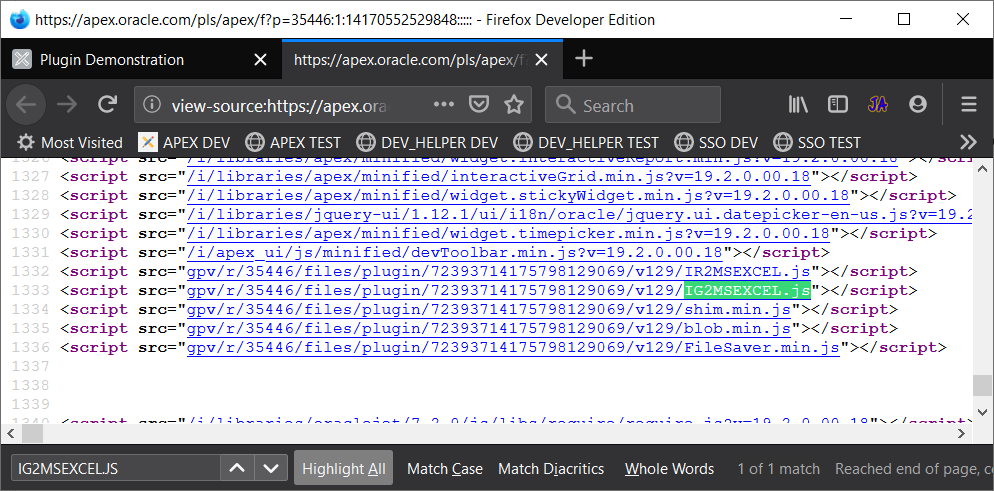
The "GPV Interactive Report/Grid to MSExcel" APEX plugin and IR\_TO\_MSEXCEL, IR\_TO\_XLSX packages are currently available for use in all personal or commercial projects under MIT license.

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Problem solving and diagnosis

If plugin does not work, please first try to find an existing solution:

1. **For all Errors**  
   Check the version of the plugin. Make backup of your version, download and install the newest one directly from the GitHub.
2. **For all ORA-Errors**First try to download the same data without plugin using standard APEX functionality, for example, as CSV. If you still get an error – correct the query of the Interactive Report. Check it for all the data, not only for first N-rows usually displayed in the report UI.
3. **ORA-06508: PL/SQL: could not find program unit being called**Check step 2 and 1 first.   
   This error means, that rights are not proper configured in the system. First try to give EXECUTE rights to SYS.UTL\_FILE and SYS.DBMS\_LOB packages.  
   GRANT EXECUTE ON SYS.UTL\_FILE TO #USER#;  
   GRANT EXECUTE ON SYS.DBMS\_LOB TO #USER#;  
   where #USER# should be replaced to the APEX Application Parsing Schema (Parsing Schema != APEX Schema).   
   For configurations, where APEX Application Parsing Schema differs from the schema where plugin-packages are installed, DBA may should give EXECUTE – grants to all the packages (AS\_ZIP, IR\_TO\_XLSX, IR\_TO\_XLSX, IR\_TO\_MSEXCEL) for APEX Application Parsing Schema. Please pay attention, that packages are defined with AUTHID current user – statement. Please give this information to the DBA.
4. **No XLSX-Icon is displayed**3.1. Check step 2 and 1.  
   3.2. Check that the page does not have any JavaScript – error – use browser console.   
   3.3. Check that you browser uses the actual version of JavaScript-files (IG2MSEXCEL.js and IR2MSEXCEL.js). Open page source (Right-click the page and click on “View Page Source”),   
     
     
   than find the link to the file  
      
   , open it and save file to the local file system. After compare the saved file with the source file downloaded with the plugin.   
     
   This difficult and ugly method is the most reliable – because it covers all possible issues starting from the CDN to the browser cache and the false server case.
5. **Getting debug information**  
   From plugin-version 3.20 plugin uses standard APEX logging instead of custom logging (https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/application-express/19.2/htmdb/utilizing-debug-mode.html#GUID-65F66F2B-ADCB-41B2-8EEE-3B7D7603F50C). All debug information related to plugin has prefix GPV\_XLSX and can easily be filtered.

Reporting a problem

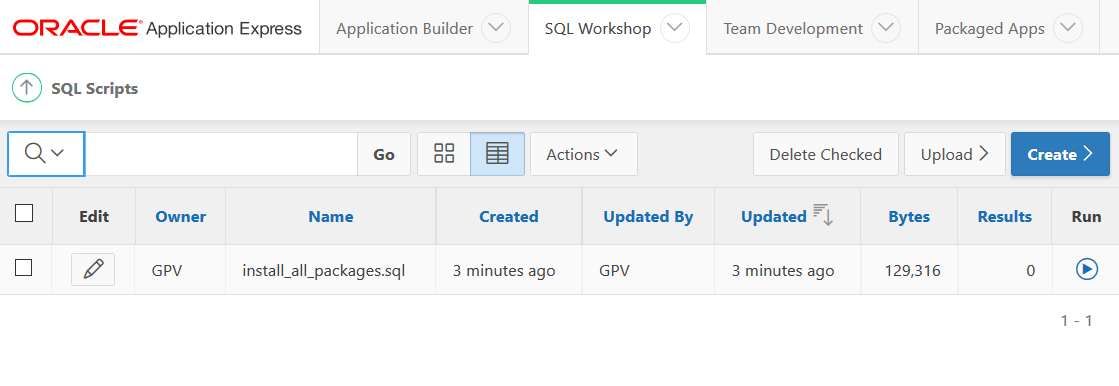
If you found a bug and have enough skills to fix it – please make a pull request on GitHub. The contributions are always welcome. A lot of people made this plugin better – not only bug fixes but huge and sometimes difficult improvements.   
  
Another possibility is to create an issue on GitHub <https://github.com/glebovpavel/IR_to_MSExcel/issues>  
Please **make a simple dummy application** on apex.oracle.com to reproduce the error and add a link to the issue description. I understood that it can be expensive but it is **the only way to start fixing** the issues. It is not possible to fix something without having a possibility to reproduce it. If the problem is reproducible only on older version of APEX – please attach a link to the any external resource where source – file of the application is saved.

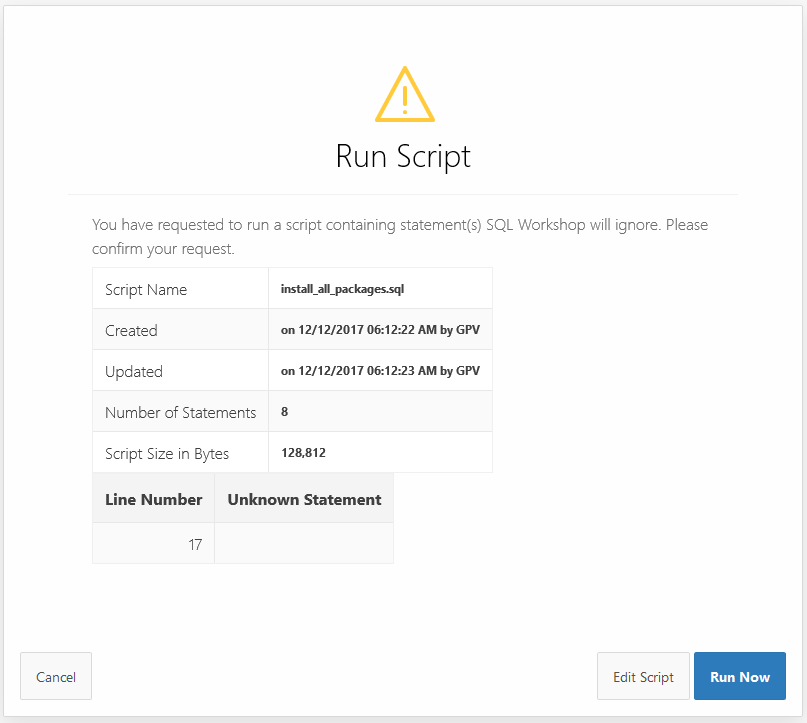
Installation

Install required packages

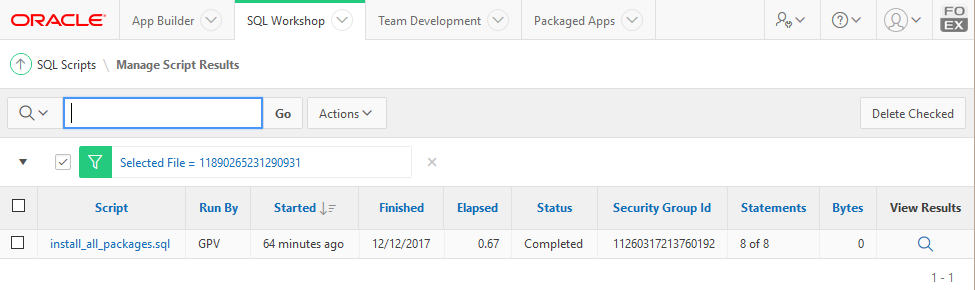
This plugin requires IR\_TO\_XSLX, IR\_TO\_MSEXCEL, APEXIR\_XLSX\_PKG.sql and AS\_ZIP packages. To install these packages, please use the all-in-one installation script install\_all\_packages.sql.

To do this, navigate to the “SQL Workschop > SQL Scripts”. Upload file **install\_all\_packages.sql**.

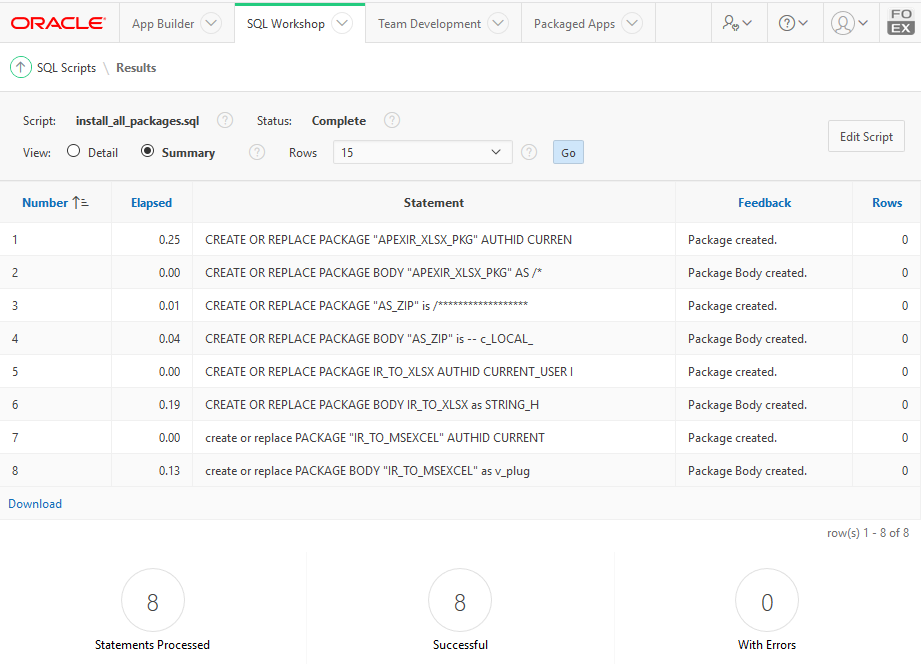
This script will create all required packages. Run this script by pressing the Run-icon.



Press “Run Now” button.



After execution take a look at the execution results. Open the “*Manage Script Results*” tab by pressing the link in the **View Results** column.



There should be no errors.

Additionally (very rare) you should get access to the SYS.UTL\_FILE and SYS.DBMS\_LOB packages.

GRANT EXECUTE ON SYS.UTL\_FILE TO #USER#;

GRANT EXECUTE ON SYS.DBMS\_LOB TO #USER#;

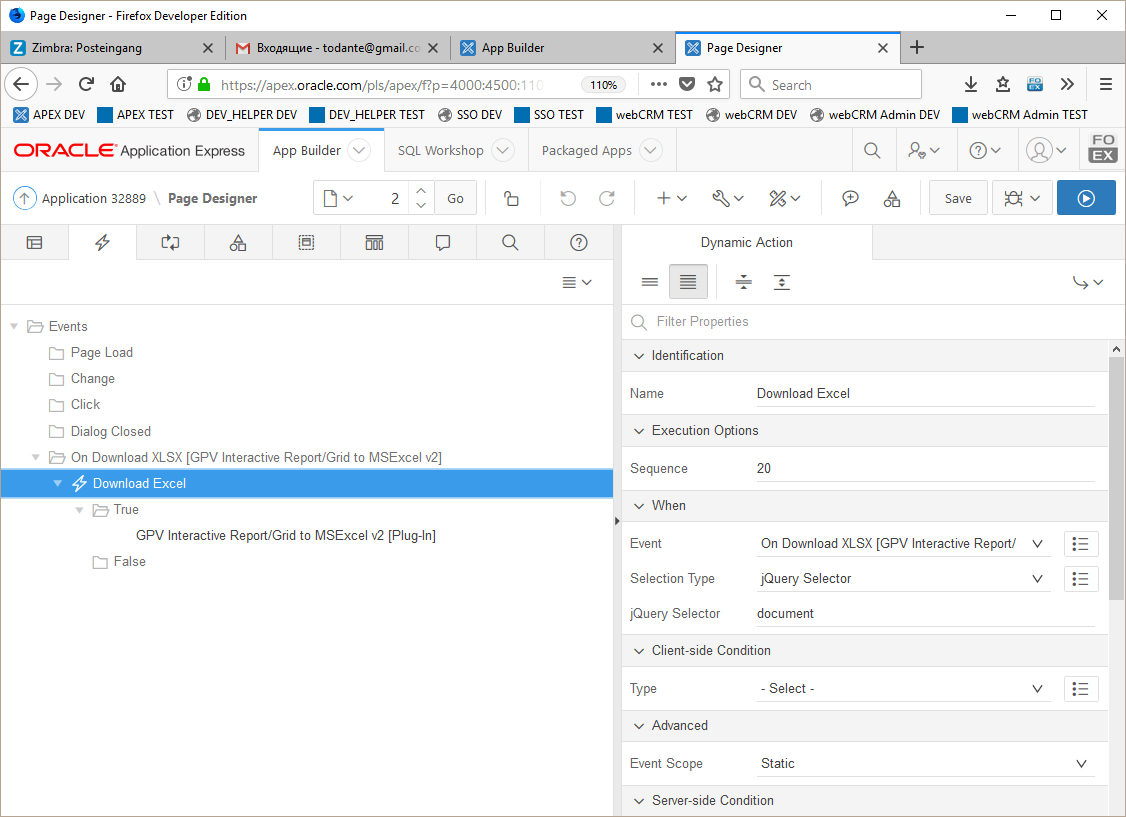
Where #USER# should be replaced to APEX Application Parsing Schema.

Install plugin

Navigate to “*Shared Components > Plug-ins*” and click **Import**. [This Oracle document](https://docs.oracle.com/cd/E59726_01/doc.50/e39147/deploy_import.htm#HTMDB26010) shows you how to upload the plugin-file “dynamic\_action\_plugin\_at\_frt\_gpv\_ir\_to\_msexcel.sql” and to install the plug-in using the file above.

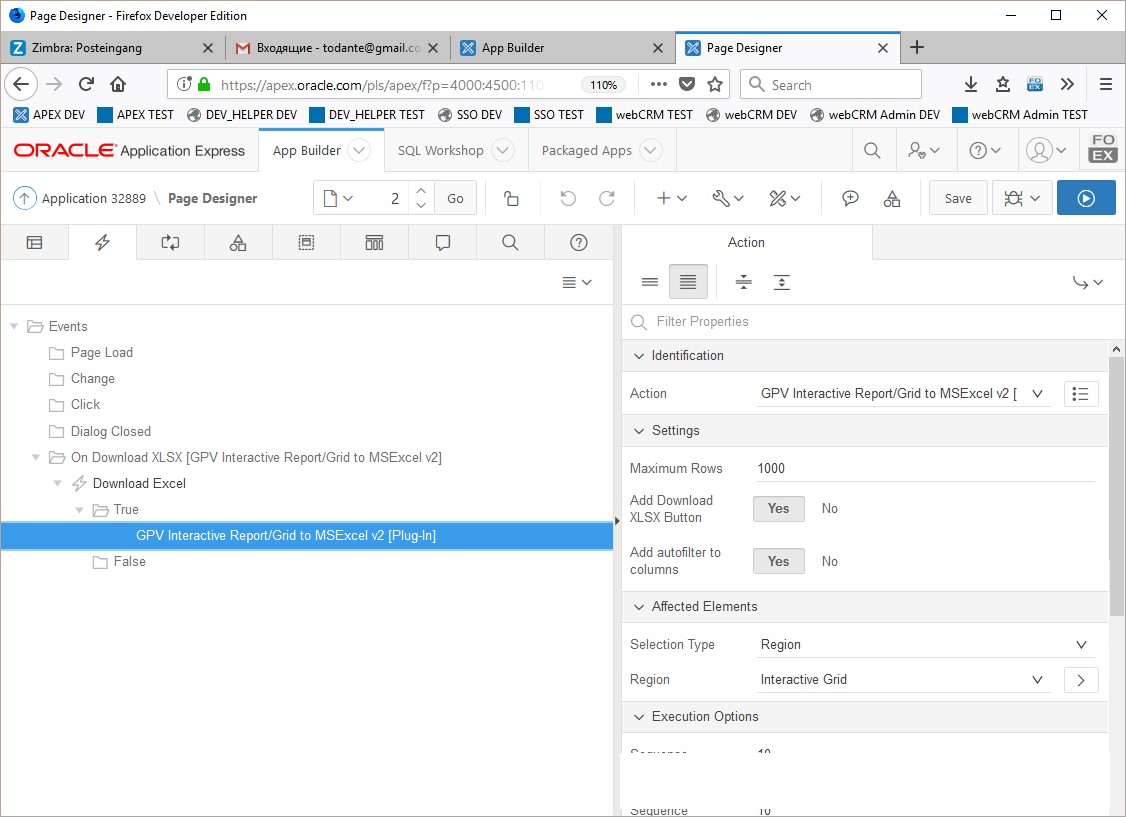
Using in your application

1. Create a new Dynamic Action on Event “**On Download XLSX[GPV Interactive Report/Grid to MS Excel v2]**”.



Set

* “*Selection Type*” => “**jQuery** **Selector**”
* “*jQuery Selector*” => “**document**”

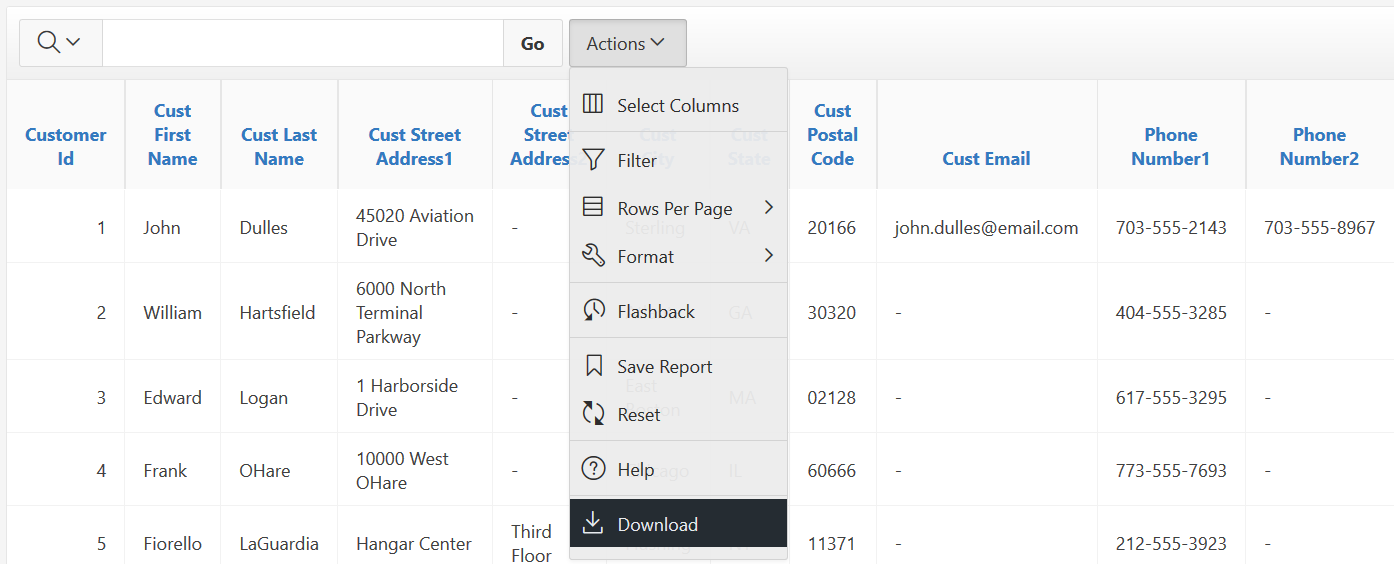


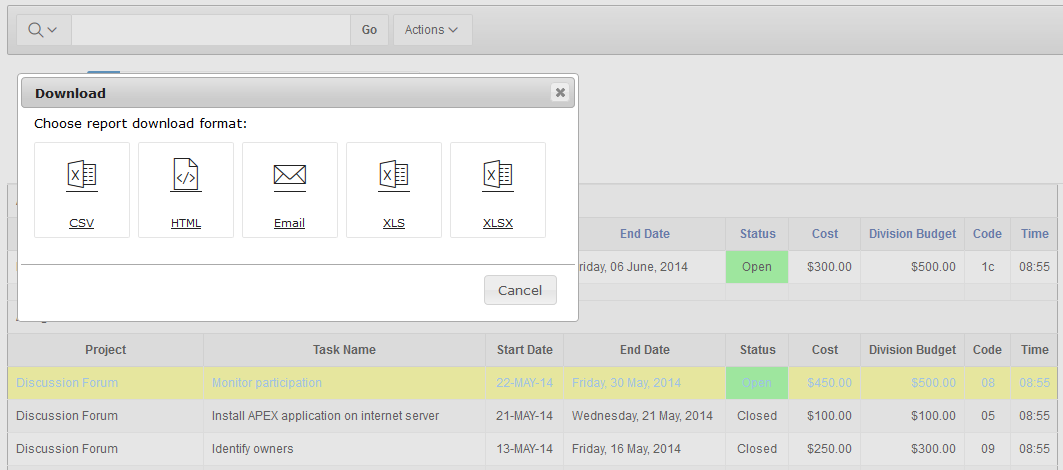
Select “*Action*” => “**GPV Interactive Report/Grid to MS Excel v2**”

The plugin is ready to use with the default settings.

How it works for Interactive Reports

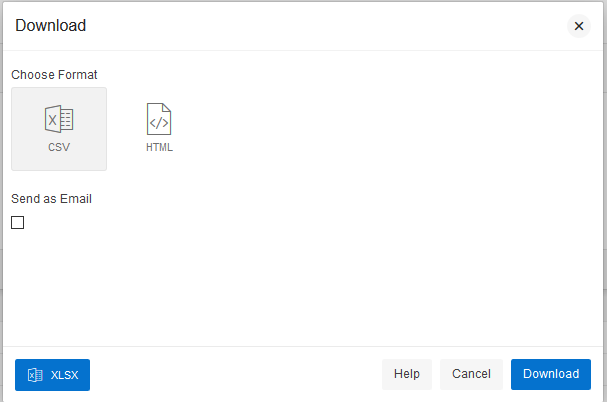
The plugin adds “Download XLSX” Icon to the “Download menu”. By pressing on this icon the user gets an XLSX-file.





How it works for Interactive Grids

The plugin adds “XLSX”-Button to the Actions => Download menu of Interactive Grid. By pressing on this button the user instantly gets an XLSX-file.

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Configuration Settings

Return Data – for Interactive Report only

Choose "Excel XLSX" to return the Interactive Report as a MS-Excel file.

Choose "Debug TXT" to view debug information.

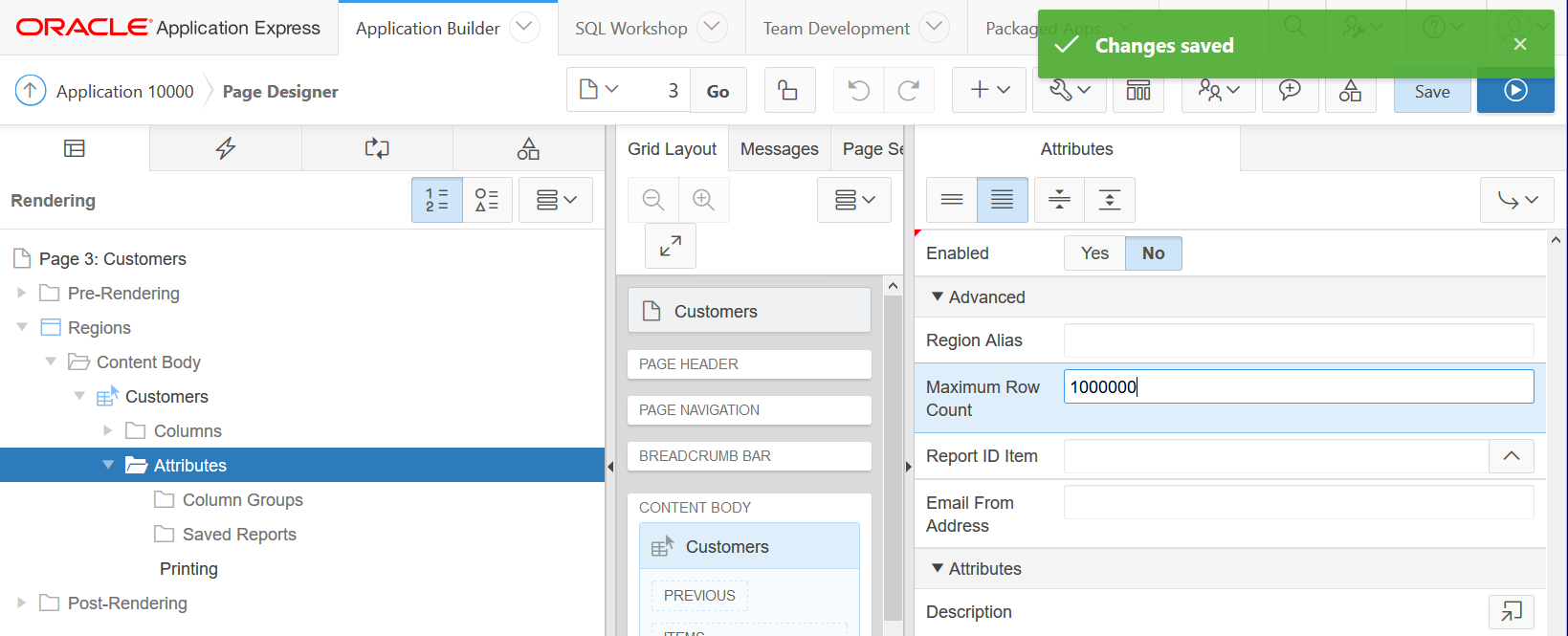
Choose “commi235 Render Engine” to use a separate render engine from Moritz Klein (needs to be installed separately).

Maximum Rows

Rows greater than this value will not be exported.

To export all the rows set the value to 1000000000.

When empty - value from Interactive Report Attributes-> Maximum Row Count will be used.



Export Hyperlinks - for Interactive Report only

If is set to “As Hyperlinks”, then IR columns with type “Link” are exported as Links (URL).

Custom Column Width - for Interactive Report only

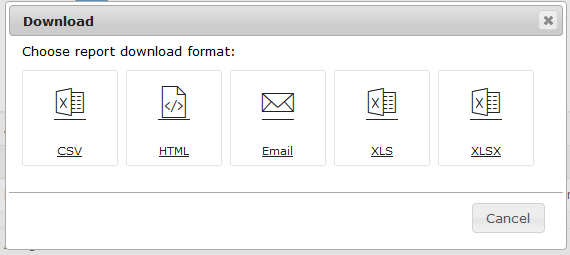
Comma - delimited list of columns with their widths.

For example, if you want to set width of COMPANY\_NAME column to the 15 (Excel width points), and CTL column to the 6 points, you should fill this parameter as:

**COMPANY\_NAME:15,CTL:6**

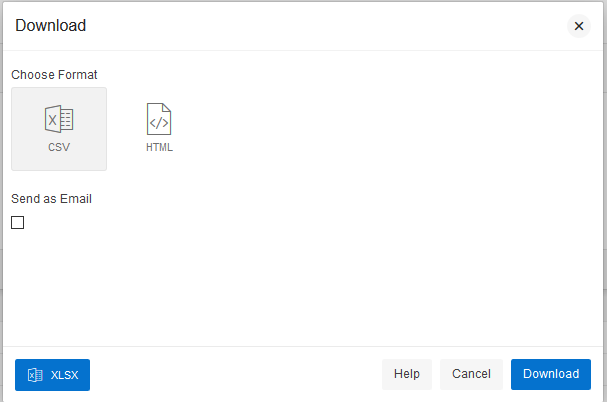
## **Add Download XLSX Icon to “Download Dialog”**

For Interactive Report:



This Icon will be added

For Interactive Grid:

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This Button will be added

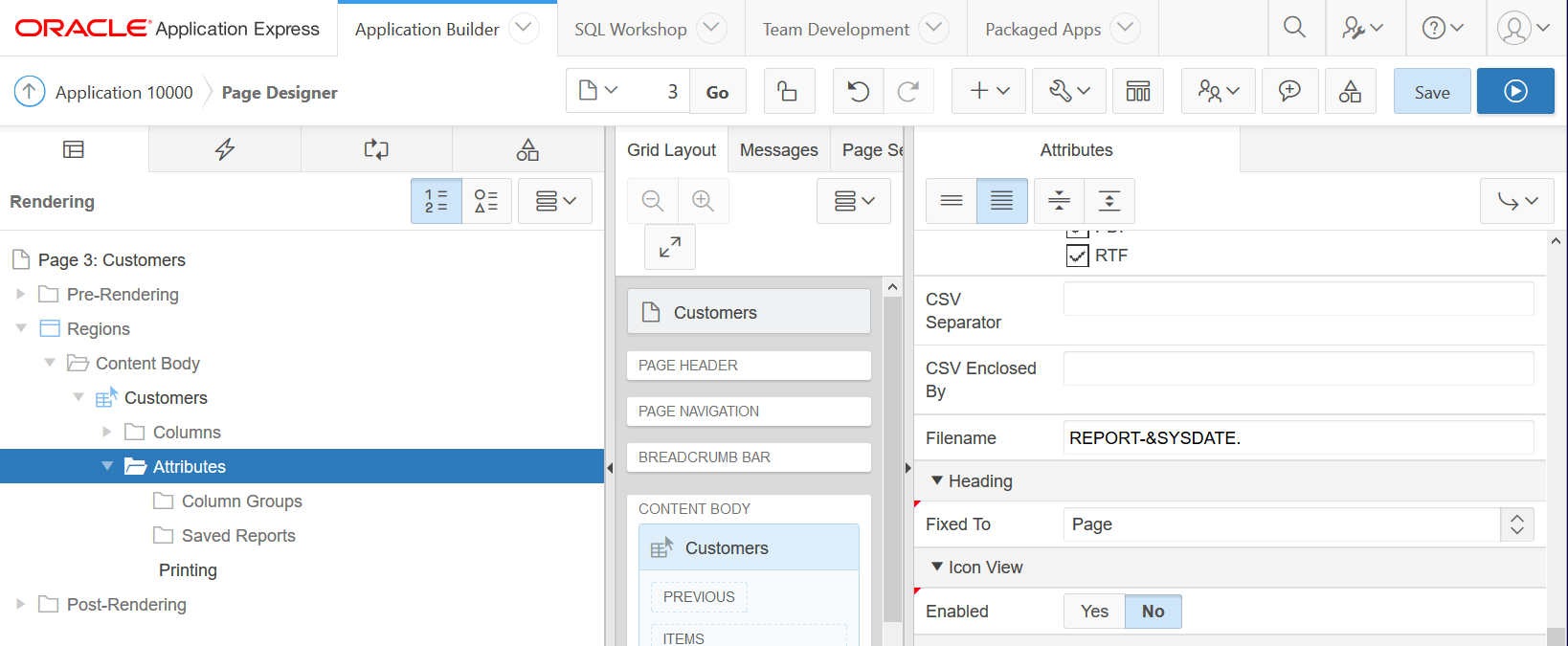
## **IG Fetch Portion (Interactive Grid only)**

Interactive Grid fetches data from Database by portions of rows. Here one can set a size or each portion of rows. Default – 1000.

# FAQ (How to)

Replace default file name (Excel.xlsx) to the custom file name

When not empty, the value from *Report Attributes*-> *Filename* field will be used.



Use this functionality for all Interactive Reports or Interactive Grids in your application

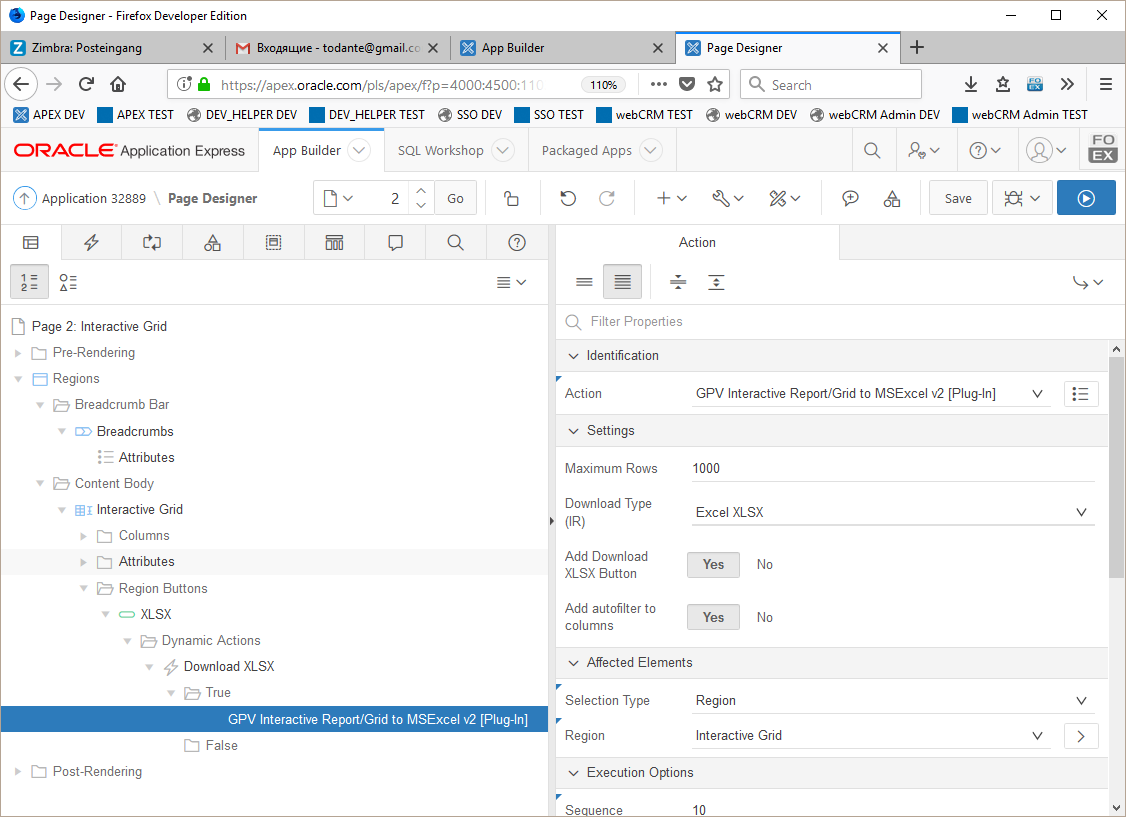
Install the plugin on Page 0 as described above in “**Using in your application**” section.

When you want to exclude this functionality from a couple of pages, use **Conditions**.

The plugin supports Interactive Grids and interactive Reports simultaneously.

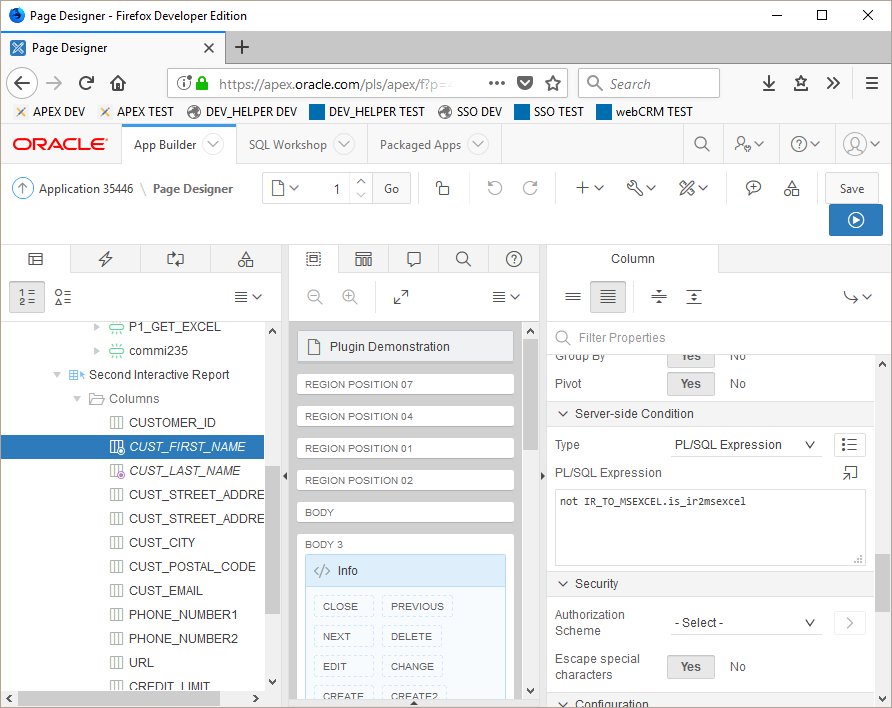
Adding a custom download button

1. First create a Button
2. Create Dynamic Action on Event “**Click**” for this Button.
3. Create True Action an set “*Action*” to “GPV Interactive Report/Grid to MSExcel v2 [Plug-in]”.
4. In “*Affected Elements*” Section set “*Selection Type*” => “Region”.
5. Set “Region” to your Interactive Report or Interactive Grid region.



How to exclude report columns from export/make columns that are visible in Excel but not visible in Interactive Report (not for Interactive Grid)

Use **Conditional Display** column property for this.

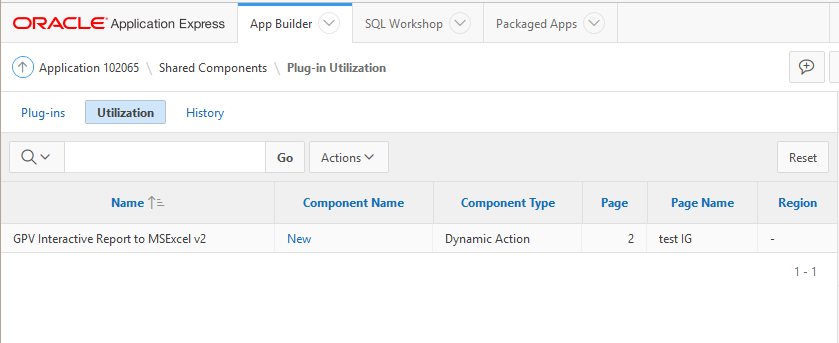


Use ***not ir\_to\_msexcel.is\_ir2msexcel*** Expression to exclude column from export,

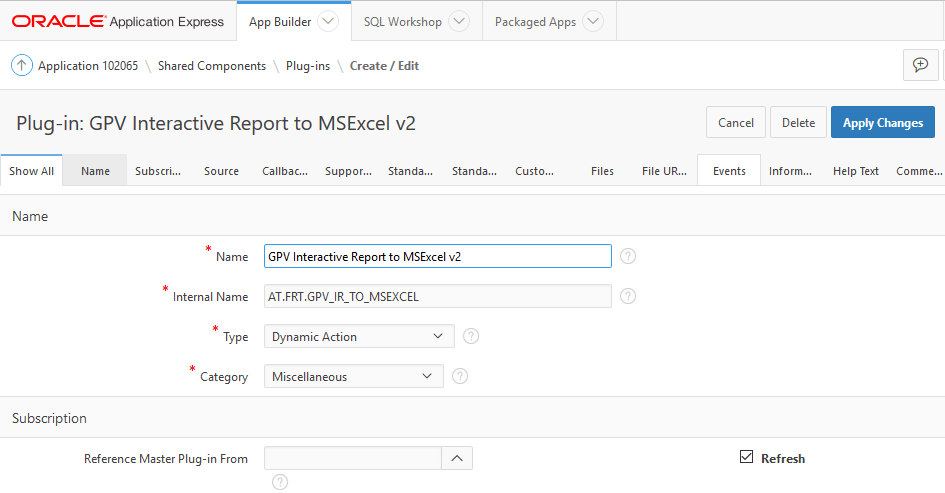
And  ***ir\_to\_msexcel.is\_ir2msexcel*** Expression to make column visible on export only.

How to uninstall plugin

First make sure that the plugin are not used in your application components any more:



If Utilization Report don’t contain “GPV Interactive Report/Grid to MSExcel v2” records, on plugin-page appears Delete – Button.



Drop all plugin packages:

drop package IR\_TO\_XLSX;

drop package IR\_TO\_MSEXCEL;

drop package APEXIR\_XLSX\_PKG;

drop package AS\_ZIP;