# Writing Reports with Report Builder and SSRS Level 1

## Duration: 2 Days    Course Code: M55123

## Overview:

In this 2-day course, students will continue their learning on the foundations of report writing with Microsoft® SQL Server® Report Builder and SSRS. The focus will be on report writing by connecting to a database and manipulating the data for presentation including: creating table and matrix reports, formatting reports, grouping report data, creating simple and complex expressions, displaying aggregated data, sorting and filtering data, charting data, and preparing reports for printing and exporting. Report Builder 3.0 is available for Microsoft® SQL Server® versions 2014, 2012, and 2008 R2.

## Target Audience:

The primary audience for this course are persons who are new to reporting with Microsoft® SQL Server® Report Builder and SSRS, persons who are transitioning from another reporting software application, and persons who are existing Report Builder and SSRS report authors. The secondary audience for this course are persons who are using Report Designer (SSRS).

Course participants may be business analysts, programmer analysts, data analysts, database administrators, or IT professionals and may or may not have experience with Microsoft® SQL Server® Report Builder and SSRS, programming (Visual Basic), and/or Transact-Structured Query Language (T-SQL) experience.

## Objectives:

- After completing this course, students will be able to:
- Navigate the Report Builder Environment
- Create table reports
- Format reports
- Create basic and complex expressions

- Group report data
- Create matrix reports.
- Sort and filter data.
- Summarize data with charts.
- Print and export reports.

## Prerequisites:

- Familiarity with Windows.
- Creating and navigating folders.
- Opening programs.
- Manipulating windows.
- Copying and pasting objects.
- Formatting text.
- Saving files.
- Microsoft® Office Access 2013: Level 1 or have equivalent experience with basic database concepts.

# Content:

**Module 1: Exploring the Report Builder Environment**

This module introduces the Report Builder application and its features. You will explore the Ribbon and its Tabs, Command groups, and Commands, the available Window panes for creating and manipulating reports, and the report design surface using Design and Run modes.

**Lessons**

- Introducing the Report Builder Environme
- Working with Existing Reports
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**Lab : Exploring the Report Builder Application**

- Navigating the Ribbon and Window panes
- View Existing Reports in Design and Run modes
- Describe and navigate the graphical elements of the Report Builder application.
- Work with existing reports and navigate between Design and Run modes.

**Module 2: Adding Data to Table Reports**

This module introduces how to populate a report with data and display that data in a table data region on the report. We will begin with defining the data source and continue with query building through data sets to bring data into the report. Next, we will explore the elements of the tablix data region including rows, columns, cells, handles, and field choosers, you will use in displaying your data.

**Lessons**

- Create Report Data Sources
- Create Report Datasets
- Work with the Tablix Data Region
- Create a Table Report

This module introduces report formatting techniques which allow a report writer to control how and where data displays in the report. Additional data may also be required and this can be accomplished by adding data from a source or adding a calculated field to the dataset. Simple and complex epressions will also be introduced in this topic.

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**Lab : Formatting Reports**

- Format Tablix Columns
- Format Data in a Tablix Cell Using Properties
- Format Data in a Tablix Cell Using Simple and Complex Expressions
- Sort Data Using Expressions
- Use Simple and Complex Expressions to Display Data in a Tablix
- Format data in a report using the Report Builder Properties dialog boxes.
- Add data to a report and make changes to column names in the dataset query.
- Format data in a report using simple and complex expressions.
- Display data in a report using simple and complex expressions.

**Module 4: Grouping Report Data**

This module introduces data groupings in reports using dataset fields and using expressions. This module also discusses group hierarchies and adding aggregates to summarize grouped data.

**Lessons**

- Introducing the Report Builder Environme

**Lab : Creating Matrix Reports**

- Create Matrix Reports
- Create Column Groups
- Use Expressions to Sort Group Data
- Use Expressions to Display Group Names
- Create Matrix Reports with Group Hierarchies
- Describe the key features of using a matrix in a report.
- Create and modify matrix reports.
- Define column group hierarchies.
- Use expressions to define matrix headings and sort orders.

**Module 6: Charts**

This module introduces the ability to create and add charts to reports. Whether through wizard or individual effort, chart reports or charts as report components allow us to visualize data with or without the details.

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**Lab : Creating Charts and Chart Reports**

- Create a Chart Wizard Report
- Add a Chart to an Existing Report
- Use Expressions in Charts
- Use Expressions in Charts
- Describe the key features of charts.
- Create charts using the Chart Wizard and the Ribbon.
- Modify chart data and the formatting of chart elements.
- Use expressions in charts.

**Module 7: Printing and Exporting Reports**

This module introduces report printing and

Lab : Creating Table Reports

- Create Queries Using the Report Builder Query Designer
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- Create Table Relationships Using Query Designer
- Create a Table Report Using Multiple Tables
- Create report data sources.
- Create report datasets.
- Work with the tablix data region.
- Create a table report

Module 3: Formatting Data and Creating Expressions in Reports

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Lab : Creating Reports with Groups and Aggregates

- Display Grouped Data in a Report
- Create a Group Hierarchy in a Report
- Group Data Using a Complex Expression
- Add Aggregates to Tablix Rows
- Configuring a Reference Image
- Group data in reports using fields
- Group data in reports using expressions.
- Create group hierarchies.
- Aggregate grouped data in a report.

Module 5: Matrix Reports

This module introduces matrix data regions which are used in reports to control how crosstabular data can be used. While table reports rely on rows and columns, matrix reports rely on row groupings, column groupings, and aggregated values.

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exporting. Reports can be created for electronic display, paper display, or display in another application. This module covers the basics of those three scenarios.

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Lab : Printing and Exporting Reports

- Exploring Page Layout view, Report Formatting, and Page Setup Options
- Exporting Reports
- Describe the key features of electronic reporting vs. print reporting.
- Prepare a report for paper printing.
- Export reports in supported formats.

## Further Information:

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