

Create a Single Document

In this tutorial we will create a document for a single contact from the template 'Blank Letter - Contact Address'. This template will insert the contact's name and address details.

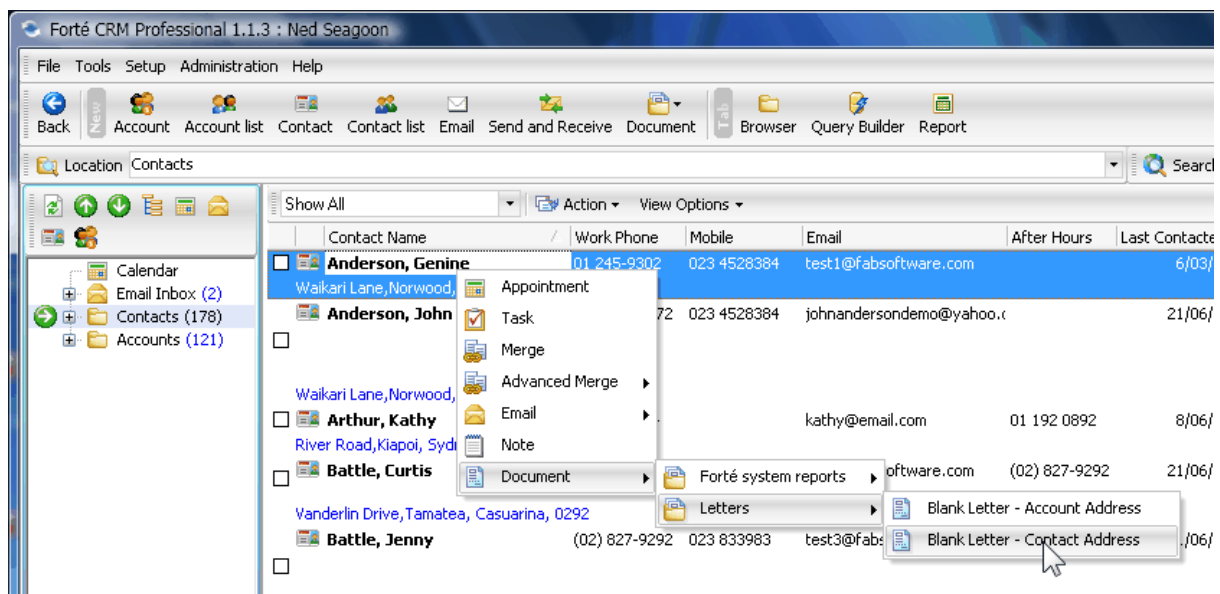
Step 1: Select the Contact and Document Template

This can be done in one of the following ways:

Method 1

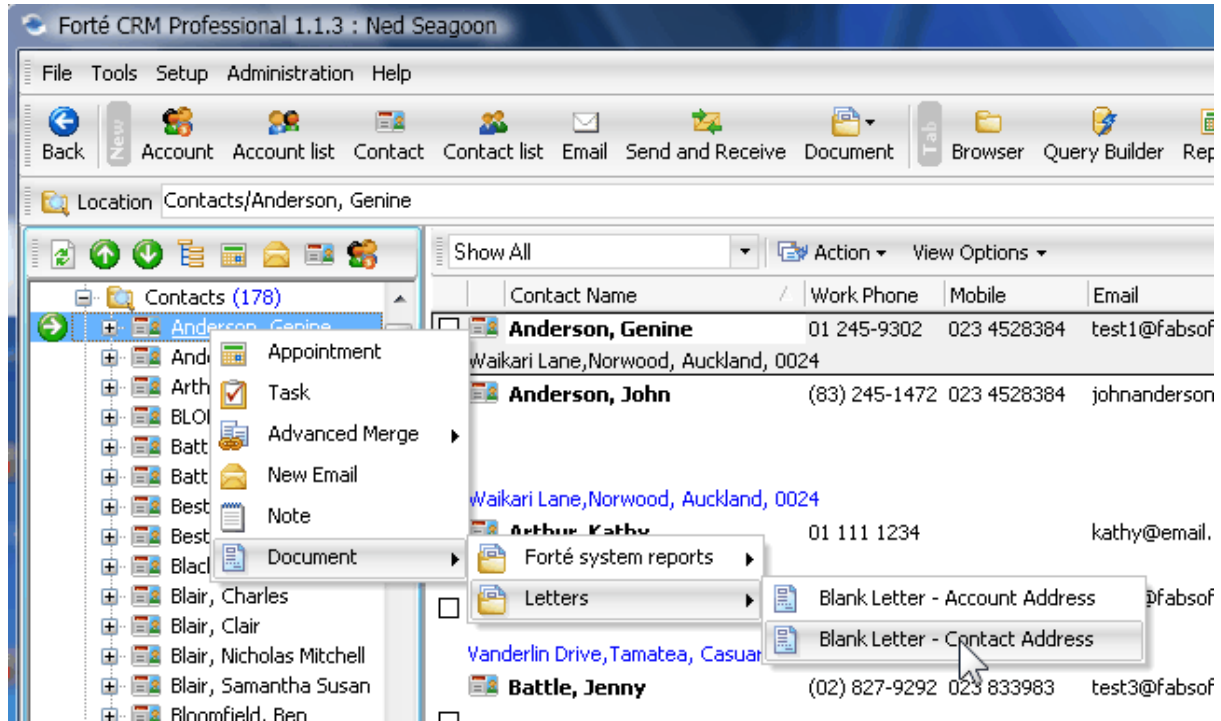
- Click on Contacts in the tree view. The grid of contacts will be shown in the right hand viewing pane.
- Scroll down the grid and right click on the desired contact.
- Select Document and navigate to the Blank Letter - Contact Address template.

The image below shows selecting the template for the contact **Genine Anderson** from the contact grid.



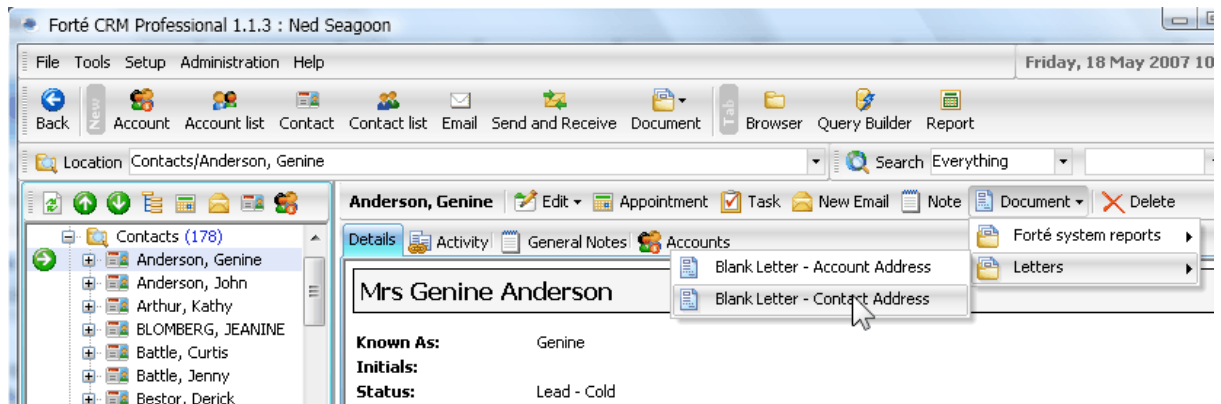
Method 2

- Expand the Contact folder in the tree view to reveal the contacts by clicking on the '+' symbol.
- Right click on the contact desired contact.
- Select Document and navigate to the Blank Letter - Contact Address template.



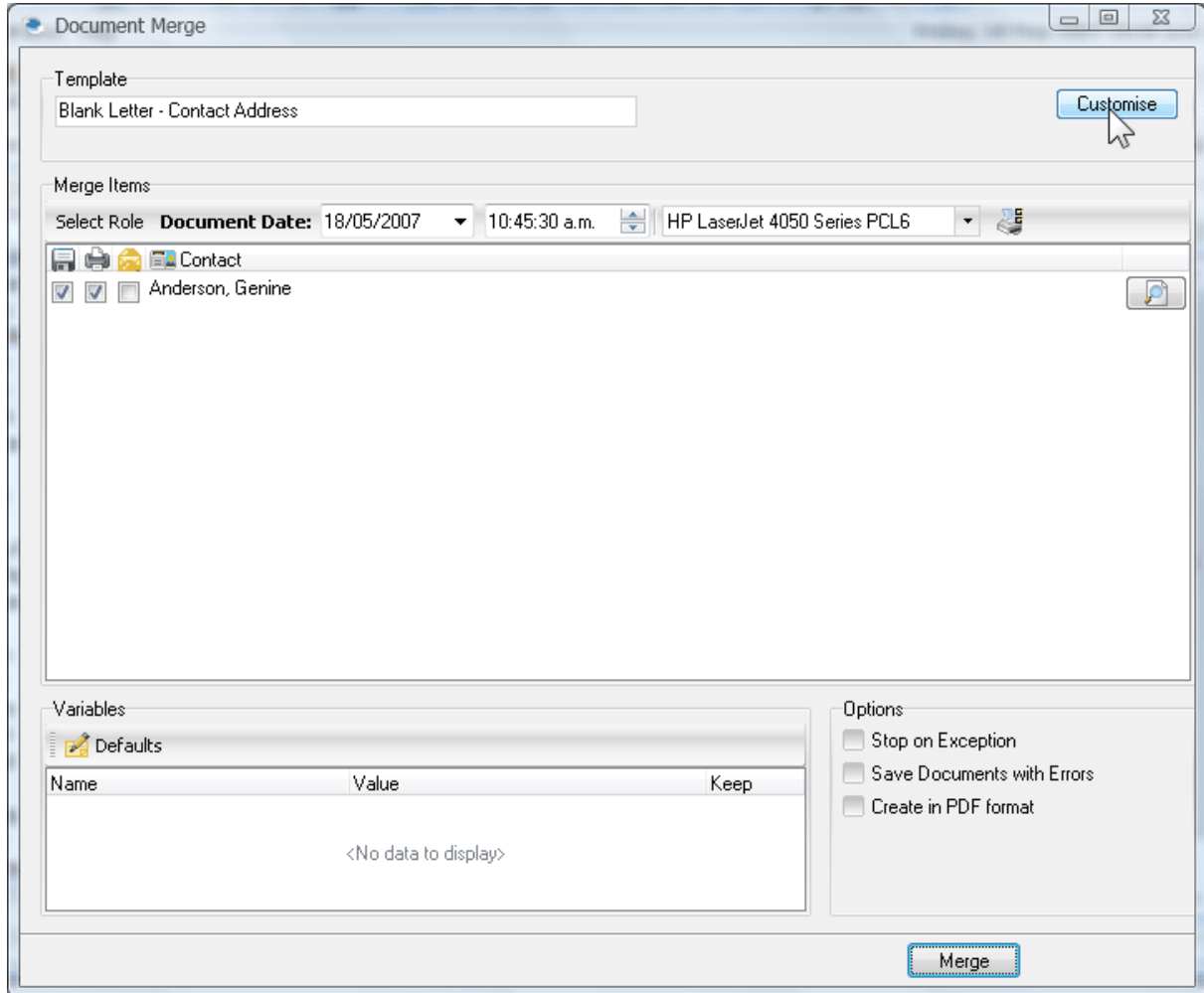
Method 3

If the contact details are visible in the right viewing pane (either by clicking once on the contact in the tree view, or by double clicking on the contact in the grid) then the document template can be found by clicking the Document button and navigating the menu to the Blank Letter - Contact Address template.



Step 2: Customise the Output

After the document template has been selected as described in Step 1, the Document Merge window will appear.

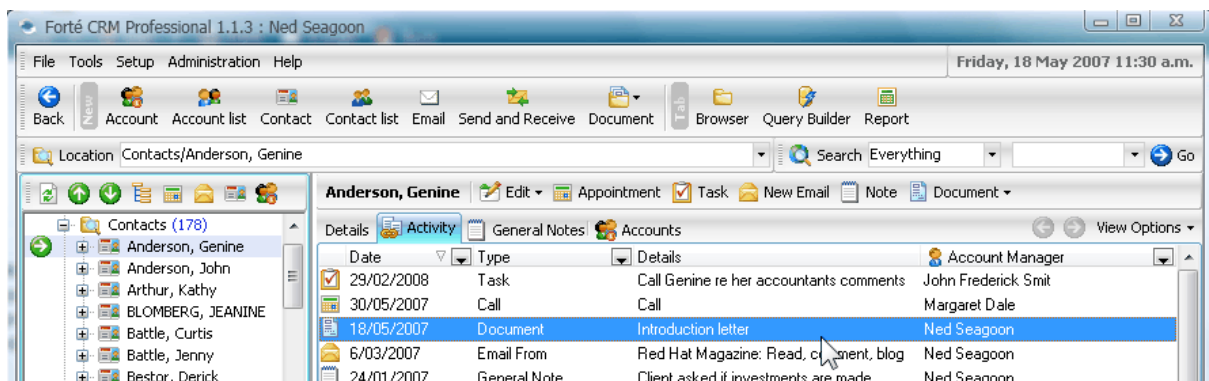
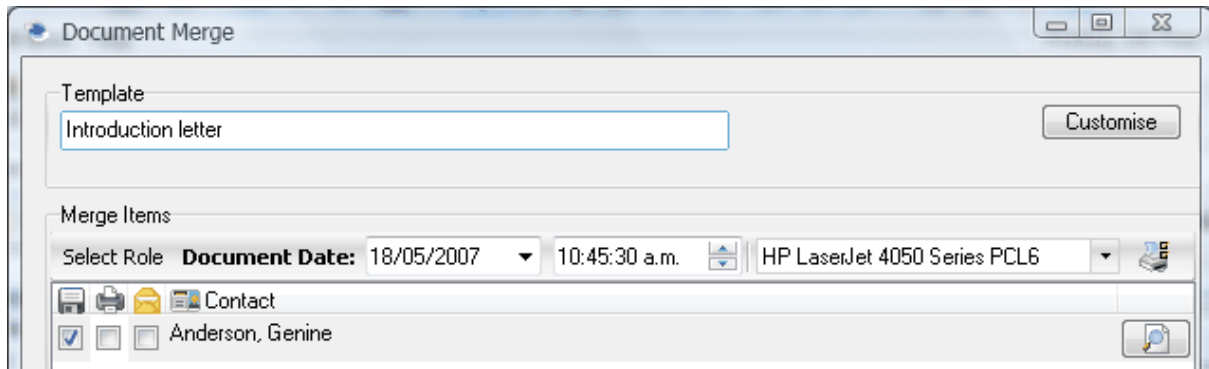


Variables

Some templates may have variables defined. These are values that are set at the time of document creation, and replace the corresponding merge symbols in the document. Variables include things like start date and currency type. Variables are available for editing at the bottom of the Document Merge window. You can revert to the default values by clicking on the 'Defaults' button. The letter template we are using in this example does not have any variables defined.

Document Title


The document will be created with the title that is entered in the 'Template' field at the top of the Document Merge window. This will be the name of the document as shown in the contact's activity list. Edit this if required so that the document is easily identified. As the Blank Letter - Contact Address template is a general letter layout without any text, and we are writing an introduction letter, the title of the document has been changed to 'Introduction Letter'. If you have set up a template for a standard Introduction Letter this template would be used instead and the document title would not require changing.

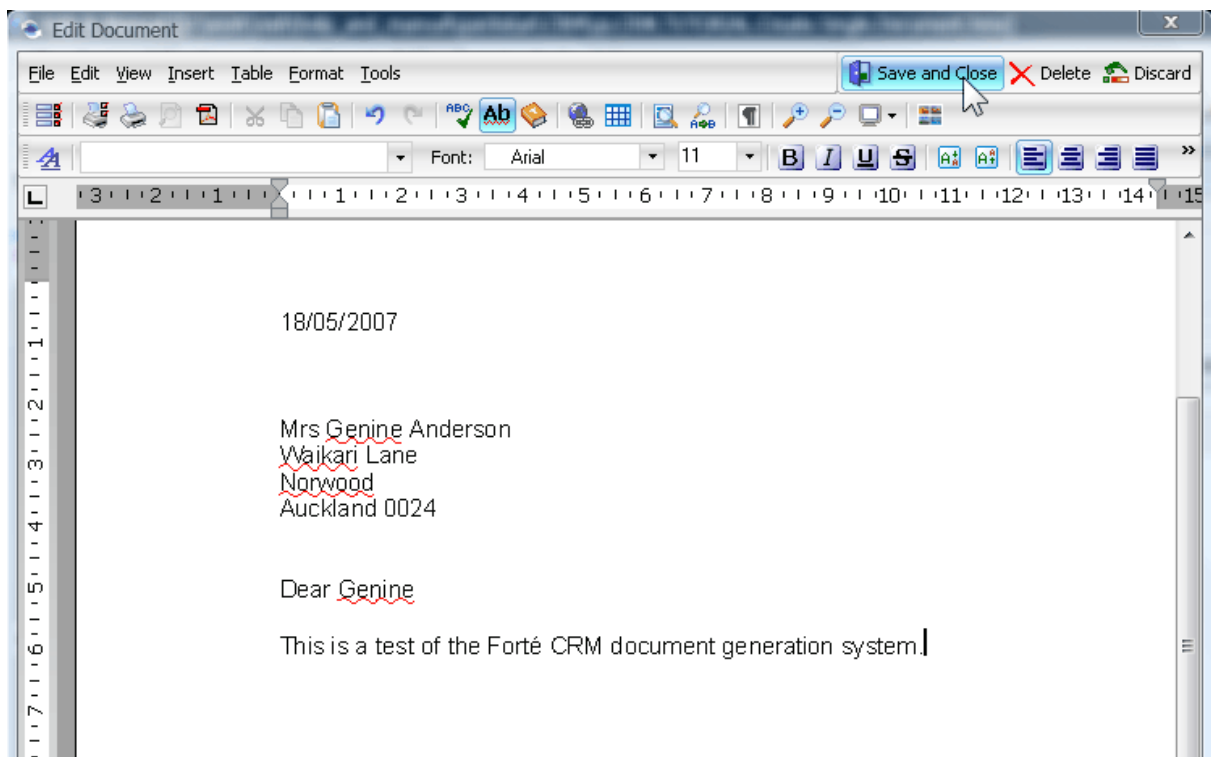


Document Content

As the template 'Blank Letter - Contact Address' contains no text, the output needs to be customized. Depending on the content of the template being used this step may not be required. There are two ways the output may be customized.

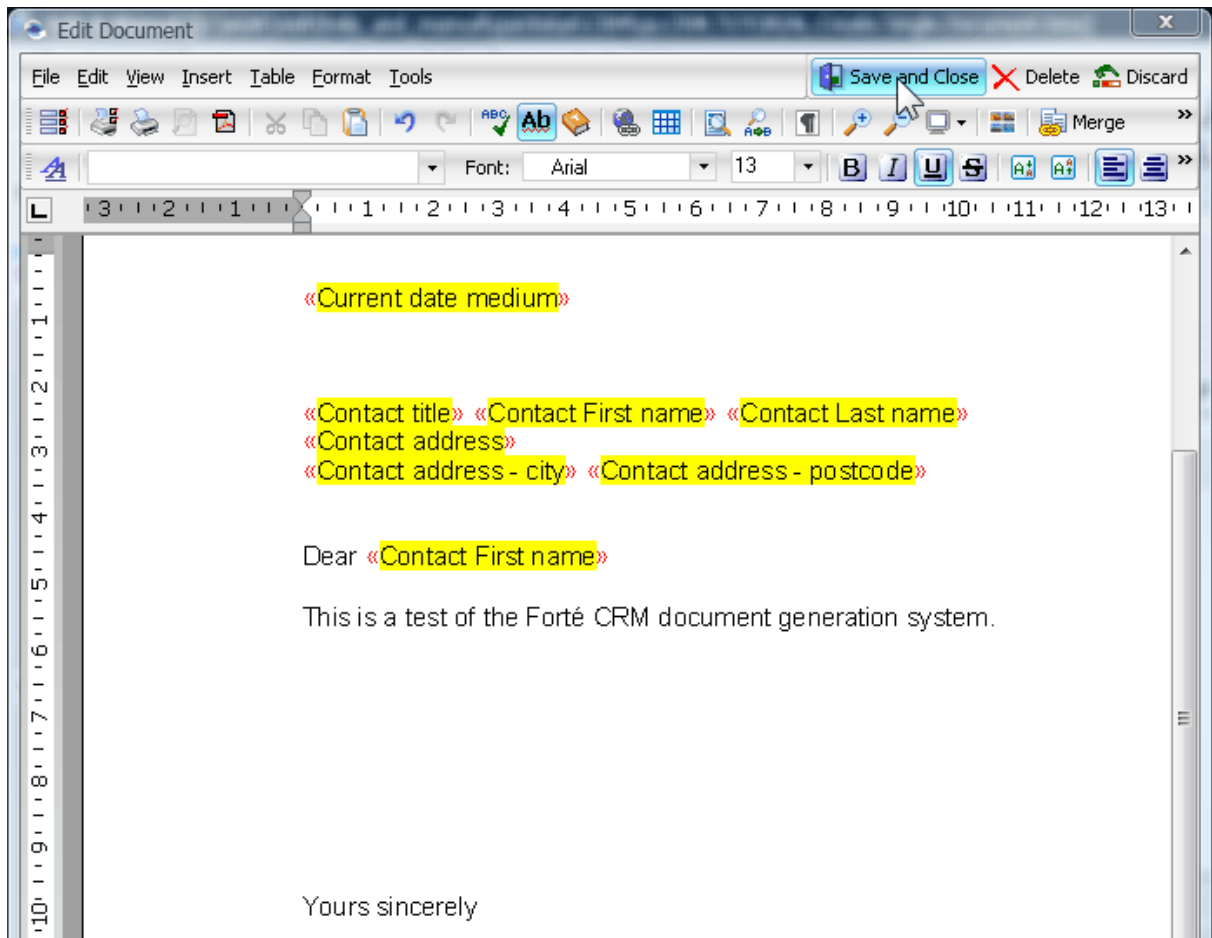
Method 1 (recommended)

Click the preview button  and a window will appear with the details of the selected contact merged into the template. Make the required changes and click 'Save and Close'.






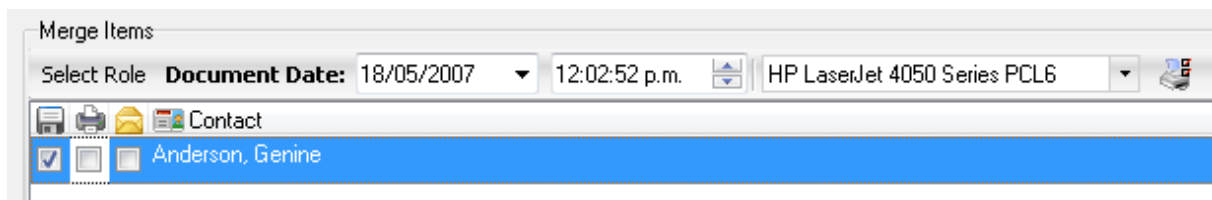
Method 2

To alter the template click 'Customise'. After the changes have been made click 'Save and Close'. Note: the changes made to the template are only applied to the current mail merge. The template is not permanently changed. This method is more useful when performing a mail merge for more than one contact as the template is modified for all contacts in the merge.



Step 3: Save and Print the Document

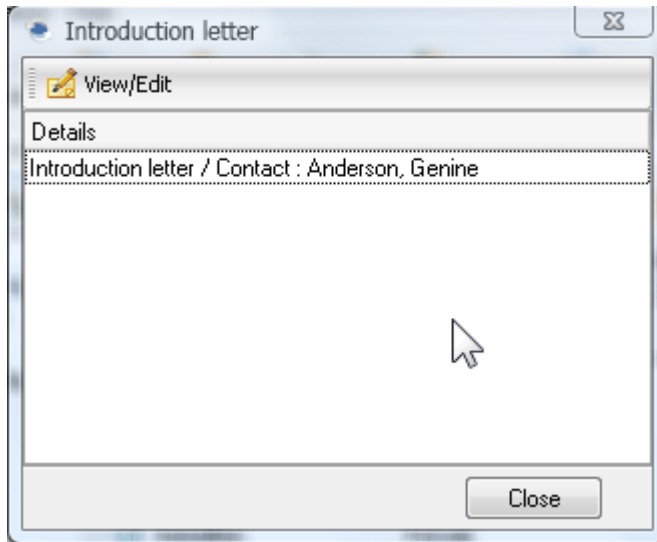
The final step is to print and/or save the document. To save the document in the contact's activity list, tick the save column  next to the contact's name. If you wish to print the document tick the print column . Select the printer from the drop down box at the top of the Document Merge screen. The printer properties can be set by clicking the  next to the printer selection.



Click the Merge button in the bottom right of the window to create/save/print the document.

Report Manager

After the document has been created the Report Manager window will appear. This lists all the documents created in the merge. In this case only one document will be listed.



The report manager can be accessed at any time from the main Forté menu by selecting Tools → Report Manager. The report manager lists the most recent merges.

