

### Create Base Webster+ Pages Utility

DireXions 2025 – Pathways to Progress

## Create Base Webster+ Page(s)

#### **Overview**

- The Create Base Webster+ Page(s) utility is the first step in converting existing NOMADS panels into Webster+ HTML pages in situations where an existing application is being moved to a Web environment using Webster+
- Where possible, information from the panel is converted to Webster+ <u>Short Codes</u>
  - However, not everything that is supported in NOMADS has an existing short code or option in Webster+

## Create Base Webster+ Page(s)

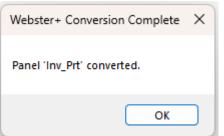
#### **Two Ways to Convert**

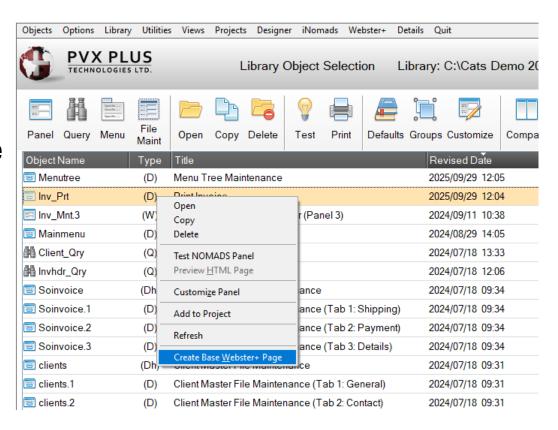
- Individual Panels
- Multiple Panels

Note: The Webster+ pages directory must be defined in the screen library before you can convert

## Convert Individual Panel in Library

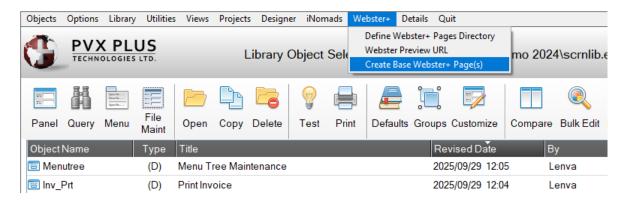
- Open Library Object Selection in NOMADS
- Select a single panel to convert
- Right-click to display the popup menu and select the Create Base Webster+ Page option
  - A message box appears when the conversion is completed





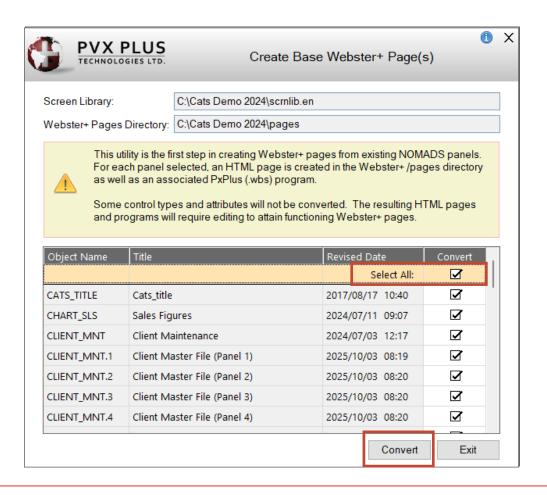
# Convert Multiple Panels in Library

- From Library Object Selection
- Click Webster+ in the top menu bar and select Create Base Webster+ Page(s) from the menu



The Create Base Webster+ Page(s) utility displays

### Create Base Webster+ Page(s) Dialog



#### **Converting Multiple Panels**

- All Dialog and Window objects from the screen library, except for those last generated as File Maintenance panels, are loaded into the grid
- Select the panels to convert by clicking individual checkboxes
- Alternatively, to convert all panels, click the Select All checkbox
- Click the Convert button at the bottom of the dialog

Pathways to Progress

### Files Generated

### The utility creates both an HTML file and a PxPlus program for every panel converted

#### **HTML FILES**

- Are updated to the Webster+ Pages Directory defined for the current screen library
- A HTML page for each panel is created and named in the format panelname.html
- Converted panels containing folders will result in one HTML file containing short codes for all folder tabs

#### **PXPLUS PROGRAMS**

- Also creates an associated program panelname.wbs
- Location is determined according to the PREFIX rules currently in effect
- Empty methods required for handling events (NOMADS logic) defined in the NOMADS controls, such as "When Button Pressed" for Buttons and "On Change" for Multi-line events are created and added to the program

### NOMADS Controls to HTML Page

#### What is converted?





- Buttons
- Charts
  - Smart Charts only
- Check Boxes
- Drop Boxes

- Fixed/Fonted Text
- Folders
- Frames (Boxes)
  - <=1 line high only
- Grids

- Shapes Horizontal Line
- Images
- List Boxes
- Multi-Lines
- Radio Buttons

### NOMADS Controls to HTML Page

#### What is NOT converted?



- Other than Horizontal lines
- Frames (Boxes)
  - With Heights of more than 1 line
- Horizontal Scrollbars
- Vertical Scrollbars

































- Charts
  - Not loaded via SmartLoad
- **External Controls**
- **Embedded Panels**

### HTML Page – also NOT Converted

#### **Panel**

- Pre-Display, Post-Display and On Exit Logic
- Foreground and Background Colors
- Precise Layout
- Theme
- Dependencies

#### **Controls**

- Post Create and When Receiving Focus Logic
- Background Colors for Check Boxes and Radio Buttons
- Visual Classes
- Italics Font Attribute

Most appearance related attributes are controlled by CSS

### .WBS Program Contents

#### **Comment elements added to all programs**

A Webster+ bind line with the path to the bound HTML page

```
%webster'BindFile$="C:\webster1\pages/customer.html"
```

 A Handle event section with ogic to intercept the events triggered by changes to the Web page and send program control to the proper methods defined for the events

```
! Handle events
goto Ino("EVENT_"+_event$,err=*next)
%webster'msgbox("Invalid event: "+_event$,"Internal Error - "+pgm(-3),"!")
!
exit
```

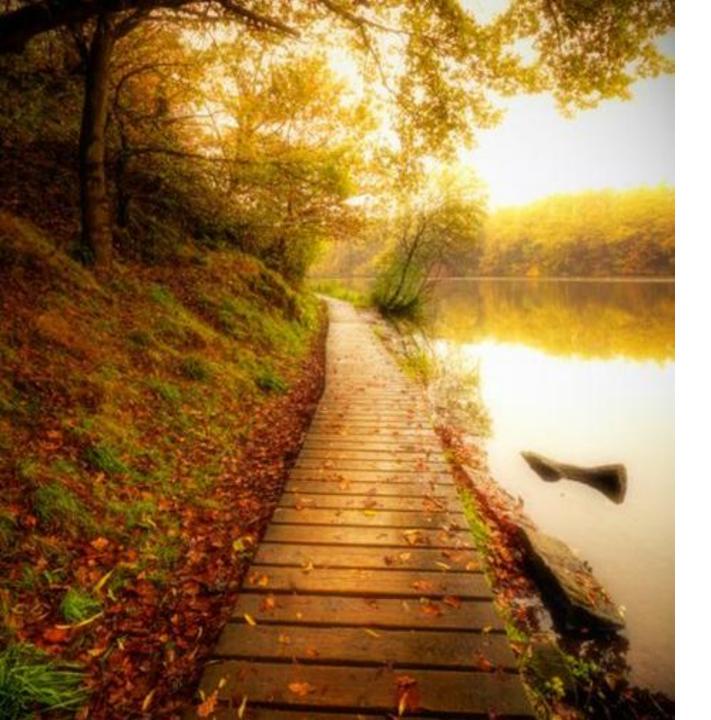
# .WBS Program Contents (continued)

#### Methods for Controls with Event logic are added

- Any Button control with 'When Button Pressed' event logic will result in a method called EVENT\_CONTROL\_NAME\_PRESSED (where CONTROL\_NAME is the name of the Button control)
  - i.e. EVENT\_CLOSE\_BTN\_PRESSED where CLOSE\_BTN is the name of the button
- Any other control type with "On Change" event logic will result in a method called EVENT\_CONTROL\_NAME\_CHANGED (where CONTROL\_NAME is the name of the control)
  - i.e. EVENT VENDOR NO CHANGED where VENDOR NO is the control name
- The above event methods are created with:
  - Method label
  - Remark line indicating what the logic is (i.e. Perform..., Call..., etc)
  - Exit Statement



Developer to review the NOMADS code indicated and translate it appropriately to work in Webster+

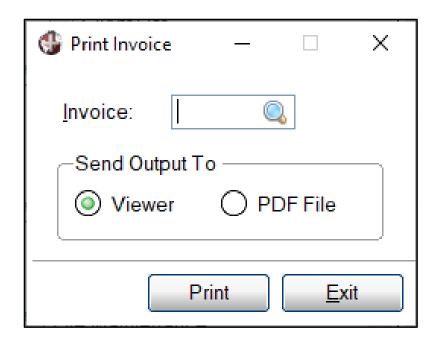


What's New in PxPlus 2025

### Create Base Webster+Page(s)

### Sample Panel Conversion

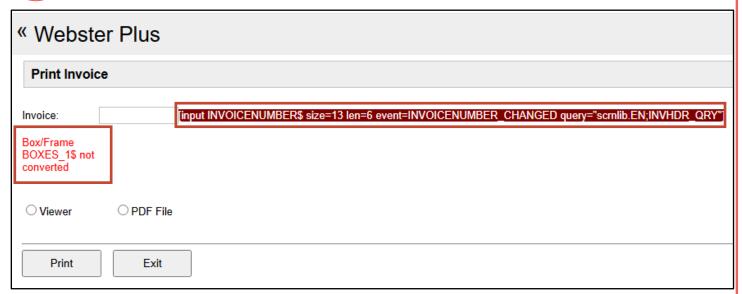
### Sample Panel Conversion



#### **NOMADS** Panel (Print Invoice – inv\_prt)

- A HTML file and a PxPlus program will be created
  - inv\_prt.html html file
  - inv\_prt.wbs program file

### .html file running in Webster+



#### Cleanup needed

- Remove the short codes created for any controls not converted
- Remove any unsupported controls
- Correct alignment by removing &nbsp codes (non-breaking spaces)
- Assign [section] short codes for whole, half, third, quarter or flex sections as desired
- Fine-tune the converted file as needed

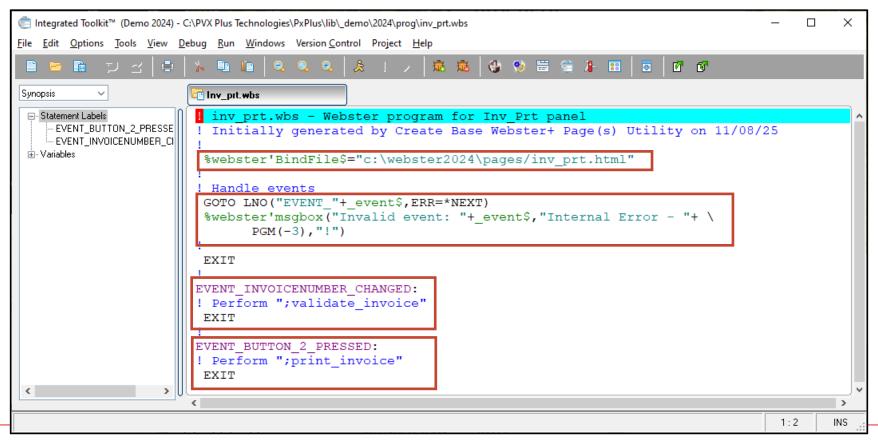
### .html file created

Converted inv\_prt.html file in Notepad

```
*C:\webster2024\pages\inv_prt.html - Notepad++
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        + ▼ ×
 File Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Tools Macro Run Plugins Window ?
  4 >
   inv_prt.html 🖈 🗵
                      <!DOCTYPE html>
                 =<html>
                      <meta name="author" content="Susan" />
                  -<body>
                      [ttl]Print Invoice[/ttl]<br>
                     [form program=inv_prt.wbs]<br>
                      [section whole]
                      [/section]
    13
                       [section whole]
                       [show "Invoice: " size=11 align=left]    
                     [input INVOICENUMBER$ size=13 len=6 event=INVOICENUMBER_CHANGEI query="scrnlib.EN;INVHDR QRY"
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    
                      [/section]
                       <br>
                      [section whole]
                     [show "Box/Frame BOXES 1$ not converted" size=15/5 align=center class=text red bold] inbsp; i
    23
                      <br>
                      [section whole]
    24
    25
                      [/section]
                     [section whole]
                      [radio OUTPUT$ size=14/2.2 value=1 default="V"]Viewer[/radio] snbsp;snbsp;snbsp; [radio OUTPUT$ size=14/2.2 value=2 default="V"]PDF File[/radio] snbsp;snbsp;snbsp;snbsp;
                      [/section]
                      [section whole]
    33
    34
    35
                      [button id=BUTTON 2$ size=13/2.5 event=BUTTON 2 PRESSED text="Print" | feber-fgbsp; inbsp;
                      [button id=BUTTON 1$ size=13/2.5 event=*close text="Exit"     br><br/>br>
    37
                      [/form]
                    [/body]
Hyper Text Markup Language file
                                                                                                                                                                                                    length: 985 lines: 39
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        Ln:39 Col:1 Pos:986
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          Windows (CR LF) UTF-8
```

# .wbs PxPlus program created

#### **Converted inv\_prt.wbs program**



Pathways to Progress

### Edited inv\_prt.html file

```
C:\webster2024\pages\inv_prt.html - Notepad++
                                                                                                                        File Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Tools Macro Run Plugins Window ?
                                                                                                                          + ▼ ×
3 🔒 🗎 🖫 🥫 🖟 🚕 | 🚜 🐚 🏚 | 🤝 🖒 | 🗩 🖒 🖿 🕩 🖎 🚾 🖎 🖎 🖂 🖂 🚍 🚍 🖺 🔻 🐷 💹 📭 👂 💿 💌 🗈 💿
🔚 inv_prt.html 🖈 🗵
        <!DOCTYPE html>
      -<html>
         <meta name="author" content="Susan" />
        </head>
        [ttl]Print Invoice[/ttl]<br>
         [form program=inv prt.wbs]<br>
         [section whole]
 12
         [show "Invoice: " size=11 align=left]
        [input INVOICENUMBER$ size=13 len=6 event=INVOICENUMBER CHANGED query="*demo\2024\scrnlib.EN;INVHDR QRY"
        <br>
        [/section]
        <br><hr><hr><br>
         [radio OUTPUT$ size=14/2.2 value=1 default="1"] Viewer[/radio][radio OUTPUT$ size=14/2.2 value=2]PDF File[/radio]
        <br><hr><hr><br>
        section nair
         [/section]
         [section half]
         [button id=BUTTON 2$ size=13/2.5 event=BUTTON 2 PRESSED text="Print"]    
         [button id=BUTTON 1$ size=13/2.5 event=*close text="Exit"]
        [/section]
         [/form]
Hyper Text Markup Language file
                                                             Ln:25 Col:59 Pos:698
                                                                                               Windows (CR LF) UTF-8
                                                                                                                            INS
                                 length: 722 lines: 29
```

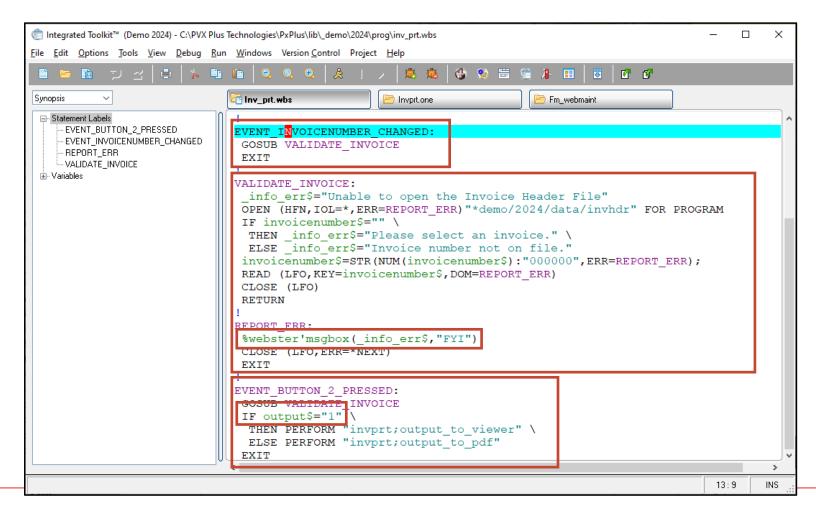
#### **Changes**

- Removed frame and replaced with <hr>
- Corrected query path
- Removed unnecessary &nbsp's
- Adjusted [section] short codes
- Added some <br/> <br/> <hr>'s for spacing
- Radio Button default corrected

### Edited inv\_prt.wbs program

#### Changes

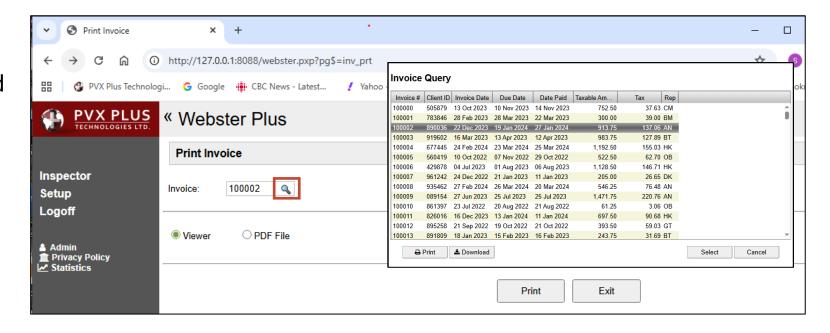
- Removed remarks referencing NOMADS code
- Replaced with methods based on existing NOMADS code
- Added methods as needed
  - %webster'msgbox()
- Radio Button values



# Completed Webster+ Page

#### **Running page in Webster+ with final edits**

- Query now functioning correctly
- Invoice entry being validated
- Radio Buttons working
- Print Button working



# Create Base Webster+ Page(s)

#### **Useful Links**

Help

Create Base Webster Page(s)

Webster+ Web Development Toolkit

Videos (Webster+)

Web Development Setup & Configuration

Web Application Development Series

Take Webster+ demo application for a test drive <a href="https://testdrive.pvxplus.com">https://testdrive.pvxplus.com</a>

Test drive page also contains a ZIP and TAZ file with all sample HTML pages, programs and data used for the demo