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REPORTING SERVICES

OVERVIEW

Microsoft SQL Server Reporting Services is a server-based solution for building enterprise reports that draw content from a variety of relational and multidimensional data sources, publishing reports that can be viewed in various formats, and centrally managing security and subscriptions. The reports that you create can be viewed over a Web-based connection or as part of a Microsoft Windows application or SharePoint portal.

Reporting Services includes graphical tools and wizards for creating and publishing reports and report models; report server management tools for administering Reporting Services; and application programming interfaces (APIs) for programming against and extending the Reporting Services object model.

Reporting Services includes the following core components:

- A complete set of tools that you can use to create, manage, and view reports.
- Report Server component that hosts and processes reports in a variety of formats. Output formats include HTML, PDF, TIFF, Excel, CSV, and more.
- An API (application programming interface) that allows developers to integrate or extend data and report processing in custom applications, or create custom tools to build and manage reports.

The reports that you build can be based on relational or multidimensional data from SQL Server, Analysis Services, Oracle, or any Microsoft .NET data provider such as ODBC or OLE DB. You can create tabular, matrix, and free-form reports. You can also create ad hoc reports that use predefined models and data sources.

Visually and functionally, the reports that you build in Reporting Services surpass traditional reporting by including interactive and Web-based features. Some examples of these features include drill-down reports that enable navigation through layers of data, parameterized reports that support content filtering at run time, free-form reports that support content in vertical, nested, and side-by-side layouts, links to Web-based content or resources, and secure, centralized access to reports over remote or local Web connections.

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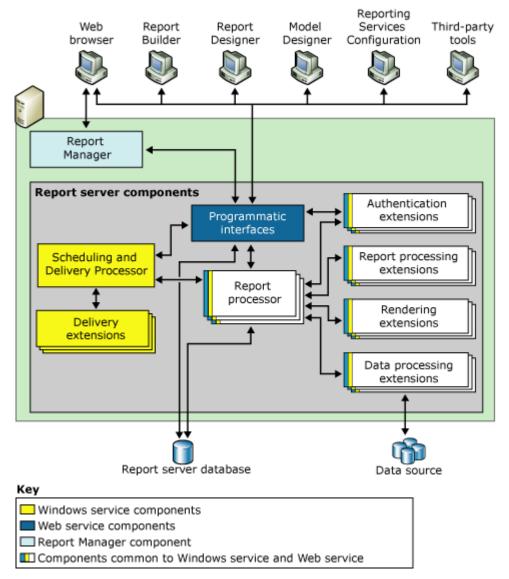
Although Reporting Services integrates with other Microsoft technologies out-of-the-box, developers and third-party vendors can build components to support additional report output formats, delivery formats, authentication models, and data source types. The development and run-time architecture was purposely created in a modular design to support third-party extension and integration opportunities.

SQL Server Reporting Services is a set of processing components, tools, and programmatic interfaces that support the development and use of rich reports in a managed environment. The tool set includes development tools, configuration and administration tools, and report viewing tools. Programmatic interfaces include Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP), URL endpoints, and Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) for easy integration with new or existing applications and portals.

Processing is distributed across multiple components. Central and specialized processors are used to retrieve data, process report layout, render presentation formats, and deliver to target destinations. Presentation processing occurs after the data is retrieved and is decoupled from data processing, allowing multiple users to review the same report simultaneously in formats designed for different devices or quickly change the viewing format of the report, from HTML to PDF or Microsoft Excel or XML, with a single click. The modular architecture is designed for extensibility. Developers can include reporting functionality in custom applications or extend reporting functionality to support custom features.

The following diagram shows the Reporting Services components and tools. The diagram also shows how custom tools fit into the overall design. It shows the flow of requests and data among the server components and which components send and retrieve content from a data store.

Reporting Services architecture diagram



Report Features

SQL Server Reporting Services provides a middle-tier server that runs under Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS), allowing you to build a reporting environment on top of an existing Web server infrastructure. You can build reports that draw data from the data servers that you have in place for any data source type that has a Microsoft .NET Framework-managed data provider, OLE DB provider, or ODBC data source. You can build a wide range of reports that combine the strengths of Web-based features and traditional reporting. You can create

interactive, tabular, or free-form reports that retrieve data at scheduled intervals or ondemand when the user opens a report. Matrix reports can summarize data for high-level reviews, while providing supporting detail in drilldown reports. Parameterized reports can be used to filter data based on values that are provided at run time. Reports can be rendered in both desktop and Web-oriented formats. You can choose from a variety of viewing formats to render reports on demand in preferred formats for data manipulation or printing. Reporting Services is server-based and thus provides a way to centralize report storage and management, provide secure access to reports and folders, control how reports are processed and distributed, and standardize how reports are used in your business. Reporting Services can be configured for high availability. You can install report servers on single-server, distributed, and clustered configurations.

This section describes the benefits of report definition and design, configuration and deployment, access and delivery, and programming features of Reporting Services. Developers who want to embed report functionality into Windows or Web applications might want to consider the **ReportViewer** controls as an alternative reporting solution. For more information about the controls, see Reporting Services and ReportViewer Controls in Visual Studio.

- Relational, multidimensional, and XML data sources. You can create reports that use relational and multidimensional data from SQL Server and Analysis Services. You can also use .NET Framework data providers to get data from Oracle and other databases. ODBC and OLE DB providers are also supported. You can use an XML data processing extension to retrieve data from any XML data source.
- Tabular, matrix, chart, and free-form report layouts. You can build tabular reports for column-based data, matrix reports for summarized data, chart reports for graphical data, and free-form reports for everything else. Free-form report layout is based on data regions, which enclose controls and fields in a container that you can move, nest, or arrange in a side-by-side layout. You can combine tabular, matrix, and charted information in a single report.
- Ad hoc reports. You can create and save reports directly to a report server using a ClickOnce application called Report Builder. Ad hoc reporting is supported through a thin client that is downloaded from the report server.
- **Drill-through reports and interactivity**. You can add interactive features by providing links to related reports and reports that provide supporting details. You can add scripted expressions in Microsoft Visual Basic.
- Parameterized reports. You can add parameters to refine a query or filter a dataset. Dynamic parameters get values at run time based on user selections (the selection of one parameter builds the value list for a second parameter).
- **Presentation formats**. Choose a presentation format when you open the report, or after you open the report. You can choose Web-oriented, page-oriented, and desk-

top application formats. Formats include HTML, MHTML, PDF, XML, CSV, TIFF, and Excel.

- Custom controls or report items. You can embed custom controls or report items that you create or purchase from a third-party vendor. A custom control requires a custom report processing extension.
- Navigation. You can add bookmarks and document maps to provide navigation options within a large report.
- Aggregations. You can aggregate and summarize data using controls and expressions. Aggregates include sum, average, min, max, count, and running totals.
- Graphical elements. You can embed or reference images and other resources that contain external content.

Report and Model Design

- Report Designer. Create reports in a full-featured report authoring application that is hosted within Business Intelligence Development Studio. You can use Report Designer to work with data, define a layout, preview a report, and publish a report to a test or production server. Report Designer includes query builders, an expression editor, and wizards so that you can follow step-by-step instructions to create a report. Report Designer also supports advanced reporting features for professional report designers who understand query languages and expression languages.
- Model Designer. Create models that support ad hoc reporting in Reporting Services. You can generate models automatically based on an existing schema or view, refine the model, and then publish it to a report server.
- Report Builder. Create ad hoc reports using templates and pre-organized data and save them directly to a report server. Reports that you create in Report Builder can be accessed, distributed, and managed just as you would any other report.

Deployment and Administration

- Reporting Services Configuration. Deploy and maintain an existing report server using a graphical user interface to configure service accounts, virtual directories, report server databases, encryption keys, and Web farm deployment.
- Report Manager. Configure role-based security and manage report server content by setting properties on data sources, reports, folders, resources, and report models. You can configure report execution, report history, and set limits on processing time, monitor and cancel pending or in-process reports, and create and manage data source connections and schedules independently of the reports that they are associated with.

- Integration with SQL Server Management Studio, SQL Server Configuration Manager, Surface Area Configuration tools. Report server administrators can use the tools provided in SQL Server 2005 to manage a Reporting Services installation. You can record scripts in Management Studio to replay routine maintenance tasks on other report servers.
- **Command-line utilities**. Command-line utilities support report server configuration, key management, and scripted operations.
- Role-based security. Use role-based security to control access to folders, reports, and resources. Security settings follow an inheritance pattern through the folder structure. You can vary security at any branch to redefine user access down to the item level.

Report Access and Delivery Features

- On-demand access over Web connections. Use a browser to navigate a folder hierarchy to find and work with reports and other items. You can reference reports from a Favorites list in a Web browser, or link from a Web portal.
- Sharepoint Web parts. Reporting Services provides two Web parts for report viewing and report server folder navigation. You can embed the Web parts in a Microsoft SharePoint Portal site to easily integrate with a report server deployment.
- My Reports and My Subscriptions. In Report Manager, you can store and manage reports and subscriptions in a personal workspace.
- Subscriptions for E-mail or File share Delivery. Automate report delivery through a standard subscription and set report presentation preferences. Users who prefer to view a report in Microsoft Excel, for example, can specify that format in a subscription. Deliver a rendered report to an e-mail inbox. Set delivery options that control whether the report is delivered as a link or attachment. Deliver a rendered report to a shared folder. Set delivery options that control whether the report is overwritten or added to an existing folder.
- **Data-driven subscriptions**. Automate report distribution through data-driven subscriptions, which generate a recipient list and delivery instructions at run time from an external data source. Use a query and column-mapping information to customize report output for a large number of users.

Programmabilty and Extensibility

• Report Definition Language (RDL). RDL describes all possible elements of a report using an XML grammar that is validated by an XML schema. The report definition of an individual report is based on RDL and contains instructions for rendering the

design at run time. RDL is extensible. You can add support for elements or features that are not present in the existing RDL schema, and then build custom tools and report rendering extensions to handle the features you create.

- SOAP API. Use Report Server Web service methods to access a report server and Report Server Web service programmatically.
- URL access. You can access report server items through parameterized URL strings. All reports and items stored in a report server are addressable through the report server namespace.
- WMI provider. Reporting Services includes a Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) provider that you can use to manage the Report Server Windows service.
- Extensible delivery, data processing, rendering, security, and report processing. You can create custom delivery extensions to route reports to file shares, internal archive stores, or internal applications. You can extend data processing to query, convert, or transform data from new data source types. You can create custom rendering extensions to support report presentation in application formats or Web-oriented formats that are not provided with the product. You can build or integrate a security extension that provides an alternative to the Windows authentication model.

Microsoft SQL Server 2005/2008 Express Edition

Microsoft SQL Server 2005/2008 Express Edition with Advanced Services (SQL Server Express) is a free version of SQL Server 2005/2008 Express Edition that includes Reporting Services functionality. Reporting Services in SQL Server Express is different from other editions of Reporting Services in the following ways:

- Reporting Services in SQL Server Express includes a subset of the features that are available in other editions of SQL Server 2005/2008. You can use this topic to learn about the features that are part of the Express edition (features are based on the SQL Server 2005 Service Pack 1 version of Reporting Services).
- Product documentation for this edition is included in the SQL Server 2005/2008 Books Online Documentation Refresh 2. To get the documentation refresh, you must download it from a Microsoft Web site. After you download and install it, you can use the SQL Server Express filter in Books Online to hide the Reporting Services content that does not apply to this edition.
- In contrast with other editions of SQL Server 2005/2008, the AdventureWorks sample database is not installed or attached automatically. Setup does not install or attach the database for you. To get the database, you must download it from a Microsoft Web site. After you download and install it, you must attach it to the local SQL Server Express Database Engine instance. You can use SQL Server Management Express to

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attach the database. For more information, see Installing Sample Databases for Express Editions.

 Data source connection strings and Reporting Services URLs have different default values in a SQL Server Express installation. SQL Server Express always installs as a named instance. Any URLs or connection strings must include the instance name. The following examples illustrate the syntax you should use

ltem	Example syntax
Connection string to the sample AdventureWorks	Data Source=localhost\SQLExpress; Initial
database hosted on a local SQL Server Express	Catalog=AdventureWorks
instance	
URL to a report server and report server endpoint	http://localhost/reportserver\$SQLExpress
URL to Report Manager	http://localhost/reports\$SQLExpress

Important:

SQL Server Express includes SQL Server Management Studio Express. SQL Server Management Studio Express cannot be used to administer a report server. Use Report Manager and the Reporting Services Configuration tool instead.

Requirements

Reporting Services in SQL Server Express has all of the same software requirements as other editions of Reporting Services. Because the report server runs as an ASP.NET worker process in IIS, you must have a local instance of IIS 5.0 or later with ASP.NET 2.0 enabled on your computer. In addition, the Reporting Services Configuration tool requires Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI). If you disabled WMI, you cannot use the configuration tool. For more information about product requirements, see Hardware and Software Requirements (SQL Server Express).

Reporting Features in SQL Server Express

SQL Server Express provides the following Reporting Services functionality:

- On-demand report processing for each user who views a report. When a user opens a report, the report is initialized, the query is processed, data is merged into the report layout, and the report is rendered into a presentation format.
- Rendering formats are available for HTML, Acrobat, and Excel.
- Report data sources must be SQL Server relational databases that run locally in SQL Server Express.
- Report server management and report viewing are supported through Report Manager.
- Configuration is supported through the Reporting Services Configuration tool.

- Rs.exe, rsconfig.exe, and rskeymgmt.exe command line utilities are available in SQL Server Express.
- Windows authentication and predefined roles are used to map existing group and user accounts to a named collection of operations.

Unsupported Features

Other editions of SQL Server 2005/2008 include a larger set of Reporting Services features. The following list describes the features that are documented in SQL Server Books Online, but cannot be used in this edition:

- Scheduled report processing, caching, snapshots, subscriptions, and delivery are not supported.
- Analysis Services, Oracle, XML, SAP, SQL Server Integration Services (SSIS), OLE DB, and ODBC data sources are not supported.
- Remote data sources are not supported. Reports that are hosted in a SQL Server Express report server must retrieve SQL Server relational data from a local SQL Server Express Database Engine instance.
- Ad hoc reporting through semantic models and Report Builder is not supported.
- TIFF (Image), XML, and CSV rendering extensions are not supported.
- The Reporting Services API extensible platform for delivery, data processing, rendering, and security is not supported.
- Custom authentication extensions and custom role assignments are not supported. You must map existing Windows domain user and group accounts to predefined role definitions.
- Custom report items are not supported.
- Managing a long-running report process is not supported. Specifically, you cannot use the Manage Jobs feature in Report Manager to stop report processing.
- Scale-out deployment is not supported.

If you are using the User Instances feature (also known as "Run As Normal User" or RANU) in SQL Server Express, remember that the data source will not be accessible over remote connections. This means that if you configure a report data source for the User Instances feature, remote users who access the report will get the following error:

[&]quot;An error has occurred during report processing. Cannot create a connection to data source '<datasourcename>'. For more information about this error navigate to the report server on the local server machine, or enable remote errors."

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In addition, the report server log file will contain the following entry:

Cannot create a connection to data source '<datasourcename>'. --->
System.Data.SqlClient.SqlException: User does not have permission to perform this action.

To avoid these errors, do not set the **User Instance** property in the connection string or in the **Advanced Properties** dialog box when defining the connection.

How to Create Reports

To create reports, you must install the SQL Server Express Toolkit. It includes the version of Business Intelligence Development Studio that is used with the SQL Server Express edition. The SQL Server Express Toolkit is installed separately from other SQL Server Express components. For more information, search the Microsoft Web site for installation instructions for SQL Server Express with Advanced Services.

The reports that you create in the Express edition of Business Intelligence Development Studio can use all of the report definition features that you find in other editions of Reporting Services. For example, you can create drillthrough reports, subreports, and parameterized reports that include charts, tables, matrices, and lists.

You can reuse or copy report definitions that you created in other editions. Be aware that if you publish a report that you created in an earlier version of Reporting Services, the report will be upgraded to use the most recent SQL Server report definition format.

After you create a report definition, you can publish it to a report server. To make a published report available to users, you must use Report Manager to create role assignments that grant access to the report. For more information about creating, publishing, and securing reports, see Designing and Creating Reports, Publishing Reports to a Production Environment, and Creating, Modifying, and Deleting Role Assignments.

How to Deploy Reports and Use Report Server Functionality

To view published reports, you can use a browser or Report Manager, or create a custom application that uses a ReportViewer control to host reports.

Using Report Manager or a Browser

SQL Server Express includes Report Manager, a Web application that can be used by any user who wants to view published reports. Report Manager is accessed through a report server virtual directory that is configured on a local Web server. Users who have access to that directory can run Report Manager.

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To view reports in Report Manager, you must define role assignments that allow users to view reports and navigate folders without granting access to server management features that a report server administrator might use. You can also use a Web browser to view a single published report.

Using Report Viewer controls

If you are a developer, you can use SQL Server Express with the Report Viewer controls, which are available through Microsoft Visual Studio. There are two controls: one for Windows Forms applications and one for ASP.NET applications. The controls are freely distributable with your application. You can configure the controls to run remote server reports that run on SQL Server Express.

The Report Viewer controls support other processing modes and deployment models in addition to SQL Server Express. For more information, see "ReportViewer Controls (Visual Studio)" in the Visual Studio product documentation on MSDN.

Programmability in SQL Server Express

The Report Server Web service can be accessed programmatically. Although you can access all of the report server SOAP endpoints, you cannot use all of the features. If you cannot use a method, Reporting Services returns an error.

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BASIC SQL 2008 EXPRESS INSTALLATION

This chapter will go through a basic SQL Server 2008 Express installation using the TRAVERSE 11 DVD. SQL 2008 Express is also available for download from Microsoft. For installation requirements, support and download information please visit the following Microsoft websites.

Support and System Requirements: http://www.microsoft.com/express/support/

Downloads: http://www.microsoft.com/express/sql/download/

Before you start, you will want to verify the following are installed or the installation will be stopped:

.Net 3.5 SP1

http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=AB99342F-5D1A-413D-8319-81DA479AB0D7&displaylang=en

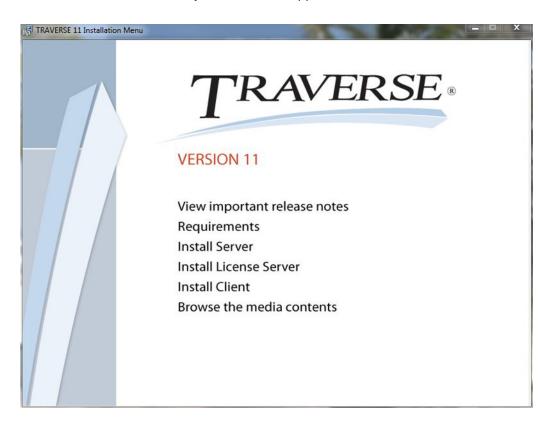
Windows Installer 4.5

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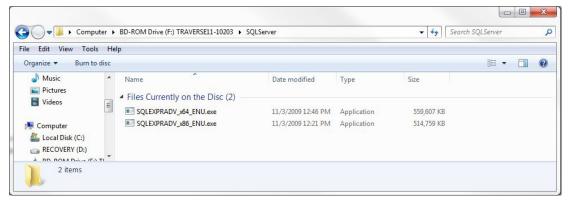
Windows Powershell 1.0

http://www.microsoft.com/windowsserver2003/technologies/management/powershell/dow nload.mspx

1. To install SQL Server Express from the TRAVERSE DVD, insert the DVD into the server DVD drive. The **TRAVERSE Startup** screen should appear.

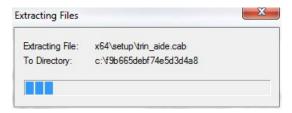


2. After reviewing the requirements and other documentation, click on **Browse the media contents** option and go to the **SQLServer** directory.

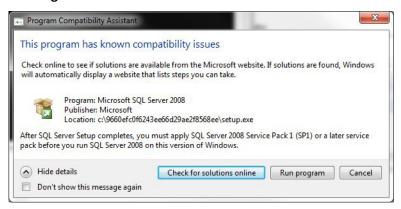


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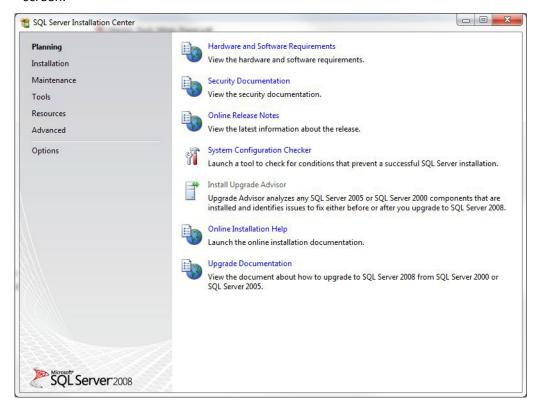
- 3. Double click on the appropriate version of SQL Server Express to install. Choose SQLEXPRADV_x64_ENU.exe if running on a server with a 64 bit OS. Choose **SQLEXPRADV_x86_ENU.exe** for servers running on a 32 bit OS.
- 4. The installation should now start extracting files to the server.



5. Choose **Run Program** to start the installation.

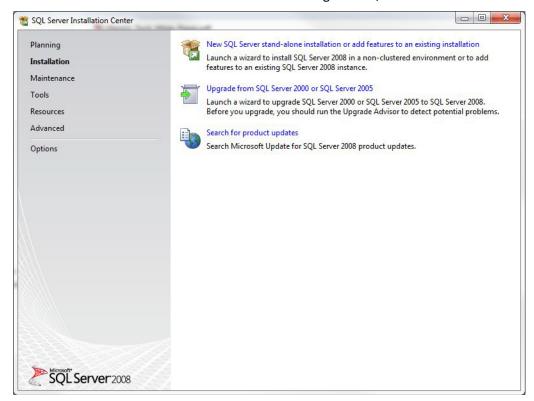


6. Once the server is ready for installation, you should get the **SQL Server Installation Center** screen.



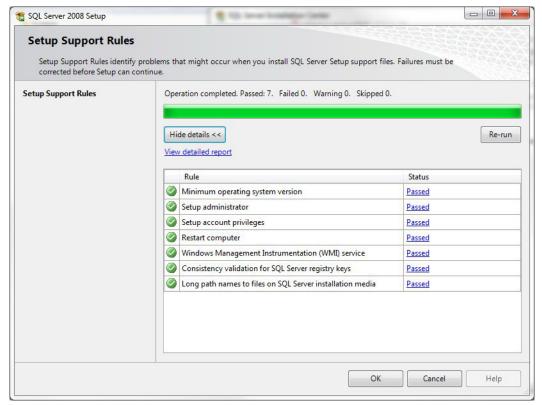
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7. Review the available documentation in the Planning section, then click on **Installation**.



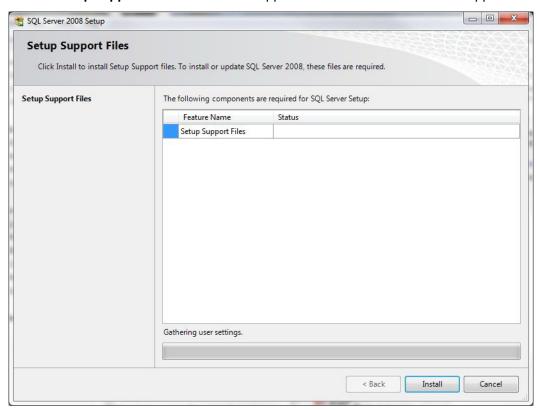
8. Choose New SQL Sever stand-alone installation or add features to an existing installation to begin the installation.

9. The Setup Support Rules screen should appear. Click on View Details to verify that all tests passed. Once all applicable tests have passed click **OK** to continue.

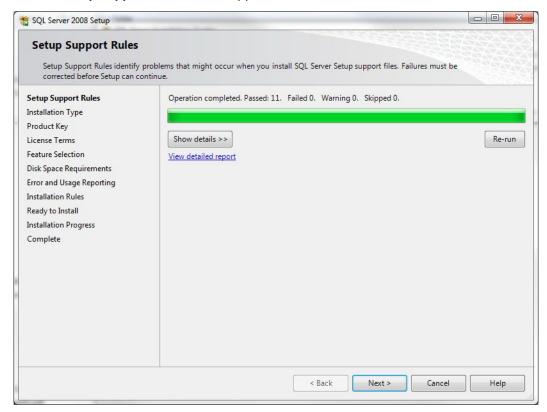


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10. The **Setup Support Files** install screen appears. Click **Install** to install the support files.

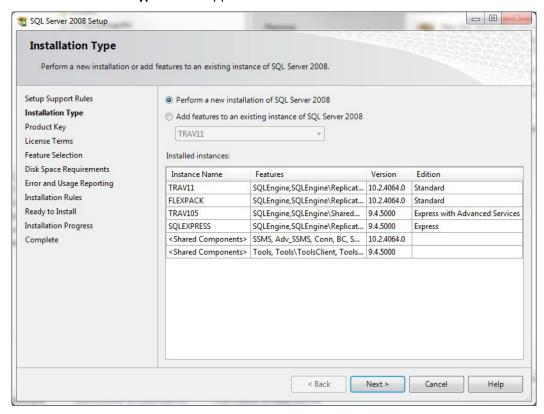


11. The Setup Support Rules screen appears. Click Next.



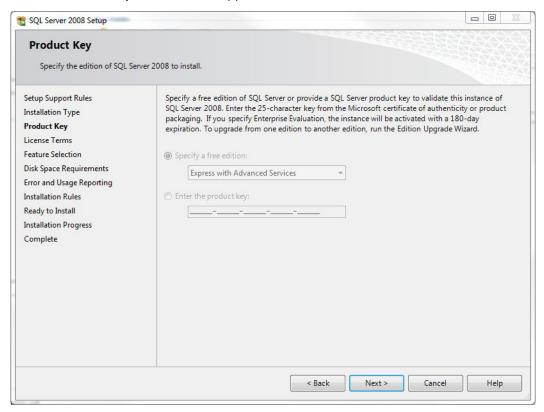
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12. The **Installation Type** screen appears.



- 13. Select "Perform a new installation of SQL Server 2008" to install a new instance of SQL.
- 14. A list of the current instances of SQL on this computer is listed.
- 15. If you want to just add features to an existing instance select "Add features to an existing instance of SQL Server 2008" and select an instance.
- 16. Click Next.

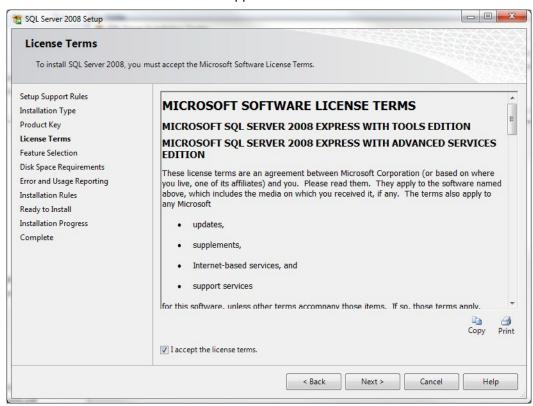
17. The **Product Key** screen should appear.



18. This screen should be grayed out and the Specify a free edition should be automatically selected. Click **Next** to continue.

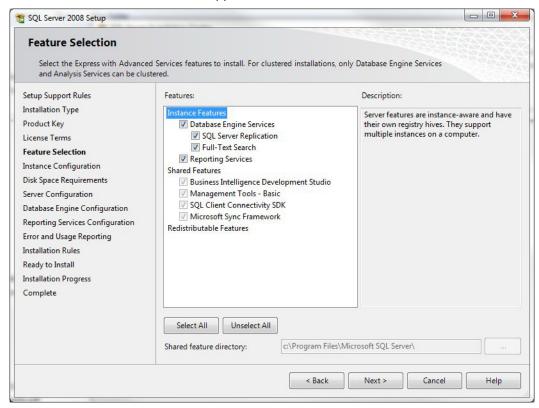
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19. The License Terms screen should appear.



20. Review and accept the Terms and click Next to continue.

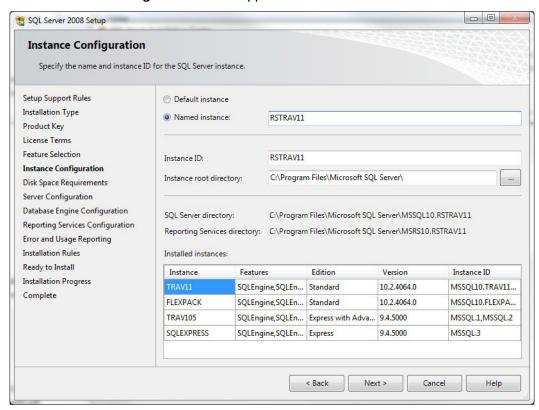
21. The Feature Selection screen appears.



- 22. Check the **Database Engine Services** option. The Database Engine is the actual SQL install and is required if installing a new instance of SQL Express.
- 23. It is also advised to select the **Management Tools-Basic** option, as that will install the SQL Server Management Studio tool. This is not required, but it can be a useful tool as it allows a user interface for SQL Server management. It also allows access to the databases and the data within them, as well as offering a utility for managing SQL users, backups and security.
- 24. If you have **IIS services** installed, install **Reporting Services** if you plan on creating reports using SQL Reporting services.
- 25. The other options are advanced SQL tools and should only be selected if you are sure they are going to be required for your installation. SQL administrator knowledge could be required to use these tools. Each option will also use more resources on the server. Consult the Microsoft knowledgebase for more information on these options.
- 26. Click **Next** to continue.

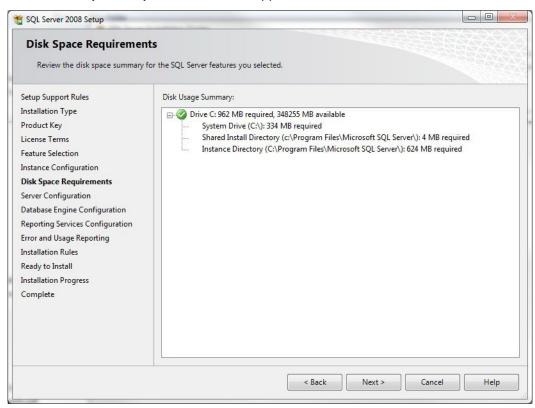
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27. The **Instance Configuration** screen appears.



28. If using the **Default instance**, the SQL server name when logging into TRAVERSE will be the Windows Server Name\SqlExpress. If using a Named Instance(recommended), the SQL server name when logging into TRAVERSE will be the Windows Server Name\Named instance, e.g. **Server\Trav11**.

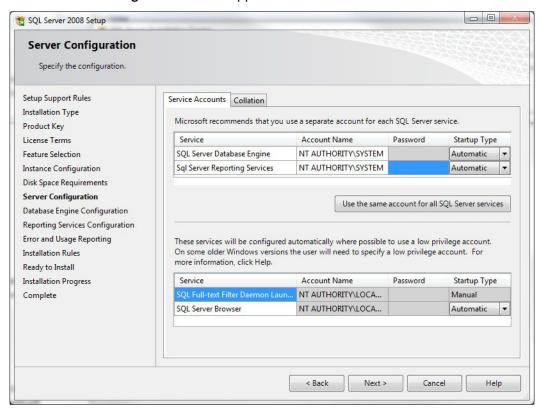
29. The **Disk Space Requirements** screen appears.



30. Verify there is enough disk space and click **Next** to continue.

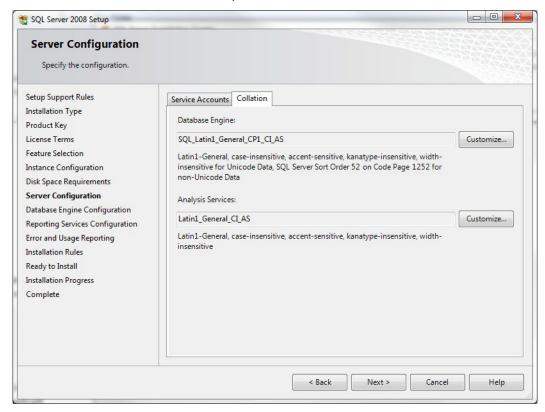
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31. The Server Configuration Screen appears.



32. Choose the Account Name and Startup Type. NT Authority\System and Automatic should be acceptable for most installations.

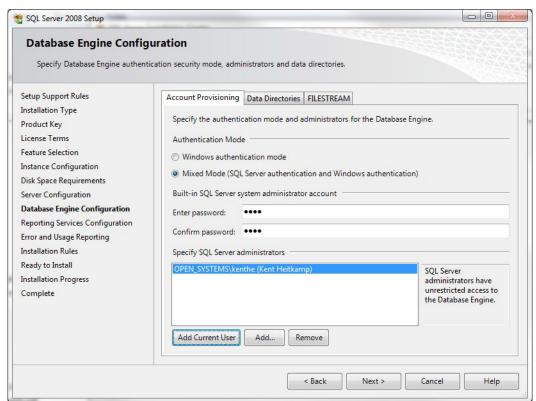
33. Click on the **Collation** tab to verify that information is correct.



34. If **SQL_Latin1_General_CP1_CI_AS** is not set for the engine by default, click on **Customize** and choose it. Click **Next** to continue.

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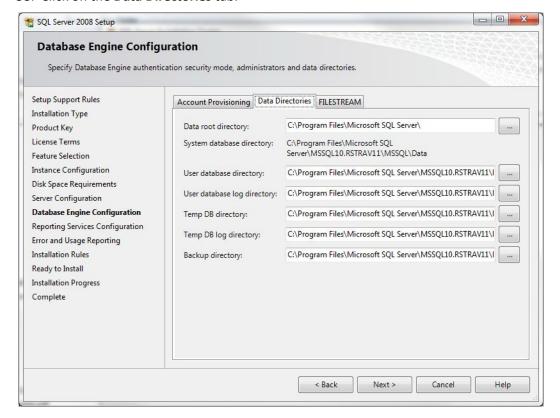
35. The **Database Engine Configuration** screen appears.



36. Choose Windows authentication mode to use only Windows logins for SQL access or Choose Mixed Mode to use both Windows and SQL logins. If you choose Mixed Mode, enter an SA password in the Enter password and Confirm password areas. Note this for future use and also note that these passwords may need to conform to your networks password rules.

NOTE: When installing SQL for TRAVERSE you must choose the Mixed Mode option. When setting up the databases for TRAVERSE we require a SQL master login that will be used to log into the SQL server.

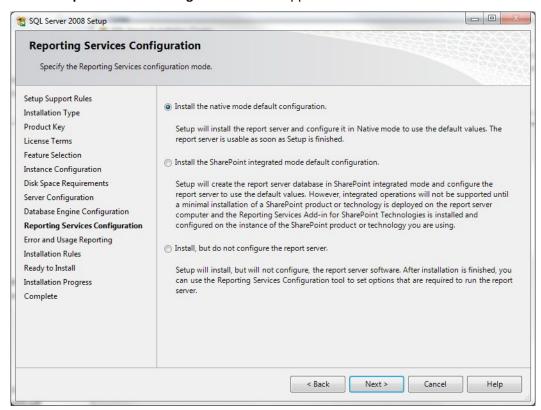
- 37. Click on the **Add Current User** button to add the current Windows user as an administrator. Windows administrators are not considered SQL administrators by default on Windows Vista, Windows 7, Server 2003 or Server 2008 operating systems. If installing on one of these operating systems then you should click on the **Add Current User** button, and also add any other administrative users that should have SQL admin rights. This would be recommended for any users that are going to be responsible for SQL backups, SQL security setup, etc.
- 38. Click on the Data Directories tab.



39. Setup the **Database Directory** information. The default should be acceptable in most cases, however you may want to change this if you want to store the data on a drive other than C:\. The FILESTREAM tab should not need to have any changes made to it in most installations. See http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc949109.aspx for more information on the Filestream option. Click **Next** to continue.

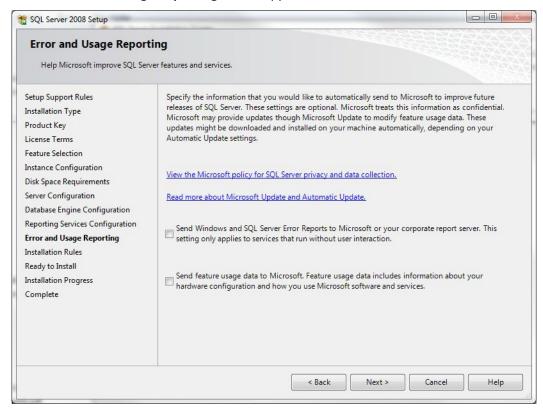
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40. The **Report Services Configuration** screen appears.



41. Select the **Install the native mode default configuration**. Click **Next** to continue.

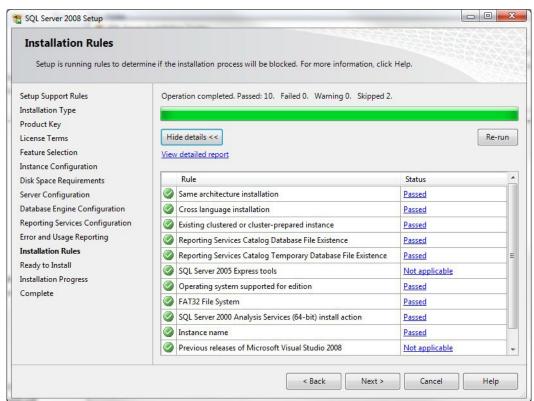
42. The Error and usage Reporting screen appears.



- 43. Here you can choose to send information to Microsoft about your SQL instance.
- 44. Click Next to continue.

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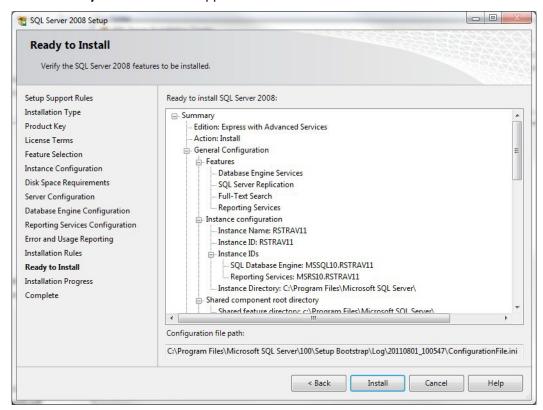
45. The Installation Rules screen appears.



46. Verify that all applicable rules passed their test. If a test failed, consult the Microsoft Knowledgebase for more information on how to fix. Once all applicable tests have passed, click Next to continue.

NOTE: If you are installing the 2008 Management Tools on a server that also has 2005 SQL Management Studio installed, you must remove 2005 Management Studio prior to continuing on in the installation.

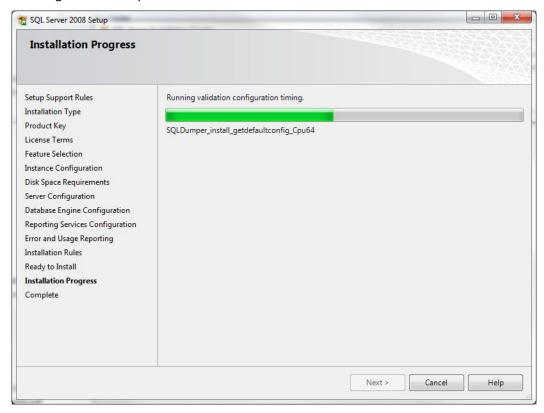
47. The **Ready to Install** screen appears.



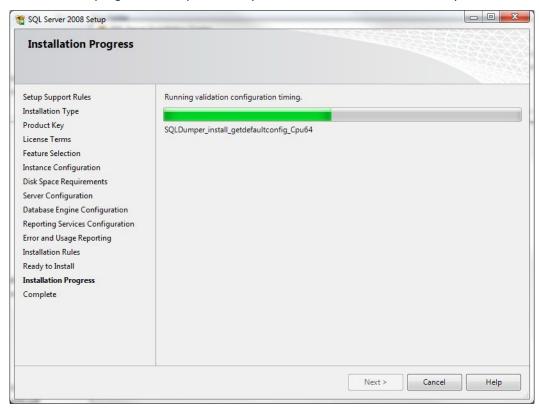
48. Verify all of the information is correct. Click **Back** to go back and make necessary changes or click **Install** to continue.

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49. The Installation Progress screen appears while the installation is in progress. This may take a long time to complete.



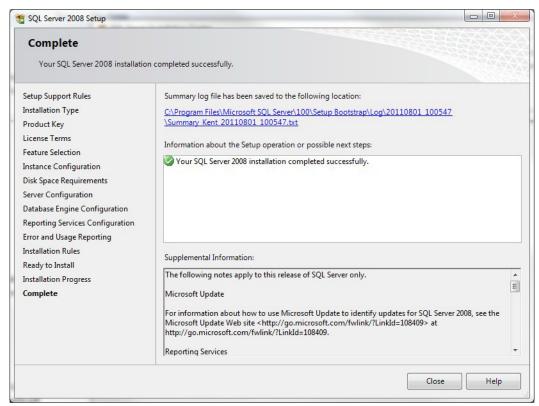
50. When the progress is complete, verify that all features were successfully installed.



51. Click **Next** to continue.

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52. The **Complete** screen should appear.



Verify the installation was completed successfully and review the supplemental information. Close to finish the installation. You can now install TRAVERSE 11 using this instance.

NOTE: If after installation you have trouble connecting to the SQL Express Instance check these things:

On the server:

- Make sure SQL Service and SQL Server Browser Service are running in SQL Server Configuration Manager - SQL Server 2008 Services.
- Make sure TCP\IP is enabled in SQL Server Configuration Manager SQL 2008 Network Configuration - Protocols.

- Make sure the server is allowed to accept remote connections. This can be checked in Management Studio by right clicking on the server name, choosing properties and going to *Connections*.
- · Verify Login information is correct. If trying a SQL login, verify that the server is using SQL Server and Windows Authentication mode. This can be checked by going to Management Studio and right clicking on the server name, choosing properties and going to *Connections*.

On Vista clients unable to connect:

- Make sure TCP\IP is enabled and there are no aliases setup in SQL Server Configuration Manager -SQL Native Client Configuration - Protocols.
- If this option is unavailable, go to Start -Run and type in *cliconfg* (SQL Server Client Network Utility) to verify these settings.

On XP clients unable to connect:

- Make sure TCP\IP is enabled and there are no aliases setup by going to Start -Run and typing in *cliconfg* (SQL Server Client Network Utility)
- For SQL installed on Vista\XP sp2 with Firewall enabled (SQL 2008 SP2 must be installed in this setup)
- Add firewall exceptions for ALL sqlsrv.exe programs (located in Program Files\MS SQL Server\MSSQL.x\MSSQL\Binn).
- Add firewall exception for sqlbrowser.exe (located in Program Files\MS SQL) Server\90\Shared).

If still having problems, then there may be other network issues. You can test by trying to use ODBC to connect to the SQL 2005 instance, if you still can't connect, then there are probably more advanced network or client OS problems.

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THE REPORT SERVER CONFIGURATION

The TRAVERSE 10.5 installation CD includes an optional Report Viewer that can be used to manage and view reports created via SQL Reporting Services and/or Crystal Reports. To use this viewer, a workstation must have IIS (Internet Information Services) and Microsoft .Net Framework installed. You must also have SQL Server Reporting Services installed and configured correctly on the server if using reports generated via SQL Reporting Services. The following steps will go over some basic configuration information for setting up the report manager. For IIS configuration, SQL Server Reporting Services configuration (and report creation) as well as Crystal Report creation, extensive OS\Network\Crystal knowledge may be required.

For this class we will not be covering the Report Viewer setup and use. For more information refer to Chapter 5.

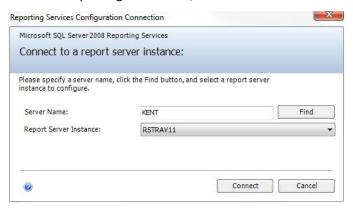
NOTE: The following section is an example of settings that may be used to get SQL Reporting Services configured correctly to allow use of the Viewer with SQL Reporting services reports. More extensive setup or configuration may be needed and additional Networking\Consulting resources may be required to configure this service correctly. Consult your network administrator, SQL Books Online or www.microsoft.com for more detailed information on SQL Reporting Services configuration.

SQL Reporting services is an optional component that can be installed when installing SQL 2005/2008 or SQL 2005/2008 Express with Advanced Services. This is a required component if you plan on using the TRAVERSE Report Viewer with SQL Reporting service. If using SQL 2000 or MSDE an additional download from Microsoft is required to install SQL Server Reporting Services.

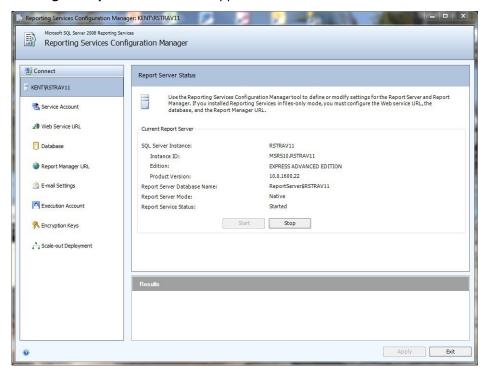
NOTE: The following screen shots are from an existing test implementation of SQL Reporting Services on a server using SQL Server 2005/2008 Express. These configuration screenshots are meant to be used only as a reference, as this document is not a comprehensive configuration guide. Consult your network administrator, SQL Books Online or www.microsoft.com for more detailed information on SQL Reporting Services installation and configuration.

1. To start the configuration of the SQL Server Reporting services go to Start - Programs -Microsoft SQL Server 2005/2008 – Configuration Tools – Reporting Services Configuration. The Report Server Configuration

2. When the login screen comes up, enter the login information for the SQL Server and instance you installed Reporting Services to, and click **Connect**.



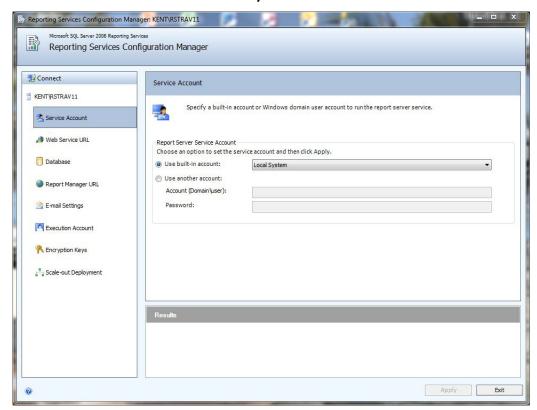
3. The Configure Report Server screen appears.



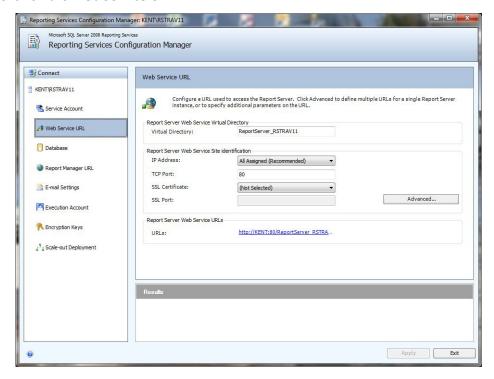
- 4. On the **Server Status** screen Start the Service if currently stopped. The service must be started for configuration to be set correctly.
- 5. If the service is not started click the **Start** button to start the reporting services service.

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6. Click Service Account and select Local System for the Use built-in account selection.



7. Click on the Web Service URL.

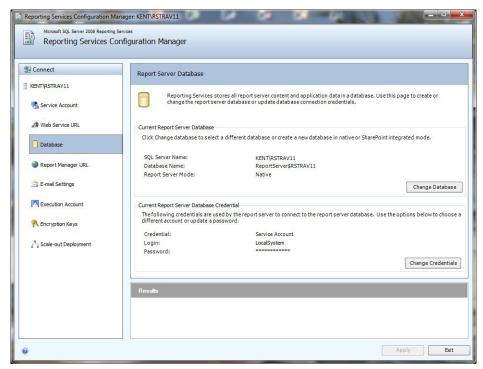


8. Set the Virtual Directory. Leave the Report Server Web Service Site identification as the defaults and click Apply.

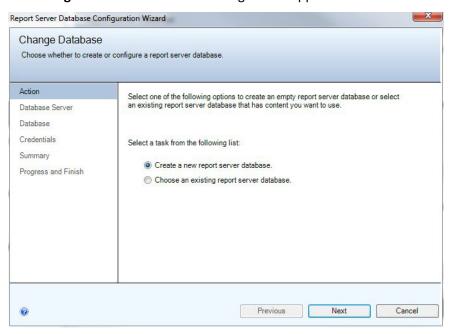
The above screen shot shows the default settings, which should be fine in most TRA-VERSE installations. Note the name for future use.

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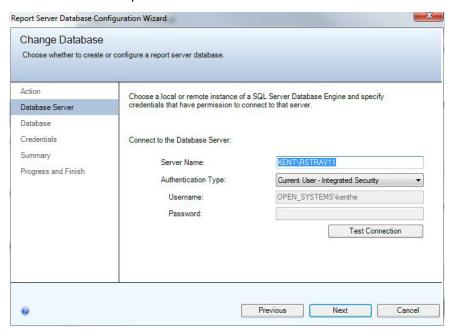
9. Click on Database Setup.



10. Click on Change Database and the following screen appears.

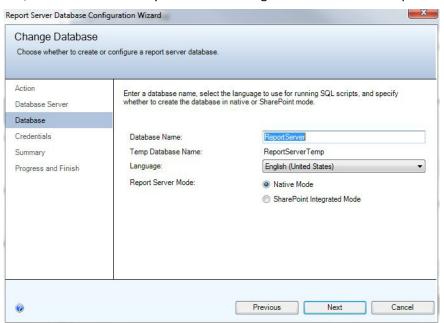


11. Select "Create an new report server database" and click Next.



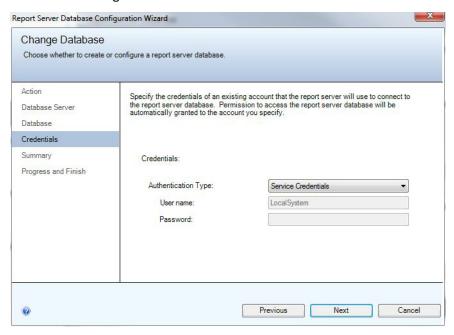
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12. Enter the SQL Server Name and instance Reporting Services in installed on, Authentication Type (SQL Server Account works best), Username (sa works best), Password (sa password you entered when SQL was installed) and a Database Name (ReportServer is a good database name). This can be an existing blank database or if you type in a name that does not exist, it will be created for you. Click **Next** to go to the Database setup screen.

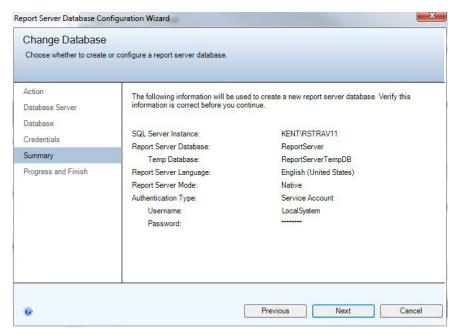


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13. Click on Next to configure the connection credentials.

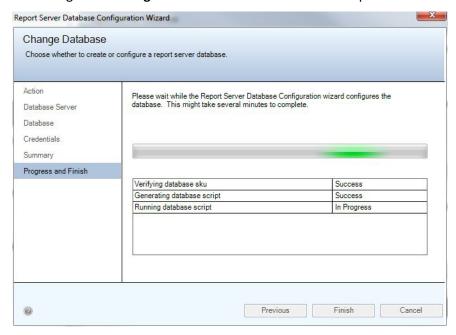


14. Select **Service Credentials** for the **Authentication Type**. Click Next to get to the Summary screen.



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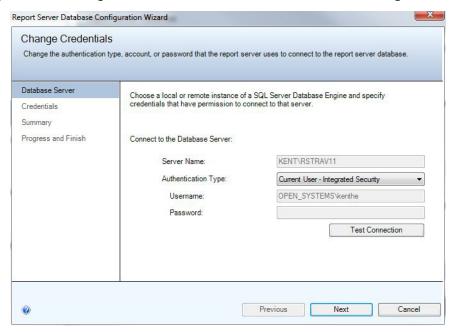
15. Click **Next** to go to the **Progress and Finish** screen which sets up the database.



16. Verify that there are no errors in the task status section. If you receive errors during any point of the configuration they will need to be addressed before you can move on to the report designing section. Once everything is configured correctly you can close Configure Report Server.

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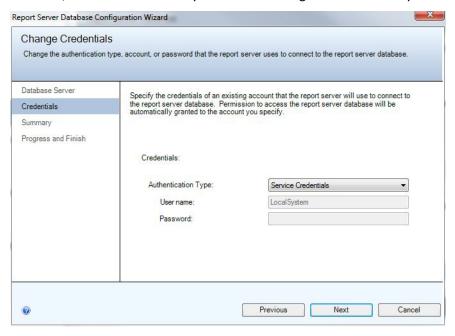
17. If you wish to change credentials for the current database, click **Change Credentials**.



18. The **SQL Server Name** and **instance** Reporting Services in installed on are displayed, **Authentication Type** (SQL Server Account works best), **Username** (sa works best), **Password**(sa password you entered when SQL was installed) and a **Database Name** (ReportServer is a

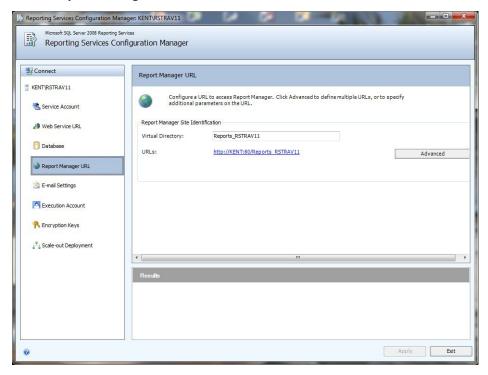
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good database name). This can be an existing blank database or if you type in a name that does not exist, it will be created for you. Click **Next** to go to the Summary screen.



- 19. The **Summary** screen will be displayed to show the information you changed. Click **Next** to get to the **Progress and Finish** screen.
- 20. Once the **Progress and Finish** has completed click **Finish** to change the credentials.

21. Click on Report Manager URL.

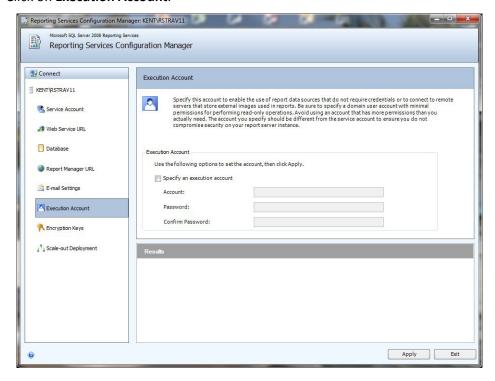


22. Set the Virtual Directory and click Apply.

The above screen shot shows the default settings, which should be fine in most TRA-VERSE installations. **Note the name for future use.**

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23. Click on Execution Account.



24. Set the permissions accordingly and click **Apply** to set the permissions.

Local System is the default and should work fine for most TRAVERSE installations. Do not specify an execution account, accept the default.

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DESIGNING REPORTS

OVERVIEW

We are now ready to start designing reports using Reporting Services. Of course, few people build reports just for the fun of it. Usually there is some business reason for making the reports. For our report designing needs, we will use the Continental Products Unlimited (CPU) company that is supplied as the sample company with TRAVERSE, as the company needing reports.

Each of the sample reports used in this chapter is presented in a manner similar to what you will see in this section. The report is introduced with a list of the Report Services features highlighted. This is followed by the business need of our sample company, Continental Products Unlimited (CPU), which this report is meant to fill. Next is an overview of the tasks that must be accomplished to create the report.

Finally there are the steps to walk through for each task, step by step. In addition to the stepby-step descriptions, each task includes a few notes to provide additional information on the steps you just completed. Follow the step-by-step instructions to complete the task, and then read through the task notes to gain additional understanding of the process you have just completed. You can complete the step-by-step instructions using either the Business Intelligence Development Studio or Visual Studio.

THE CUSTOMER LIST REPORT

Features Highlighted

- Creating a data source
- Using Query Designer to create a dataset
- Using the Report Wizard to create a table report

Business Need

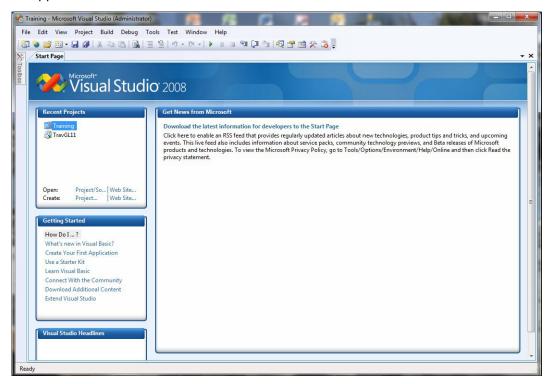
The accounting department at Continental Products Unlimited (CPU) would like an e-mail and address directory containing all contacts for its customers. The directory should be an alphabetical list of all CPU customers. It must include the customer name, along with the contact, e-mail address and mailing address for each customer.

Task Overview

- 1. Begin a New Project in the Business Intelligence Development Studio or Visual Studio.
- 2. Create a Data Source.
- 3. Create a Dataset.
- 4. Choose the Report Layout.
- 5. Edit the layout of the report to better match our needs

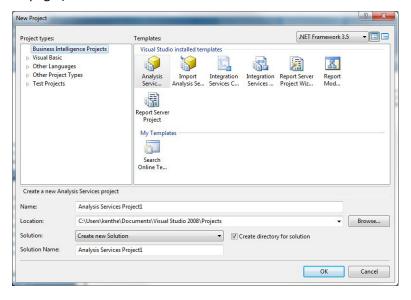
Customer List Report, Task 1: Begin a New Project in the Business Intelligence **Development Studio or Visual Studio**

1. To start the Business Intelligence Development Studio go to Start - All Programs - Microsoft SQL Server 2008 - SQL Server Business Intelligence Development Studio. The Start Page appears as shown below.

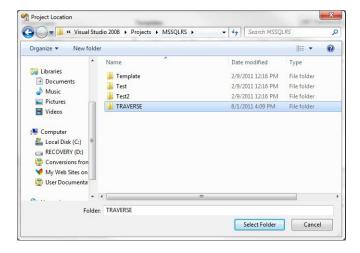


2. Click the **New Project** button This displays the **New Project** dialog box, as shown below. (You can create a new project in three different ways: Select File - New - Project from The Customer List Report

the Main menu, click the **New Project** toolbar button or the Start page.)



- 3. Select **Business Intelligence Projects** in the **Project Types** area of the dialog box.
- 4. Select Report Server Project Wizard in the Templates area of the dialog box.
- 5. Type **TRAVERSE** for the project name. This project will contain all the reports you create for this book.
- 6. Click **Browse** to open the **Project Location** dialog box.



7. Browse to My Documents\Visual Studio 2008\Projects.

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- 8. Click the **New Folder** button in the toolbar at the top of the Project Location dialog box.
- 9. Enter MSSQLRS for the name of the new folder. This folder will contain all the projects you create for this class.
- 10. Click **OK** in the New Folder dialog box.
- 11. Click Open in the lower-right corner of the Project Location dialog box. The New Project dialog box should now look like the picture above.

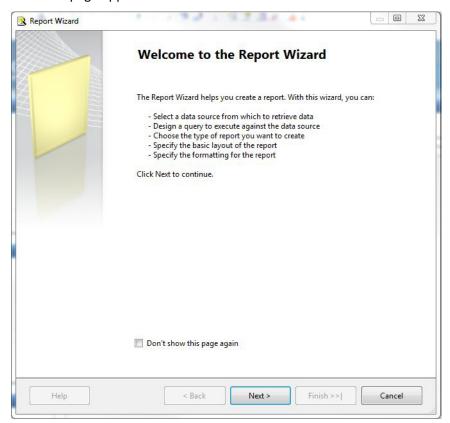
NOTE: We have now established a name and location for this project. This must be done for every project you create. Because the Business Intelligence Development Studio and Visual Studio 2005 use the project name to create a folder for all the project files, the project name should be a valid Windows folder name. You can use the Browse button to browse to the appropriate location, as we did here, or you can type the path in the Location text box.

Task Notes:

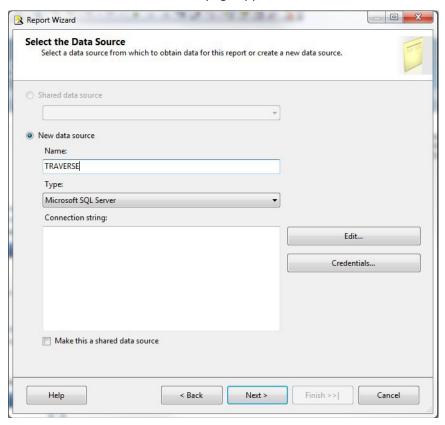
The project name is appended to the end of the location path to create the full path for the folder that will contain the new project. In our example, a folder called TRAVERSE will be created inside the folder MSSQLRS. All the files created as part of the TRAVERSE project will be placed in this folder.

Customer List, Task 2: Create a Data Source

1. Click **OK** in the New Project dialog box to start the Report Wizard. The **Welcome to the Report Wizard** page appears as shown here.



2. Click **Next**. The **Select the Data Source** page appears.



- 3. Type **TRAVERSE** for the New data source **Name**.
- 4. Select **Microsoft SQL Server** from the Type drop-down list, if it is not already selected.

5. Click **Edit**. The Connection Properties dialog box appears.

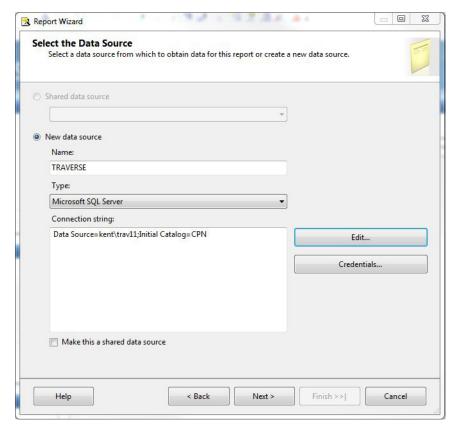


6. Type the name and instance of the SQL Server that has your TRAVERSE databases.

If you have a server with an instance name the syntax for that should be similar to this: servername\instancename. Notice the Server Name field in the picture above.

- 7. Select the Use SQL Server Authentication radio button.
- 8. Type **sa** as the **Username** and your sa password as the **Password**.
- 9. Check the Save my password box.
- 10. Select the TRAVERSE company ID as the database to connect to. For this exercise I am connecting to CPN.
- 11. Click the Test Connection button. If the message "Test connection succeeded" appears, click OK. If an error appears make sure you typed the information correctly into all the fields.

12. Click **OK** to return to the Select the Data Source page. The Select Data Source page should now look similar to this.

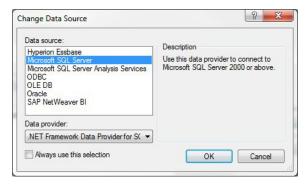


NOTE: The data source is a set of instructions for connecting the database server or the data file that will provide the information for your report. This set of instructions is also known as a connection string. In this sample report we used the Connection Properties dialog box to build the connection string.

Task Notes:

Reporting Services can utilize data from a number of different databases and data files, but you need to tell the wizard what type of database or data file the report will be using. You did this using the Type drop-down list in Step 4 or the previous task. This selection tells Reporting Services which data provider to use when accessing the database or data file. When you select Microsoft SQL Server, Reporting Services uses the .NET Framework Data Provider for SQL Server. The data provider knows how to retrieve information from a SQL Server database.

The Type drop-down list on the Select the Data Source page includes only a few of the possible types of data sources. If you are using data from a data source other than a Microsoft SQL Server database, you need to click the Change button on the Connection Properties dialog box. This displays the Change Data Source dialog box.

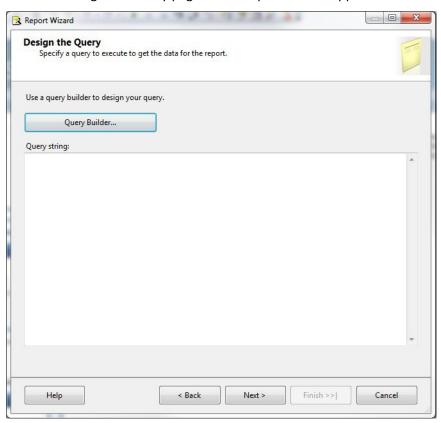


Use this dialog box to select the appropriate data source type.

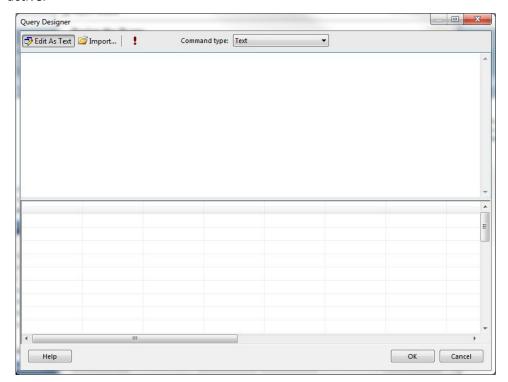
A data source can be used by a single report, or it can ba shared by several reports in the same project. Checking the Make This a Shared Data Source check box allows this data source to be used by many reports. Shared data sources are stored separately from the reports that use them. Nonshared data sources are stored right in the report definition. If you have a number of reports in the same project that utilize data from the same database or the same data files, you will save time by using a shared data source.

Customer List Report, Task 3: Create a Dataset

1. Click **Next**. The Design the Query page of the Report Wizard appears.

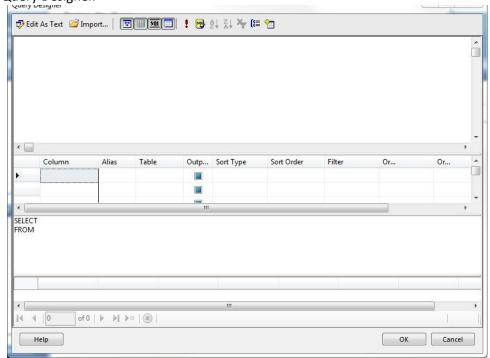


2. Click **Query Builder**. The Query Design window appears with the Generic Query Designer active.



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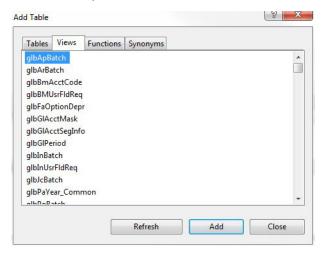
3. Click the **Edit as Text** toggle button 🔯 . The Query Designer will switch to the Graphical Query Designer.



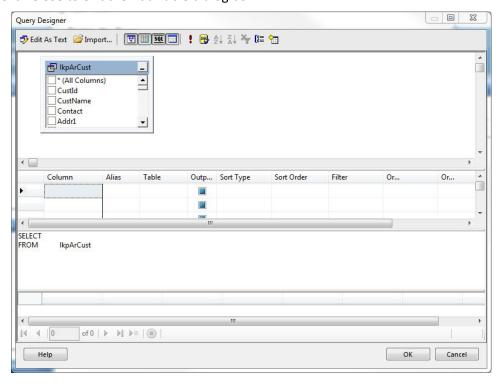
4. The Graphical Query Designer is divided into four horizontal sections. The top section is called the diagram pane. Right-click the diagram pane. You see the Context menu. Select Add Table or click on the Add Table button in the toolbar

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5. The **Add Table** dialog box appears. The dialog box contains a list of the tables, views, and functions that return datasets, which are found in the data source.

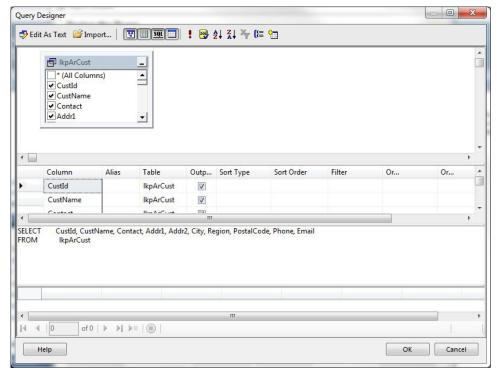


- 6. Click the Views tab and scroll down to find the view **lkpArCust** and double click on it, or highlight it and click **Add**.
- 7. Click Close to exit the Add Table dialog box.



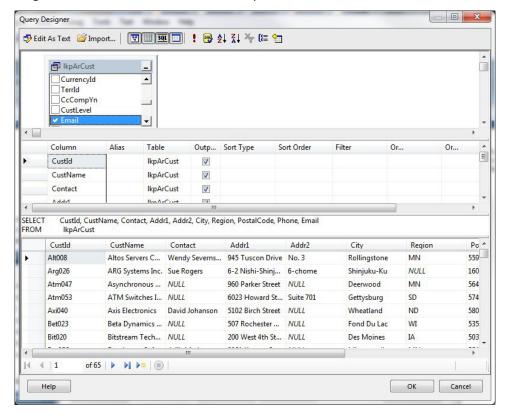
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- 8. A list of fields in the Customer view (lkpArCust) is displayed. Click the check box next to the CustID field.
- 9. Scroll down and check the boxes in front of the following fields CustName, Contact, Addr1, Addr2, City, Region, PostalCode, Phone, Email.



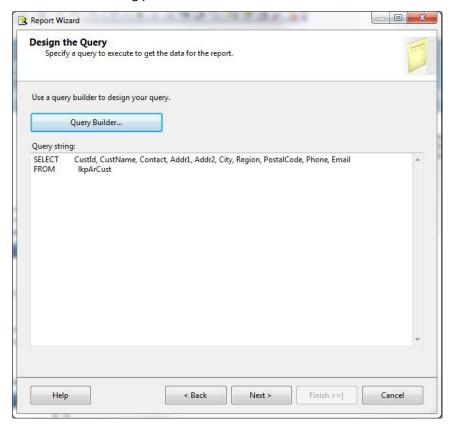
- 10. The section of the Query Designer directly below the diagram pane is called the criteria pane. This area displays the fields we selected from the table fields displayed in the table list area. We can do filtering and sorting functions in this area of the Query Designer. For this report we do not need to sort or filter any of the fields we added. We will do that later in the report design.
- 11. The section of the Query Designer directly below the criteria pane is the SQL pane.

12. Right click in the SQL Pane and select **Execute SQL**, or click the Execute button ! in the toolbar. This executes the query and displays the results in the bottom section of the Query Designer. This section is called the *results pane*.



13. Right click the results pane and select **Clear Results** from the right click menu.

14. Click **OK** to return to the Design the Query page of the Report Wizard. This page should now look like the following picture.



NOTE: The dataset represents the information to be retrieved from the data source and used in your report. The dataset consists of two parts. The first part is the database command used to retrieve data. This is the SELECT statement you created using the Query Designer. This database command is called the query string. The second part is the list of columns in the result set created by executing the query string. This list of columns is called the *structure* or *schema* of the result set.

NOTE: If you are familiar with the data source and familiar with the SELECT statement, you can type your SELECT statement directly in the Query String text box on the Design the Query page.

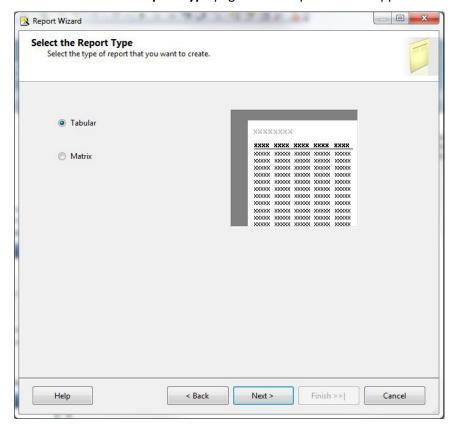
NOTE: We selected the view for the customer information because permissions are set to the views in the TRAVERSE database, when menu permissions are set in Server Manager. Permissions are not set to the tables so users cannot open the tables and edit the data. Views allow us to see the data, but not edit the data.

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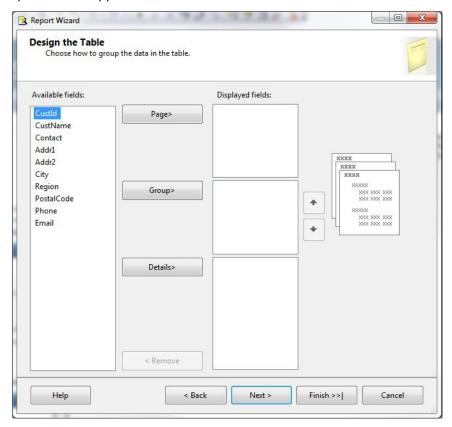
It is a good idea to run the query yourself before exiting the Query Designer. We did this in Step 12 of this task. This ensures no errors exist in the SQL statement the Query Designer created for you. It also lets you look at the results set in the results pane, so you can make sure you are getting the information you expected.

Customer List Report, Task 4: Choose the Report Layout

1. Click **Next**. The **Select the Report Type** page of the Report Wizard appears.

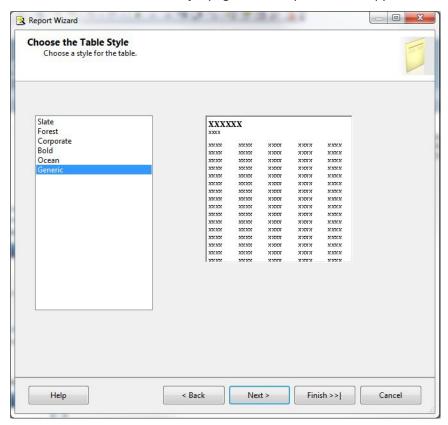


2. Make sure the **Tabular** radio button is selected and click **Next**. The **Design the Table** page of the Report Wizard appears.



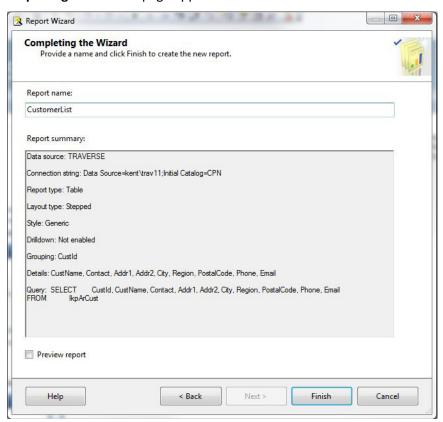
- 3. With the Cust ID highlighted, click the Group button to move the Cust ID into the Group Displayed fields box.
- 4. With the **CustName** field highlighted, click the **Details** button to move the CustName into the Detail **Displayed fields** box.
- 5. Do the same thing with the Addr1, City, Region, PostalCode, Phone and Email fields.

6. Click **Next**. The **Choose the Table Style** page of the Report Wizard appears.



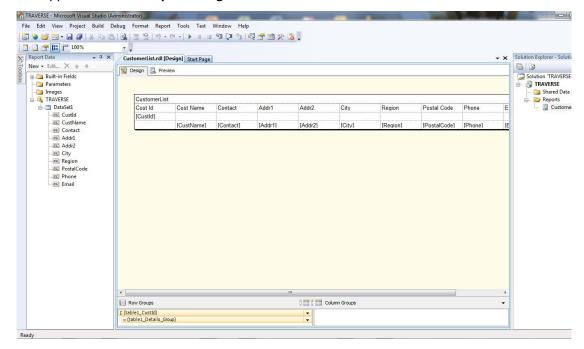
7. Select the **Generic** style in the style list and click **Next**.

8. The **Completing the Wizard** page appears.



9. Type **CustomerList** for the report name.

10. Click **Finish**. The Business Intelligence Development Studio or Visual Studio window appears with the **Report Designer** active.



11. If we click on the **Preview** tab the report is generated and displays all the field headings on one line and all the detail data on another line.

Task Notes:

We would like our Customer List to be formatted a little differently. Mainly so the fields can be fully displayed and on multiple lines.

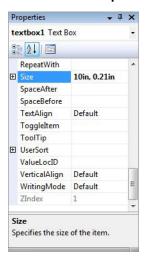
We also want our report heading to be centered, bolded and larger.

Customer List Report, Task 5: Final Formatting

1. The first thing we want to do is format the report heading. Click in the top field of the table to select the **CustomerList** text box.C



2. In the lower right corner of the screen is the **Properties** area.



3. Change the following properties to match the information in the table below.

Table 1: Heading Text Box Properties

NameProperty	NameNew Value
Font Size	14
Font Weight	Bold
Text Align	Center
Value	Customer List
Size Width	7.5 In
Size Height	.33 In

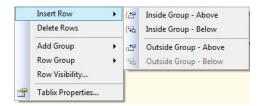
- 4. The next thing we want to do is to add another detail row for our Addr1, City, Region and PostalCode fields to be printed on a second line.
- 5. Make sure the report is displayed in the Layout tab. If you are still in the Preview, click the Layout tab to view the design of the report.

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6. Click in the cell in the center of the table that has the data for the CustName. This will select the table and display grey boxes on the left side and top of the table.



- 7. Click the grey box on the left side of the table in the row that contains the =Fields!CustName.Value text. This is a detail row.
- 8. Right click on the grey box and select Insert Row, Inside Group Below.



- 9. We now see a new, empty detail row below our current row.
- 10. Now right click on the grey box next to the row with the field headings in it and select **Insert Row Below.**
- 11. We now have a new empty header row.
- 12. Click in the detail row that contains Addr1 and press Ctrl X on your keyboard. This will cut the contents of the field.
- 13. Click in the empty field directly below the CustName data field and press Crtl V. This will paste the cut data into this field.
- 14. Do the same thing with the City, Region and PostalCode data fields. Moving them sequentially in the second detail row.
- 15. Follow the steps to cut and paste the Phone and Email data fields to move them after the Contact data field. They should be replacing the now empty fields where the Addr1 and City fields were.
- 16. Click the Addr1 heading field and press Ctrl X to cut this field and paste it (Ctrl V) into the empty heading field under the CustName heading.
- 17. Follow these same steps to move the other headings to match the data fields below them.
- 18. You will have two empty columns at the end of the table. Click the grey box above the first empty column. Hold you shift key and click the next empty column.

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19. Right click on one of the selected column grey boxes at the top to see the right click menu.



- 20. Select **Delete Columns** to delete the selected columns.
- 21. We do not need the Table Footer rows for this table. Right click on one of the grey boxes next to a row and select Table Footer from the menu. This will take the footer row off the table.
- 22. Next we want to format our table headings to make them stand out as headings for the data.
- 23. Click in the heading field for CustID. Hold your shift key and click in the heading field for Postal Code. This will highlight all the table heading fields.
- 24. In the properties area in the bottom right corner of the screen change the properties to match those in the table below.

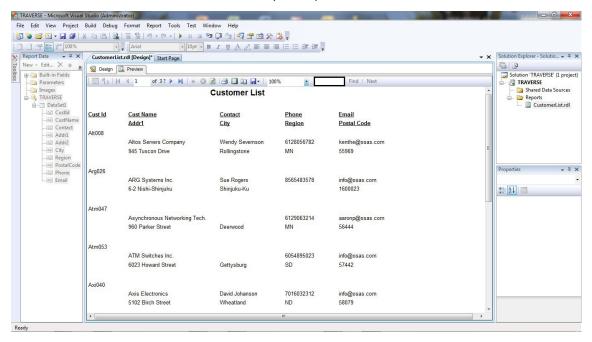
Table 2: Table Heading Properties

NameProperty	NameNew Value
Font Size	10 pt
Font Weight	Bold
Text Decoration	Underline

- 25. We will probably need to resize the fields so we can see all the data in the columns. To resize a column click on any cell in the table so you see the grey boxes at the top and left side. If you place your mouse on the line between the column headings your mouse pointer should change to a bar with arrows on each side. Change the size of the Cust Name column to make it larger.
- 26. The table should look similar to this now.

Customer List				
Customer Id	Customer Name	Contact	Phone	<u>Email</u>
	<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Region</u>	Postal Code
[CustId]				
	[CustName]	[Contact]	«Expr»	[Email]
	[Addr1]	[City]	[Region]	[PostalCode]

27. Click on the **Preview** tab to see what your report looks like.



28. You may not have a space between the customer records. If you do not have a space between customer records, return to the **Layout** tab.

29. Click in the table to select it and right click on the last detail row and select Add Row Below. This will add a blank detail row below the last row with data in it. You should now have a blank row between the customer records when you preview it.

		Customer List			
Cust Id	<u>Cust Name</u>	Contact	Phone	<u>Email</u>	
	Addr1	City	Region	Postal Code	
Alt008					
	Altos Servers Company	Wendy Severnson	6128056782	kenthe@osas.com	
	945 Tuscon Drive	Rollingstone	MN	55969	
Arg026					
	ARG Systems Inc.	Sue Rogers	8565483578	info@osas.com	
	6-2 Nishi-Shinjuku	Shinjuku-Ku		1600023	
Atm047					
	Asynchronous Networking Tec	h.	6129063214	aaronp@osas.com	
	960 Parker Street	Deerwood	MN	56444	
Atm053					
	ATM Switches Inc.		6054895023	info@osas.com	
	6023 Howard Street	Gettysburg	SD	57442	
Axi040					
	Axis Electronics	David Johanson	7016032312	info@osas.com	
	5102 Birch Street	Wheatland	ND	58079	
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30. Click the Save All button 👔 in the toolbar.

If you want your phone number to be masked to match the US phone format, right click on the phone data cell and select Expression. In the top box in the Expression dialog box type the following:

```
= string.Format("(\{0\}) \{1\}-\{2\}", Fields!Phone.Value.Substring(0,
3), Fields!Phone.Value.Substring(3, 3), Fields!Phone.Value.Sub-
string(6))
```

You have now completed designing your first report!

Task Notes:

This report looks OK, but it would be nice if the reports had a standard layout. We will design a template report to use for the remaining reports so they will have a common look and feel.

Steps for Making Reporting Services Report

- 1. Install and set up Reporting Services and Report Manager
- 2. Start SQL Server Business Intelligence Development Studio (Visual Studio 2005)
- 3. Create a Project
- 4. Create a new Report
- 5. Establish data connection
- 6. Select information to include on report
- 7. Determine grouping and sorting
- 8. Choose report style
- 9. Test and preview
- 10. Modify design if needed
- 11. Deploy

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Features Highlighted

- Creating a reusable template for reports
- Using values from the Globals collection

Business Need

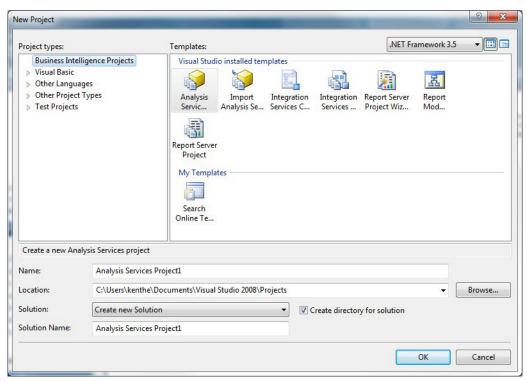
Continental Products Unlimited would like a template that can be used for each new report created. The report will include the company name and report name in a header across the top of each page. The template is also going to include a Page x of x area, the date the report was run and the time the report was run. It will also include a footer that will let the users know which page is the last of the report.

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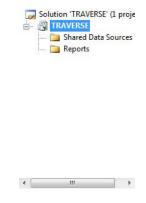
- 1. Create the Template Project and the Template Report with a Page Header.
- 2. Create the Page Footer on the Template Report.
- 3. Copy the Template to the Report Project Directory.

Report Template, Task 1: Create the Template Project and the Template Report with a Page Header

1. Create a new Reporting Services project called **Template** in the MSSQLRS folder. Click **OK** to create the new project.



2. Right click on the **Reports** under the Template project in the Solution area and select **Add** then **New Item**.



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- 3. The Add New Item window appears. Select Report from the available choices in the top window. Enter TRAVERSETemplate as the report name and click OK. This will make a blank report and we now can set up our template for reports.
- 4. From the menu bar select Report Report Properties and select Landscape for the Orientation.
- 5. From the Main menu, select Report Add Page Header. A space for the page header layout appears above the layout area for the body of the report. (If Report is not showing on the Main menu, click anywhere on the report layout. the Format and Report menu choices appear.) Drag the grey bar separating the page header and the body down, so the page header area is larger.
- 6. From the **toolbox** tab, on the far left side of the screen, place a textbox in the layout area in the page header.



7. Edit the properties of this textbox using the properties area in the lower right corner of the screen to edit the following properties.

Table 1: Template Heading 1 Textbox

NameProperty	NameNew Value
Font size	12 pt
Font weight	Bold
Text Align	Center
Value	Continental Products Unlimited
Location Left	0 in
Location Top	0 in
Size Width	7.5 in
Size Height	.25 in

8. Place another textbox directly under the first textbox and set the properties as follows.

Table 2: Template Heading 2 Textbox

NameProperty	NameNew Value
Font Size	12pt
Font Weight	Bold
Text Align	Center
Value	Report Name
Location Left	0 in
Location Top	.25 in
Size Width	7.5 in
Size Height	.25 in

9. Add a third textbox directly under the last one added and set the properties as follows.

Table 3: Template Heading 3 Textbox

NameProperty	NameNew Value
Location Left	0 in
Location Top	.5 in
Size Width	7.5 in
Size Height	.25 in

10. Add 5 more textboxes in the upper right corner of the report and edit the following properties for these textboxes.

Table 4: Template Heading Page #

NameProperty	NameNew Value
Font Size	8 pt
Text Align	Right
Name	PageXofN
Location Left	7.5 in
Location Top	0 in
Size Width	1.35 in
Size Height	.25 in

Table 5: Template Heading Report Date Label

NameProperty	NameNew Value
Font Size	8 pt
Text Align	Left
Value	Report Date
Name	ReportDateTimeLabel
Location Left	7.5 in
Location Top	.25 in
Size Width	.7 in
Size Height	.25 in

Table 6: Template Heading Report Date

NameProperty	NameNew Value
Font Size	8 pt
Text Align	Right
Value	= Today
Location Left	8.2 in
Location Top	.25 in
Size Width	.65 in
Size Height	.25 in
Format	d

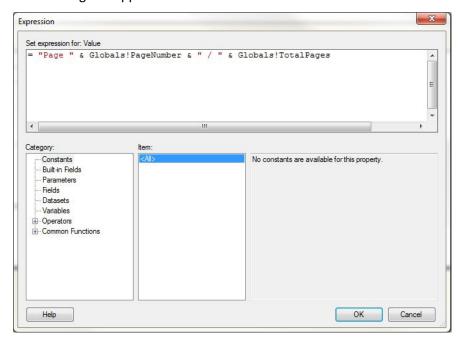
Table 7: Template Heading Report Time Label

NameProperty	NameNew Value
Font Size	8 pt
Text Align	Left
Value	Report Time
Location Left	8.2 in
Location Top	.5 in
Size Width	.7 in
Size Height	.25 in

Table 8: Heading Report Report Time

NameProperty	NameNew Value
Font Size	8 pt
Text Align	Right
Value	= Now
Location Left	8.2 in
Location Top	.5 in
Size Width	.65 in
Size Height	.25 in
Format	t

11. Right click the top right text box to highlight it and select **Expression** from the menu. The Expression dialog box appears.



12. Enter the following into the box at the top of the dialog box:

```
= "Page " & Globals!PageNumber & "/ "& Globals!TotalPages
```

If you don't want to type the whole expression you can use the selections at the bottom for parts of the expression.

After the = type "Page "then at the bottom select Global in the left window and double click on PageNumber.

Type & with a space in front and behind and then "/" & with a space in front and behind again.

Select Global again and then double click on TotalPages.

Once you have done all this your expression should be the same as above.

13. Click **OK** once you have finished.

Report Template, Task 2: Create the Page Footer on the Template Report

1. Click in the report layout area.

- 2. From the Main menu, select **Report Add Page Footer**. A space for the page footer layout appears below the layout area for the body of the report.
- 3. Page Footer is selected in the Properties window. Modify the following property for the page footer.

Table 9: Template Footer Properties

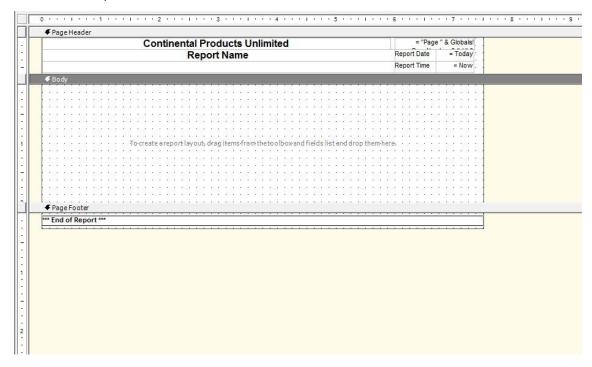
NameProperty	NameNew Value
Size Height	.25 in
Print on First Page	False
Print on Last Page	True

4. Place a **textbox** from the **toolbox** in the layout area for the page footer. Modify the following properties of the text box.

Table 10: Template Footer Textbox

NameProperty	NameNew Value
Border Style Top	Solid
Border Style Bottom	Solid
Font Size	8 pt
Font Weight	Bold
Text Align	Left
Value	*** End of Report ***
Size Width	9 in
Size Height	.1667 in

5. Your template should look similar to this.



6. Click the Save All button 👔 in the toolbar.

Report Template, Task 3: Copy the Template to the Report Project Directory

- 1. From the Main menu, select **File Close Solution** to close the solution.
- 2. Open **Windows Explorer (My Computer)** and navigate to the folder you created for the Template project. From the My Documents folder the path should be the following:

Visual Studio 2008\Projects\MSSQLRS\Template

- 3. In the **Template** folder, highlight the file **TRAVERSETemplate.rdl**. This is the template report we just created.
- 4. Press Ctrl C to copy this file.
- 5. Navigate to the directory where the Report Designer stores its templates. In a default installation this is

C:\Program Files\Microsoft Visual Studio 9\Common7\IDE\PrivateAssemblies\ProjectItems\

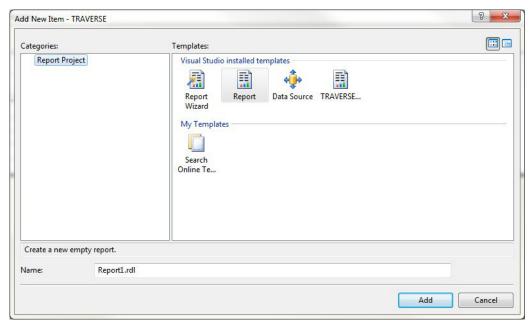
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- 6. Select the **ReportProject** folder.
- 7. Press **Ctrl V** to paste the copied file in this directory.
- 8. Close Windows Explorer (My Computer).

NOTE: When we add a new item to a report project, the Report Designer looks in the ProjectItems\ReportProject folder. Any report files (.rdl) it finds in this folder are included in the Templates area of the Add New Items Dialog box. This is shown in the picture below.

In the remainder of this lesson, we use our new template to create reports.



SALES JOURNAL SUMMARY REPORT

Now that you have a taste of how the Report Wizard works and what it can do, let's try something a bit more complex. Let's create a table report that implements an interactive feature called drilldown. With the *drilldown* type of report, only the high-level summary information is initially presented to the viewers. They can then click a special area of the report (in our case, that area is designated by a plus (+) sign) to reveal part of the lower-level, detail information. The viewers drill down through the summary to get to the detail.

Features Highlighted

- Linking views in the Graphical Query Designer
- · Assigning columns for page breaks and grouping
- Enabling subtotals and drilldown
- Copying our Template header and footer into our report

Business Need

The accounting department would like a report listing the Accounts Receivable invoices that will be posted when running the post. The invoices need to be grouped by Batch, with each batch beginning a new page. The report allows a viewer to drill down from the customer level to view the invoices for that customer.

Task Overview

- 1. Reopen the TRAVERSE Project
- 2. Create a New Report in the TRAVERSE Project, make a data source and Create a Dataset
- 3. Choose the Report Layout
- 4. Copy and paste the Template into the report
- 5. Final formatting of the report

Sales Journal Summary Report, Task 1: Reopen the TRAVERSE Project

If you have not closed the TRAVERSE project since working on the previous section of this lesson, skip to Step 8. Otherwise, follow these steps, starting with Step 1:

1. Open the Business Intelligence Development Studio or Visual Studio 2005.

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- 2. If a link to the **TRAVERSE** project is visible on the Start Page, click this link and the TRAVERSE project opens. Proceed to Step 8. If a link to the TRAVERSE project is not visible on the Start Page continue with Step 3.
- 3. Select File Open Project/Solution.
- 4. Click My Projects.
- 5. Double-click MSSQLRS.
- 6. Double-click TRAVERSE.
- 7. Double-click TRAVERSE.sIn. (This is the file that contains the solution for TRAVERSE.)
- 8. If the **CustomerList** report is displayed in the center of the screen, click the X button in the upper-right corner or the center section of the screen to close this report.

Task Notes:

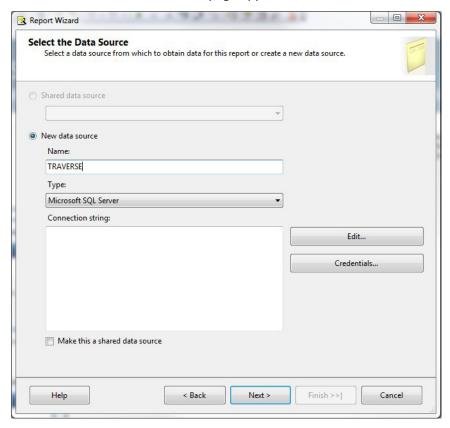
Opening the TRAVERSE solution (TRAVERSE.sln) and opening the TRAVERSE project (TRAVERSE.rptproj) produced the same end result, so you can do either. Only one project is in the TRAVERSE solution, so that project is automatically opened when the solution is opened. When the TRAVERSE project is opened, the last report you worked on is displayed in the center of the screen. In this case, it is probably the Customer List Report.

You do not need to close one report before working on another report. In fact, you can have multiple reports open at one time and use the tables containing the report names to move among them. In most cases, however, a philosophy of "the less clutter, the better" works well when creating reports. For this reason, it is recommended you close all unneeded reports as you move from one report to the next.

Sales Journal Summary Report, Task 2: Create a New Report in the TRAVERSE Project, make a data source and Create a Dataset

- 1. In the Solution Explorer on the right side of the screen, right-click the Reports folder. You see the right-click menu.
- 2. Select the Add New Report command from the right-click menu. This starts the Report Wizard, enabling you to create another report in the current project.

3. Click **Next**. The **Select the Data Source** page appears.



- 4. Select **New Data Source** and type **TRAVERSE** for the New data source **Name**.
- 5. Select **Microsoft SQL Server** from the Type drop-down list, if it is not already selected.

6. Click **Edit**. The **Connection Properties** dialog box appears.

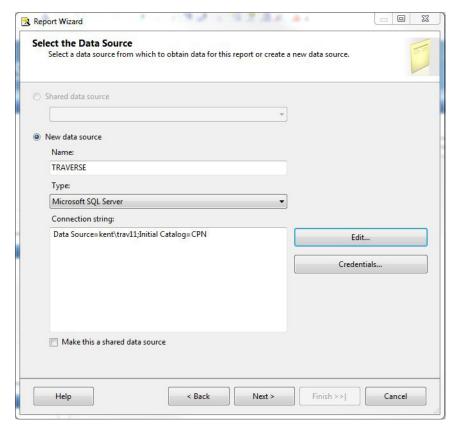


7. Type the name and instance of the SQL Server that has your TRAVERSE databases.

If you have a server with an instance name the syntax for that should be similar to this: servername\instancename. Notice the Server Name field in the picture above.

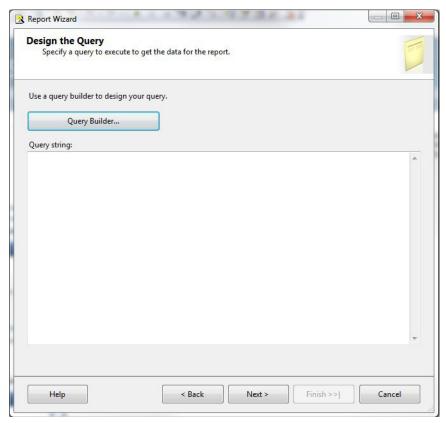
- 8. Select the Use SQL Server Authentication radio button.
- 9. Type sa as the Username and your sa password as the Password.
- 10. Check the Save my password box.
- 11. Select the TRAVERSE company ID as the database to connect to. For this exercise I am connecting to CPN.
- 12. Click the Test Connection button. If the message "Test connection succeeded" appears, click **OK**. If an error appears make sure you typed the information correctly into all the fields.

13. Click **OK** to return to the **Select the Data Source** page. The Select Data Source page should now look similar to this.

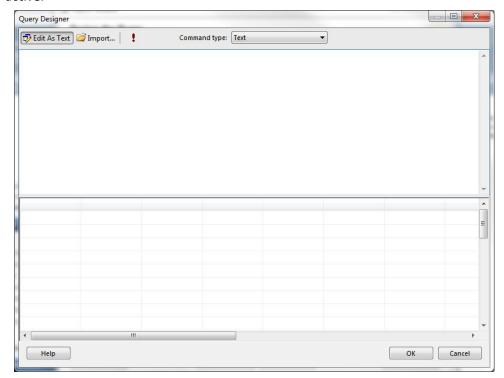


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14. Click **Next**. The **Design the Query** page of the Report Wizard appears.



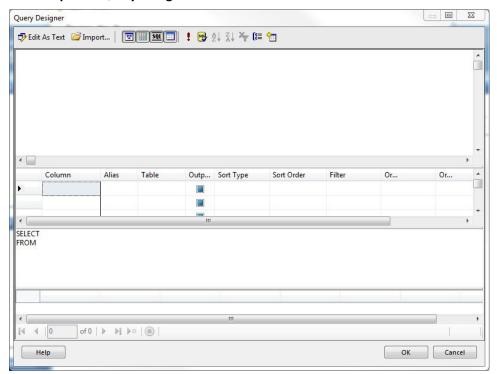
15. Click **Query Builder**. The **Query Builder** window appears with the Generic Query Designer active.



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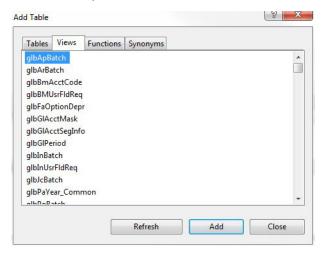
Graphical Query Designer.



17. Select Add Table from the right-click menu or click on the Add Table button in the toolbar **a** .

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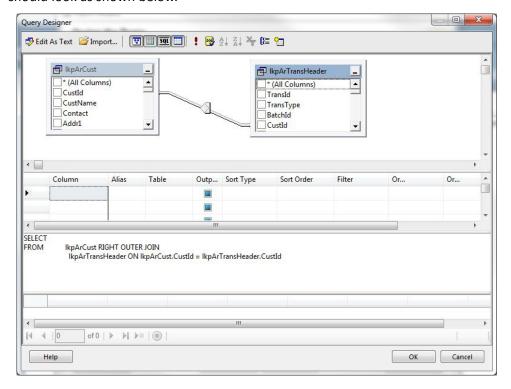
18. The **Add Table** dialog box appears. The dialog box contains a list of the tables, views, and functions that return datasets, which are found in the data source.



- 19. Click the **Views** tab and scroll down to find the table **lkpArCust** and double click on it, or highlight it and click **Add**.
- 20. Scroll down a little further and find the view lkpArTransHeader and double click on it or highlight it and click Add. Make sure you select the lkpArTransHeader and NOT the lkpArTransDetail view.

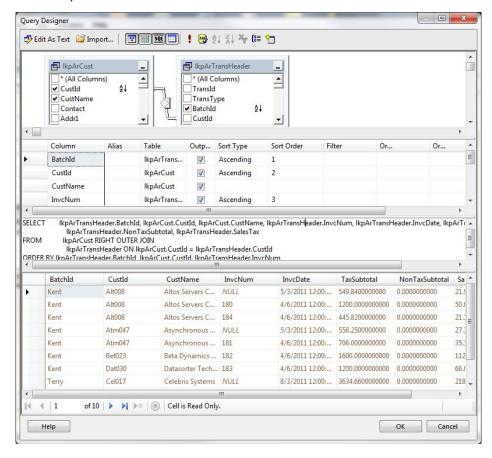
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21. Click Close to exit the Add Table dialog box. We need to create the INNER JOIN between the IkpArCust and the IkpArTransHeader tables. Click on the CustId in the IkpArCust and drag it over on top of the CustId in the IkpArTransHeader to make the join. Your query designer should look as shown below.



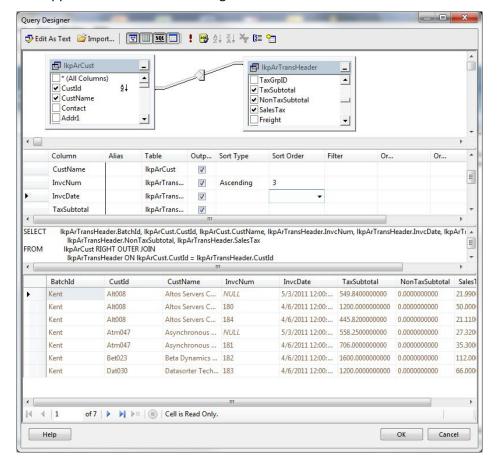
- 22. Right click the grey diamond in the middle of the link joining the IkpArCust and the **IkpArTransHeader** views. The Join right-click menu is displayed.
- 23. Choose the Select All Rows from lkpArTransHeader option in the right-click menu. The diamond symbol changes. It now has a half square on the right side.
- 24. Select the BatchId field in the IkpArTransHeader view list of fields. This places the field in the resulting SQL query and Column list.
- 25. Scroll down the list of columns for the **lkpArCust** view and check the box next to the **CustID** and CustName fields. This places the fields in the resulting SQL query and Column list.

26. Select the following fields in the **IkpArTransHeader** view list of fields: **InvcNum**, **InvcDate**, **TaxSubtotal**, **NonTaxSubtotal** and **SalesTax**.



- 27. Place a **1** in the **Sort Order** column for the **BatchId** field either by typing in the cell or by using the drop down list.
- 28. Place a 2 in the Sort Order column for the CustId field.
- 29. Place a **3**in the **Sort Order** column for the **InvoiceNum** field.

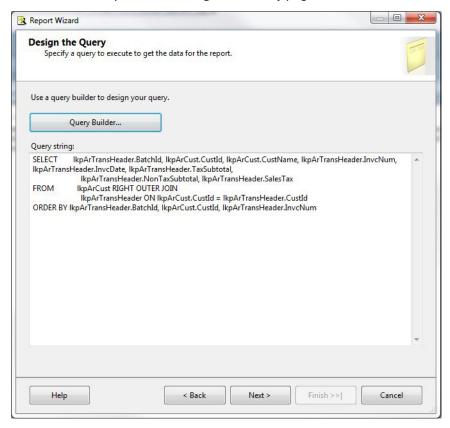
30. Right-click in the SQL pane and select **Execute SQL** or click on the execute button ! . The query executes and the result set is displayed in the results pane. The Query Designer should appear similar to the following illustration.



31. Right-click the results pane. Select Clear Results from the right-click menu.

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32. Click **OK**. This returns you to the **Design the Query** page.



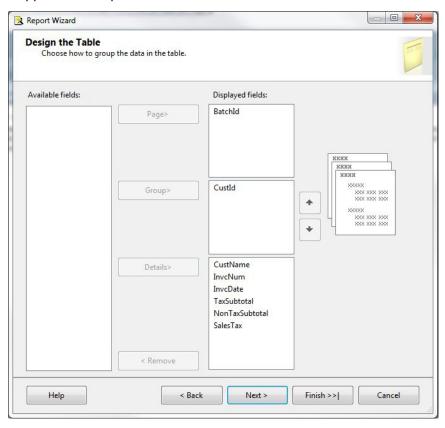
Sales Journal Summary Report, Task 3: Choose the Report Layout

- 1. Click **Next**. The **Select the Report Type** page of the Report Wizard appears.
- 2. Make sure the **Tabular** radio button is selected and click **Next**. The **Design the Table** page of the Report Wizard appears.
- 3. With the **BatchId** field highlighted in the Available Fields list click **Page**. The BatchId field is moved to the Displayed Fields list.
- 4. With the **CustId** field highlighted in the Available Fields list click **Group**. The CustId field is moved to the Displayed Fields list.
- 5. With the **CustName** field highlighted in the Available Fields list click **Detail**. The CustName field is moved to the Displayed Fields list.

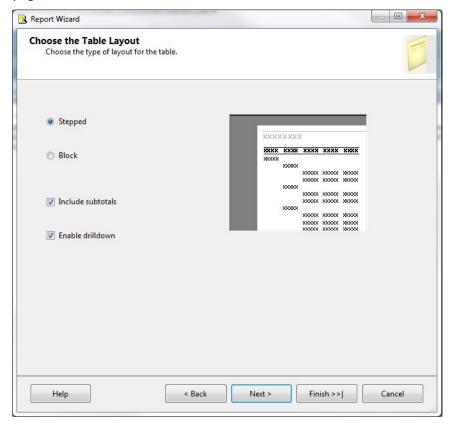
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6. Move the remaining fields to the **Detail** Displayed Fields list. Your Design the Table screen should appear like the picture below.

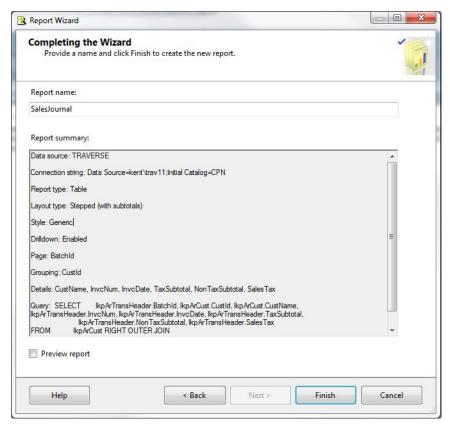


7. Click **Next**. The **Choose the Table Layout** page of the Report Wizard appears. This page appears in the Report Wizard because we put fields in the Group area on the Design the Table page.



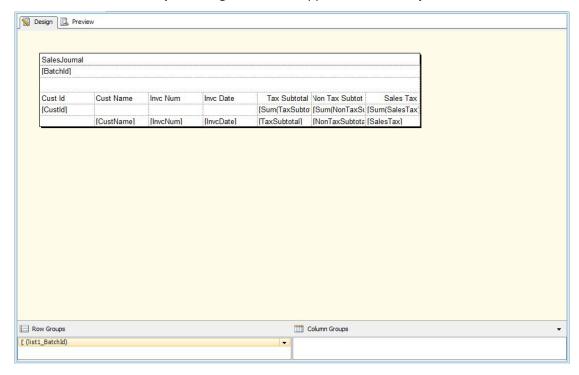
- 8. Make sure the **Stepped** radio button is selected if it already isn't selected.
- 9. Check the Include Subtotals check box.
- 10. Check the **Enable Drilldown** check box. The **Choose the Table Layout** page should look like the picture above.
- 11. Click Next. The Choose the Table Style page of the Report Wizard appears.

12. Select Generic in the style list, and then click Next. The Completing the Wizard page appears.



13. Type SalesJournal for the Report Name.

14. Click Finish. The Report Designer window appears with the Layout tab as shown below.



This is a very basic setup of a drill down report. The title is very generic and the page designation field (BatchId) has no label on it, so we will not know what that field is.

We would want the title to be larger and in the center of the page. We also would want a label for our BatchId field so we know what each page break contains.

15. With the **SalesJournal** textbox selected change the following properties.

Table 11: Sales Journal Title

NameProperty	NameNew Value	
Font Size	12 pt	
Font Weight	Bold	
Text Align	Center	
Value	Sales Journal	
Size Height	.2 in	

16. Select the **BatchId** text box and change the following properties.

Table 12: Batch ID Value

NameProperty	NameNew Value	
Location Left	1.125 in	
Location Top	.25 in	
Size Width	1.875 in	
Size Height	.25	

17. From the Toolbox place a textbox next to the BatchId data field and edit the following properties.

Table 13: Batch ID Label

NameProperty	NameNew Value
Font Weight	Bold
Text Decoration	Underline
Value	Batch ID:
Location Left	.125 in
Location Top	.25 in
Size Width	.75 in
Size Height	.25 in

- 18. Now let's make the table headings look better.
- 19. Click in a cell in the table and then click the grey box to the left of the headings row and change the following properties.

Table 14: Table Headings Properties

NameProperty	NameNew Value		
Border Style Top	Solid		
Font Size	10 pt		
Font Weight	Bold		

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Table 14: Table Headings Properties

NameProperty	NameNew Value	
Text Decoration	Underline	
Layout Height	.21 in	

- 20. Click in each of the heading cells and change the text in the cells to have better titles. For example Customer ID, Customer Name, Tax Subtotal etc.....
- 21. Click on the **Preview** tab and your report should look similar to this.

Sales Journal

Batch ID:	Kent				
Customer Id	Customer Name	Invoice Number Invoice Date	Tax Subtotal	Non Tax Subtotal	Sales Tax
⊕ Alt008			2195.66000000 00	0.0000000000	93.1000000000
⊞ Atm047			1264.25000000 00	0.0000000000	62.6200000000
⊕ Bet023			1600.00000000 00	0.0000000000	112.000000000
⊕ Dat030			1200.00000000	0.0000000000	66.0000000000

- 22. The numbers in the Tax Subtotal, Non Tax Subtotal and Sales Tax fields are not formatted very well.
- 23. Go back to the **Design** tab and click in the cell containing **=Sum(TaxSubtotal.Value)**, hold your shift key down and click in the field containing [SalesTax].
- 24. In the properties area find the **Format** field and enter **n2** into this field.

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25. Click the **Preview** tab and your report should now look like this.

Sales Journal

Batch ID:	Kent				
Customer Id	Customer Name	Invoice Number Invoice Date	Tax Subtotal	Non Tax Subtotal	Sales Tax
⊞ Alt008			2,195.66	0.00	93.10
⊞ Atm047			1,264.25	0.00	62.62
⊞ Bet023			1,600.00	0.00	112.00
⊕ Dat030			1,200.00	0.00	66.00

26. Click the plus (+) next to the first record to expand the customer record to see the invoices for that customer. Your report should look similar to this.

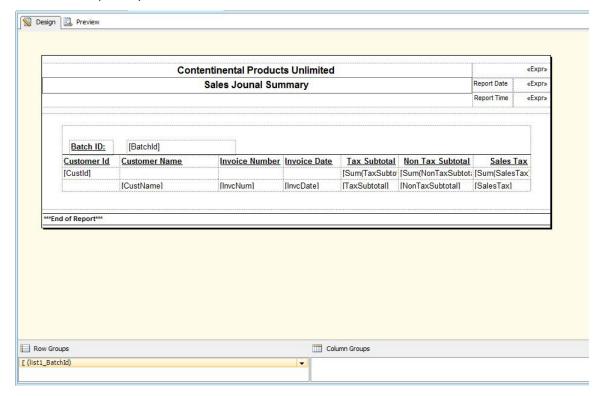
SalesJournal

Batch ID	Kent					
Cust Id	Cust Name	Invc Num	Invc Date	Tax Subtotal	Non Tax Subtotal	Sales Tax
□ Alt008				3,238.99	0.00	134.55
	Altos Servers Company	56	1/21/2009 12:00:00 AM	2,571.45	0.00	107.84
	Altos Servers Company	60	1/21/2009 12:00:00 AM	667.54	0.00	26.71
□ Arg026				0.00	3,211.30	0.00
	ARG Systems Inc.	57	1/21/2009 12:00:00 AM	0.00	1,053.09	0.00
	ARG Systems Inc.	61	1/21/2009 12:00:00 AM	0.00	2,158.21	0.00
				222.91	0.00	10.56
⊕ Atm053				2,766.36	0.00	152.15
⊞ Bet023				2,141.35	0.00	149.90

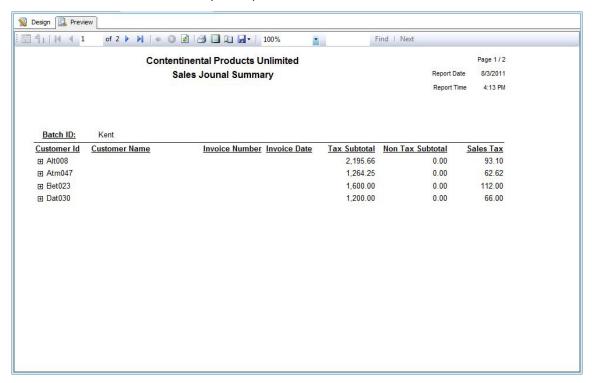
- 27. Notice the **Invc Date** field is not formatted very well either. Go back to the **Layout** tab and click in the cell containing **[InvcDate]**.
- 28. In the Properties area find the **Format** field and enter **d** for the format. This will give us just the date and not the time.
- 29. We want to incorporate our template into this report so we have our standardized report header and report footer.
- 30. In the Solution area of the screen double click the **TRAVERSETemplate** report, if you do not have it open in a different tab.
- 31. This will open our template.
- 32. Click the first text box in the **Page Header** to select it. Hold your shift key and select each of the other text boxes and press **Ctrl C** on your keyboard. This will copy the page header.
- 33. Click back to the tab containing our **Sales Journal** report and select **Report** from the main menu and select **Report Header** and **Report Footer.** This will add the report header and footer fields to the report.
- 34. Click the **Page Header** bar and press **Ctrl V** to paste our template report header into our report.

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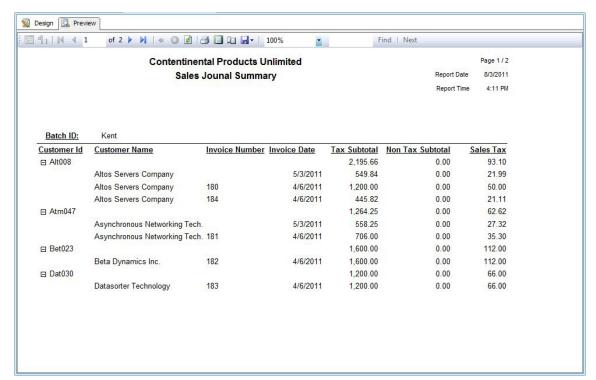
- 35. Go back to the TRAVERSETemplate tab and click the text box in the Report Footer bar and press Ctrl C to copy our report footer.
- 36. Go to the Sales Journal tab and select the Report Footer and press Ctrl V to paste our template report footer.
- 37. Highlight the Sales Journal text box at the top of the Body section of the report and press Delete on your keyboard.
- 38. Your report layout should now look similar to this.



39. Click the **Preview** tab and your report should look similar to this.



40. Click the plus (+) next a couple of the customers and your report should now look similar to this.



Task Notes:

When we created the Customer List Report, we put all but one of the columns from the dataset into the detail line of the report. This time we put the BatchID column in the page area of the table layout. Because of this, the Report Wizard created a report that begins a new page every time there is a new value in the BatchID column. In addition, the value of the Batch ID column appears at the top of each report page.

Using the Report Wizard, we put the CustID column in the Group area of the table layout. This means the report will create a new group each time the value of the CustID column changes.

By checking the Enable Drilldown checkbox, you told the Report Wizard to create a report where the detail lines for a group become visible when the plus sign for that group is clicked. By checking the Include Subtotals checkbox, you told the Report Wizard to total any numeric columns in the detail and to show those totals in the group header for each group.

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We had to reformat the number and date fields because the data coming from the SQL table were not formatted very well coming into the report. We also included the template information in our report.

SALES HISTORY REPORT

In our previous reports we have used the Report Wizard. This is like learning to ride your first two-wheeler with the training wheels on. Not it is time for the training wheels to come off, so we can see what this application can really do! We are going to start by building a report from scratch. We hope these next sections provide the hand holding you need to generate some basic reports without too much programming knowledge.

First we will work with building a report using a table with a couple drill downs without using the Report Wizard. From there we will use this same report to add selection criteria at the top of the report so you can filter the report to get just the information you want.

Features Highlighted

- Build a Dataset using the Graphical Query Designer to bring in data from 3 different views.
- Create a table report from scratch.
- Add grouping and drill down for multiple levels.
- Add subtotals by invoice number for items in the invoice.

Business Need

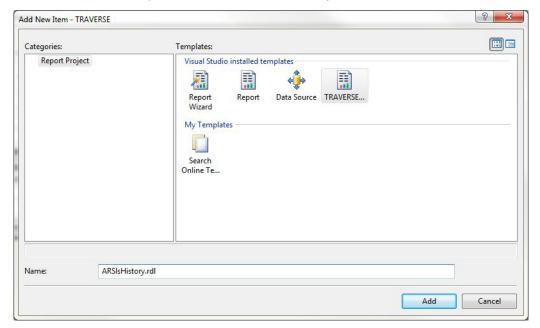
The Accounts Receivable department at Continental Products Unlimited needs to be able to print a sales history report sorted and grouped by Customer ID. They also need to be able to see the invoices for each customer and then if needed see the items on those invoices. They want to have the Customer ID, Customer Name, Invoice Number, Invoice Date, Item ID and Description, Item Unit Cost and Price, Extended Cost and Price, Sales Tax and Invoice totals.

Task Overview

- 1. Create a New Report from our Template in the TRAVERSE project.
- 2. Create a Dataset.
- 3. Place a Table Item on the report, Populate It and set up table groupings.
- 4. Final Report Formatting.

Sales History Report, Task 1: Create a New Report from our Template in the TRAVERSE Project.

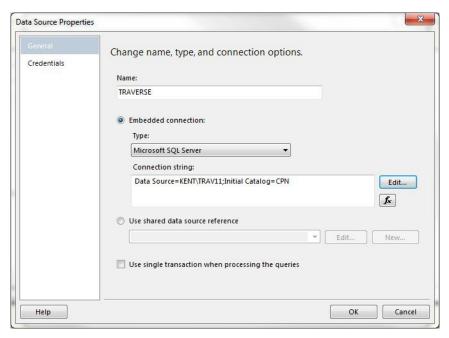
- 1. If you closed the TRAVERSE project, reopen it.
- 2. In the Solution Explorer area, right-click the Reports folder.
- 3. Put your mouse pointer over **Add** in the right-click menu and wait for a submenu to appear. Select the **New Item** command from the menu.
- 4. The **Add New Item TRAVERSE** dialog box appears. Make sure the TRAVERSE Template icon is selected in the Templates area. Enter **ARSIsHistory** for the name.



5. Click **Add**. A new report called **ARSIsHistory.rdl** is created in the TRAVERSE project. You are taken to the **Data** tab of this new report.

Sales History Report, Task 2: Create a Dataset

1. Select <New Dataset...> from the Dataset drop-down list. The Data Source dialog box appears.



2. Enter **TRAVERSE** as the name and select **Microsoft SQL Server** from the Data source drop down list. Click the **Edit** button to bring up the **Connection Properties** dialog box.

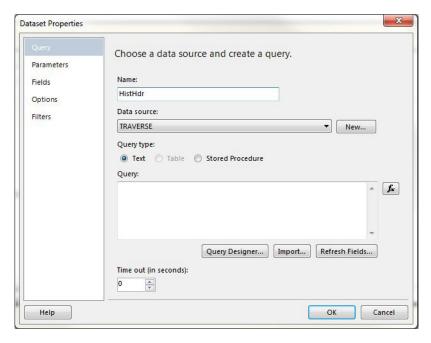


- 3. Enter the name of the SQL 2005 server that stores your TRAVERSE databases.
- 4. Select the **Use SQL Server Authentication** radio button and enter **sa** as the user name and the password.
- 5. Select **CPU**, or your company database in the **Select or enter a database name** drop down box.
- 6. Click **OK** to take you back to the Data Source window.
- 7. Click **OK** to exit the Data Source window.
- 8. You will now see the **Dataset** dialog box.

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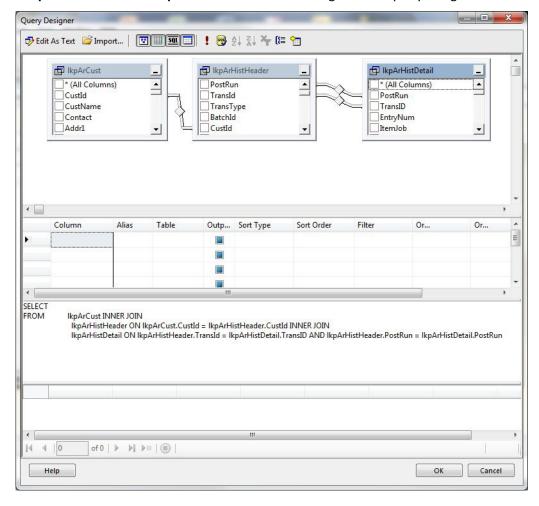
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9. Enter **HistHdr** for the dataset name and select **TRAVERSE** from the Data Source drop down list.



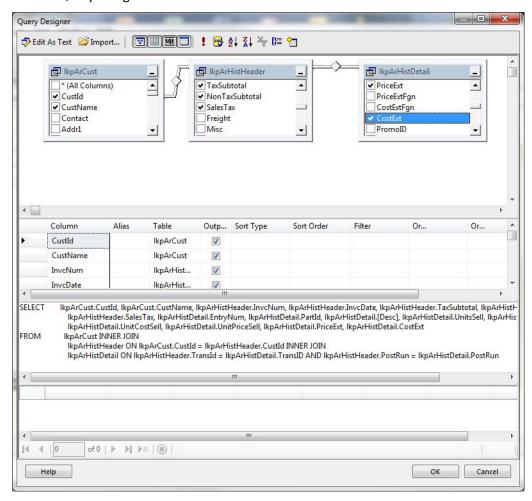
- 10. Click **Query Designer** to set up your query to bring in data.
- 11. Click on the Generic Query Designer Button 👩 to change to the Graphical Query Designer mode.
- 12. Click the **Add Table** button 👚 to bring up the table list.

13. Click on the **Views** tab and then scroll down and double click on the **IkpArCust**, **IkpArHistHeader** and **IkpArHistDetail** views to bring into the query designer window.



- 14. We need to create out joins between the views. Click the **CustId** in the **IkpArCust** view and drag it over to the CustId in the **IkpArHistHeader**.
- 15. We also need to make two joins from the **lkpArHistHeader** to the **lkpArHistDetail**. Drag the **TransId** field from the **lkpArHistHeader** to the **TransId** in the **lkpArHistDetail** and **PostRun** field from the **lkpArHistHeader** to the **PostRun** in the **lkpArHistDetail**.
- 16. In the **IkpArCust** field list check the following fields: **CustId** and **CustName**.
- 17. In the **IkpArHistHeader** field list check the following fields: **InvcNum**, **InvcDate**, **TaxSubtotal**, **NonTaxSubtotal** and **SalesTax**.

- 18. In the IkplArHistDetail field list check the following fields: EntryNum, PartId, Desc, UnitsSell, QtyShipSell, UnitPriceSell, UnitCostSell, PriceExt, CostExt.
- 19. Your Query Designer should now look like this.



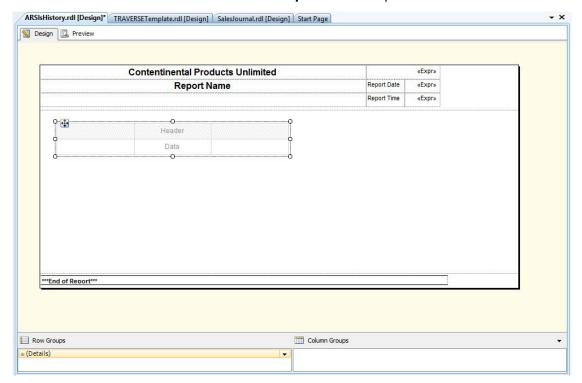
20. Click **OK** twice to save the data set.

Task Notes:

For this report we needed to use 3 views to get all the information we wanted. You can see as we added each view the query designer did not automatically make joins between the views. We had to manually make the joins. The lkpArCust and lkpArHistHeader are joined by the CustId. The IkpArHistHeader and IkpArHistDetail are joined by the TransID. We must have these joins so when the report is rendered we will get the data we want in the correct groupings and format.

Sales History Report, Task 3: Place a Table Item on the report, Populate It and set up table groupings

- 1. Click the **Design** tab so we can now design our report.
- 2. From the Toolbox add a Table to the Body area of the report.

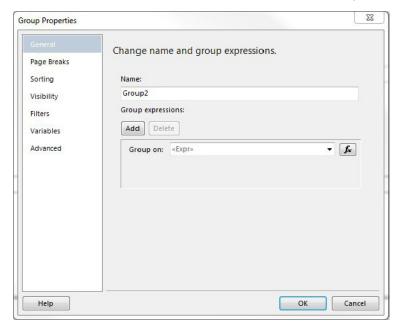


3. Select CustId from the list of fields when you click the Field List button in the first detail cell.

4.

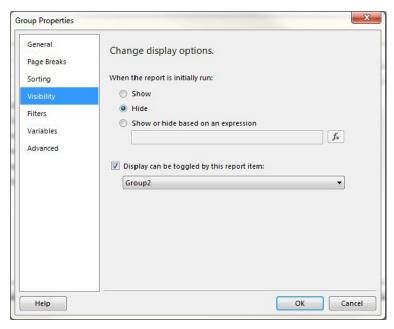
- 5. On the left side of the screen you will see the Dataset area. Expand the dataset so you can see the fields we added.
- 6. In the Group 2 row select the **InvcNum** field from the list when you click on the list symbol in the upper right corner of the field in the first cell and **InvcDate** into the second cell.
- 7. Select EntryNum in the Sort By field in the window that appears and click OK.
- 8. Right click on the Grouping 2 row and select Add Group, Adjacent Below.
- 9. Right click on the new group row and select **Row Group**, **Group Properties**. The **Grouping** and **Sorting Properties** dialog box appears.

- 10. In the Sort By field click on the Expression button (fx).
- 11. The Expression box appears. Select **Datasets**, then **First InvcNum**. In the expression field enter or edit the text to match =First (Fields!InvcNum.Value, "HistHdr") & "".



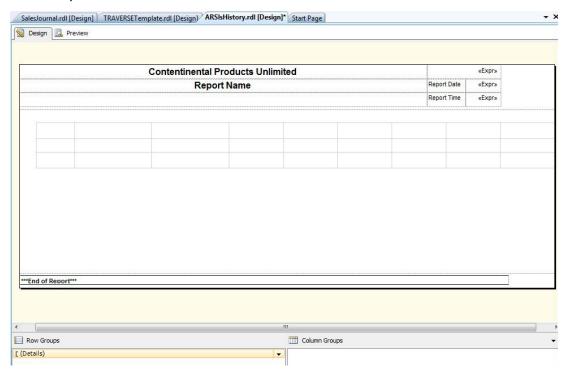
- 12. On the **Sorting** selection select **[EntryNum]** from the Sort By list and **A to Z** for the Order.
- 13. Go to the **Visibility** selection.
- 14. Select Hide from the choices under When the report is initially run:.

15. Check the box for **Display can be toggled this report item** and select **InvcNum** from the **Report Item** list.

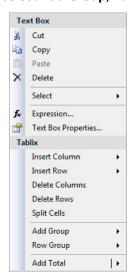


16. Click **OK** to close the Grouping and Sorting Properties box and return to the report layout.

17. Repeat this until we have 9 columns in the table. Size the columns so you can see them in the Layout window.



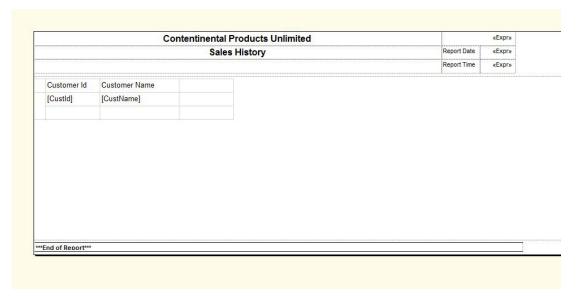
- 18. Click somewhere in the table to select it. Select **CustID** from the field list button $_{\parallel}$ in the first detail cell of the table.
- 19. Right click in the first cell and select **Add Group**, **Parent Group** from the menu.



20. The **Tablix group** box will appear. Select **CustID** from the **Group By** list. check the **Add group** header box and click **OK**.



- 21. Select **CustId** from the list in the second column, second row and select **CustName** for the next cell.
- 22. Rename the headings that get filled in to Customer ID and Customer Name.
- 23. Delete the words **Group1** from the header row and resize the column to make it smaller.

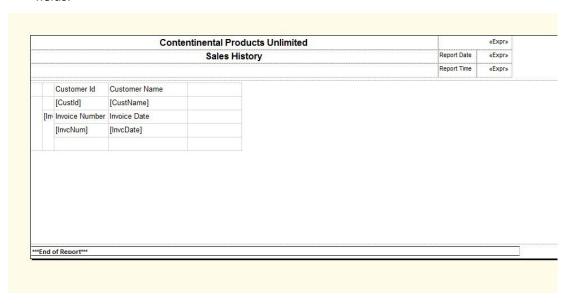


- 24. Right click in the first cell in the table and select **Add Group**, **Child Group**.
- 25. The **Tablix group** box will appear. Select **InvcNum** from the **Group By** list. check the **Add group header** box and click **OK**.
- 26. Select **InvcNum** from the list in the third column, third row and select **InvcDate** for the next cell.
- 27. Delete the word **Group2** from the top row and resize the column to be small like the first column.

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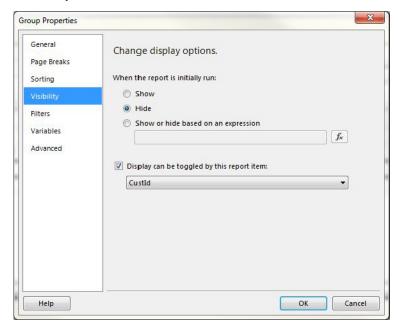
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- 28. Right click on the grey box next to the **InvcNum** group field and select **Insert Row, Above**.
- 29. Enter Invoice Number and Invoice Date in the new row above the InvcNum and InvcDate fields.



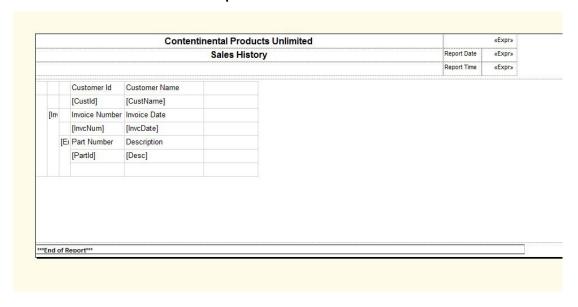
30. Right click in the Group2 cell under the heading you deleted and select Row Group, Group Properties.

31. Go to the Visibility selection.

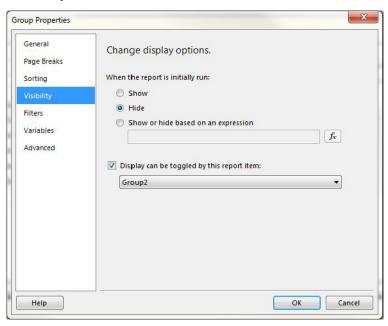


- 32. Select **Hide** from the choices under **When the report is initially run:**.
- 33. Check the box for Display can be toggled this report item and select Group1 from the Report Item list.
- 34. Click **OK** to save the changes and go back to our report layout.
- 35. Right click in the second cell in the table (the one for the InvcNum group) and select Add Group, Child Group.
- 36. The Tablix group box will appear. Select EntryNum from the Group By list. check the Add group header box and click OK.
- 37. Select PartId from the list in the forth column, fifth row and select Desc for the next cell.
- 38. Delete the word Group3 from the top row and resize the column to be small like the first column.
- 39. Right click on the grey box next to the EntryNumgroup field and select Insert Row, Above.

40. Enter Part Number and Description in the new row above the PartId and Desc fields.

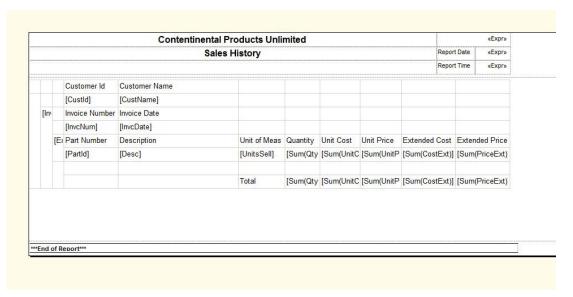


- 41. Right click in the Group3 cell under the heading you deleted and select Row Group, Group Properties.
- 42. Go to the Visibility selection.



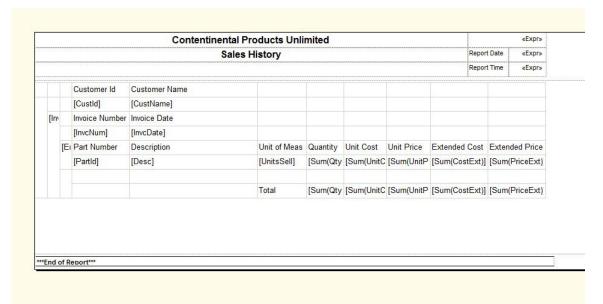
43. Select Hide from the choices under When the report is initially run:.

- 44. Check the box for **Display can be toggled this report item** and select **Group2** from the **Report Item** list.
- 45. Click **OK** to save the changes and go back to our report layout.
- 46. In the PartId row select the **UnitsSell** for the last cell. Delete the title that gets put into the top cell and enter **Unit of Meas** into the Part Number row.
- 47. Right click the column header (grey box) of the last column and select Insert Column, Right. Select **QtyShipSell** in the PartId row. Delete the title that gets put into the top cell and enter **Quantity** into the Part Number (Heading) row.
- 48. Follow the steps in number 47 above for the following fields order: **UnitsSell**, **UnitCostSell**, **UnitPriceSell**, **CostExt** and **PriceExt**.
- 49. In the heading row type the following into each cell in order: **Unit Cost**, **Unit Price**, **Extended Cost** and **Extended Price**.

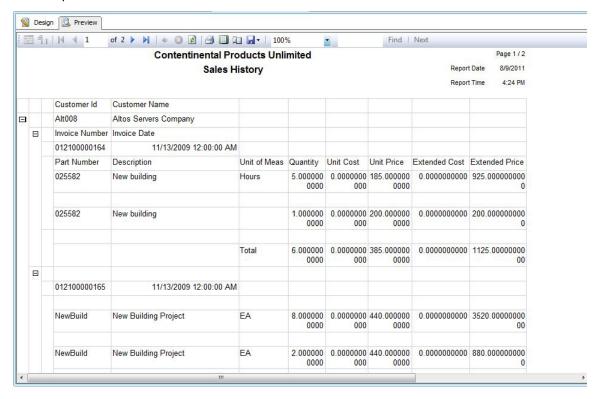


- 50. Right click in the **Invoice Number** labeled field and select Text Box Properties. The Text Box Properties window appears.
- 51. Go to the **Visibility** selection.
- 52. Select **Hide** from the choices under **When the report is initially run:**.
- 53. Check the box for **Display can be toggled by this report item** and select **Group1** from the **Report Item** list.
- 54. Click **OK** to save the changes and go back to our report layout.

- 55. Follow the above steps for the **Invoice Date** heading field.
- 56. Follow the above steps for the, Part Number, Description, Unit of Meas, Quantity, Unit Cost, Unit Price, Extended Cost and Extended Price fields, selecting Group2 for the Display can be toggled by this report item.
- 57. Follow these steps also for the UnitsSell, UnitCostSell, UnitPriceSell, CostExt and PriceExt fields selecting Group2 again from the Display can be toggled by this report item.
- 58. For the header fields for groups 2 and 3 in the properties, select HistHdr for the Hide **Duplicates** selection.
- 59. Delete the last row in the table. This is the Details row, which has nothing in it.
- 60. In the Row Groups section select Add Total After from the menu displayed when clicking on the arrow.
- 61. Enter the word Total in the total row added under UnitsSell.
- 62. Your report layout should now look similar to this.



63. Select the **Preview** tab and the report will render and should look similar to this if you expand the Customer ID and Invoice Number fields.



NOTE: We have now designed a report from a template with multiple drill downs. From our results we can see that we have some final formatting to do to make the report look more to our liking.

Task Notes:

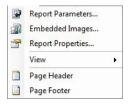
In this task we added a table to the report and added headings and groupings to the table. We used the groupings to be able to drill down from the very summarized list of customer lds that have history invoices, to see the invoices and then to see the items in the invoices. We used only one group footer to get the totals for our extended costs and price.

Sales History Report, Task 4: Final Report formatting

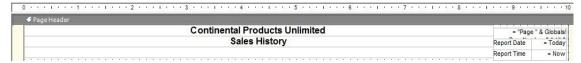
We now want our report to be more pleasing to the eye. We can see from the preview that our dates and numbers are not formatted correctly. Our report header and footer are not centered and our columns will extend beyond a standard portrait sheet of paper. Our column headings need to stand out more so they do not blend in with the rest of the report.

Follow these steps to get our report to have a more appealing look.

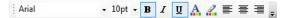
- 1. Go back to the **Layout** tab to view our report layout.
- 2. The first thing we will do is to get our page orientation correct so we can see all our data and not have some columns go to another page.
- 3. From the Main menu select Report and Report Properties.



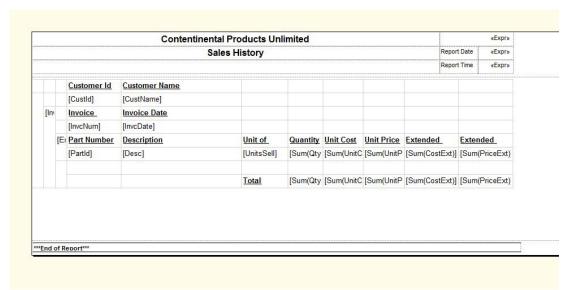
- 4. Select the Layout tab and enter 11 for the Page width and 8.5 for the Page height.
- 5. Click **OK** to exit the Report Properties dialog box and go back to our report layout.
- 6. If the report width is larger than the 11 inches we formatted to. Move the scroll bar all the way to the right edge of the report. Move your mouse pointer to the edge of the white spotted area until it changes to a double arrow. Slide the edge of the report to the 10 in the scale at the top of the window.
- 7. We now need to format our report header to be centered on the page and have the page number and date in the correct place.
- 8. In the Report Header area we want to select the 5 text boxes in the upper right corner of the report header. To do this select the top box, hold your shift key and select each of the other boxes with our mouse.
- 9. With all those text boxes selected move your mouse pointer until it displays 4 arrows pointing in each direction and click your mouse and drag the text boxes so the right edge is under the 10 in the scale at the top and the top of the top text box is at the top of the report header window.
- 10. Select the 3 long heading text boxes using the same method as in step 8 and drag the right edge over to the left edge of the other smaller boxes. In the middle long box (Report Name), highlight the text and change it to say Sales History.
- 11. Your page header should now look similar to this.



- 12. Now we will move to the body of the report and format the column field headings to make them stand out in our report.
- 13. Select the top row in our table, in the text toolbar select the **B**old and **U**nderline symbols to make these column headings bolded and underlined.

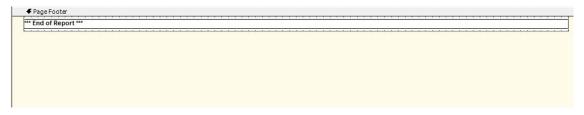


- 14. Select the Group 2 headings and select the **B**old and **U**nderline buttons in the text toolbar.
- 15. Select the Group 3headings and select the **Bold** and **U**nderline buttons in the text toolbar.
- 16. Select the cell with the word Total in it and also select the **B**old and **U**nderline buttons in the text toolbar.
- 17. Resize the columns so they are better formatted to fit the data that will go into them. Make sure the last column does not extend beyond the 10 in the scale or the edge of our report design.
- 18. Your Body with the table in it should look similar to this.

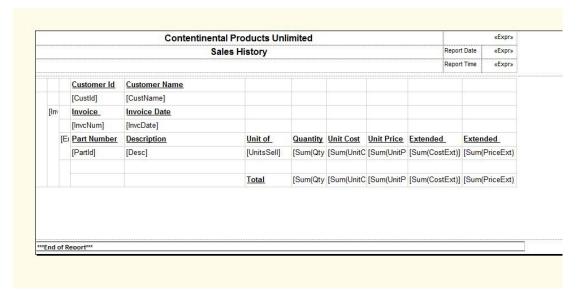


- 19. Our Page footer is also not formatted correctly.
- 20. Select the text box in the page footer and extend the box to the right edge of the report.

21. Your page footer should now look similar to this.

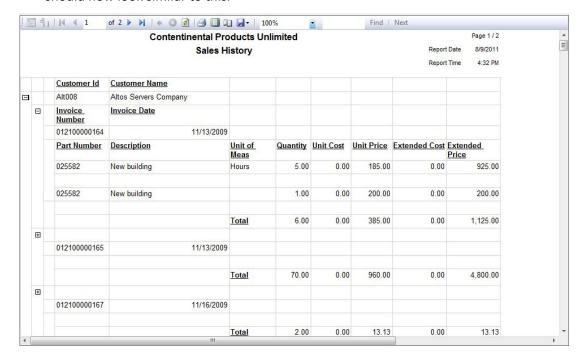


- 22. In the Table in the Body area, select the 2 cells to the right of the cell with Total, these will be the bottom right 2 cells.
- 23. In the properties area find the Border Style selection and expand it. Select Solid for the property of the **Top** field.
- 24. Your whole report layout should now look similar to this.



- 25. We have a couple final things to format.
- 26. Remember when we previewed the report the Invoice Date and amounts fields did not have the correct formatting.
- 27. Select the cell with InvcDate in it. In the properties area in the lower right corner of the screen find the **Format** property and enter **d** into the field.
- 28. Now select the fields in the group 3 row with the costs and prices and in the properties area enter n2 into the Format property.
- 29. Do this same thing for the 5 totals fields.

30. Click the Preview tab and expand the Cust ID and Invoice Number fields and your report should now look similar to this.



Task Notes:

When we formatted the fields in the page header, table and page footer we could have used the properties area to manually enter the positions and size of each text box, but it is much easier to select the fields and use the mouse pointer to move the fields to the position we want. We also could have used the properties area to set the table headings to have bold weight and underline, but again it is much simpler to just use the buttons in the font toolbar to set these font properties. We also could have set the column widths in the table using the properties areas, but again it is simpler to size the columns using the mouse pointer to drag the edges of the columns to give us the sizes we want.

When this report is rendered we get all our customers on the report. Maybe we only want to see a specific customer or a range of customers for a range of dates on our report. In the next section we will go through the steps to add selection criteria to the report to be able to limit the range of customers and invoice dates on our report.

PARAMETERIZED SALES HISTORY REPORT

From the users' standpoint, all our reports up to this point have been "what you see is what you get." These reports each ran a predetermined query to create the dataset. No user input was requested.

In the real world, this is not the way things work. Most reports require the user to specify some criteria that can help determine what information is ultimately in the report. The user may need to enter a start and an end date, or they may need to select the customer, sales region or department to be included in the report. Users like to have control over their reports, so they receive exactly the information they are looking for. Our next report enables you to get user input by using report parameters.

Feature Highlighted

• Using report parameters.

Business Need

The account department is pleased with the Sales History Report. Like most users, when they are happy with something, they want to change it. No software or report is ever really completed. It only reaches a resting point until users think of another enhancement.

The accounting department would like to be able to view the Sales History Report for one customer at a time, or a range of customers. They would also like to specify an invoice date from and an invoice date thru, and only view invoices that were entered between those dates.

We can modify the Sales History Report to include these features. We can add a WHERE clause to the SELECT statement that creates the dataset. Then we can send the user's selections for customer and invoice dates to the WHERE clause using report parameters.

Task Overview

- 1. Reopen the TRAVERSE Project, Open the Sales History Report and add parameters to the Query in the Original Dataset.
- 2. Create a Second Dataset Containing a list of Customers.
- 3. Customize the Report Parameters.

Parameterized Sales History Report, Task 1: Reopen the TRAVERSE Project, Open the Sales History Report and add parameters to the Query in the Original Dataset

- 1. If you closed the TRAVERSE project, reopen it.
- 2. If the Sales History Report is open, you are ready to go. If it is not open, double-click the entry for the **ARSalesHistory** report in the Solution Explorer on the right side of the screen.
- 3. Click the Data tab. You see the Query Designer screen with the query built for this report.
- 4. Select the **HistHdr** from the list of Datasets and right click, Query to view the graphical query designer.
- 5. Find the **CustId** record in the list and enter the following into the **Filter** field:

6. In the **InvcDate** row, enter the following into the Filter field:

>= @StartDate

- 7. Scroll to the bottom of the list to add a new record and select **InvcDate** from the drop down list of fields.
- 8. Uncheck the Output box and enter the following into the Filter field:

<= @EndDate

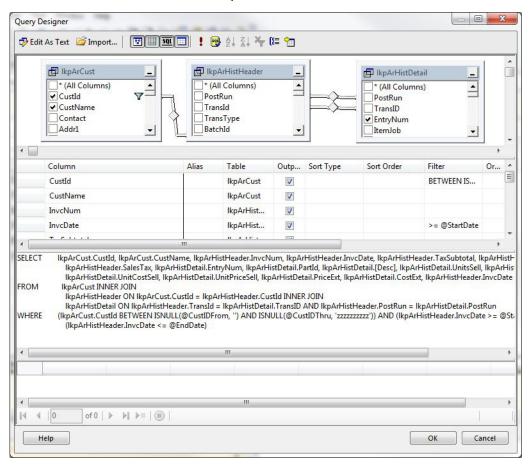
Notice in the SQL area of the Query Designer the following WHERE clause has been added:

WHERE (IkpArCust.CustId BETWEEN ISNULL(@CustIDFrom, ") AND ISNULL(@CustIDThru, 'zzzzzzzzz')) AND (IkpArHistHeader.InvcDate >= @StartDate) AND (IkpArHistHeader.InvcDate <= @EndDate)

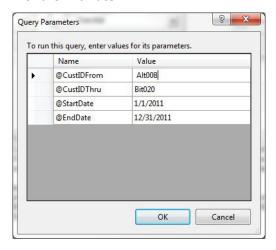
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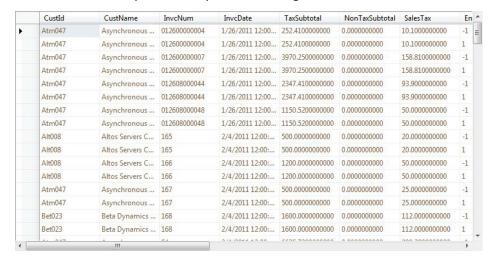
Instead of entering the text into the Filter fields in the field list area you could also type this WHERE clause into the SQL area of the screen.



If you want to see the results you can click the Execute button ! and enter Alt008 into the Custld From and Bit020 for the Custld Thru. Enter 1/1/2011 for the StartDate and 12/31/2011 for the EndDate.



Below is an example of what your results might look like.

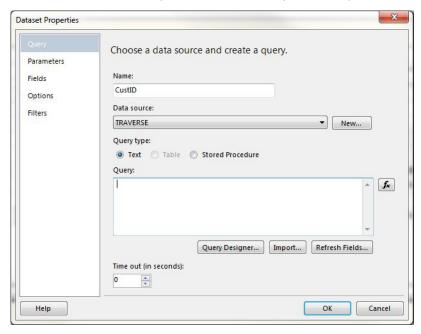


Task Notes:

We have now added two parameters to the WHERE clause of the SELECT statement. Only rows where the Custld is equal to and between the from and thru of the @Custld will be displayed in the result set. If we leave the Custld from and CustldThru fields empty we will get all customers. When we enter dates into the @StartDate and @EndDate we will only get records with invoice dates between these dates.

Parameterized Sales History Report, Task 2: Create a Second Dataset Containing a list of Customers

1. Select **New Dataset** from the drop down lost at the top of the Report Data window.



2. Enter **CustID** as the Name, select **TRAVERSE** as the **Data Source** and type the following into the query window:

NULL AS CustID, " AS Label

UNION

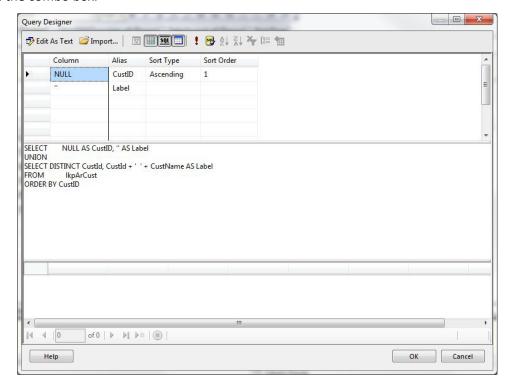
SELECT DISTINCT CustID, CustID+' '+CustName AS Label

FROM lkpArCust

ORDER BY CustID

3. Click OK to return to the report design screen.

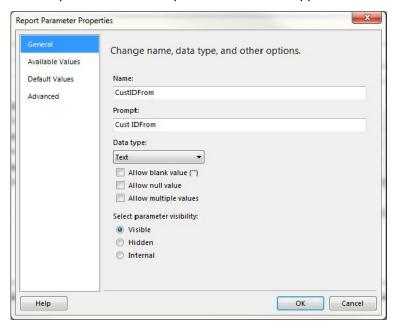
This dataset will give us a combo box list of customers with the CustId and CustName displayed in the combo box.



Parameterized Sales History Report, Task 3: Customize the Report Parameters

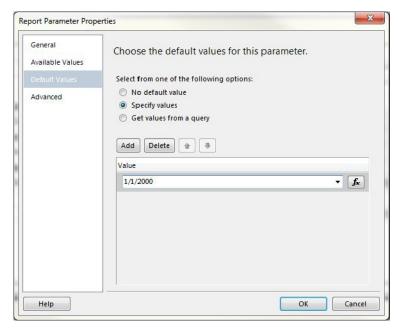
1. In the **Report Data** area of the screen expand the **Parameters** selection.

2. Right click the CustIdFrom parameter in the Parameters area and select Parameter Properties. The Report Parameter Properties window will appear.



- 3. Enter Customer ID From into the Prompt field in the Properties area.
- 4. Check the Allow null value and Allow blank value check boxes.
- 5. Select Available Values from the list on the left. Select Get values from a query, CustID for the Dataset, CustID for the Value field and Label for the Label field in the Available values area.
- 6. Select **Null** for the **Default values**. Your screen should look like the one above.
- 7. Click OK.
- 8. Right click the CustIDThru parameter in the Parameters area and select Parameter Properties.
- 9. Enter **Customer ID Thru** into the **Prompt** field in the Properties area.
- 10. Select Available Values from the list on the left. Select Get values from a query, CustID for the Dataset, CustID for the Value field and Label for the Label field in the Available values area.
- 11. Click **OK**.
- 12. Right click the **StartDate** parameter in the Parameters area and select Parameter Properties.

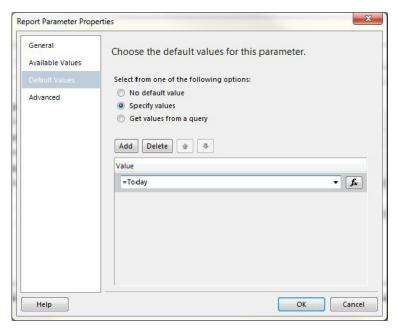
- 13. Enter **Start Date** into the **Prompt** field in the Properties area.
- 14. Select **Data/Time** in the **Data Type** area.
- 15. Select **Default Values** from the list on the left. Select **Specify Values** for the **Select from one of the following options:**.
- 16. Select **Add** and enter **1/1/2000**, or a date you know is older than your earliest invoice history date.



- 17. Right click the **StartDate** parameter in the Parameters area and select Parameter Properties. Select the **EndDate** parameter and enter **Invoice Date Thru** for the **Prompt**. Leave the **Allow null value** unchecked.
- 18. Select None for the Available values area.

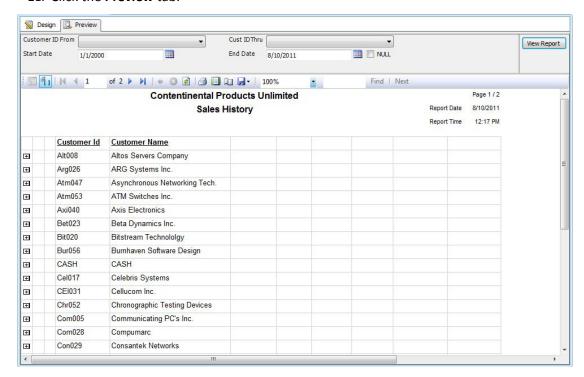
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19. Select **Specify values** for the **Default values** and enter **=Today**. This will default today's date into the invoice date thru field.



20. Click **OK** to exit the Report Parameters dialog box.

21. Click the Preview tab.



22. The prompts for the four report parameters appear at the top of the preview area. The report is rendered with all customers and dates. It does this because we told it to bring in all values from the first to last in the WHERE clause.

(lkpArCust.Custld BETWEEN ISNULL(@CustlDFrom, ") AND ISNULL(@CustlDThru, 'zzzzzzzzzz'))

The "after the @CustIDFrom tells SQL to bring in the first possible value and the 'zzzzzzzzz' after the @CustIDThru tells SQL to bring in the last possible value.

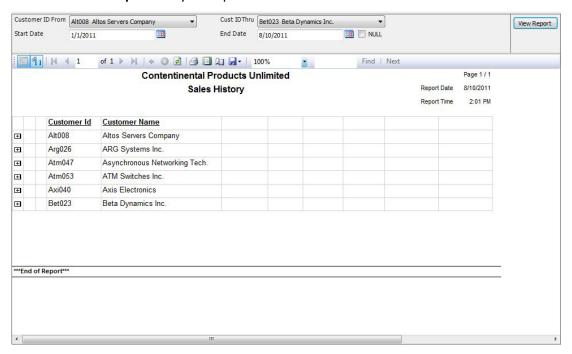
23. Let's select Alt008 for the Customer ID From and Bet023 for the Customer ID Thru.

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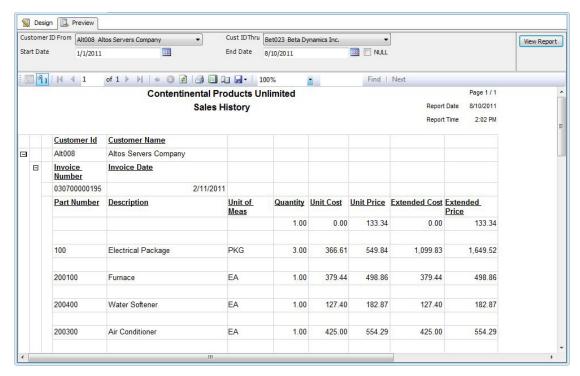
24. Let's also change the Invoice Date From to 1/1/2011, notice there is a calendar symbol next to the date selection. If we click on this calendar symbol we will get a calendar to select from.



- 25. Let's change the Invoice Date Thru to 8/31/2011, or click the calendar and use the arrow to go to August 2011 and select the 31st.
- 26. Click View Report and your report will now be filtered.



27. Click the plus (+) next to the Customer ID and then the plus (+) next to the invoice number and we will see the items in the invoice.



Task Notes:

Each time we added a parameter to the query in the dataset, the Report Designer created a corresponding report parameter for us. When the report is viewed, the values entered for the report parameters are automatically passed on to the query parameters before the query is executed. In this way, the user can enter information and have it used in the WHERE clause of the SELECT statement to affect the contents of the report.

The Report Parameters dialog box enables you to control the user's interaction with the report parameters. We can change the prompts the user sees. We can even determine the default value for a parameter.

One of the most powerful features of the Report Parameters dialog box is the capability to create a drop-down list from which the user can select a value for a parameter. In many cases, the user will not know values, such as department codes, part numbers, and so forth without looking them up. This capability to enable the user to select valid values from a list makes the reports much more user-friendly.

Chapter Summary:

CHAPTER SUMMARY:

We have seen what the Report Wizard can do for you. It can provide you with a great starting place for a number of reports. However, the Report Wizard does have its limitations and, in most cases, you need to make additions to the reports it generates before they are ready for the end user.

We have also seen how to make a template so we can have a consistent look to your reports and how to save that template so it can be selected when we are making new reports.

The real power of the Reporting Services comes when we build the reports without using the Report Wizard, as we did with the Sales History Report. With just some minor adjustments we can make the report look the way we want and also add selection criteria to help the users get just the information they want on the reports.

Hopefully this will give you a good base knowledge of what the Report Designer can do for you, so you can make reports that will suit your users needs.

Now, it is time to move on to the Report Manager. In the next chapter, we will look at ways to put our reports into Report Manager and ways to administer those reports once they are there.

Steps for Making Reporting Services Report

- 1. Install and set up Reporting Services and Report Manager
- 2. Start SQL Server Business Intelligence Development Studio (Visual Studio 2005)
- 3. Create a Project
- 4. Create a new Report
- 5. Establish data connection
- 6. Select information to include on report
- 7. Determine grouping and sorting
- 8. Choose report style
- 9. Test and preview
- 10. Modify design if needed
- 11. Deploy

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REPORT MANAGER

OVERVIEW

In the previous chapter we focused on report authoring. We learned techniques for creating basic reports. However, the fact is, reports are not much good if you cannot easily share them with end users. In this chapter we learn how to do just that. We move from authoring to managing reports and delivering them to the end users. This is done through the Report Server and its Report Manager web interface.

We took a brief look at the Report Server and the Report Manager in Chapter 1. Now, we take a more detailed look. Much of our examination focuses on the Report Manager, and how it is used to access and control the Report Server.

The first step is moving our report definitions and supporting files from the development environment to the Report Catalog. Recall that the report catalog is the SQL Server 2005 database where the Report Server keeps all its information. This information includes the definitions of the reports it is managing. We look at several ways to accomplish this report deployment.

In short, in this chapter, we take our reports from a single-user development environment to a secure, managed environment where they can be executed by a number of users.

Before we deploy reports to the Report Server, we need to have an understanding of the way the Report Server organized reports in the Report Catalog. In the Report Catalog, reports are arranged into a system of folders similar to the Windows file system. Folders can contain reports, supporting files such as external images and shared data sources, end even other folders. The easiest way to create, view and maintain these folders is through the Report Manager.

Although the Report Catalog folders look and act like Windows file system folders, they are not actual file system folders. You cannot find them anywhere in the file system on the computer running the Report Server. Report Catalog folders are screen representations of record in the Report Catalog database.

Overview

Each folder is assigned a name. Folder names can include just about any character, including spaces. However, folder names cannot include any of the following characters:

In addition to a name, folders can also be assigned a description. The description can contain a long explanation of the contents of the folder. The description can help users determine what type of reports are in a folder without having to open that folder and look at the contents. Both the folder name and the description can be searched by a user to help them find a report.

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The Report Manager web application provides a straightforward method for creating and navigating folders in the Report Catalog. When you initially install Reporting Services, the Home folder is created by default. This is the only folder that exists at first.

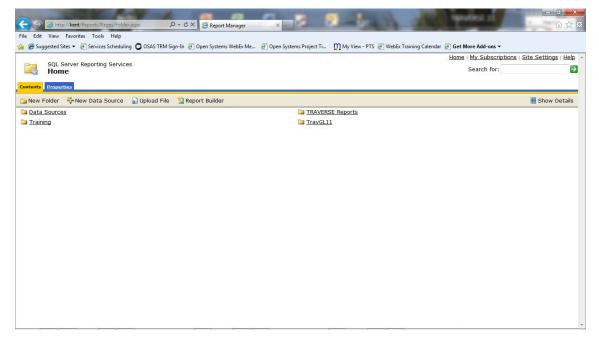
Use the following URL to access the Report Manager site on the computer running Reporting Services:

http://ComputerName/reports

In this case, ComputerName is the name of the computer where Reporting Services is installed and reports is the Report Manager Virtual Directory you set up in the Reporting Server Configuration. If you are using a secure connection to access the Report Manager site, replace http: with https:. If you are on the same computer where Reporting Services is running you can use the following URL:

http://localhost/reports

No matter how you get there, when you initially access the Report Manager it appears similar to the picture below.



Notice that the URL shown is a bit different from the URLs given previously. This is because the Report Manager web application redirects you to the Pages/Folder.aspx web page. The folder.aspx page is used to display folder contents.

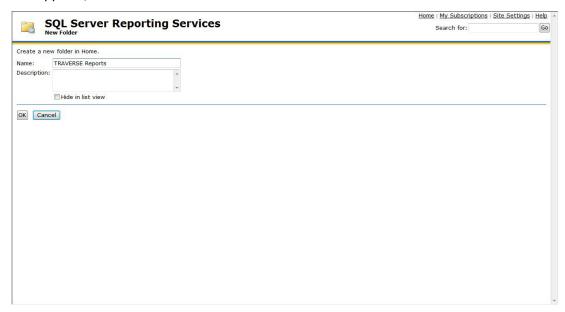
NOTE: This picture shows the Report Manager as it appears for a user with content manager privileges. If you do not see the New Folder, New Data Source, Upload File and Report Builder buttons in the toolbar on the Contents tab, you do not have content manager privileges and will be unable to complete the exercises in this section. If possible, log out and log in with a Windows login that has local administration privileges on the computer running the Report Server.

To use the Report Manager, you must be using Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 with Service Pack 1 (SP1) or Internet Explorer 7. In either case, you must have scripting enabled.

Adding a New Folder Using the Report Manager

Let's create a new folder into which we will deploy some of the Continental Products Unlimited reports from the previous chapter. Here are the steps to follow:

1. Click the **New Folder** button in the toolbar on the Content tab. The New Folder page appears, as shown below.



2. Type **TRAVERSE Reports** for the name and leave the **Description** blank.

3. Click **OK** to create the new folder and return to the Home folder.



You see an entry for your new folder with its name and description and the Contents tab of the Home folder. The text !New next to the folder name remains there for 48 hours. This helps to notify users of new content added to your Report Server.

If you were observant, you noticed one item on the New Folder page we did not use. (If you missed it, look at the image following step 1.) This is the Hide in List View check box. When the Hide in List View check box is checked, the new folder does not appear on the Content tab. This is useful when you want to make the report in a folder available through a custom interface, but unavailable through the Report Manager.

To view the contents of the new folder, click the folder name. The name of the current folder appears in bold text near the top of the page. Immediately above the name of the current folder is the path from the Home folder to the current folder. Because the TRAVERSE Reports folder is in the home folder, the path only contains Home>. You can return to any folder in the current path by clicking that folder name in the path shown near the top of the page. You can return to the Home folder by clicking Home at the beginning of the current path or by clicking Home in the upper-right corner of the page.

Moving Reports to the Report Server

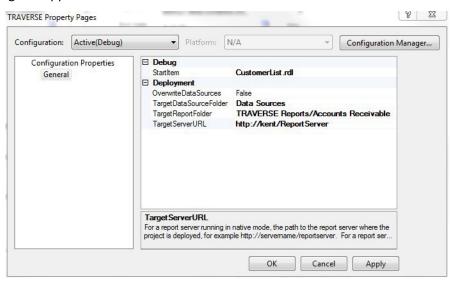
Now that you know how to create folders, it is time to put some content in those folders. You do this by moving reports from the development environment to the Report Server. This can be done using a number of different methods. We look at two of those methods now: using the Report Designer and using the Report Manager.

Deploying Reports Using the Report Designer

The most common method of moving reports to the Report Server is by using the Report Designer. Once you are satisfied with a report you developed, you can make it available to your users without leaving the development environment. This capability to create, preview, and deploy a report from a single authoring tool is a real plus.

Let's try deploying the report project from Chapter 3. To do so, follow these steps:

- 1. Start Visual Studio or the Business Intelligence Development Studio and open the TRAVERSE project.
- 2. Select **Project TRAVERSE Properties** from the Main menu. The **TRAVERSE Properties Pages** dialog box appears.



- 3. Type **TRAVERSE Reports/Accounts Receivable** for the TargetReportFolder. This is the folder into which the report is going to be deployed.
- 4. Type http://ComputerName/ReportServer for the TargetServerURL, where ComputernName is the name of the computer where the Report Server is installed. You should replace http: with https: if you are using a secure connection. You can use localhost in place of the computer name if the Report Server is installed on the same computer you are using to run Visual Studio.
- 5. Click **OK** to exit the TRAVERSE Property Pages dialog box.

- 6. Right-click the TRAVERSE project entry in the Solution Explorer and select **Deploy** from the menu.
- 7. The Report Designer builds all the reports in the project, and then deploys all the reports to the Report Server. (During the build process, the Report Designer checks each report for any errors that would prevent it from executing properly on the Report Server.) The results of the build and deploy are shown in the Output window at the bottom of the screen.
- 8. Open Report Manager in your browser. Click the TRAVERSE Reports folder to view its content. You see that Visual Studio created a new folder in the TRAVERSE Reports folder called Accounts Receivable.
- Click the Accounts Receivable folder to view its content. All the items in the TRAVERSE project, four reports, were deployed.
- 10. Click the Customer List report. You see the HTML version of the Customer List report.

NOTE: You can also deploy the contents of a project by selecting Build - Deploy Solution or Build - Deploy (Project Name) form the Main menu.

Working through the web service

When the Report Designer deploys reports, it works through the Reporting Services web service. The Report Manager web application provides a human interface to Reporting Services. Because the Report Designer falls into the latter of these two categories, it uses the web services to deploy reports.

The web service has a different URL than the Report Manager. You must enter the URL for the web service and not the Report Manager in the properties pages dialog box for the deployment to work properly. The default URL for the web service is shown in Step 4 in the previous section.

Creating folders while deploying

In steps 2 through 5, we entered information into properties of the TRAVERSE project. These values tell the Report Designer where to put the reports when the project is deployed. In this case, we instructed the Report Designer to put our reports in the Accounts Receivable folder within the TRAVERSE Reports folder.

We created the TRAVERSE Reports folder in the previous section. We did not create the Accounts Receivable folder. Instead, the Report Designer created that folder for us as it deployed the items in the project. In fact, the Report Designer creates folders for any path you specify.

Deploying a single report

In Step 6, we used the project's Right-click menu to deploy all the items in the project. Alternatively, we could have right-clicked a report and selected Deploy from the report's Rightclick menu. However, this would have deployed only this report, not the entire project.

On some occasions, we might want to deploy a single report rather than the entire project. At times, one report is going to be completed and ready for deployment, while the other reports in the project are still under construction. At other times, one report will be revised after the entire project has already been deployed. In these situations, it is only necessary to redeploy the single revised report.

Uploading Reports Using Report Manager

Another common method of moving a report to the Report Server is by using the Report Manager. This is known as *uploading* the report. Deploying reports from the Report Designer can be thought of as pushing the reports from the development environment to the Report Server, whereas uploading reports from the Report Manager can be thought of as pulling the reports from the development environment to the Report Server.

We may need to use the Report Manager upload in situations where our report authors do not have rights to deploy reports on the Report Server. The report authors create their reports and test them within the Report Designer. When a report is completed, the report author can place the RDL file for the report in a shared directory or send it as an e-mail attachment to the Report Server administrator. The Report Server administrator can upload the RDL file to a quality assurance Report Server and test the report for clarity, accuracy, and proper use of database resources. Once the report has passed this review, the Report Server administrator can upload the report to the production Report Server.

Let's try uploading some of the reports from the TRAVERSE report project:

- 1. Open the Report Manager in your browser. Click the TRAVERSE Reports folder to view its content.
- 2. Create a new folder called Receivables.
- 3. Select the new folder to view its contents.

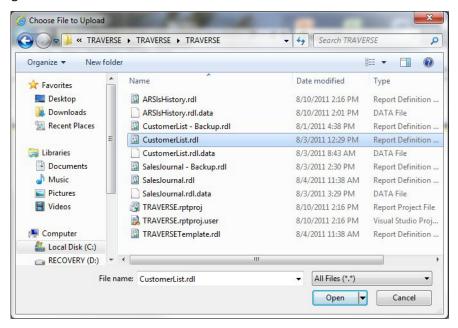
4. Click the **Upload File** button in the toolbar on the **Contents** tab. The Upload File page appears, as shown below.



- 5. Click **Browse**. The Choose file dialog box appears.
- 6. Navigate to the folder where we created our solution for TRAVERSE. If this folder is in the default location, you can find it under the following path:

My Documents\Visual Studio 2008\Projects\MSSQLRS\TRAVERSE

7. Select the **Customer List** report (**CustomerList.rdl**) and click **Open** to edit the Choose file dialog box.



8. Click **OK** to upload the file.



NOTE: You can upload the rest of your reports to folders using these steps.

9. The Customer List report has been uploaded to the Receivables folder.



10. Click the Customer List to execute it. You see an error similar to the one shown below. You received this because, when the report was uploaded it did not bring the server login credentials with it.



11. Click the **Properties** tab for the Customer List. Then select **Data Source** on the left side of the window to display the Data Sources window.



12. You should see the **A custom data source** radio button selected. The **Connection type** should be **Microsoft SQL Server**. The Connection string should read something like this:

Data Source=TRAVERSE SQL Server\Instance; Initial Catalog=CPU

Where TRAVERSE SQL Server\Instance is your TRAVERSE SQL server name and instance.

13. If you are using the Windows Authentication (Trusted Connection) to log into your TRAVERSE menu, select the **Windows integrated security** radio button at the bottom of the screen. This will require no further login.

14. If you are using the SQL Authentication to log into your TRAVERSE menu, select the Credentials supplied by the user running the report. When the report is rendered the user will be asked to enter their Log In Name and Password.

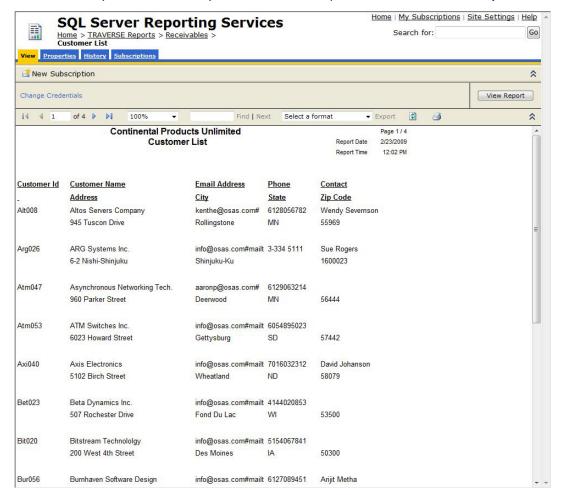


- 15. Click **Apply** to apply the data source changes we made.
- 16. Click the **View** tab to view your report.

If you selected to use the Windows integrated security, you will see the report generated without requiring any further login.

If you selected to use the Credentials supplied by the user running the report, you will see Log In Name and Password fields to enter your TRAVERSE user name and password.

Once you have entered your user name and password click the View Report button.



Connect Using Options

When you are accessing data from a server-based database, such as SQL Server or Oracle, you need to provide some type of credentials, usually a user name and password, to show you have rights to access the data. Keeping these credentials secure is an important concern. The shared data sources created on the Report Server provide several methods for specifying these credentials.

When entering the connection string into a data source, it is best not to include the credentials in the connection string itself. The connection string is displayed as plain text to anyone who views the Data Source Properties page. To better protect password information, always enter the credential information under one of the Connect Using options described here.

Credentials supplied by the user

The first Connect Using option is to have the user enter the credentials required by the data source each time the report is run. This is the "Credentials supplied by the user running the report" option. You can specify the prompt to be presented each time the user must enter these credentials. If the "Use as Windows Credentials When Connection to the Data Source" check box is checked, the user name and password entered by the user are treated as a Windows login. This means the user name and password provide database access using Windows Integrated security. If this check box is not checked, the user name and password are treated as a database login.

Having the user enter the credentials each time the report is run is the most secure option. No login information is stored with the data source, but most users are not pleased with a system where they must enter login information each time they run a report. This option may be appropriate when your organization's security policy forbids storing login information in any way. In most other cases the other Connect Using options provide a better solution.

Credentials stored in the report server

The next option enables you to have the user name and password stored in the Report Catalog on the Report Server. This is the "Credentials stored securely in the report server" option. The user name and password entered with this option are encrypted when they are stored in the Report Catalog. Also, the password is not displayed to the user in the Data Source Properties page.

This Connect Using option is convenient for the user because they do not need to remember and enter credentials to run reports using this data source. It also provides the required security for most situations through the measures noted in the previous paragraph.

As with the first Connect Using option, there is a "Use as Windows Credentials When Connecting to the Data Source" check box here as well. If this check box is checked, the user name and password stored in the Report Catalog are treated as a Windows login. If this check box is not checked, the user name and password are treated as a database login.

The second check box under this Connect Using option is "Impersonate the Authenticated User After a Connection Has Been Made to the Data Source". If this check box is checked, the data source can use these credentials to impersonate this user. Not all database servers support this type of delegation of credentials. Consult the documentation for your specific database server for more information.

Integrated Security

If you are not comfortable with storing credentials in the Report Catalog, but you do not want your users entering credentials every time a report is run, integrated security may be the

solution for you. The "Windows integrated" security option does not require the user to enter credentials. Instead, it takes the Windows login credentials that let the user access the Report Manager and passes them along to the database server. Your database server, of course, needs to be set up to accept these credentials.

Integrated security always works when the data source exists in the same server as the Report Server. It may run into problems, however if the data source is on another server. The problems are caused by the way integrated security works between servers.

For a better understanding of the problems with integrated security, let's look at an example of the way integrated security works. The user logs in to their computer. This computer knows everything about this user because the original authentication occurs here.

When the user accesses the Report Manager application, the user's credentials are passed from the original computer to the computer hosting the Report Server. However, using standard Windows security, not everything about this login is passed to the Report Server computer - only enough to authenticate the user is passed. Some sensitive information does not make this hop across the network.

When the user runs a report with a data source using integrated security, the Report Server must pass on the credentials to the database server. However, the Report Server does not have the complete credentials to pass along. In fact, it does not know enough about the user to successfully authenticate them on the database server. The authentication on the database server fails. Using standard Windows security, integrated security only works across one hop, from the original authenticating computer to a second computer. In the case of the Report Manager, this is the hop from the user's computer to the Report Server.

To get integrated security to work across more than one hop, your Windows domain must use a special kink of security known as Kerberos, which allows authentication across multiple hops. Using Kerberos security, integrated security works across any number of servers in the network.

Credentials not required

The final Connect Using option is for data sources that do not require any authentication. This option would be used for connection to some Access databases, Fox Pro databases, and others that do not require any login or password. This option could also be used if you insist, despite prior warnings here, on putting your credentials right in the connection string.

Managing Items in Folders

You now know how to load items into folders on the Report Server. Of course, we live in a dynamic world, so things seldom stay where they are originally put. We need to be able to

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move items around as we come up with better ways of organizing them. We also need to be able to delete items as they are replaced by something better or are simply not needed anymore. Fortunately, the Report Manager provides ways for us to do this housekeeping in an efficient manner.

Moving Items Between Folders

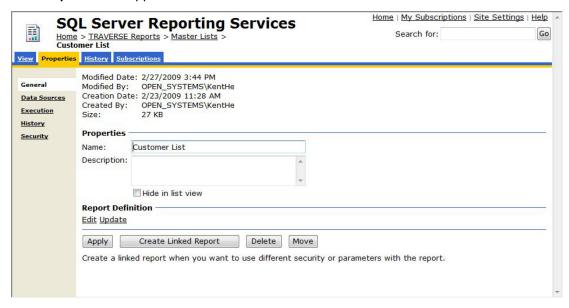
As an example, let's create a more descriptive folder for our Customer List report. We begin by moving a single item to this new folder. Then, we look at a method for moving multiple items at the same time.

Moving a single item

Here are the steps to follow to move a single item:

- 1. Open the Report Manager in your browser and navigate to the TRAVERSE Reports folder.
- 2. Click **New Folder**. The New Folder page appears.
- 3. Type Master Lists for the Name and type Lists for setup items like Customers and Vendors for the **Description**.
- 4. Click **OK** to create the new folder.
- 5. Click **Receivables** to view the contents of this folder.
- 6. Click **Show Details** on the right side of the page.

7. Click the icon in the **Edit** column for the **Customer List** report. The Customer List report **Properties** tab appears.



8. Click Move. The Move Items page appears.



- 9. Select the Master Lists folder in the tree view.
- 10. Click OK to move the report to this folder.

11. Click the Master Lists link at the top of the page to view the contents of this folder.

Moving multiple items

You can see the Customer List report has been moved to the Master Lists folder. However we have other reports that are not grouped the way we want them to be. We could move each report individually, as we did with the Customer List report, this could be time consuming. Fortunately there is another way:

- 1. Click the TRAVERSE Reports link at the top of the page.
- 2. Click New Folder to add a new folder to our TRAVERSE Reports folder. Type History Reports for the Name and Reports that will show transaction history for the Description.
- 3. Click **OK** to add the new folder to our TRAVERSE Reports page.
- 4. Click Accounts Receivable to view the contents of this folder.
- 5. In the Detail view, you can see check boxes next to each item in the folder. These check boxes work with the **Delete** and **Move** buttons in the Contents tab toolbar. When you click Delete, any checked items are deleted. Likewise, when you click Move, any checked items are moved.

You can click the uppermost check box (the check box to the left of the word "Edit"). Checking this check box checks all items in the folder

- 6. Click the boxes next to the ARSalesHistory and SalesJournal reports. Checking multiple boxes will allow us to move multiple items at the same time in one step.
- 7. Click **Move** in the Contents tab toolbar. The Move Multiple Items page appears.
- 8. Select the **History Reports** folder in the tree view.
- 9. Click **OK** to move the items to this folder.

This method works for moving a single item, multiple items, or the entire contents of a folder. Just check the items you want to move and click the move button. Remember, you need to be in the Detail view when using this method.

This section demonstrated moving reports. You can also move whole folders using the same techniques.

Deleting a folder

The Accounts Receivable folder is now empty and ready to be deleted. As with the Move function, you can accomplish this in two ways. The first way is to view the Properties tab for the

folder you want to delete, and then click the Delete button. Just for fun we'll try the second method.

Deleting a folder using the check boxes and toolbar

- 1. Click the **TRAVERSE Reports** link at the top of the page to view the contents of this folder.
- 2. Check the Accounts Receivable folder.
- 3. Click **Delete**. The confirmation dialog box appears.
- 4. Click **OK** to confirm your deletion. The **Accounts Receivable** folder is deleted.

Folders do not need to be emptied before they are deleted. If the Accounts receivable folder had contained reports, the supporting items, or even other folders, would have been deleted along with the folder.

Renaming a folder

In addition to moving and deleting items, we may also want to rename items. Let's give the Receivables folder a more descriptive name:

- 1. Click the icon in the **Edit** column for the Receivables folder. The **Receivables Properties** tab appears.
- 2. Replace the contents of Name by typing **Journals**. Then type **Reports that show current existing transactions waiting to be posted** for the Description.
- 3. Click Apply.
- 4. Click the TRAVERSE Reports link at the top of the page.
- 5. Click **Hide Details**.

This same technique makes it just as easy to change the names and descriptions for reports and other items. Just because it is easy to make these changes does not mean you should do it often. Once users become familiar with a folder name, a report name, or a report's location within the folder structure, you should change it only if you have a good reason to do so.

Printing from Report Manager

No matter how coinvent you make it for your users to access reports in a browser, and no matter how many interactive drill-down and drill-through features you provide, your users always want to print their reports on paper. You can explain all the wonders of the multiple, cascading parameters you have created until you are blue in the face, but some users always need to touch and feel the numbers on paper. They need to be able to put something in a

briefcase and take it home with them at night. It doesn't matter that they could receive up-todate numbers through their VPN at home. They want ink on paper.

Printing options

Reporting Services provides several options for printing a report from Report Manager. Each provides some advantages and disadvantages for the user.

HTML Printing

These users could just press the print button on their browser and get whatever type of printout HTML printing provides. As you are probably aware, HTML printing is not a good choice when formatting is important as it usually is for reports. Lines of text can wrap in unusual ways or simply be cut off. A line of text at the bottom of the page can even be cut right in half, with the top-half on one page and the bottom-half on the next page.

Fortunately, the Report Manager provides a couple of alternatives to HTML printing.

Printing from a PDF Document or TIFF File

A PDF document or TIFF file does an excellent job of maintaining report format when a report is printed. Therefore, when users want to have a high-quality report printout, they can export the report to a PDF document or a TIFF file. Once this is complete, they can view the exported report using the appropriate viewer: Adobe Acrobat Reader for the PDF document and the Windows Picture and Fax Viewer for a TIFF file. The report can then be printed using the view.

This process provides the user with a quality printout. However, not all users are comfortable with saving a file to a local disk, finding that file and opening it in the appropriate viewer, and then printing the report. There is another printing alternative which is even more straightforward.

Client-Side Printing

You may have noticed a button with a printer icon on the report toolbar. this button is for the client-side printing feature of Reporting Services. Client-side printing works through an ActiveX object downloaded to the user's computer. From then on, whenever the Client-Side Printing button is clicked, this ActiveX object provides the user interface and controls the printing.

The first time a user activates the client-side printing feature, they may be prompted with a security warning about the AcitveX download. After taking the appropriate precautions, such as making sure the ActiveX object is signed by Microsoft, the user should approve the download to enable client-side printing. Once the ActiveX has been downloaded by the first use, it does not need to be downloaded again.

If a user has trouble downloading the AcitveX control, they may need to set the Report Manager as a trusted site in their browser. This is done on the Security tab of the Internet Options dialog box. the user should not lower their security setting for all sites in general to accomplish the ActiveX download.

Once downloaded, client side printing enables users to set various report attributes. These include margins, page size, and even page orientation. Users can also preview a report before putting it on paper.

Security

In Reporting Services, security was designed with both flexibility and ease of management in mind. Flexibility is provided by the fact that individual access rights can be assigned to each folder and to each item within a folder. An item is either a report or a resource. You can specify exactly who has rights to each item and exactly what those rights are. Ease of management is provided by security inheritance, security roles, and integration with Windows security.

NOTE: Remember, although we are creating and maintaining these role assignments using the Report Manager, the security rights apply to Reporting Services as a whole. No matter how you access folders and items - through the Report Manager or through the web service - these security rights are enforced.

Integration with Windows Security

Reporting Services does not maintain its own list of users and passwords. Instead, it depends entirely on integration with Windows security. When a user accesses either the Report Manager web application or the web service, that user must authenticate with the Report Server. In other words, the user must have a valid domain user name and password, or a local user name and password, to log on to the Report Server. Both the Report Manager web application and the web service are set up requiring integrated Windows authentication to ensure this logon takes place.

NOTE: If it is possible for each report user to have their own credentials on the Report Server, it is possible to create your own custom security. You can create a security scheme such as forms-based security to enable the users to authenticate and access reports.

Once this logon occurs, Reporting Services utilizes the user name and the user's group memberships to determine what rights the user possesses. The user can access only those folders and items they have rights to. In Report Manager, users do not even see the folders they cannot browse and reports they cannot run. There is no temptation for the user to try and

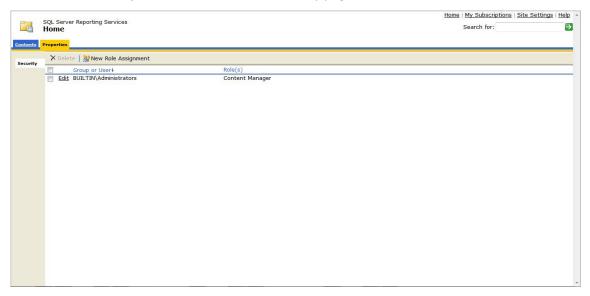
figure out how to get into places they are not supposed to go, because they do not even know these places exist.

Local Administrator Privileges

In most cases, rights must be explicitly assigned to folders and items. One exception to this rule, however, is local administrator privileges. Any user who is a member of the local administrators group on the computer hosting the Report Server has content manager rights to all folders and all items. These automatic rights cannot be modified or removed.

Let's look at the security page:

- 1. Open the Report Manager in your browser and navigate to the **Home** folder.
- 2. Select the **Properties** tab. You see the security page for the home folder, as shown below.



The Report Server maintains a security page for each item in the Report Catalog - every folder, every report, and every supporting item. The security page lists all the role assignments for an item. Each role assignment is made up of two things: a Windows user or group and a security role. The rights associated with the security role are assigned to the Windows user or group.

Initially, one role assignment is on the security page for each item. This entry assigns the Content Manager security role to the BUILTIN\Administrators group. This entry is a reminder that any user who is a member of the local administrators group has rights to manage the contents of this folder.

NOTE: You could delete the role for BUILTIN\Administrators, and the members of the local administrators group would still have rights to manage the contents of this folder. These rights are hardwired into Reporting Services. The BUILTIN\Administrators assignment on the security pages, in most cases, just a reminder of the rights held by anyone in the local administrators group.

Tasks and Rights

You can perform a number of tasks in Reporting Services. Each task has a corresponding right to perform that task. For example, you can view reports. Therefore a corresponding right exists to view reports. The tasks within Reporting Services are shown in below in table 1.

Table 1:

NameTask	NameDescription
Consume reports	Read report definitions.
Create linked reports	Create linked reports and publish them to a folder.
Manage all subscriptions	View, modify, and delete any subscription, regardless of who owns the subscription.
Manage data sources	Create, modify, and delete shared data sources.
Manage folders	Create, view, and delete folders. View and modify folder properties.
Manage individual subscriptions	Create, view, modify and delete your own subscriptions
Manage models	Create, view, and delete models. Modify model properties.
Manage report history	Create, view, and delete report history snapshots. Modify report history properties.
Manage reports	Create, view, and delete reports. Modify report properties.
Manage resources	Create, modify and delete resources. View and modify resources properties.
Set security for individual items	View and modify security settings for reports, folders, resources, and shared data sources.

Table 1:

NameTask	NameDescription
View data sources	View shared data sources and their properties.
View folders	View folders and their properties.
View models	View models. Use models as report data sources. Query models for data.
View reports	View reports and linked reports along with their report history shapshots and properties.
View resources	View resources and their properties.

You are probably not familiar with some of these tasks. We will not discuss these in this document. For now, you simply need to know these are tasks with associated rights within Reporting Services.

In addition to the tasks listed in the table, there are system-wide tasks with associated rights. These system-wide tasks deal with the management and operation of Reporting Services as a whole. The system-wide tasks within Reporting Services are shown below in table 2.

Table 2:

NameTask	NameDescription
Execute Report Definitions	Start execution of a report from a report definition without deploying it to the Report Server.
Generate events	Provide an application with the capability to generate events within the Report Server.
Manage jobs	View and cancel running Report Server jobs.
Manage Report Server properties	View and modify configuration properties for the Report Server.
Manage Report Server security	View and modify system-wide role assignments.
Manage roles	Create, view, modify, and delete role definitions.

Table 2:

NameTask	NameDescription
Manage shared schedules	Create, view, modify, and delete shared schedules used for shapshots and subscriptions.
View Report Server properties	View properties that apply to the Report Server.
View shared schedules	View a shared schedule.

Roles

The rights to perform tasks are grouped together to create *roles*. Reporting Services includes several predefined roles to help you with security management. In addition, you can create your own custom roles, grouping together any combination of rights that you like. The predefined roles and their corresponding rights are listed below.

The Browser role

The *Browser* role is the basic role assigned to users who are going to view reports, but who are not going to create folders or upload new reports. The browser role has rights to perform the following tasks:

- Manage individual subscriptions
- View folders
- View models
- View reports
- View resources

The Publisher role

The *Publisher* role is assigned to users who are going to create folders and upload reports. The Publisher role does not have rights to change security settings or manage subscriptions and report history. The Publisher role has rights to perform the following tasks:

- Create linked reports
- Manage data sources
- Manage folders
- Manage models

- Manage reports
- Manage resources

THE MY REPORTS ROLE

The My Reports role is designed to be used only with a special folder called the My Reports folder. Within this folder, the My Reports role gives the user rights to do everything except change security settings. the My Reports role has rights to perform the following tasks:

- Create linked reports
- Manage data sources
- Manage folders
- Manage individual subscriptions
- Manage report history
- Manage reports
- Manage resources
- View data sources
- View folders
- View reports
- View resources

THE CONTENT MANAGER ROLE

The Content Manager role is assigned to users who are managing the folders, reports, and resources. All members of the Windows local administrators group on the computer hosting the Report Server are automatically members of the content Manager role for all folders, reports and resources. The Content Manager has rights to perform all tasks, excluding systemwide tasks.

THE SYSTEM USER ROLE

The system-wide security tasks have two predefined roles. The System User role has rights to perform the following system-wide tasks:

- Execute Report Definitions
- View report server properties
- View shared schedules

THE SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR ROLE

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The System Administrator role provides the user with rights to complete any of the tasks necessary to manage the Report Server. All members of the Windows local administrators group on the computer hosting the Report Server are automatically members of the System Administrator role. This role has rights to perform the following system-wide tasks:

- Execute Report Definitions
- Manage jobs
- Manage report server properties
- Manage report server security
- Manage roles
- Manage shared schedules

Creating Role Assignments

As stated previously, role assignments are created when a Windows user or a Windows group is assigned a role for a folder, a report, or a resource. Role assignments are created on the security page for the folder, report or resource. These role assignments control what the user can see within a folder and what tasks the user can perform on the folder, report or resource.

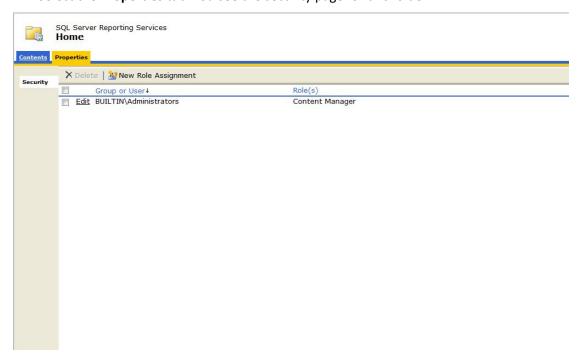
Let's try creating role assignments for some of our folders and reports.

Creating a role assignment for a folder

Let's try creating a new role assignment for the Home folder:

1. Open the Report Manager in your browser. You should be viewing the contents of the Home folder.

2. Select the **Properties** tab. You see the security page for this folder.



3. Click New Role Assignment. the New Role Assignment page appears, as show below.



4. Type the name of a valid user for **Group or User Name**. If you are using a domain user or domain group, this must be in the format DomainName\UserName or DomainName\GroupName. If you are using a local user or local group, this must be in the format ComputerName\UserName or ComputerName\GroupName.

- 5. Check the box for the Role you want to assign for this user. (Browser for example.)
- 6. Click **OK** to save your role assignment and return to the security page. Reporting Services checks to ensure you entered a valid user or group for the role assignment. If this is not a valid user or group, you receive an error message and our role assignment is not saved.

NOTE: A user needs to have at least viewing rights in the Home folder to view other folders and navigate to them.

Inherited role assignments

By default, folders (other than the Home folder), reports and resources inherit their role assignments from the folder that contains them. You can think of the nested folders as branches of a tree, with the reports and resources as the leaves. Inherited security means, if you make security changes to one folder and have those changes take effect for all branches and leaves further along the tree.

This makes managing security easy. You can maintain security for all the reports and resources within a folder simply by modifying the role assignments for the folder itself. You can maintain security for an entire branch of the tree structure by modifying the role assignments for the folder that forms the base of that branch. Let's look at the security for the TRAVERSE Reports folder.

- 1. Select the **Contents** tab of the **Home** folder.
- 2. Select the **TRAVERSE Reports** folder to view its contents.
- 3. Select the **Properties** tab. You see the properties page for this folder.
- 4. Select **Security** from the left side of the page. You see the security page for this folder.

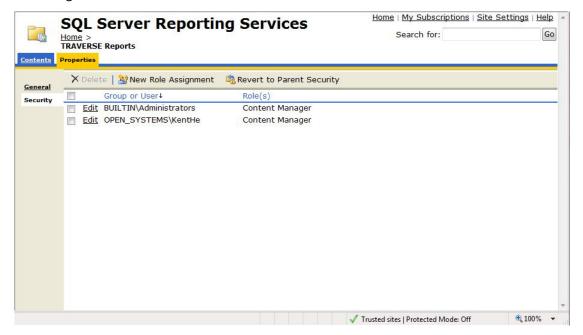
The TRAVERSE Reports folder is inheriting its role assignments from the Home folder. You did not add a role assignment giving Browser rights to your user in this folder and, yet there it is! As soon as you added the role assignment to the Home folder, it appeared for all items within the Home folder.

You gave your user Browser rights in the Home folder, so they could view the contents of the Home folder, and then navigate into other folders to find the reports they need. You may want to give this user additional rights in folders further along in the tree. Perhaps the user can manage the content of certain folders that belong to their department, but can only browse when in the Home folder.

To accomplish this task, you must first break the inherited security for the TRAVERSE Reports folder:

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1. Click Edit Item Security. A dialog box with an inherited security message appears. The Report Manager is confirming you want to break that inheritance by creating your own role assignments for this folder.



2. Click **OK** to confirm you want to break the inherited security.

Now that you have broken the inherited security, you have new buttons on the toolbar for adding a new role assignment, deleting existing role assignments, and reverting to inherited security.

Now you can edit the role assignment for your user:

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1. Click the **Edit** link next to the role assignment giving your user Browser rights. The **Edit Role Assignment** page appears.



- 2. Uncheck the check box for the **Browser** role.
- 3. Check the check box for the Content Manager role.
- 4. Click **Apply** to save the changes to your role assignment and return to the security page. The user now has Content Manager rights to the **TRAVERSE Reports** folder.
- 5. Click the Contents tab.
- 6. Select the **History Reports** folder to view its content.
- 7. Select the **Properties** tab. You see the properties page for this folder.
- 8. Select **Security** from the left side of the page. You see the security page for this folder.

You can see the History Reports folder is inheriting its role assignments from the TRAVERSE Reports folder.

NOTE: Although we do not do so in these exercises, you can check more than one role when creating or editing a role assignment. The user's rights are then a sum of the rights granted by each role.

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Role assignments using windows groups

As mentioned previously, role assignments can be made to Windows users or to Windows groups. If you create your role assignments using Windows users, you need to create a new set of role assignments every time a new user needs to access Reporting Services. This can be extremely tedious if you have a complex set of role assignments for various folders, reports and resources.

In most cases, creating role assignments using Windows groups is better. Then, as new users come along, you simply need to add them to the Windows group that has the appropriate rights in Reporting Services. This is much easier!

NOTE: In some cases, Internet Information Services (IIS) and, therefore, Reporting SErvices do not immediately recognize changes to group membership. This is because IIS caches some Windows security information, and then works from that cache. Stopping and starting the IIS service causes the IIS security cache to be reloaded with the latest greatest group membership information.

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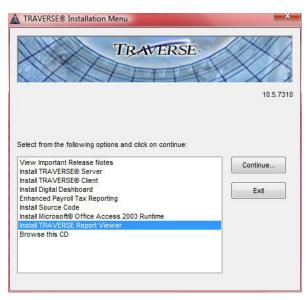
We have see how to make reports and deploy them to the Report Manager. Now it is time to see how we can view these reports using some tools in TRAVERSE.

We will first look at using the 10.5 TRAVERSE Report Viewer to see the reports we have made using the Reporting Services.

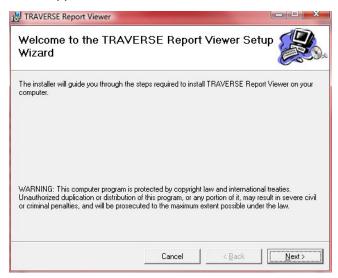
We will then see how to add the Reporting Services reports to the TRAVERSE menu and view them through the web based report viewer.

Installing TRAVERSE Report Viewer (10.5 only)

1. To install TRAVERSE Report viewer, put the TRAVERSE CD in the CD drive and the CD Menu should appear.



- 2. Highlight Install TRAVERSE Report Viewer and click Continue.
- 3. The Welcome screen appears.



- 4. Click on **Next** to continue with the installation.
- 5. The License Agreement screen appears.

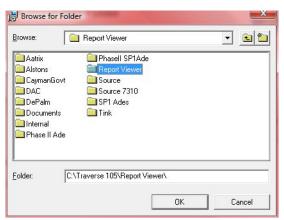


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6. Click **Next** to continue the installation. The **Select Installation Folder** screen appears.

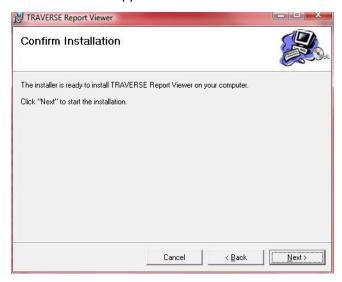


7. Choose the directory where you want to install the Report Viewer. Choose who will have the menu option to run the Viewer. Click Next to continue.

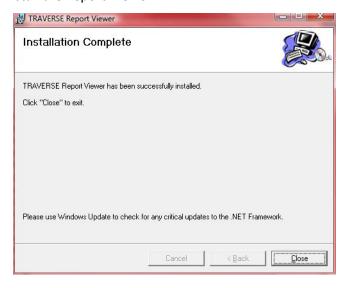


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8. The **Confirm Installation** screen appears.

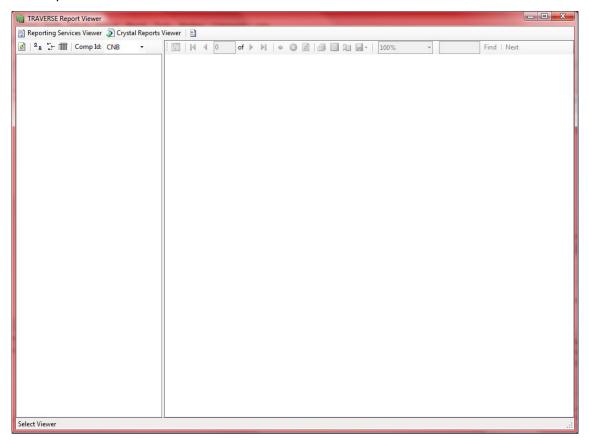


9. Click **Next** to Install the Report Viewer.



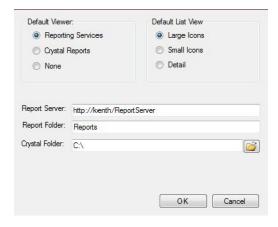
- 10. When the installation is complete, click **Close** to exit the Wizard.
- 11. To configure the TRAVERSE Report Viewer, go to **Start Programs TRAVERSE TRAVERSE Report Viewer**.

12. Login to the TRAVERSE Server and click **OK**. This will bring up a blank viewer the first time by default.



13. Click on the **Preferences** button.

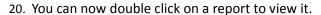
14. Default Viewer: Set the preferences for how you want the viewer to open from now on.

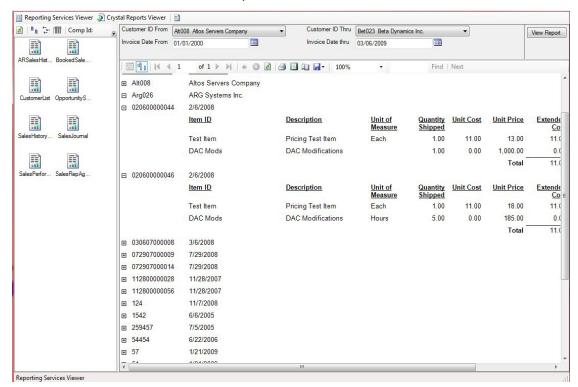


- 15. Default List View: Set what type of view you want to see from now on.
- 16. Report Server: based on a default installation, the URL should be http://machinename/ReportServer.
- 17. Report Folder: this should be the folder name you assigned in both the Report Manager Virtual Directory and the folder you created in IE earlier. By default this is named Reports.
- 18. Crystal Folder: this can be left blank, or if you are using the viewer to view Crystal Reports, enter the shared network directory where those reports are stored.

NOTE: If using the viewer for only Crystal Reports, that is the only option that needs to be set. You also do not need to perform any of the earlier configuration steps, other than installing the Viewer.

19. Click **OK** to close Preferences. Click on Reporting Services Viewer to start the viewer and view the reports you just added.





Adding a Reporting Services report to the TRAVERSE Menu

You can add your Reporting Services report to your TRAVERSE menu by using the tools in System Manager to update your menu.

To add your Reporting Services reports to the TRAVERSE Menu follow these steps:

1. Open your Report Server web site from your report manager setup.

http://ComputerName/ReportServer

Where ComputerName is the name of the computer that has report manager configured on it, and ReportServer as the path your report server is set up.

- 2. Browse to the report you want to add to your menu and view the report.
- 3. Copy the URL path from the path field in your browser. An example of the path would be as follows:

http://ComputerName/ReportServer/Pages/Report-Viewer.aspx?%2fTRAVERSE+Reports%2fCustList&rs:Command=Render

4. Open your TRAVERSE menu and go to System Manager - Setup and Maintenance -**Application Menus.**

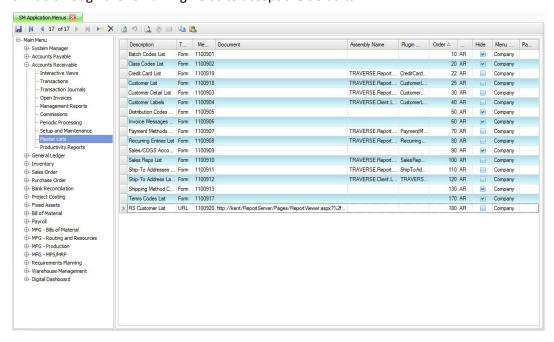


- 5. When the Application Menus screen opens expand Accounts Receivable, click the plus (+) sign, expand the second level menu, for example Master Lists. Enter the name of the report the way you want it to appear on your TRAVERSE menu.
- 6. Select **URL** as the **Type** of menu to use.
- 7. Paste the URL path you copied from step 3 above into the **Object** field.
- 8. Enter a Menu Order number to place your report where you want it on your menu.

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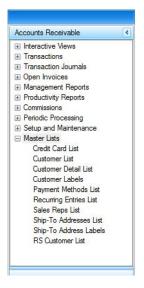
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9. Tab through the remaining fields to accept the defaults.

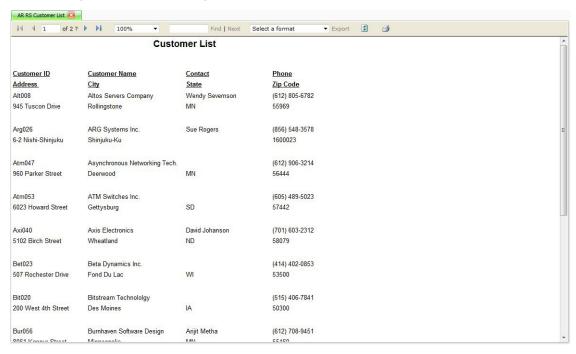


- 10. Click the Save button.
- 11. **Close** the Application Menus screen to return to the main menu.
- 12. Use Server Manager to set permissions on your new menu items to those groups you want to be able to print the report.

13. Your new menu should now appear in the menu you placed it.



14. Click your menu selection to view your report in a new tab just as you would if you went to the ReportServer site from your browser.



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