How to Use the PLD Variables File

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Introduction

PLD users and layout designers are often at a loss when preparing a new layout or trying to modify an existing layout. This is because until now no information was provided as to the type of variables, their restrictions, and usage in a specific layout.

This How to Guide provides a simple scenario to help you understand the function of variables you may want to add. Use the information here instead of performing a trial-and-error process in layout customization.

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# Getting the Layout Template Code

Use

The layout template code (Document ID) is your starting point for getting more information on this layout template.

Procedure

1. Open the required document or report, for example, *Invoice*.

2. Choose the ✏ icon on the tool bar.

   The *Layout Designer* window opens displaying both the SAP Business One default print templates and the user-created templates.
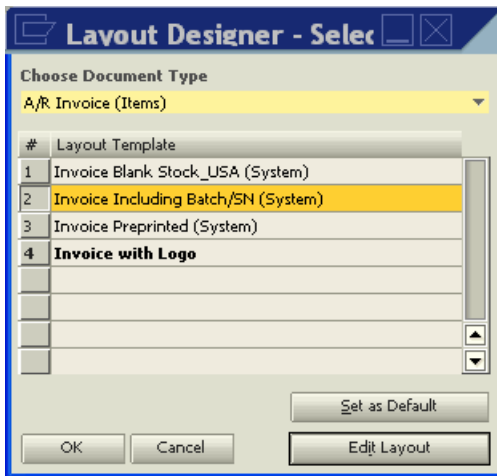
3. Select the template you want to edit and double-click it to open the *Print Layout Designer*.

4. To get the template code, from the *Print Layout Designer* menu, select *Display Document Properties*.
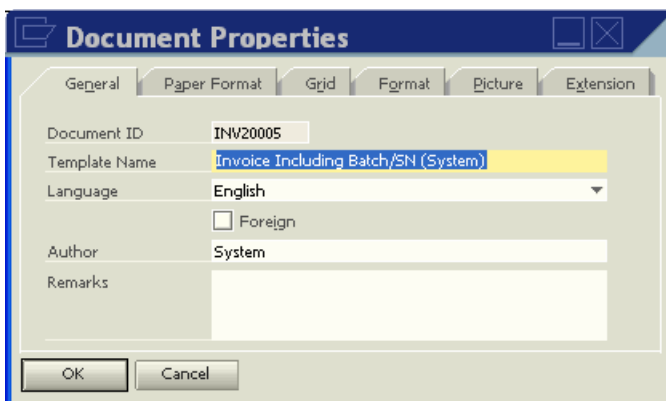
5. Write down the *Template Name* and the first four characters that appear in the *Document ID* field on the *General Tab*.

   The four characters stand for document type code and combine two elements:

   o Document type

      For example, *INV* stands for Invoice.

   o Item type (2) or Service type (1)

Working with the PLD_Vars.xls File

Prerequisites
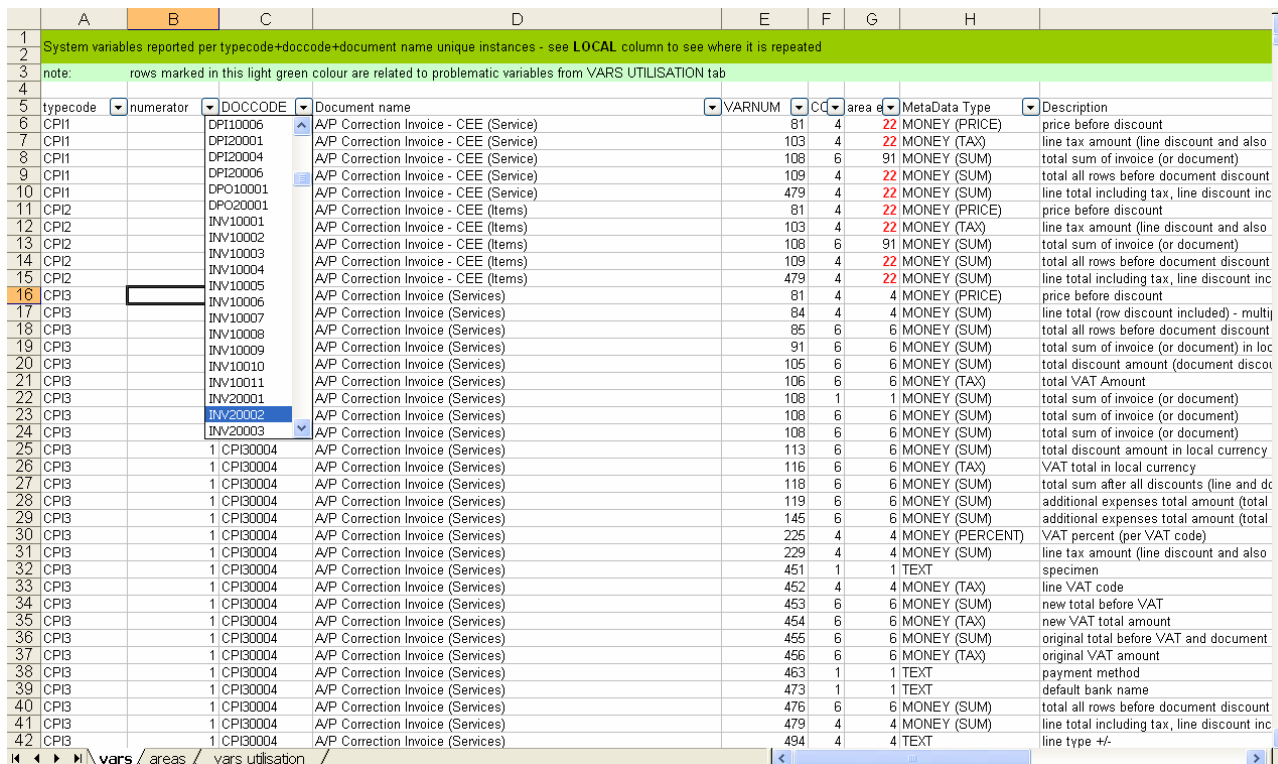
You have a copy of the PLD_Vars.xls file.

Use

The PLD_Vars.xls file contains detailed information on all the variables in all the system layout templates. You use this file to learn which variables are available for a specific layout and the restrictions on a specific variable.

Procedure

1. Open the *PLD_Vars.xls* file and choose the *Vars* sheet.

2. Do the following:

   a. Filter the *TypeCode* column by the document type code.

   b. Filter the *Document Name* column by the *Template Name*.

   c. In the *Local* column, filter out your country code.

A list of variables relevant to this layout appears.

Column	Description
VARNUM	Displays the variable code.
Area Exclusive	If the area code is marked red, the area has special behavior described on the *Areas* tab. Some variables work properly only if they are nested within this particular area. You can check restrictions on this area on the *Vars Utilization* tab.
Metadata Type	Displays the variable type.

Description	Displays a description of the variable.

3. If you know the variable number beforehand, you can check its restrictions on the *Vars Utilization* sheet.

     a. Choose the *Vars Utilization* sheet.

     b. Filter the *VARNUM* column by the variable number.

The *HANDLED ON* column displays a restriction code on the specified variable.

The restriction description appears in the table above the columns.

- Red area codes – the variable is exclusive to these areas.

- Green localization code – the variable is exclusive to these localizations.

- Gray document types – the variable is exclusive to these document types.

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