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Exporting Data to other applications

You may wish to use data from the Collector's Assistant with other computer applications such as word processors and spreadsheet programs or for transmission to other people or companies (for example to sell some items on auction).

This sharing is easily accomplished with the clipboard support provided in the Collector's Assistant Plus. The facility allows you to copy the contents of the collection grid (or a selected 2D subset) into the Windows Clipboard from which it can be pasted directly into many other applications.

To perform an export, you follow these steps:

- Select the collection containing the items to be exported in the Collection Name dropdown
- Select the report format containing the columns that you wish to export
- Click on Collection->Export Data to Delimited Text File
- Select the delimiter to be used between columns (tab is the default)
- Click on Export and Close

A file CAExport.txt will be created in the folder c:\CollectorAssistant\MyData. Each time you export the file will be emptied unless you check the Append checkbox.

The file may be directly opened with other applications capable of handling delimited text such as MS Excel.

You may want to optimize the listing grid format for your export, since there is no paper size limitation. An export format should contain a column for each item of information you wish to transfer to the other application.

This approach may also be used to output information for use with a mobile device as many mobile devices can run versions of MS Excel which can be used for the data synchronization with the device.