



## IBF uses the ForNAV solutions

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***"IBF is a large production company with many different and sometimes quite heavy-going reports. It has been running Microsoft Dynamics NAV for many years and, like many other companies, it was in the situation where it wanted to update Microsoft Dynamics NAV 2009 to the newer NAV 2016 version. IBF has reports going all the way back to Navision 3.70 so, as the time for the update approached, the team was facing extensive work."***





### Large company and heavy reports

IBF produces many different products and delivers customized concrete solutions, so every day it juggles a wide range of reports, working with everything from external documents to sales statistics, inventory lists, and financial statements.

### Time pressure

In August 2015, IBF got started creating some reports and the team realized how much of a process it was to make the new reports in the new version of NAV. They employed somebody to exclusively work with the reports but, because he had to be trained from the "bottom-up" in Dynamics NAV, he only managed to get offers, order confirmations, invoices and credit notes ready.

In November 2015, Henrik Frederiksen, an IBF NAV developer, read in a blog about the ForNAV solution to convert NAV reports, but he didn't think anything more of it.

In February 2016, it dawned on the IBF team that they simply do not have enough time to create the reports they need. Henrik remembered ForNAV and the Reports ForNAV Converter solution. IBF quickly becomes a registered user with a license and Henrik sits down to test it at 1 am that night. By 2:15 am, he has made the first report. It took him just over an hour to go from the installation of the Reports ForNAV Converter until he had a printout of a report in his hand. *"It was very simple,"* says Henrik Frederiksen.

### Savings

It was not only a good solution that meant IBF could meet its deadline for the reports; the ForNAV tool also saved IBF a fair amount of money on the conversion. IBF needed to convert 79 reports, including statistics, control statements, and daily lists. According to IBF's calculations, it would have taken at least four hours per report, or 316 hours at about 500 DKK per hour. The investment in ForNAV was less than 20% of this amount.

### Designer tool

IBF has also benefited from using the ForNAV Designer tool, which has helped them with their annual inventory and stocktaking. Warehouse employees wanted some new methods to keep track of the stock, but this was a challenge. A new employee in the IT department at IBF, who had not previously worked with NAV, was in charge of the task – and he successfully used the ForNAV Designer tool. He managed this quite easily and completed the project within the available time frame. Users were satisfied with the system and with the end result, which looks really similar to what they used to create in Excel.

### A word of advice to others

Henrik Frederiksen explains that there have been some challenges with one of their biggest reports, sales statistics, which is very heavy to run. The problem was the way that ForNAV displayed an error in the indexing of the report, which changed from one version to the next. Henrik contacted support at ForNAV and got help right away. *"My experience is that you should be careful not to run different versions of ForNAV reports simultaneously. You should instead make sure that you are running the same versions,"* says Henrik Frederiksen.

A good tip is to contact the ForNAV support team as soon as you run into a challenge, instead of trying to solve the problem yourself. Henrik's request has actually led to a change in ForNAV, so now it is possible to run different versions of ForNAV reports simultaneously. This provides customers with a wide range of benefits when they are developing new reports and they don't need to upgrade the existing reports and therefore avoid interfering with the daily operation of the system.



IBF produces concrete solutions for the Danish construction industry and has, since its foundation in 1960, been a major construction partner for both private and public companies. There is almost nowhere in Denmark where you cannot see the results of collaboration with IBF. Over the years, IBF has grown both organically and through acquisitions and it has participated in a wide range of small and large projects that all have one thing in common: IBF's products help to beautify and improve buildings and facilities.

Founded: 1960

Number of employees: 900

Number of ForNAV users:  
up to 150 active users

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When it comes to converting, maintaining, and developing reports for Microsoft Dynamics NAV, ForNAV is committed to giving partners and customers the fastest and most straightforward experience. We do this by providing the Reports ForNAV Converter, which enables older reports to run on newer versions of Microsoft Dynamics NAV that require RDLC format. In addition, we also provide the Reports ForNAV Designer, which is a user-friendly tool to create and modify reports in Microsoft Dynamics NAV.

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