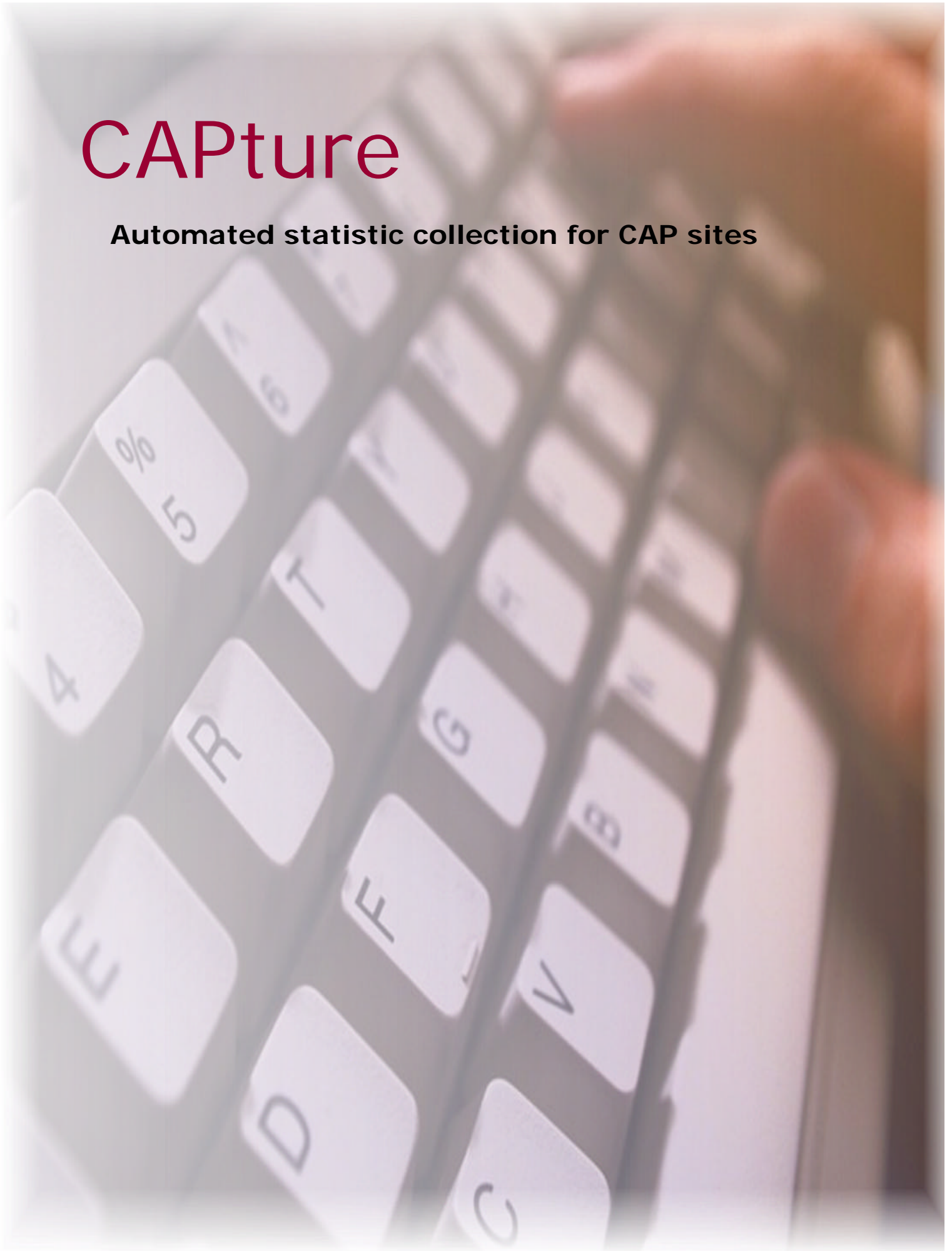


CAPture

Automated statistic collection for CAP sites



The origin of CAPture



Cardinal Software Services Inc. specializes in administrative software solutions for public sector organizations. As many of our clients are involved in the Community Access Program (CAP), we were approached to develop a product that would ease the overwhelming manual tracking and paperwork of collecting statistical information required by Industry Canada. In partnership with the York Region District School Board, Cardinal responded to the challenge and created CAPture—a software solution that automatically captures and collates statistical information and usage of CAP machines.



CAPture Now!



CAPture can be easily installed in your current network to start collecting your statistics now! Whether you have a few machines in one site or several machines spread over several sites, CAPture can help you eliminate endless hours of manual processes.

Simply configure a new or existing machine as the CAP primary machine which will house the CAPture database. The administrator component can be installed on and run from any machine that can connect to the CAP primary machine. Once the environment has been configured, a simple client component is downloaded to each CAP machine.

Customize

CAPture's comprehensive administrator utility allows you to configure the application to suit your organization and your requirements.

Logon screens can be customized to include your own logo(s) and graphic(s) as well as Acceptable Use Policies and CAP User Advisories. Logon options include PIN validation, Name validation or Anonymous login. As part of the logon process, an option exists to force users to access a web page before access to the machine is granted. This allows you to share additional information and/or prompt for additional feedback.

Whether compulsory statistics are retrieved from PIN database or queried at logon, additional questions can be configured to track any other type of information you require. These additional statistics are collected and stored in variable 'group codes', defined at setup. Additional questions can be added at any time.

Optionally configure Time limits ± Screen background ± Reporting periods

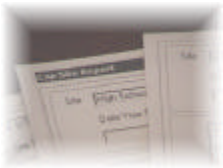
Collect and Evaluate

In addition to compulsory statistics required by Industry Canada, CAPture can track what programs are being used by who, when, and for how long. Knowing whether word processing, spread sheet or presentation programs are being used can ensure your CAP machines are configured with the tools your community needs.

The granularity setting establishes the level of detail that will be tracked—from simple logon numbers to specific program use and duration. User-defined grouping mechanisms allow you to view and graph the data in various ways.



Reports



CAPture comes equipped with all standard reports required by Industry Canada. The annual maintenance agreement will ensure you receive all updates and additions to the reports as changes are made by the government.

Changes to static information regarding your organization such new partnerships established and number of sites opened in the reporting period must be reflected in your report submissions. To make this process easier, a flexible reporting period setup has been established in CAPture. At the start of each reporting period, the previous period's static information is copied to the new period for review and adjustment. Statistics for the current period are then automatically inserted for production of the report.

In addition to the standard reports available, third party reporting tools can be used to create virtually any report required because the data is stored in MS Access or SQLServer. Export capabilities are also included.



Connectivity not an issue

At client login, the CAP machine attempts to connect to the CAP primary machine to upload any changes to the configuration. If, however, network problems prevent the connection, the CAP machine allows the user to continue and keeps track of the statistics locally. At each user logon, a connection attempt is made—this continues until the CAP machine connects and uploads the data it has been collecting. In this way, your CAP machines can continue to serve your community whether your network is experiencing problems or not!

"When our Board first considered opening CAP Sites at our schools it was with the understanding that we could not add additional work to our already busy school secretaries. Because, as part of our agreement with Industry Canada, we would need to report CAP usage statistics on a monthly basis for over 110 CAP sites, we had to find a way of automating that function both at the school and Board level. The people at Cardinal Software, with whom the Board has had a relationship over the past two decades in co-developing successful software applications, agreed to work with us in creating an access validation and usage tracking software solution which not only would meet the reporting needs of Industry Canada, but would also allow us to track additional usage statistics of interest to the Board. The CAPture System today allows us to fulfill those reporting requirements and do so transparent to our CAP User, but even more important, transparent to the staff in our schools."

Nick Vollebregt
CIO, York Region District School Board

CAPture Quick Facts

- ⊕ MS Access or SQLServer Database
- ⊕ Windows NT/2000 compliant
- ⊕ CAP User desktop lockdown
- ⊕ Completely user customizable
- ⊕ Standard pre-formatted CAP reports
- ⊕ Usage Graphs and Queries
- ⊕ View active CAP users online



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