

JasperServer User's Guide

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1 What is JasperServer?

JasperServer is a framework that lets you build a Web application around JasperReports and use JasperAnalysis, an implementation of Online Analytical Processing or OLAP, to perform on-line analytical tasks. Using JasperReports, it lets you create, schedule and run reports, and manage resources, roles, and permissions. It also provides a sample Web-based user interface that lets you create and manage reports and other resources. Using JasperAnalysis, it lets you interact with analysis views to perform operations such as slice/dice, drill down/drill through, etc. It also lets you create new analysis views with OLAP schemas and various data sources.

2 Who is this guide for?

This guide is for users of the sample user interface provided with JasperServer.

With respect to JasperReports, in the current release, you must use iReport, or write JRXML code, to create the JRXML file that is the basis of the report. The sample JasperReports UI only assembles the JRXML file and other resources into a report that you can run. This UI cannot create a JRXML file.

Note: *To use this user interface, you must be very familiar with the JasperReport (.jrxml) files that are the basis of the JasperServer report. It is assumed that you understand JRXML and you are very familiar with all the resources that a JRXML file refers to.*

With respect to JasperAnalysis, in the current release, you must supply OLAP schemas in XML format, corresponding data sources as JDBC or JNDI, and MDX queries. The sample JasperAnalysis UI only assembles the schemas, data source and MDX queries into analysis views that you can interact. This UI cannot create schemas or MDX queries.

3 Related documents

- JasperServer Installation Guide
- JasperServer Developer's Guide
- JasperServer Web Services Client Install Guide
- JasperServer Database Scripts install Guide
- [The JasperReports Ultimate Guide](#)
- [iReport manual](#)

4 Terms and concepts

4.1 JasperServer Report

A *JasperServer report* is what you actually run to generate output. A report consists of a set of [resources](#). (See the [Resource](#) section.)

A JasperServer report may contain resources in either the file system or the repository.

4.2 JRXML

JRXML is JasperReport's XML-based report definition language. Every JasperServer report must contain one main JRXML file and one for each subreport it might contain.

4.3 Resource

A *resource* is one of the following elements of a report:

- a JRXML file (see the [JRXML](#) section)
- a data source (JNDI or JDBC)
- a query
- fonts
- images
- data types (see the [Data type](#) section)
- JAR files for JasperReports scriptlets
- resource bundles for localization and internationalization
- subreports

Every [JasperServer report](#) must contain a [JRXML](#) file and a [data source](#). The other [resources](#) may or may not be required, depending on the contents of the JRXML file. Therefore, to create a report, you must know the resources required by the JRXML file.

You can retrieve resources from the file system or the repository.

4.4 Data source

The three supported data source types are JDBC, JNDI and Bean.

For reports with MDX queries in their main JRXMLs, [OLAP client connections](#) are used as data sources. Such reports use the Mondrian and XML/A query executors included in JasperReports when launched.

4.5 Query

Instead of the query stored inside the JRXML file, a report can make use of a reusable query from the repository.

4.6 Image

You can point to an image in one of the following three ways:

- using a URL
- using the classpath
- using the "repository" syntax (i.e., `repo:/image/logo.jpg`)

4.7 Input control

Input controls are values that can be mapped to JasperReports parameters.

4.8 Data type

In JasperServer, a *data type* is a set of constraints on the value of an [input control](#). It contains more information

(for example, maximum and minimum values) than a data type in most programming languages.

4.9 Analysis view

An *analysis view* consists of an [OLAP client connection](#) and a [MDX query](#) for providing an entry point to OLAP operations, such as slice/dice, drill down and drill through.

4.10 OLAP client connection

An *olap client connection* contains the connection definitions for retrieving an [analysis view](#). The two types of OLAP client connection are [Mondrian connection](#) and [XML/A connection](#).

4.11 Mondrian connection

A *Mondrian connection* is a type of [OLAP client connection](#), which consists of an [OLAP schema](#) and a [data source](#) used to access an [analysis view](#).

4.12 XML/A connection

An *XML/A connection* is a type of [OLAP client connection](#), which consists of SOAP definitions used to access an analysis view on a remote XML/A Provider.

4.13 Mondrian XML/A source

A *Mondrian XML/A source* is a server-side XML/A source definition for defining how XML/A connections will be processed from remote clients to access an [analysis view](#) via a [Mondrian connection](#) on this server.

4.14 Analysis schema

An *analysis schema* is a file [resource](#) for defining and documenting the structure of OLAP cubes, dimensions and measures in XML format.

4.15 MDX query

MDX query is a language for querying multidimensional objects, such as cubes, and return cube data for analytical processing.

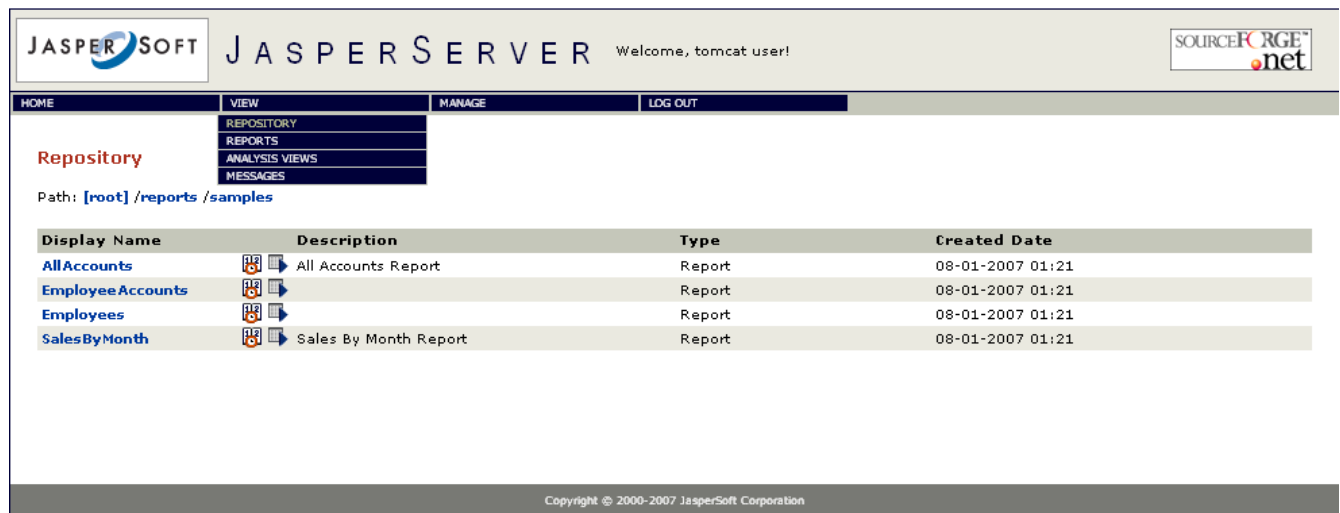
5 Accessing Reports and Analytics

The user interface features four menu buttons:

<i>Menu name</i>	<i>Function</i>
Home	Describes JasperServer.
View	Shows metadata for, and lets you run, reports in the repository. All reports for which you have read permission appear regardless of which folder they're in.
Manage	Contains the Repository, Roles, and Users submenus. It appears only if you have administration privilege.
Logout	Logs you out of JasperServer.

5.1 Running a report

First, you'll run the sample SalesByMonth report. This report contains four input controls: a text input control, a Boolean checkbox, a list input control, and a date input control.




1. Mouse on the VIEW menu.
2. Click the REPORTS menuitem.
3. Click the samples folder
4. Click the SalesByMonth sample. A list of controls appears.
5. For the Text Input Control, enter 999.
6. Check the Checkbox Input Control.
7. In the *List Input Control* dropdown list, select *Yet Another Item*.
8. In the *Date Input Control*, click the calendar icon (on the right).
9. Choose a date.

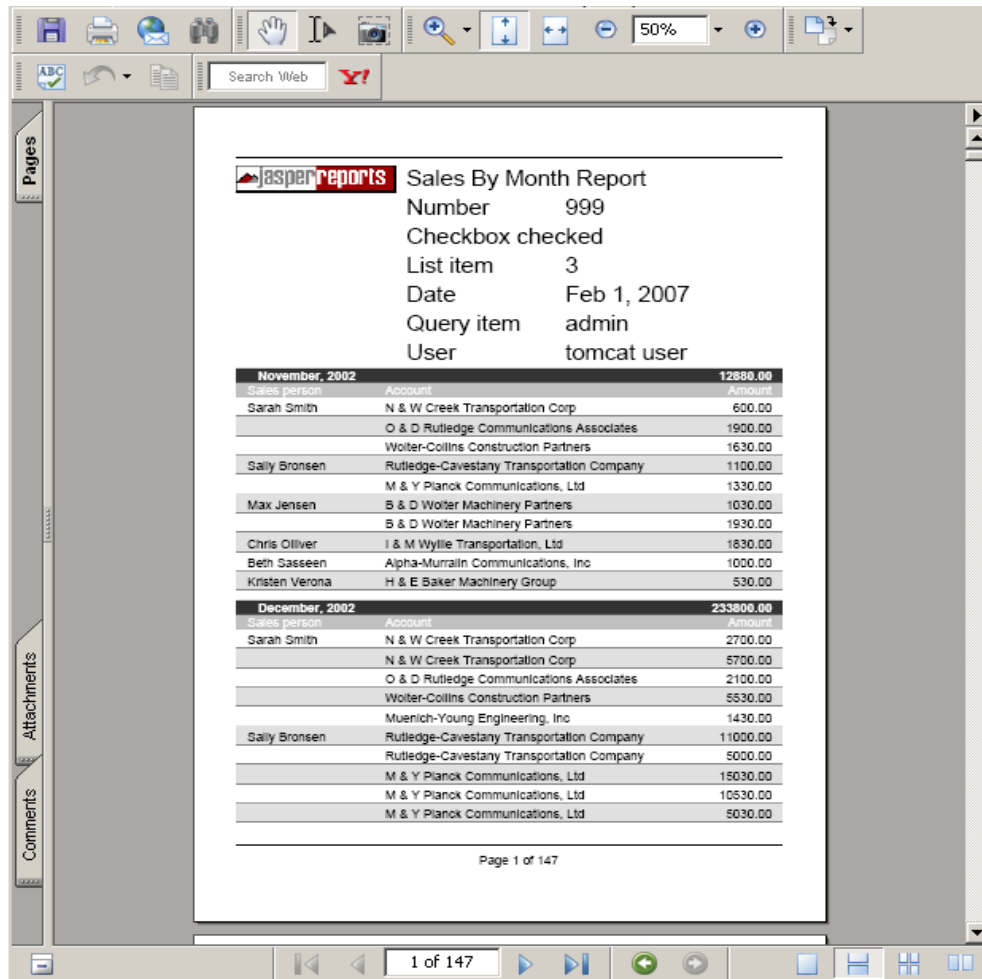
The screenshot shows the JasperServer web interface. At the top, there's a header with the JasperSoft logo, the text 'JASPER SERVER', a welcome message 'Welcome, tomcat user!', and a 'SOURCEFORGE net' logo. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: HOME, VIEW, MANAGE, and LOG OUT. In the center, a modal dialog box titled 'Enter values for the report options:' is open. It contains several input fields: 'Text Input Control' with the value '999', 'Checkbox Input Control' which is checked, 'List Input Control' with a dropdown menu showing 'Yet another item', 'DateInput_label' with the date '01-02-2007', and 'QueryInput_label' with a dropdown menu showing 'Administrator'. At the bottom of the dialog are three buttons: 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Apply'. The footer of the page shows the copyright 'Copyright © 2000-2007 JasperSoft Corporation'.

10. Click OK and wait for the report to run. Notice the values in the report title. These are derived from the values you gave for the input controls. Navigate through the report using the left- and right-arrow controls at the top of the report.

The screenshot shows the JasperServer web interface displaying a report titled 'Sales By Month Report'. The report header includes the JasperReports logo and the title. Below the title, the report parameters are listed: Number (999), Checkbox checked, List item (3), Date (Feb 1, 2007), Query item (admin), and User (tomcat user). The report content is a table showing sales data for November 2002. The table has three columns: Sales person, Account, and Amount. The data is grouped by sales person, with a total for each group. The report is displayed on Page 1 of 152.

November, 2002		12880.00
Sales person	Account	Amount
Sarah Smith	N & W Creek Transportation Corp	600.00
	O & D Rutledge Communications Associates	1900.00
	Wolter-Collins Construction Partners	1630.00
	Rutledge-Cavestany Transportation Company	1100.00
Sally Bronsen	M & Y Planck Communications, Ltd	1330.00

11. Click the PDF icon. The report appears in a separate browser in PDF format.
12. Click the Close icon () to close the report.



JasperReports Sales By Month Report

Number 999
 Checkbox checked
 List item 3
 Date Feb 1, 2007
 Query item admin
 User tomcat user

November, 2002		12880.00
Sales person	Account	Amount
Sarah Smith	N & W Creek Transportation Corp	600.00
	O & D Rutledge Communications Associates	1900.00
	Wolter-Collins Construction Partners	1630.00
Sally Bronsen	Rutledge-Cavestany Transportation Company	1100.00
	M & Y Planck Communications, Ltd	1330.00
Max Jensen	B & D Wolter Machinery Partners	1030.00
	B & D Wolter Machinery Partners	1930.00
Chris Oliver	I & M Wyllie Transportation, Ltd	1830.00
Beth Sasseen	Alpha-Murralin Communications, Inc	1000.00
Kristen Verona	H & E Baker Machinery Group	530.00

December, 2002		233800.00
Sales person	Account	Amount
Sarah Smith	N & W Creek Transportation Corp	2700.00
	N & W Creek Transportation Corp	5700.00
	O & D Rutledge Communications Associates	2100.00
	Wolter-Collins Construction Partners	5530.00
	Muenich-Young Engineering, Inc	1430.00
Sally Bronsen	Rutledge-Cavestany Transportation Company	11000.00
	Rutledge-Cavestany Transportation Company	5000.00
	M & Y Planck Communications, Ltd	15030.00
	M & Y Planck Communications, Ltd	10530.00
	M & Y Planck Communications, Ltd	5030.00

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5.2 Using Report Scheduler

The report scheduler runs report execution jobs in the background and saves the execution result in the repository. Users can define such jobs and schedule them to run at specific moments in the future and find the resulting reports in the repository or receive the results by email.

5.2.1 Report browser

Each report is accompanied in the [report browser](#) by two icons that provides access to the report scheduling functionality.

Display Name	Description	Type	Created Date
AllAccounts	All Accounts Report	Report	08-01-2007 01:21
EmployeeAccounts		Report	08-01-2007 01:21
Employees		Report	08-01-2007 01:21
SalesByMonth	Sales By Month Report	Report	08-01-2007 01:21

The two icons have the following purposes:

- The "Schedule report" (calendar icon) icon open the [list of jobs](#) defined for the report.
- The "Run in background" (document icon) provides a quick way to run a report in background (asynchronously), i.e. to schedule a report execution job that would get executed immediately. More about this [here](#).

5.2.2 Report jobs list

When the "Schedule report" icon is clicked, the [list of report jobs](#) opens.

ID	Label	Owner	State	Last ran at	Next run time	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 edit	weekly update	tomcat	Normal		07-02-2007 00:00	<input type="checkbox"/>

[Back](#)
[Schedule Job](#)
[Run Now](#)
[Refresh](#)
[Remove](#)

Each regular user only sees his own jobs, while administrative user will see all the report jobs.

The following information is displayed in the jobs list:

1. the job ID, accompanied by a link that opens the job for editing.
2. the job label, which is a short description provided while creating the job
3. the job owner, i.e. the user that created the job
4. the job state, which is one of:
 1. Normal: the job is scheduled
 2. Running: the job is currently running
 3. Complete: the job has completed all its executions.
 4. Error: the scheduler encountered an error while scheduling or triggering the job. This does not include the cases when the job is successfully triggered, but some error occurs during execution.
5. the last time the job was fired
6. the next time the job will get fired

Several controls are placed on the report jobs list:

1. The "Back" button is used to return to the report browser screen.
2. The "Schedule Job" button is used to create a new job for the report. Clicking it opens the [job details](#) screen.
3. The "Run Now" has the same purpose as the "Run in background" icon on the report browser screen (more details [here](#)).
4. The "Refresh" button is used to refetch from the server an updated jobs list.
5. The "Remove" button is used to delete the selected jobs. Jobs are selected via the checkboxes placed on all rows; the checkbox placed on the list header can be used to select/unselect all the jobs.

When a jobs gets deleted, it will be unscheduled but if the job is currently running the execution will not be stopped. Completed report jobs, i.e. jobs that will not be fired again, will be automatically deleted from the scheduler.

5.2.3 Report job details

The report job details consist of information required to schedule a report execution:

- schedule information: when should the report be executed
- report parameters
- output: where should the resulting report be sent

Job | Schedule | Output

Report	/reports/samples/AllAccounts
* Job label	Monthly report
Job description	Outputs monthly accounts.

Cancel Next >> Save

The job details screens are used both for scheduling a new job and for viewing/updating an existing one.

The [first screen](#) contains general job description attributes:

- The job label is a short description that will get displayed in the jobs list.
- The job description (optional) is a long job description.

The [second screen](#) is used to define job scheduling information. This information consists of job start and end times and from optional recurrence information. The user can set the following scheduling attributes:

- A time zone to use for the scheduling dates. By default, the scheduling dates and times are interpreted in the server time zone, but the user has the option to specify the dates in another time zone and the scheduler will take this into account when firing the job.
- A start date to indicate when the job should become effective. The user has the option of instructing the job to start immediately or at a specific date and time in the future. The start date has slightly different meaning depending on the recurrence type. If no recurrence is defined, the start date will be the date the job is going to be executed at.
- An end date to indicate when the job should stop firing.

Job | Schedule | Output

Time zone

Start ☐ Immediately
☒ On

End

☒ No recurrence ☐ Simple recurrence ☐ Calendar recurrence

Apart from this attributes, the user can optionally specify a recurrence scheme for the job. There are two types of recurrence mechanisms that can be used: simple recurrence and calendar recurrence.

The simple recurrence mechanism allows the user to schedule the job to recur at fixed time intervals.

☐ No recurrence ☒ Simple recurrence ☐ Calendar recurrence

Occur ☐ Indefinitely/Until the end date
☒ times

Every

The user can set the following attributes:

- Maximum number of occurrences is optional and specifies the maximum number a job can occur. The job would occur until either the occurrence count reaches this value or the end date (if defined) is reached. The user can also choose not to specify a maximum number of occurrences and let the job recur indefinitely or until the end date.
- The fixed recurrence interval, composed of a numerical value and a unit of measure. The user can specify the interval in minutes, hours, days or weeks.

In case of simple recurrence, the job start date will be the date the job is going to be first fire at and the next occurrences will be computed based on the start date and the recurrence interval.

The [calendar recurrence](#) mechanism allows users to define jobs that recur at specific calendar moments.

☐ No recurrence
 ☐ Simple recurrence
 ☒ Calendar recurrence

* Minute(s)

* Hour(s)

Days ☐ Every day
 ☒ Week days

Mon	Tue	Wen	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☐ Month days

Months ☒ All

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feb	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Apr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> May	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jun
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jul	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aug	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sep	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oct	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nov	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dec

The user needs to specify the minutes, hours, days and months the job should occur at:

- One can specify one or more minutes the job should be executed at. The accepted values are in the 0 to 59 range. In the most common scenarios, only one value would be set for the minutes. If the report needs to be executed multiple times per hour, the minutes can be specified using the following syntax:
 - X,Y,Z,... – the job will be executed at minutes X, Y, Z, ..
 - X-Y – the job will be executed every minute from X to Y
 - * - the job will be executed every minute
- The hour(s) field is similar to the minutes, with the difference that the accepted values are in the 0 to 23 range.
- To select the days the job should run on, the user has three options:
 - Set the job to run every day.
 - Set the job to run on specific week days.
 - Set the job to run on specific month days. The month days field is similar to the minutes field, with accepted values in the 1 to 31 range.
- The months the job should be executed on are selected individually. A checkbox to select/deselect all months is available for convenience.

If the user chooses calendar recurrence, the job will first be executed at the first moment after the start date that

Job | Schedule | Parameters | Output

Text Input Control

Checkbox Input Control ☐

List Input Control

DateInput_label

matches all the defined date and time values. The job would then recur at each matching date and time until the end date is reached or indefinitely if an end date is not set.

If the report has input controls, the job details will contain a set of input values which will be used when executing the report. A [separate screen](#), identical to the one used when directly executing the report, will allow the user to input value for the report parameters.

Finally, the user has to define the job output attributes. Each time the job runs, the results are saved into the content repository. Optionally, the result can also be distributed by email to one or more recipients.

The following attributes can be set in the [job output screen](#):

Job | Schedule | Output

Base output file name

Output formats ☒ PDF ☐ HTML ☐ Excel ☐ RTF ☐ CSV

Locale

Content Repository

* Folder

Sequential File Names ☒

Overwrite Files ☐

Email Notification

To

Subject

Message Text

Attach Files ☒

Skip empty reports ☐

- The base output filename is used to derive all output filenames by appending an optional timestamp and a format extension.
- The user needs to choose at least one output format. The available list includes PDF, HTML, Microsoft Excel, RTF and CSV.
- The user can choose a locale that should be used when filling the report. If no specific locale is selected, the server will use the default locale.
- The content repository folder where all the resulting files should be saved has to be selected.
- The user can choose to include a timestamp in the file names used to save the job results. This is useful for recurring jobs when multiple results need to be kept.
- The user can instruct the scheduler whether overwriting existing content files is allowed. If the scheduler wants to save a report and another saved report having the same name already exists, it will either overwrite it or generate an error, depending on this flag.

- In addition to saving the result in the content repository, the job creator can choose to enable an email notification for the job. Each time the job would get executed, an email would be sent to one or more recipients that would optionally include the job results as attachments.

A user needs to specify the following attributes for the email notification:

- One or more recipient addresses, separated by comma.
- The message subject.
- The message body.
- Whether the job results should be attached to the message.
- Whether the mail should not be sent when the generated is empty.

As we mentioned before, the report job details screens are used for both creating a new job and for updating an existing job. The users should note that if the scheduling attributes of a job are updated, the scheduler will recreate the trigger that fires the job execution. This might have unexpected results if the job start date is in the past and should generally be avoided. If other job attributes are updated, they will take effect from the next job execution.

5.2.4 Quick background execution

The "Run in background" report execution allows users to define a report job that would get fired immediately without manually entering all the job attributes. This functionality can be used to launch asynchronously long report executions and save the results in the repository (and optionally receive the results via email).

If the user wants to quickly launch a report execution in background, he will only be required to enter the report parameters if the report has input controls and to define the job output. The screens used for these tasks are the same as the ones used when scheduling a new report job.

5.2.5 Built-in report parameters

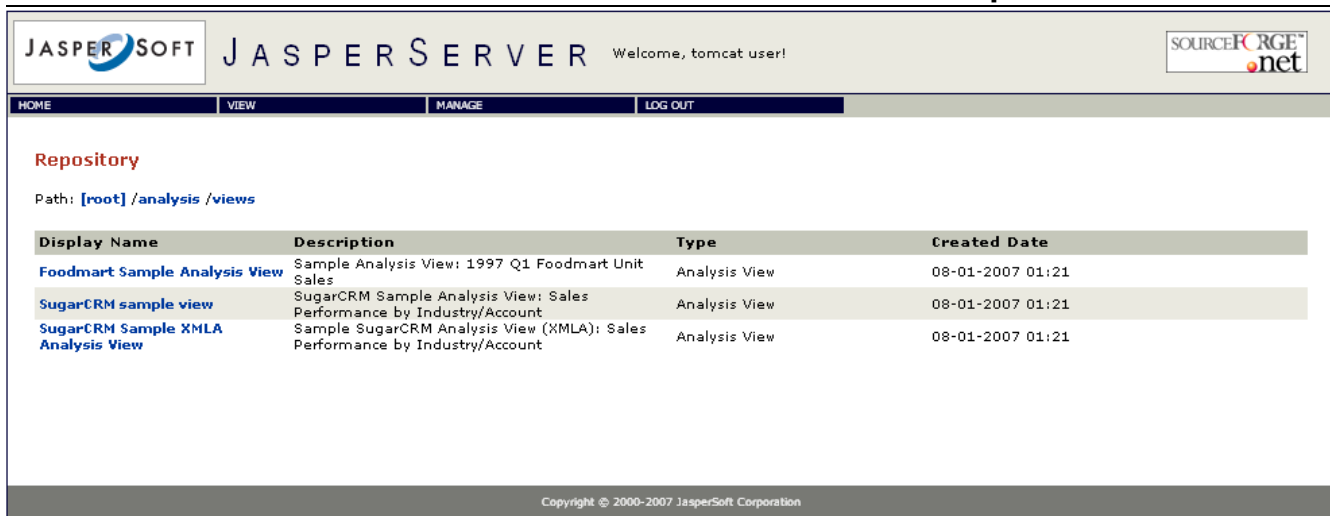
When a report is executed by the report scheduler, a built-in parameter named "_ScheduledTime" is used to pass to the report the date and time the report was scheduled at. The parameter needs to be declared in the JRXML in order to be used:


```
<parameter name="_ScheduledTime" class="java.util.Date"/>
```

The value can be used to filter the reported date or for displaying purposes.

5.3 *Interacting with Analysis Views*

An analysis view consists of connection resources and an MDX query and. The current version contains a number of sample analysis views. To browse an [analysis view](#), mouse on the VIEW menu and click on ANALYSIS VIEWS, the following view list displays.



JASPER SOFT JASPER SERVER Welcome, tomcat user! 

HOME VIEW **MANAGE** LOG OUT

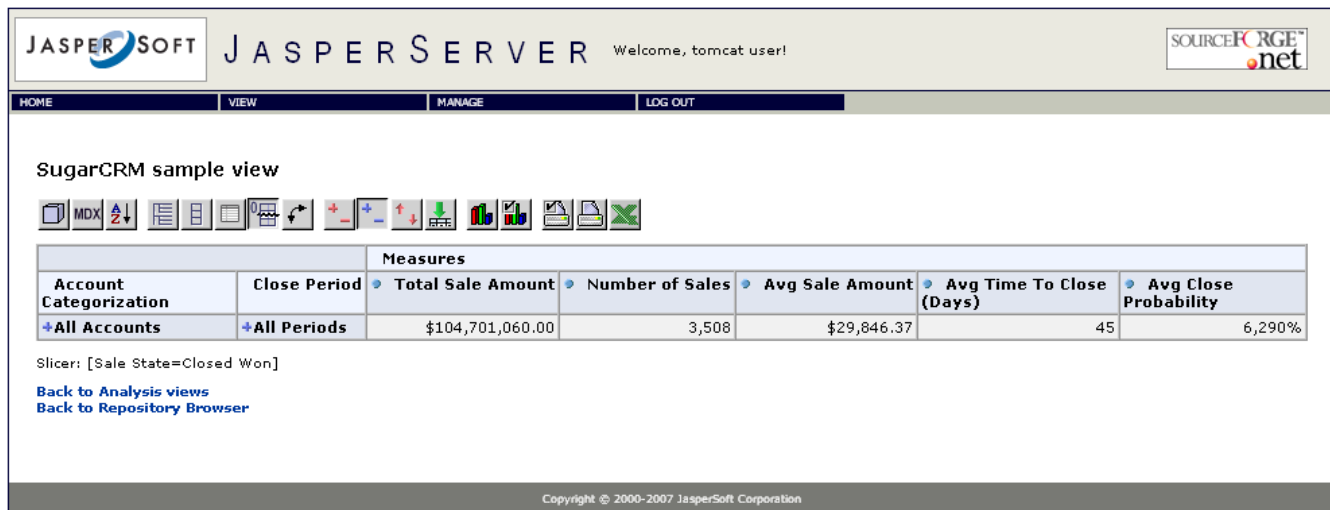
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SugarCRM sample view	SugarCRM Sample Analysis View: Sales Performance by Industry/Account	Analysis View	08-01-2007 01:21
SugarCRM Sample XMLA Analysis View	Sample SugarCRM Analysis View (XMLA): Sales Performance by Industry/Account	Analysis View	08-01-2007 01:21

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SugarCRM sample view

Account Categorization	Close Period	Measures				
		Total Sale Amount	Number of Sales	Avg Sale Amount	Avg Time To Close (Days)	Avg Close Probability
+All Accounts	+All Periods	\$104,701,060.00	3,508	\$29,846.37	45	6,290%


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Currently, JasperAnalysis utilizes [JPivot](#) for analytical processing. The following is a description of the analytical operations.















5.3.1 Open OLAP navigator


This operation () allows a user to change an analysis view and define dimension filters. Click the Open OLAP Navigator to display the following properties.

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Columns 

Measures

Rows

 Account Categorization
 Close Period

Filter

 Account Location
 Sales Person
 Sale State (Sale State=Closed Won)
 Start Period

OK Cancel


		Measures				
Account Categorization	Close Period	Total Sale Amount	Number of Sales	Avg Sale Amount	Avg Time To Close (Days)	Avg Close Probability
➤ All Accounts	➤ All Periods	104.701.060,00 LEI	3.508	29.846,37 LEI	45	63

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5.3.2 Show MDX editor

This operation () allows a user to change MDX query.

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MDX Query Editor

```
select {[Measures].[Total Sale Amount], [Measures].[Number of Sales], [Measures].[Avg Sale Amount], [Measures].[Avg Time To Close (Days)], [Measures].[Avg Close Probability]} ON COLUMNS,
NON EMPTY {[Account Categorization].[All Accounts], [Close Period].[All Periods]} ON ROWS
from [SalesAnalysis]
where [Sale State].[All Types].[Closed Won]
```

Apply Revert


Account Categorization	Close Period	Measures				
		Total Sale Amount	Number of Sales	Avg Sale Amount	Avg Time To Close (Days)	Avg Close Probability
+All Accounts	+All Periods	104.701.060,00 LEI	3.508	29.846,37 LEI	45	63

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5.3.3 Config OLAP table

This operation () allows a user to change the layout of the information displayed in a table.

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Sort Options

Sort Mode: Keep Hierarchy Ascending

Number of rows for Ranking: 10

Show Memberproperties: ☐

OK Cancel


Account Categorization	Close Period	Measures				
		Total Sale Amount	Number of Sales	Avg Sale Amount	Avg Time To Close (Days)	Avg Close Probability
+All Accounts	+All Periods	104.701.060,00 LEI	3.508	29.846,37 LEI	45	63

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5.3.4 Show/Hide parent members


















This operation () displays or removes column labels of the parent dimensions. Below is an example of displaying parent dimension as separate columns for the *Close Period*.

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Account Categorization	Close Period					Measures			
(All)	(All)	Year	Quarter	Month	Week	Total Sale Amount	Number of Sales	Avg Sale Amount	Avg Time To Close (Days)
+All Accounts	-All Periods					\$104,701,060.00	3,508	\$29,846.37	45
	All Periods	-2002				\$186,710.00	49	\$3,810.41	25
		2002	-4			\$186,710.00	49	\$3,810.41	25
			4	-November		\$8,090.00	5	\$1,618.00	12
				November	3	\$3,000.00	2	\$1,500.00	11
					4	\$5,090.00	3	\$1,696.67	12
				+December		\$178,620.00	44	\$4,059.55	26
	+2003					\$27,432,460.00	955	\$28,725.09	43
	+2004					\$34,908,760.00	1,186	\$29,434.03	45
	+2005					\$39,442,310.00	1,284	\$30,718.31	46

Done


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5.3.5 Show/Hide spans

This operation () exposes or conceals redundant information in the parent dimension columns. Below is an example of showing duplicated attribute values for *Account Categorization*.

Account Categorization	Close Period	Measures				
		Total Sale Amount	Number of Sales	Avg Sale Amount	Avg Time To Close (Days)	Avg Close Probability
-All Accounts	-All Periods	\$104,701,060.00	3,508	\$29,846.37	45	63
-All Accounts	+2002	\$186,710.00	49	\$3,810.41	25	66
-All Accounts	+2003	\$27,432,460.00	955	\$28,725.09	43	63
-All Accounts	+2004	\$34,908,760.00	1,186	\$29,434.03	45	63
-All Accounts	+2005	\$39,442,310.00	1,284	\$30,718.31	46	63
-All Accounts	+2006	\$2,730,820.00	34	\$80,318.24	70	63
+Communications	-All Periods	\$12,284,540.00	456	\$26,939.78	46	65
+Communications	+2002	\$50,250.00	9	\$5,583.33	34	61
+Communications	+2003	\$3,238,310.00	124	\$26,115.40	45	65
+Communications	+2004	\$4,059,520.00	153	\$26,532.81	46	65
+Communications	+2005	\$4,762,520.00	167	\$28,518.08	48	65
+Communications	+2006	\$173,940.00	3	\$57,980.00	69	72
+Construction	+All Periods	\$17,061,300.00	550	\$31,020.55	49	65

5.3.6 Show/Hide properties

This operation () displays or removes additional information (if any) in the fact data defined by the same dimension. TBD

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Account Categorization	Close Period	Measures				
		Total Sale Amount	Number of Sales	Avg Sale Amount	Avg Time To Close (Days)	Avg Close Probability
All Accounts	All Periods	\$104,701,060.00	3,508	\$29,846.37	45	63
	-2002	\$186,710.00	49	\$3,810.41	25	66
	-4	\$186,710.00	49	\$3,810.41	25	66
	-November	\$8,090.00	5	\$1,618.00	12	71
	3	\$3,000.00	2	\$1,500.00	11	60
	4	\$5,090.00	3	\$1,696.67	12	78
	+December	\$178,620.00	44	\$4,059.55	26	66
	+2003	\$27,432,460.00	955	\$28,725.09	43	63
	+2004	\$34,908,760.00	1,186	\$29,434.03	45	63
	+2005	\$39,442,310.00	1,284	\$30,718.31	46	63
	+2006	\$2,730,820.00	34	\$80,318.24	70	63

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5.3.7 Suppress/Reveal empty rows/columns

This operation () suppresses or reveals rows and/or columns that does not have relevant fact data with respect to the dimensions. Below is example that reveals the empty rows for year 2006.

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Account Categorization	Close Period	Measures				
		Total Sale Amount	Number of Sales	Avg Sale Amount	Avg Time To Close (Days)	Avg Close Probability
All Accounts	All Periods	\$104,701,060.00	3,508	\$29,846.37	45	63
	+2002	\$186,710.00	49	\$3,810.41	25	66
	+2003	\$27,432,460.00	955	\$28,725.09	43	63
	+2004	\$34,908,760.00	1,186	\$29,434.03	45	63
	+2005	\$39,442,310.00	1,284	\$30,718.31	46	63
	-2006	\$2,730,820.00	34	\$80,318.24	70	63
	+1	\$2,730,820.00	34	\$80,318.24	70	63
	+2					
	+3					
Communications	All Periods	\$12,284,540.00	456	\$26,939.78	46	65
Construction	All Periods	\$17,061,300.00	550	\$31,020.55	49	65
	-2002	\$11,650.00	5	\$2,330.00	23	59
	-4	\$11,650.00	5	\$2,330.00	23	59

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5.3.8 Swap axes

This operation () changes the orientation of a table by interchanging the columns with the rows. Below is an example of swap axes that interchanges measure columns with dimension rows.

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	Account Categorization						
	-All Accounts Close Period	+Communications Close Period	+Construction Close Period	+Electronics Close Period	+Engineering Close Period	+Machinery Close Period	+Telecommu Close Period
Measures	+All Periods	+All Periods	+All Periods	+All Periods	+All Periods	+All Periods	+All Periods
Total Sale Amount	\$104,701,060.00	\$12,284,540.00	\$17,061,300.00	\$17,452,020.00	\$8,983,840.00	\$17,856,460.00	\$11,8
Number of Sales	3,508	456	550	441	429	611	
Avg Sale Amount	\$29,846.37	\$26,939.78	\$31,020.55	\$39,573.74	\$20,941.35	\$29,224.98	\$
Avg Time To Close (Days)	45	46	49	45	46	41	
Avg Close Probability	63	65	65	63	63	62	


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5.3.9 Drill member

This operation () synchronizes the contraction or expansion of rows across all dimension members. Below is an example of drill member at *Close Period* for dimension member *Account Categorization*.

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Account Categorization	Close Period	Measures				
		Total Sale Amount	Number of Sales	Avg Sale Amount	Avg Time To Close (Days)	Avg Close Probability
-All Accounts	-All Periods	\$104,701,060.00	3,508	\$29,846.37	45	63
	-2002	\$186,710.00	49	\$3,810.41	25	66
	+4	\$186,710.00	49	\$3,810.41	25	66
	+2003	\$27,432,460.00	955	\$28,725.09	43	63
	+2004	\$34,908,760.00	1,186	\$29,434.03	45	63
	+2005	\$39,442,310.00	1,284	\$30,718.31	46	63
	+2006	\$2,730,820.00	34	\$80,318.24	70	63
+Communications	-All Periods	\$12,284,540.00	456	\$26,939.78	46	65
	-2002	\$50,250.00	9	\$5,583.33	34	61
	+4	\$50,250.00	9	\$5,583.33	34	61
	+2003	\$3,238,310.00	124	\$26,115.40	45	65
	+2004	\$4,059,520.00	153	\$26,532.81	46	65
	+2005	\$4,762,520.00	167	\$28,518.08	48	65

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5.3.10 Drill position

This operation () collapses or expands rows at a specific dimension member.

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Drill Down

Drill Up

Drill Replace

Drill Through

Print

Export

Refresh

Zoom In


Zoom Out

Full Screen

Account Categorization	Close Period	Measures				
		Total Sale Amount	Number of Sales	Avg Sale Amount	Avg Time To Close (Days)	Avg Close Probability
-All Accounts	-All Periods	\$104,701,060.00	3,508	\$29,846.37	45	63
	-2002	\$186,710.00	49	\$3,810.41	25	66
	+4	\$186,710.00	49	\$3,810.41	25	66
	+2003	\$27,432,460.00	955	\$28,725.09	43	63
	+2004	\$34,908,760.00	1,186	\$29,434.03	45	63
	+2005	\$39,442,310.00	1,284	\$30,718.31	46	63
	+2006	\$2,730,820.00	34	\$80,318.24	70	63
+Communications	-All Periods	\$12,284,540.00	456	\$26,939.78	46	65
	+2002	\$50,250.00	9	\$5,583.33	34	61
	+2003	\$3,238,310.00	124	\$26,115.40	45	65
	+2004	\$4,059,520.00	153	\$26,532.81	46	65
	+2005	\$4,762,520.00	167	\$28,518.08	48	65
	+2006	\$173,940.00	3	\$57,980.00	69	72

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5.3.11 Drill replace

This operation () replaces the current table with a sub-table determined by the location of the drill replace operation. Below is an example of drill replace at *Close Period 4* of *Year 2002*.


















































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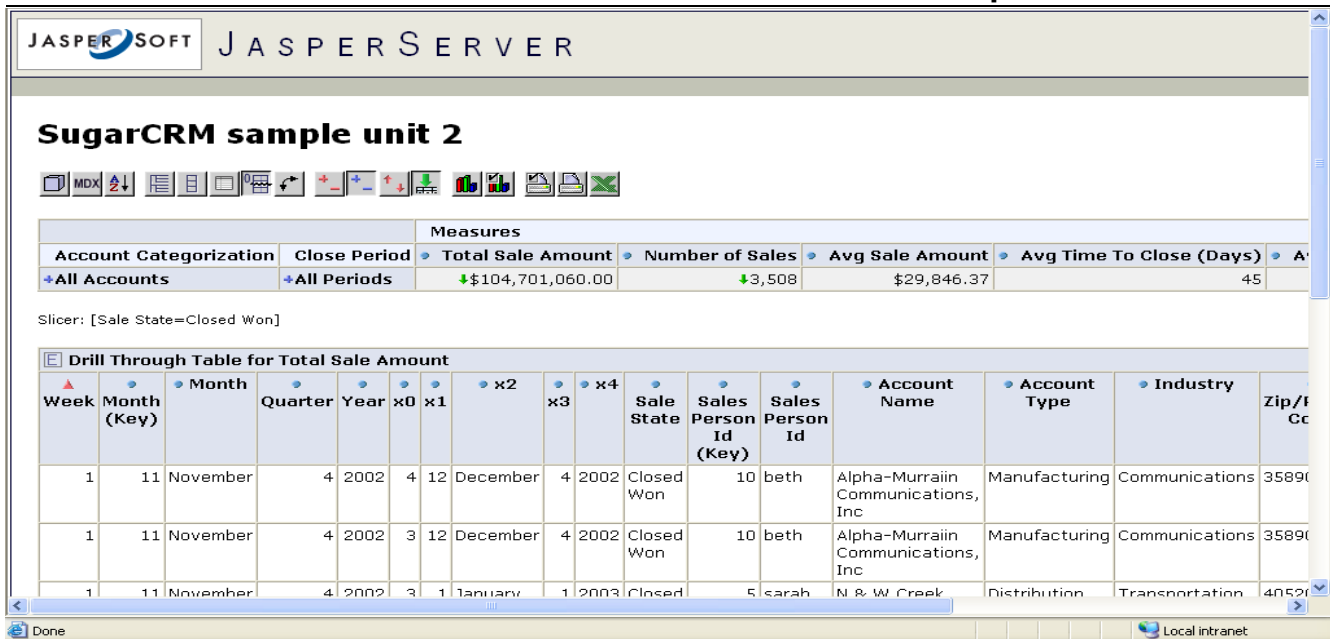
		Measures				
Account Categorization	Close Period	Total Sale Amount	Number of Sales	Avg Sale Amount	Avg Time To Close (Days)	Avg Close Probability
-All Accounts	-November	\$8,090.00	5	\$1,618.00	12	71
	3	\$3,000.00	2	\$1,500.00	11	60
	4	\$5,090.00	3	\$1,696.67	12	78
	-December	\$178,620.00	44	\$4,059.55	26	66
	1	\$8,450.00	6	\$1,408.33	16	57
	2	\$10,250.00	5	\$2,050.00	17	70
	3	\$53,330.00	15	\$3,555.33	24	63
	4	\$80,630.00	13	\$6,202.31	32	70
	5	\$25,960.00	5	\$5,192.00	41	69
	+Communications	+November	\$3,230.00	2	\$1,615.00	12
	+December	\$47,020.00	7	\$6,717.14	40	56
+Construction	+December	\$11,650.00	5	\$2,330.00	23	59
+Electronics	+December	\$51,940.00	8	\$6,492.50	21	76

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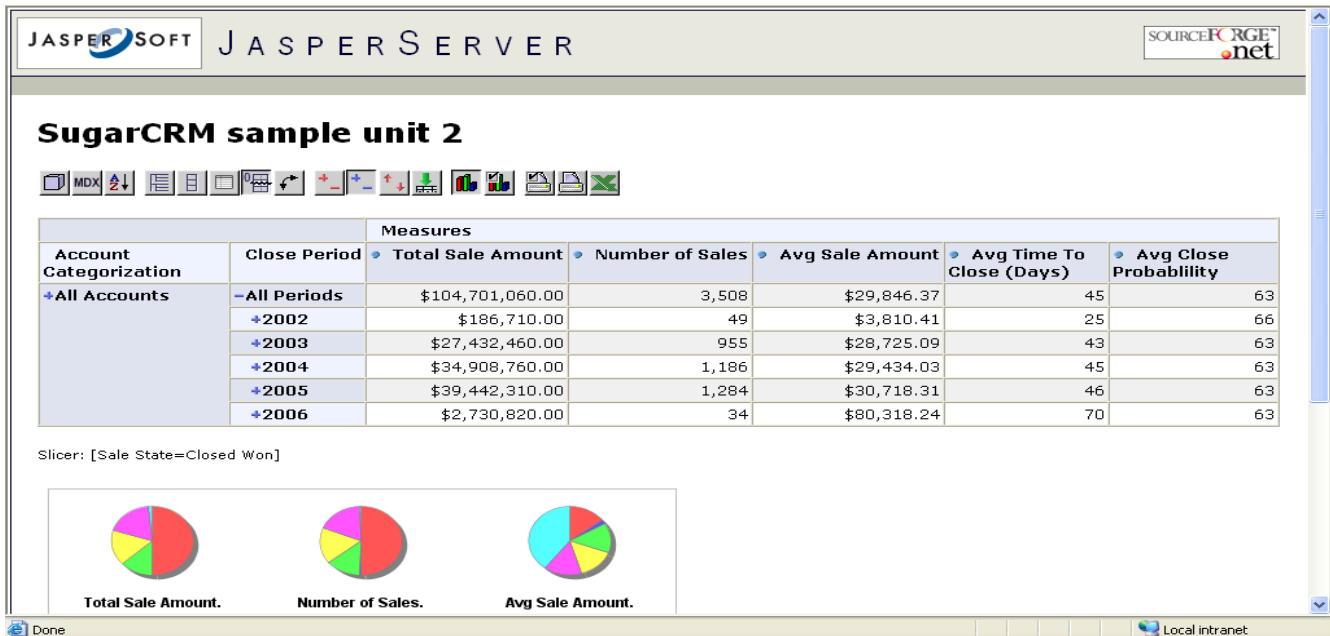
5.3.12 Drill through

This operation () extends the display by showing additional columns related to the set of facts shown in the dimension hierarchy. Below is an example of drill through the *Total Sale Amount* measure.




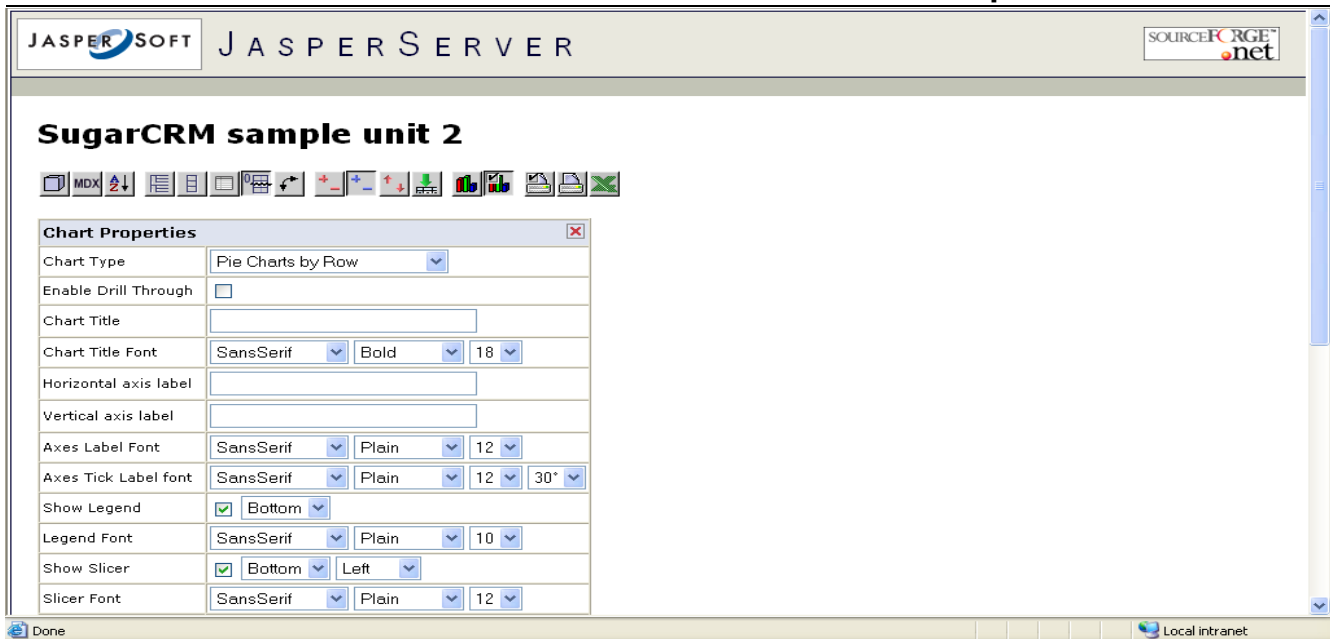
5.3.13 Show chart

This operation () expands the display by showing table data as charts.




5.3.14 Chart configuration


This operation () allows a user to define various charting options.




5.3.15 Print configuration

This operation () allows a user to define various print options.

5.3.16 Print as PDF

This operation () outputs the current display as a PDF file.

5.3.17 Start Excel

This operation () outputs the current display to a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet.

6 JasperServer Administration

The Manage menu appears only if you have administrator privileges. It consists of the following submenus:

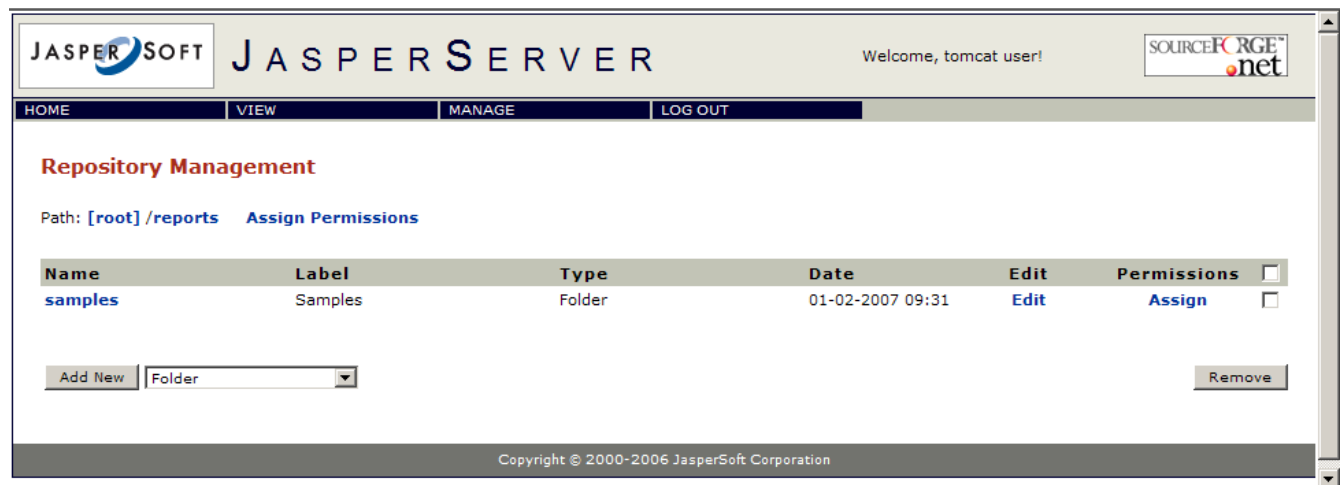
Repository	Displays the repository browser, which contains data sources, images, reports, and other user-created folders.
Roles	Lets you manage roles that you assign to users.
Users	Lets you see and administer users.
Analysis Properties	Displays current Mondrian properties
Flush OLAP Cache	Clears cache used by OLAP operations

6.1 Creating a folder

If you have administrator privileges, JasperServer lets you create a tree of folders in which to put your reports and resources. To do this:

1. Click the REPOSITORY submenu of the MANAGE menu.
2. Choose or create the repository folder in which you want to create your new report. For this example, click reports. The path should display as follows:

[\[root\]](#)/[reports](#)



3. Select *Folder* from the drop-down list besides the *Add New* and click *Add New*. The Edit Folder screen appears.
4. In the *Name* and *Label* fields, enter the name of the new folder you want to create. In this case, enter *MyReports*.

Note: Spaces are not permitted in the Name field.

Folder

Parent Folder:

* Name:

* Label:

Description:

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- Click Save. The folder appears in the repository.

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Path: [\[root\] /reports](#) [Assign Permissions](#)

Name	Label	Type	Date	Edit	Permissions	
MyReports	MyReports	Folder	01-02-2007 12:09	Edit	Assign	<input type="checkbox"/>
samples	Samples	Folder	01-02-2007 09:31	Edit	Assign	<input type="checkbox"/>

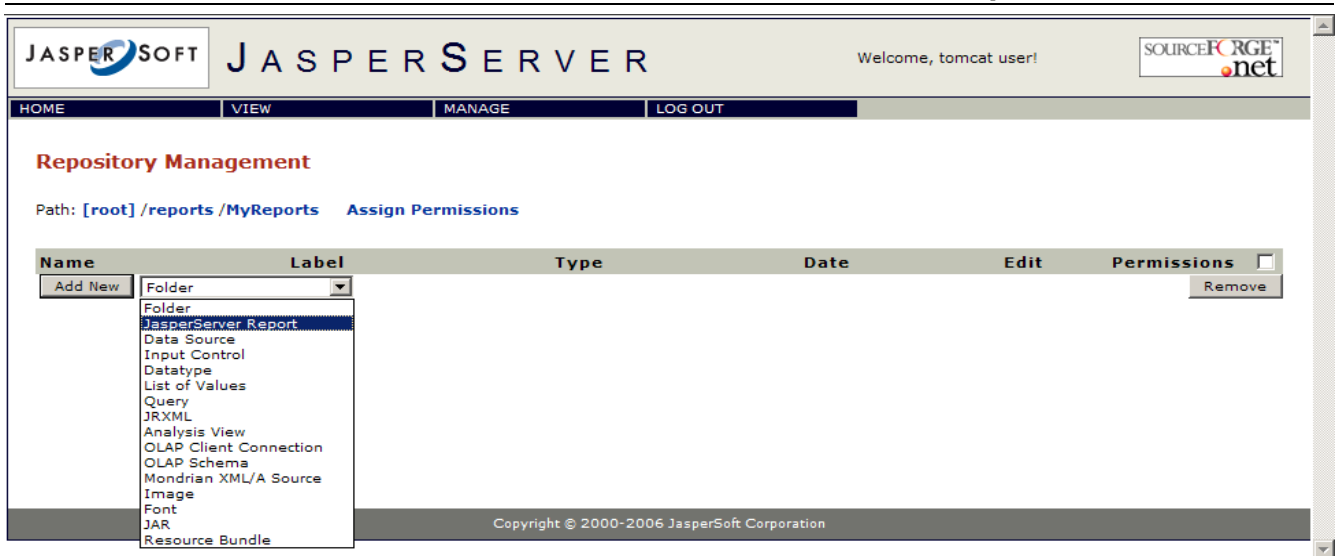
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6.2 Creating a simple report

In this example, you'll create a report to run the *AllAccounts.jrxml* file. This is a simple report that takes no input parameters. To create the report, you must have access to the *samples/reports/AllAccounts.jrxml* and the *samples/image/logo.jpg*. Both of these resources can be found in the *samples* directory at the root of the JasperServer installation directory.

6.2.1 Naming the new report

- In the REPOSITORY browser, select the *MyReports* folder that you have created.
- In the drop-down list beside the *Add New* button, select *JasperServer Report*.



3. Click *Add New*. The Create Report Wizard appears.
4. For *Name*, enter *new_simple_report*.
5. For *Label*, enter *New Simple Report*.
6. For *Description*, enter *This is a simple test*.



7. Click *Next*.

6.2.2 Add the JRXML file, logo, and data source

8. Now that you've named the report, you'll add the resources you need to run it. Under *Locate main JRXML File*:, click the *From file System* radio button.
9. Click the *Browse* button. Locate *samples/reports/AllAccounts.jrxml*. (You should find it in the *<JasperServer-install-dir>/samples/reports* directory). Select the *AllAccounts.jrxml* file.

Report Wizard - Main JRXML

Locate the main JRXML file

☒ From File System
 C:\Documents and Settings\ Browse...

☐ From Content Repository
 ▼

Cancel << Back Next >>

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10. Click *Next*.

11. The Resource List screen shows you need the *LogoLink* resource.

Report Wizard - Resources List

Resource Name/ID	Resource Type	State/Action
LogoLink	Image	Add Now
AllAccounts_Res2	Image	Add Now

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12. On the right side of the LogoLink line click *Add Now*.

13. Click the *From the Repository* radio button and select */images/JRLogo*.

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Report Wizard - File Resource

Locate File Resource: **LogoLink**

☒ From the Repository

☐ Upload from File System

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14. Click *Next*.

15. Accept the default naming of the image in the Repository. Click *Next*.

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File Resource

Reusable resource **/images/JRLogo** selected

* Name
 * Label
 Description

Type

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16. You should now back on the Resource List screen. Click *Next*.

17. On the Locate Data Source screen, click the *From the Repository* radio button.

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Report Wizard - Locate Data Source

☐ From the Repository
/datasources/JServerJdbcDS

☐ Locally Defined

☒ None

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18. Accept the default data source. Click *Next*.

19. Our JRXML file already has a query inside, but are going to override it by creating local query resource; pick *Locally Defined* in the *Locate Query* page. *None* is for using the JRXML query, if present.

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Locate Query

☐ From the Repository
[Query Name]

☒ Locally Defined

☐ None

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20. Name the local query *CanadaAccounts* and use the same for label.

21. Click *Next*.

Query

* Name: CanadaAccounts

* Label: CanadaAccounts

Description:

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22. The query itself can point to a different data source. But we want to use the data source that was already picked for the report and thus pick *None*.

Query - Locate Data Source

☒ From the Repository
/datasources/JServerJdbcDS

☐ Locally Defined

☐ None

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23. Use SQL as query language and the following query text: *SELECT * FROM accounts WHERE billing_address_country = "Canada" ORDER BY billing_address_city*

Edit Query

Query Language: SQL

Query String: SELECT * FROM accounts WHERE billing_address_country = "Canada" ORDER BY billing_address_city

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24. Skip the *Custom Report View* page by clicking *Next*.

25. The report should be successfully validated. Click *Save*. You have now created your first report!



26. Now, you should see your new JasperServer Report within the Repository Browser screen. Click on the *new_simple_report* to view the report.

The next section shows how to create a more complex report that has a full set of input controls as well as scriptlet class JAR file dependencies.

6.3 Creating a complex report

You will now create a more complex report that contains several input parameters. To create the report, you must have access to all resources, including the *SalesByMonth.jrxml* file, the *SalesByMonthDetail.jrxml* file (the subreport), a data type, and an image for the logo.

Note: It is assumed you are very familiar with the *SalesByMonth.jrxml* file and the resources it requires.

SalesByMonth.jrxml and the resources it needs can be found in the *samples* directory included in the JasperServer Installers. After installation, the *samples* directory is located in the root of the installation directory. Additionally, a *samples.zip* is available for download from the *jasperintel.sourceforge.net* site.

Now, you'll use the available resources to create a report that behaves just like *SalesByMonth*.

6.3.1 Naming the new report

1. In the repository browser, select the *MyReports* folder that you have created.
2. In the drop-down list beside the Add New button, select JasperServer Report.
3. Click Add New. The Create Report Wizard appears.
4. For Name, enter *new_report*.
5. For Label, enter *New Report*.
6. For Description, enter *This is a test report*.

7. Click *Next*.

6.3.2 Add the JRXML file, logo, and data source

8. Now that you've named the report, you'll add the resources you need to run it. Under *Locate JRXML File*., click *From file System*.
9. Search on your file system for the *SalesByMonth.jrxml* file. (You should find it in the <install-dir>/samples/reports directory if you used the JasperServer installer. Otherwise, you can go to the jasperintel.sourceforge.net site and download the samples.zip file.)
10. Click *Next*.
11. The next screen shows you that you need the following resources: a subreport (the *SalesByMonthDetail.jrxml* file) and an image (a logo).
12. Click *Add Now* to the right of the *SalesByMonthDetail* resource name.
13. Click *Upload From File System* and browse for the *SalesByMonthDetail.jrxml* file.
14. Click *Next*.
15. Leave the name as *SalesByMonthDetail*. (Note that spaces are not allowed in the name field.)
16. For the Label, enter *Sales By Month Detail*.
17. Click *Next*. You'll see that you still have to locate the image for the logo.
18. Click *Add Now* to the right of the *Logo* resource name.
19. Click the *From Content Repository* radio button.
20. Use repository file URI */images/JRLogo*.
21. Click *Next*.
22. Leave the name *Logo* for name, label, and description.
23. Click *Next*. You'll see that you've successfully located all necessary resources.



6.3.3 Adding input controls

Now, continuing with the same report, you'll add the input controls.

The *SalesByMonth.jrxml* file has four input controls: *TextInput* (an integer), *CheckboxInput* (a Boolean), *ListInput* (a single-select list), and *DateInput* (a date). You must use these exact names when creating the input controls.

25. Click *Add Control*.
26. Click the *Locally Defined*.
27. Click *Next*.
28. For *Name*, enter *TextInput*.
29. For *Label*, enter *Text Input Control*.
30. For *Type*, select *Single Value*.
31. Click *Next*.
32. Now you must define the data type (validation criteria) for the input control. Click *Locally Defined*.
33. Click *Next*.
34. For *Name*, enter *integer_type*.
35. For *Label*, enter *Integer Control*.
36. For *Type*, select *Number*.

Note: In this example, you will not fill in most of the values on this screen. See *More on Datatypes* below for more information on this screen.

37. Click *Save*. You are sent back to the *Resources List Screen* in the report wizard. You should see *TextInput* in the list of resources.

Resource Name/ID	Resource Type	State/Action
Suggested Resources		
SalesByMonthDetail Logo	JRXML	Added
	Image	Added
Added Controls		
TextInput	Input Control	X

Controls layout: ☐ Always prompt

Optional JSP location:

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38. Click *Add Control*.
39. Click the *Locally Defined*.

40. Click Next.
41. For Name, enter *CheckboxInput*.
42. For Label, enter *Checkbox Input Control*.
43. For Type, select Boolean.
44. Click Next. You should see the *CheckboxInput* in the list of resources.

Report Wizard - Resources List

Resource Name/ID	Resource Type	State/Action
Suggested Resources		
SalesByMonthDetail Logo	JRXML	Added
	Image	Added
Added Controls		
TextInput	Input Control	✕
CheckboxInput	Input Control	✕

Controls layout: ☐ Always prompt

Optional JSP location:

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45. Click Add Control.
46. Click the *Locally Defined*.
47. Click Next.
48. For Name, enter *ListInput*.
49. For Label, enter *List Input Control*.
50. For Type, select *Single Select List of Values*.
51. Click Next.
52. Click *Locally Defined*.
53. Click Next.
54. For Name, enter *list_type*.
55. For Value, enter *List Type*.
56. Click Next.
57. Under Label, enter *First Item*, under Value, enter *1*. Click the plus button (+).

58. You are presented with a new row for Label and Values. Enter *Second Item* and 2 and click the plus button (+).
59. Lastly, add *Third Item* and 3 and click the plus button (+).
60. Click Save. ListInput appears in your list of resources.

Report Wizard - Resources List

Resource Name/ID	Resource Type	State/Action
Suggested Resources		
SalesByMonthDetail	JRXML	Added
Logo	Image	Added
TextInput	Input Control	X
CheckboxInput	Input Control	X
ListInput	Input Control	X
Added Controls		
	Input Control	X
	Input Control	X

Controls layout: ☐ Always prompt

Optional JSP location:

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61. Click Add Control.
62. Click the *Locally Defined*.
63. Click Next.
64. For Name enter *DateInput*.
65. For Label, enter *Date Input Control*.
66. For Type, select *Single Value*.
67. Click Next.
68. Click the *From the Repository* radio button.
69. From the drop down list, select */datatypes/date*.
70. Click Next.

Report Wizard - Resources List

Resource Name/ID	Resource Type	State/Action
Suggested Resources		
SalesByMonthDetail	JRXML	Added
Logo	Image	Added
Added Controls		
TextInput	Input Control	✗
CheckboxInput	Input Control	✗
ListInput	Input Control	✗
DateInput	Input Control	✗

Controls layout: ☐ Always prompt

Optional JSP location:

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71. Click Add Control.
72. Click the *Locally Defined*.
73. Click Next.
74. For Name enter *QueryInput*.
75. For Label, enter *Query Input Control*.
76. For Type, select *Single Select Query*.
77. Click Next.
78. Click *Locally Defined* for the location of the query.
79. For query name and for label enter *testQuery*
80. Click Next.
81. Click *None* for the query data source and then Next.
82. For Query language leave the default SQL and for the query text enter the following: `SELECT user_name, first_name, last_name FROM users`
83. Click Next.
84. For Value column enter *user_name*
85. Add *first_name* and *last_name* for Visible columns using the + button.
86. Click Save.
87. You are now done with input controls! Begin adding external resources below.

In the same screen, one can choose whether the report input controls are to be displayed in a pop-up screen on the "View Report" page or in a separate page. A custom JSP page to be used for displaying the input controls can also be specified here; the JSP file needs to already be present on the server.

6.3.4 Adding external resources

The JRXML file contains two external resources: a JAR file scriptlet and a resource bundle for localization. This section shows how to include them in the report.

64. Click Add Resource.
65. Choose *From File System* and browse for the scriptlet.jar file (samples/jars). Click Next. A screen appears saying the scriptlet was successfully loaded.
66. For Name, enter *Scriptlet*. (This name is specified in the .jrxml file, so you must use this name.)
67. For Label, enter *Scriptlet JAR*.
68. Click Next.

Resource Name/ID	Resource Type	State/Action
Scriptlet	JAR	✗
Suggested Resources		
SalesByMonthDetail	JRXML	Added
Logo	Image	Added
Added Controls		
TextInput	Input Control	✗
CheckboxInput	Input Control	✗
ListInput	Input Control	✗
DateInput	Input Control	✗
QueryInput	Input Control	✗

Controls layout: ☐ Always prompt

Optional JSP location:

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69. Now you'll upload the resource bundle. Click Add Resource.
70. From the file system, browse for *sales.properties* (samples/resource_bundles) and click Next. A screen appears saying *sales.properties* was successfully loaded.
71. For Name, enter *sales.properties*. (You must use the same name as the file specified in the *SalesByMonth.jrxml* file.)
72. For Label, enter *Sales Properties*.

73. Click *Next*.

74. You have returned to the Resource List screen. Continue to the next section to complete your report.

Report Wizard - Resources List

Resource Name/ID	Resource Type	State/Action
Scriptlet	JAR	✕
sales.properties	Resource Bundle	✕
Suggested Resources		
SalesByMonthDetail	JRXML	Added
Logo	Image	Added
Added Controls		
TextInput	Input Control	✕
CheckboxInput	Input Control	✕
ListInput	Input Control	✕
DateInput	Input Control	✕
QueryInput	Input Control	✕

Controls layout: ☐ Always prompt

Optional JSP location:

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6.3.5 Adding a datasource

You have now finished adding all the report's resources. Now you'll add a datasource and validate the report.

75. On the Resources List screen, click *Next*.

76. Click the *From the Repository* radio button.

77. From the drop-down list, choose */datasources/JServerJdbcDS* (default selection).

78. Click *Next*. A screen appears to say the report was successfully validated.

79. Click *Save*. The report appears as published in the repository.



You can now click on your new report to view it. When you enter values in the the input control fields, these values appear toward the top of the report. Input Controls are typically used to modify runtime selections such as WHERE clauses in SQL queries.

6.3.6 More on data types

A data type in JasperServer is more than just a classification of the data. It also includes validation criteria. The data type description page contains the following fields:

<i>Field name</i>	<i>Description</i>
Name	A name of your choosing for the data type.
Label	A label of your choosing for the data type.
Description	Any additional information you want to provide about the data type.
Type	The data type, in a stricter sense. Possible values are <i>Text</i> , <i>Number</i> , <i>Date</i> , or <i>Date-Time</i> .
Max length	The maximum number of characters in the field.
Decimals	The number of decimal places in the field.
Pattern	A regular expression that restricts the possible values of the field.
Minimum value	The lowest permitted value of the field.
Is strict mininum	If checked, the mininum value itself is not permitted; only values greater than the mininum value are permitted.
Maximum value	The highest permitted value of the field.
Is strict maximum	If checked, the maximum value itself is not permitted; only values less than the maximum value are permitted.

6.4 Creating reports using the iReport plugin

The JasperServer plugin for iReport provides an easy and quick way to manage JasperServer Reports inside the JasperServer repository. The plugin uses a set of web services to interact with the server, and it is able to handle more than one server at the same time.

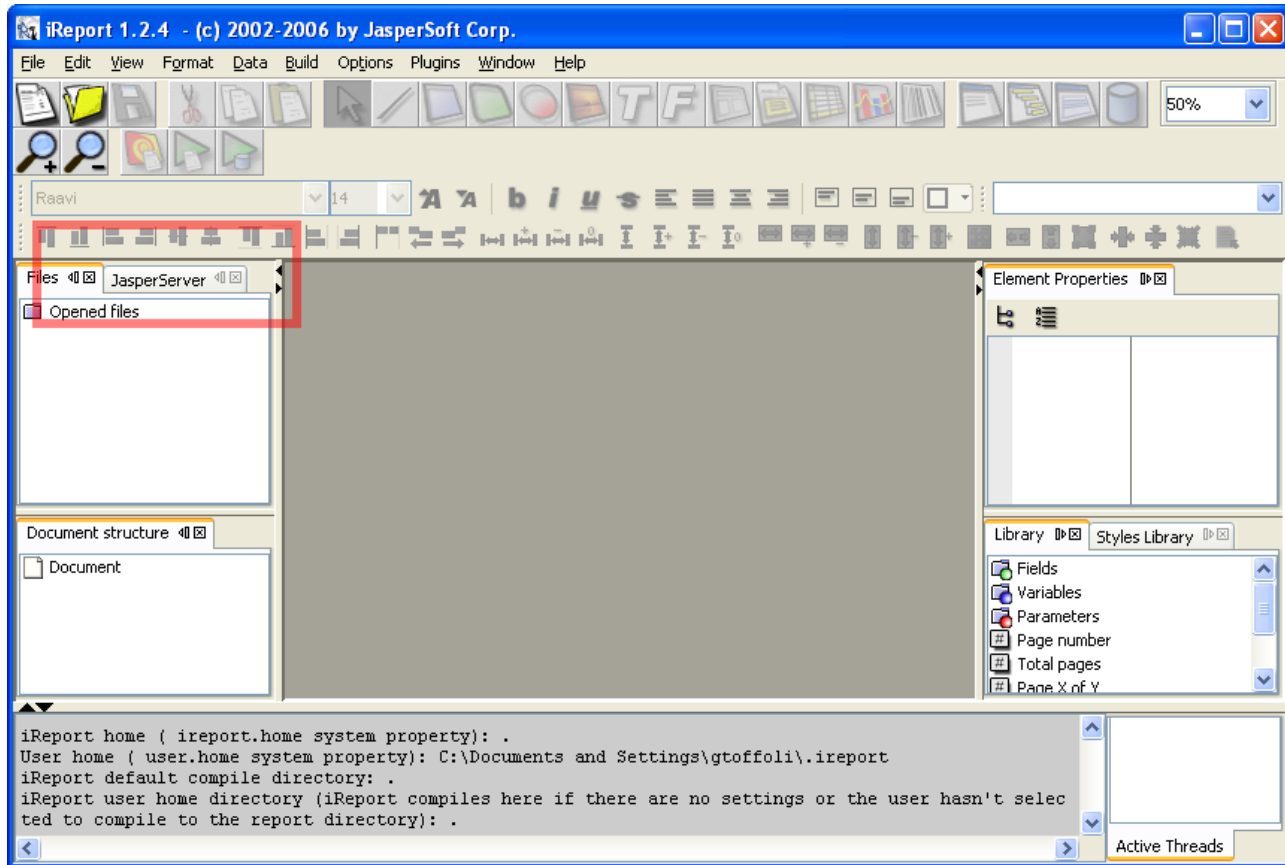
6.4.1 Plugin features

- Repository browsing
- Create / modify / delete folders

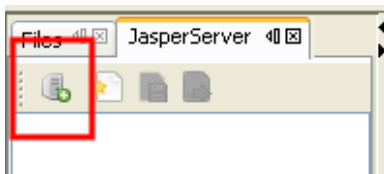
- Create / modify / delete generic resources (images, fonts, jrxml files, jars, property files, ...)
- Create/Modify/import datasources (JDBC, JNDI, JavaBean)
- Create / modify / delete JasperServer Reports
- Create/modify/delete datatypes
- Create/modify/delete List of values
- Create/modify/delete controls
- Add/remove/link controls to/from JasperServer Reports
- Drag and drop of images and subreports into the design window
- Repository resource chooser dialog

6.4.2 Making connection to JasperServer

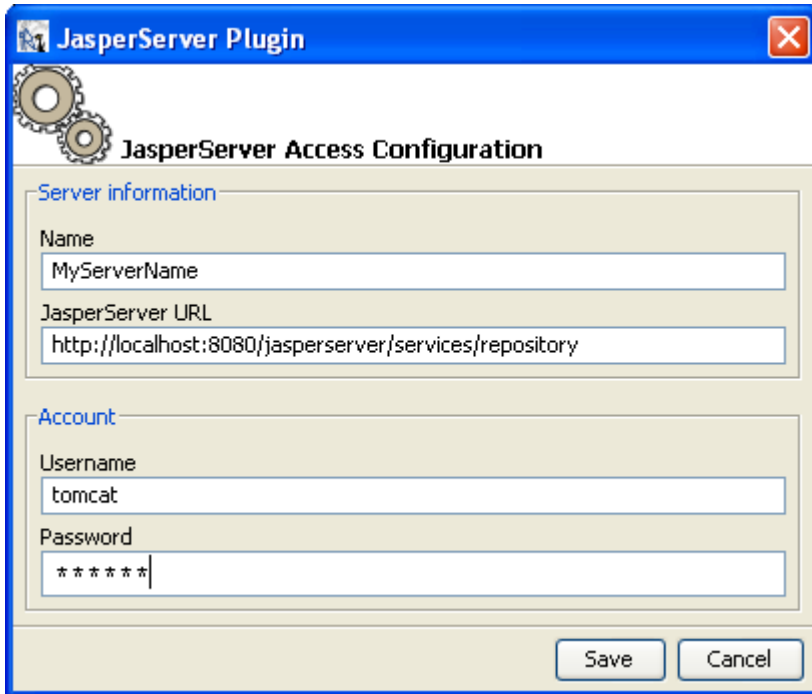
For Windows platform, select the Start/All Programs/JasperSoft/iReport-1.3.x/iReport-1.3.x menu item to start iReport. (See 8.3 for a detailed description of installing and configuring the iReport plugin.)



When the plugin is started for the first time, no servers are yet configured. To add a server, press the first button in the plugin toolbar.



You get a dialog box titled "JasperServer Plugin" that allows for JasperServer access configuration. In this dialog box, you will enter the information that will enable you to connect to your JasperServer Web Services application.



The image shows a Windows-style dialog box titled "JasperServer Plugin". Inside, there's a section titled "JasperServer Access Configuration" with a gear icon. It contains two main sections: "Server information" and "Account". The "Server information" section has two text boxes: "Name" with the value "MyServerName" and "JasperServer URL" with the value "http://localhost:8080/jasperserver/services/repository". The "Account" section has two text boxes: "Username" with the value "tomcat" and "Password" with the value "*****". At the bottom right, there are "Save" and "Cancel" buttons.

JasperServer Plugin

JasperServer Access Configuration

Server information

Name
MyServerName

JasperServer URL
http://localhost:8080/jasperserver/services/repository

Account

Username
tomcat

Password

Save Cancel

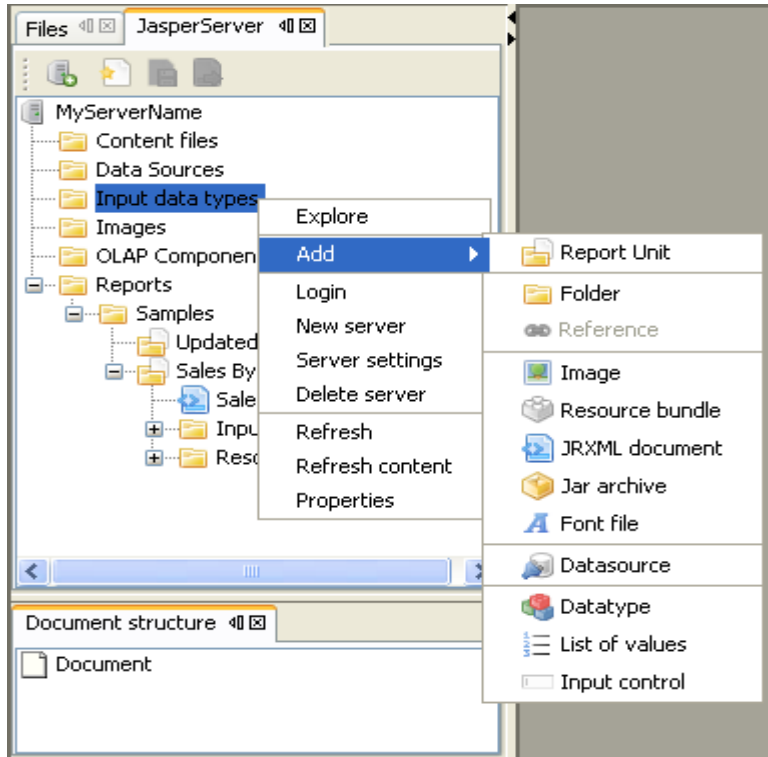
For instance:

Name:	MyServerName
JasperServer URL:	<you should only need to change the hostname>
Username:	<jasperadmin>
Password:	<password>

A server entry should now appear in this pane.

6.4.3 Using the plugin

Double-click on the server entry to see a list of Resources at the root of the JasperServer repository. You may view the property information on the Resources in the repository. You may download, edit and upload jrxml files. You may download images and other files (using right-click "export file").



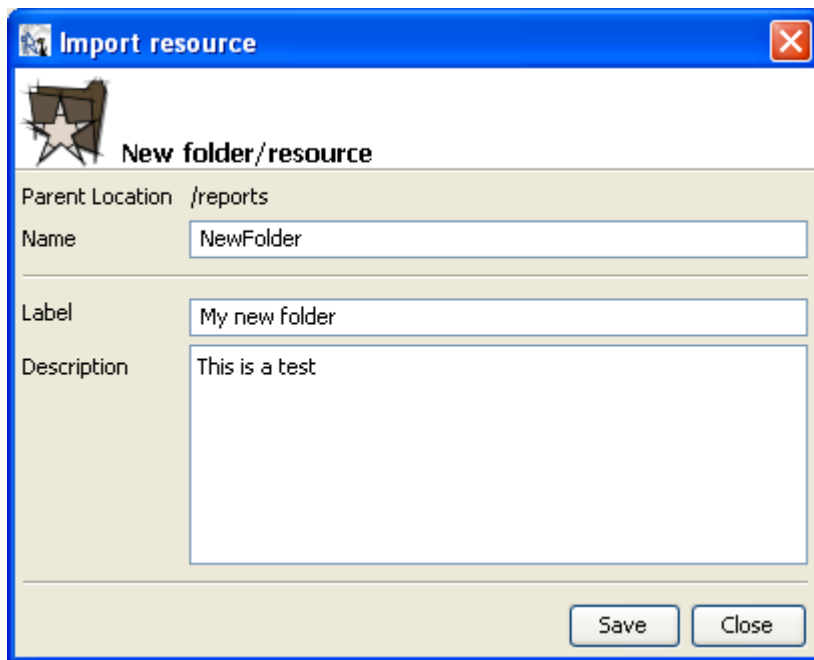
You can browse the repository double-clicking the server and folder icons.

6.4.4 Folders

When a folder is selected, you can add one of the following objects into a folder:

- another folder
- a brand new JasperServer Report
- a generic resource (like an image or a JRXML file)
- a datasource definition
- a datatype
- a list of values (used inside a control)
- an input control

To create a folder, select the parent folder (or the server entry to create a folder in the root), and click Add / Folder.

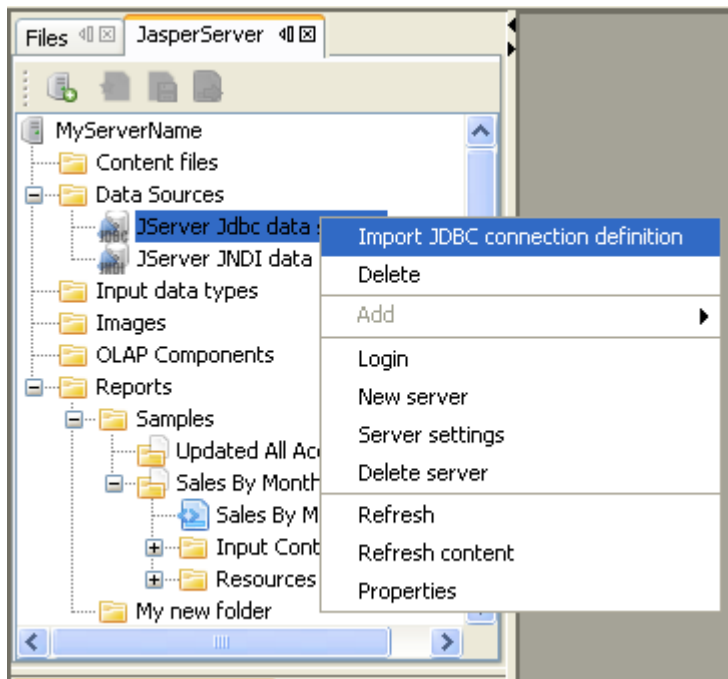


Only the name and the label are mandatory fields. To delete a folder select the “Delete” from the popup menu.


6.4.5 Importing JDBC connections into iReport

You can import a JDBC datasource from the server into iReport selecting the JDBC datasource from the repository tree. Right-click on the datasource, and select the item Import JDBC connection definition.

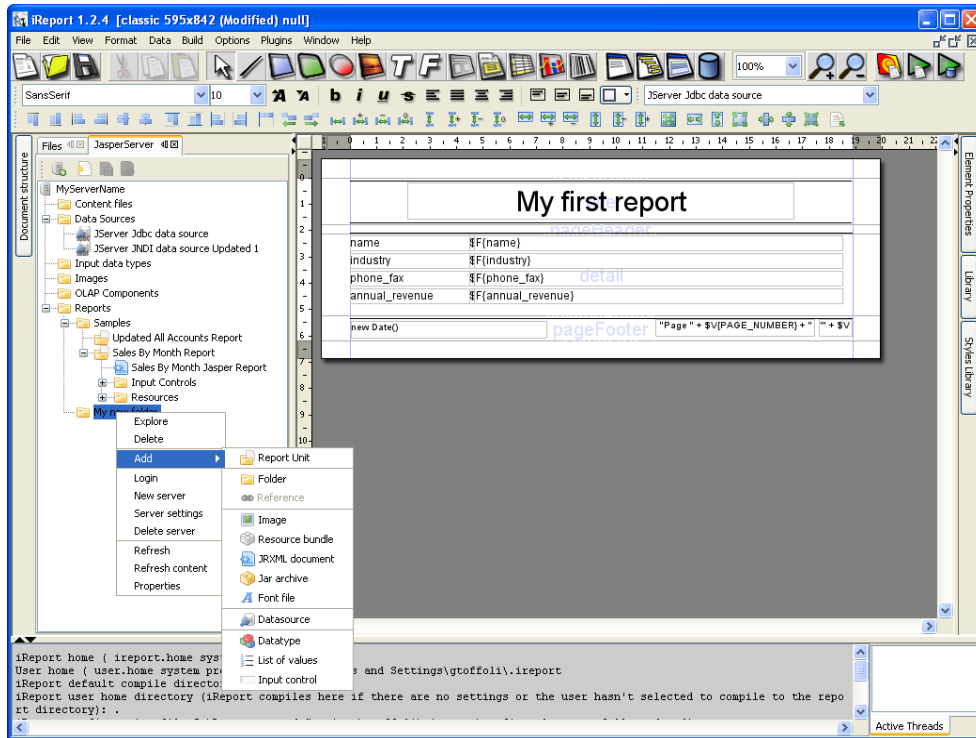
The new connection will stored in the iReport datasources/connections list. Now you can use this new connection with the iReport wizard to create your reports.



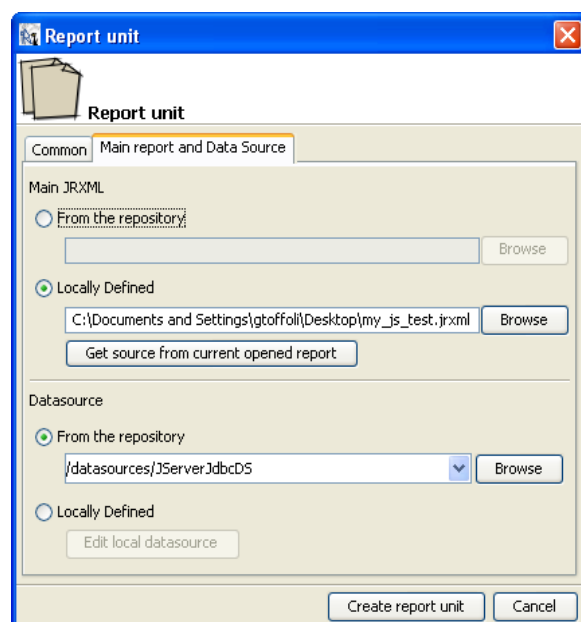
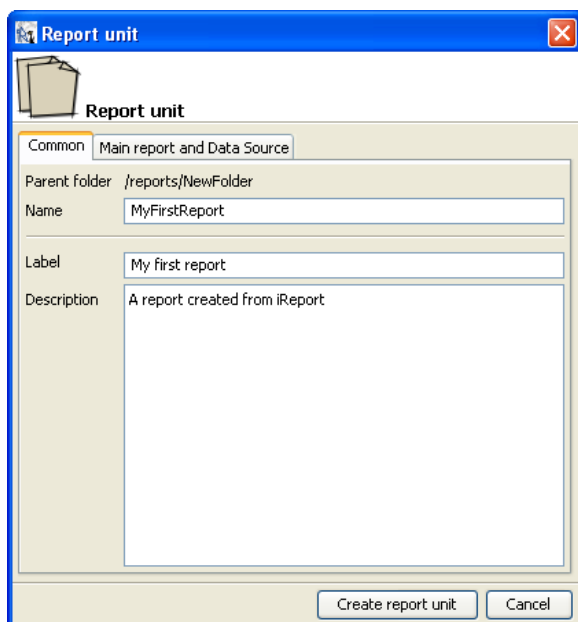
6.4.6 Creating a JasperServer Report from iReport

JasperServer Reports are displayed as special folders with the following icon: 

To create a brand new JasperServer Report, you need at least a JRXML file (it will become the main JRXML for the JasperServer Report).



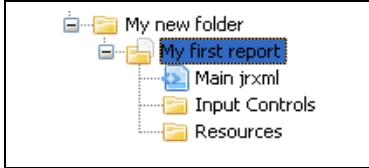
Choose the parent folder for the new JasperServer Report, select Add / JasperServer Report. You'll get the JasperServer Report dialog.



The dialog is composed by two tabs: "Common" and "Main Report and Datasource". All fields, except Description, are mandatory.

If you want import the current opened file, save it before creating the report, and press the button "Get source from current opened report".

If you want, you can pick an existing JRXML file from the repository, and/or define a local datasource (that is belonging to the JasperServer Report).




In any given JasperServer Report, there is always a main jrxml file, a set of input controls (zero or more) and a set of resources (zero or more).

6.4.7 Edit a JRXML

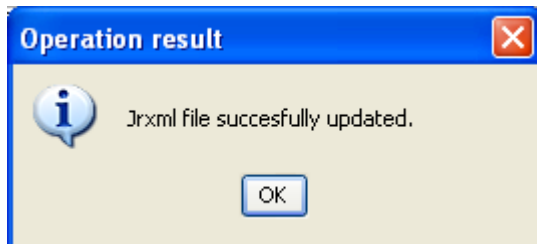
To edit a JRXML, double click on the JRXML file entry in the repository tree. If you have created a JasperServer Report from the current opened report, close this report, because this IS NOT the report present now on the server.

When you double click on the JRXML file, the JRXML is extracted from the repository and stored in a local copy into the directory <USER_HOME>/iReport/jstmp. This directory is never clean.


The JRXML source is automatically opened in iReport.

To restore the modified file on the server, save it, then select the file entry in the repository tree, and click the button  on the plugin toolbar.

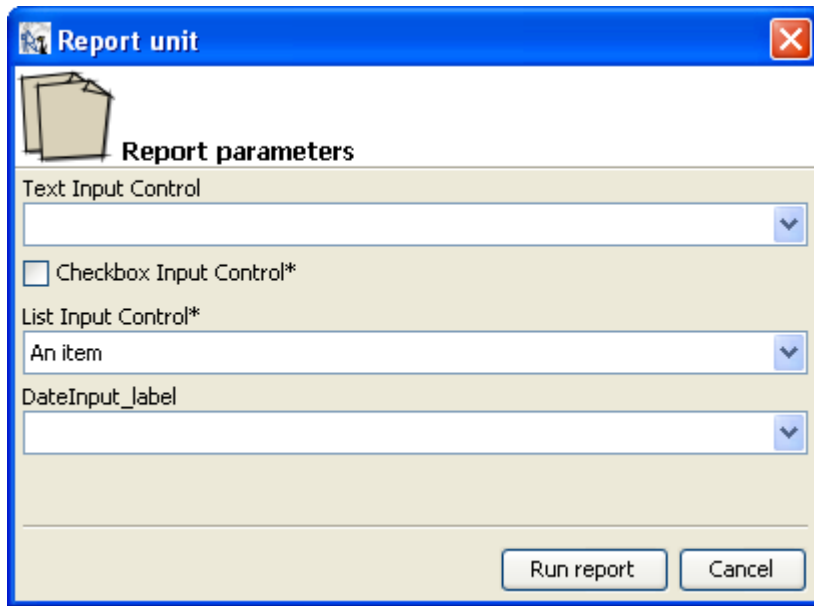
A message will confirm that the operation was completed successful.



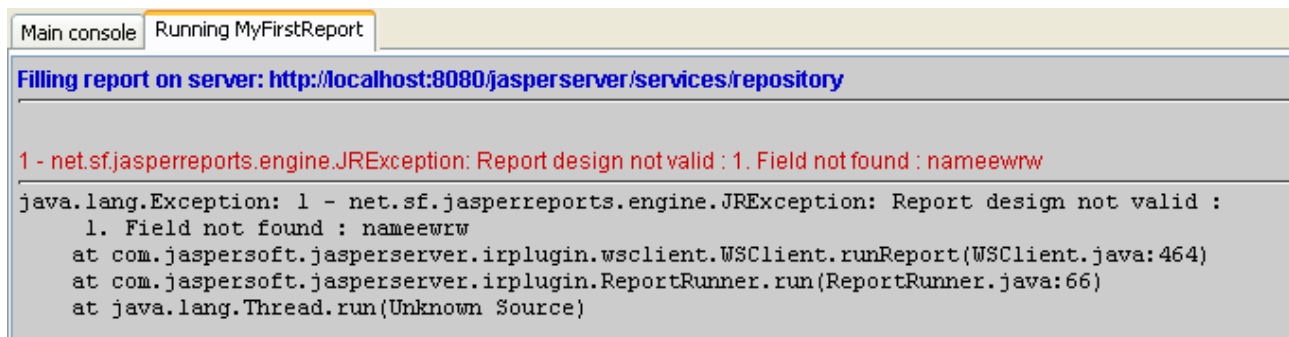
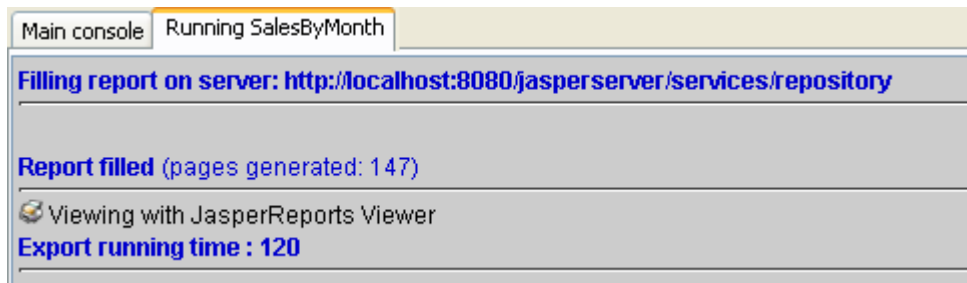
6.4.8 Running a JasperServer Report from iReport

To run a JasperServer Report on the server from iReport using all export options set in iReport, select a JasperServer Report from the repository tree, and click the button  on the plugin toolbar.

If the JasperServer Report has input controls, the report parameters window will ask for values.

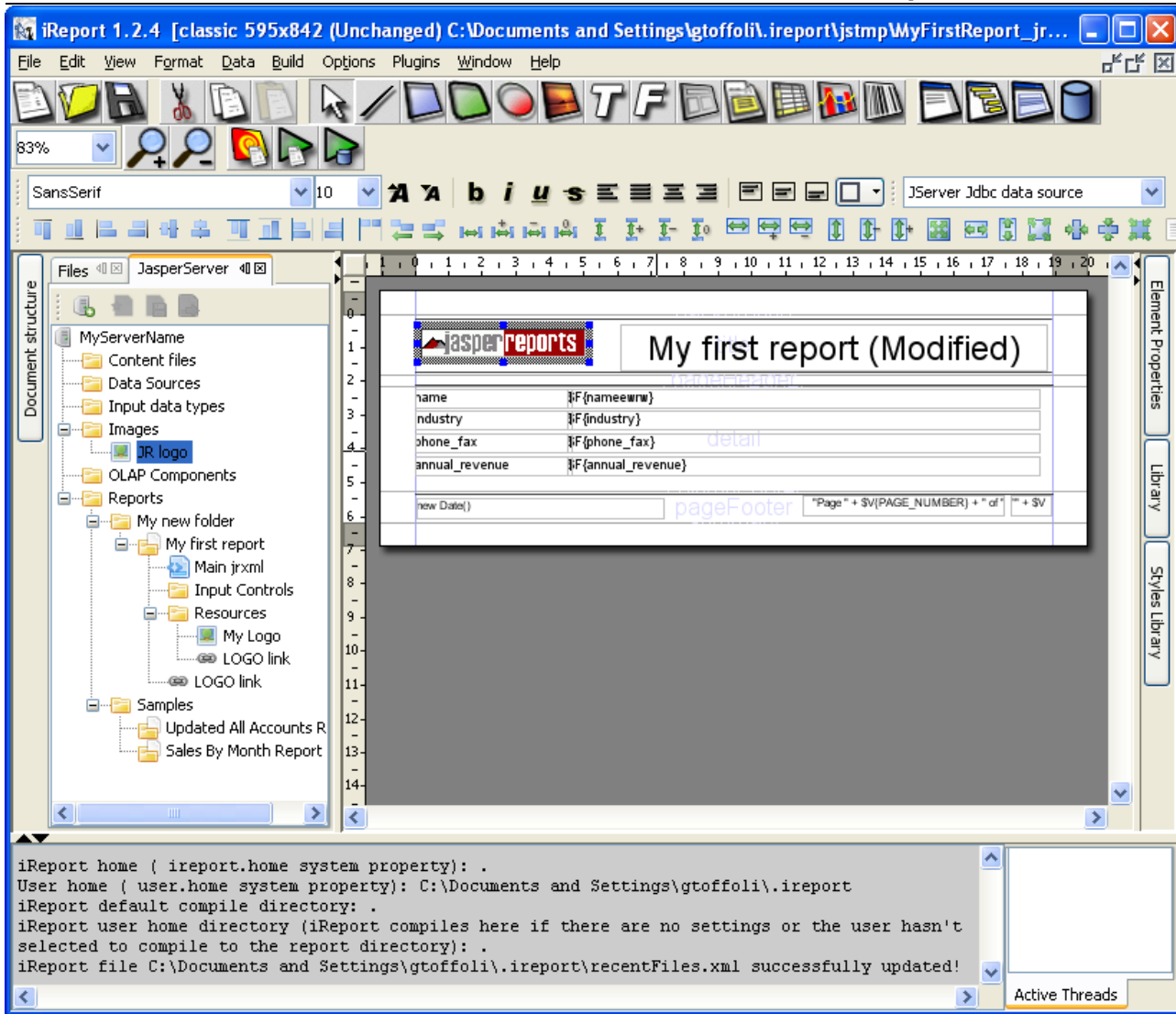


All messages coming from the server will be displayed on the iReport log pane.

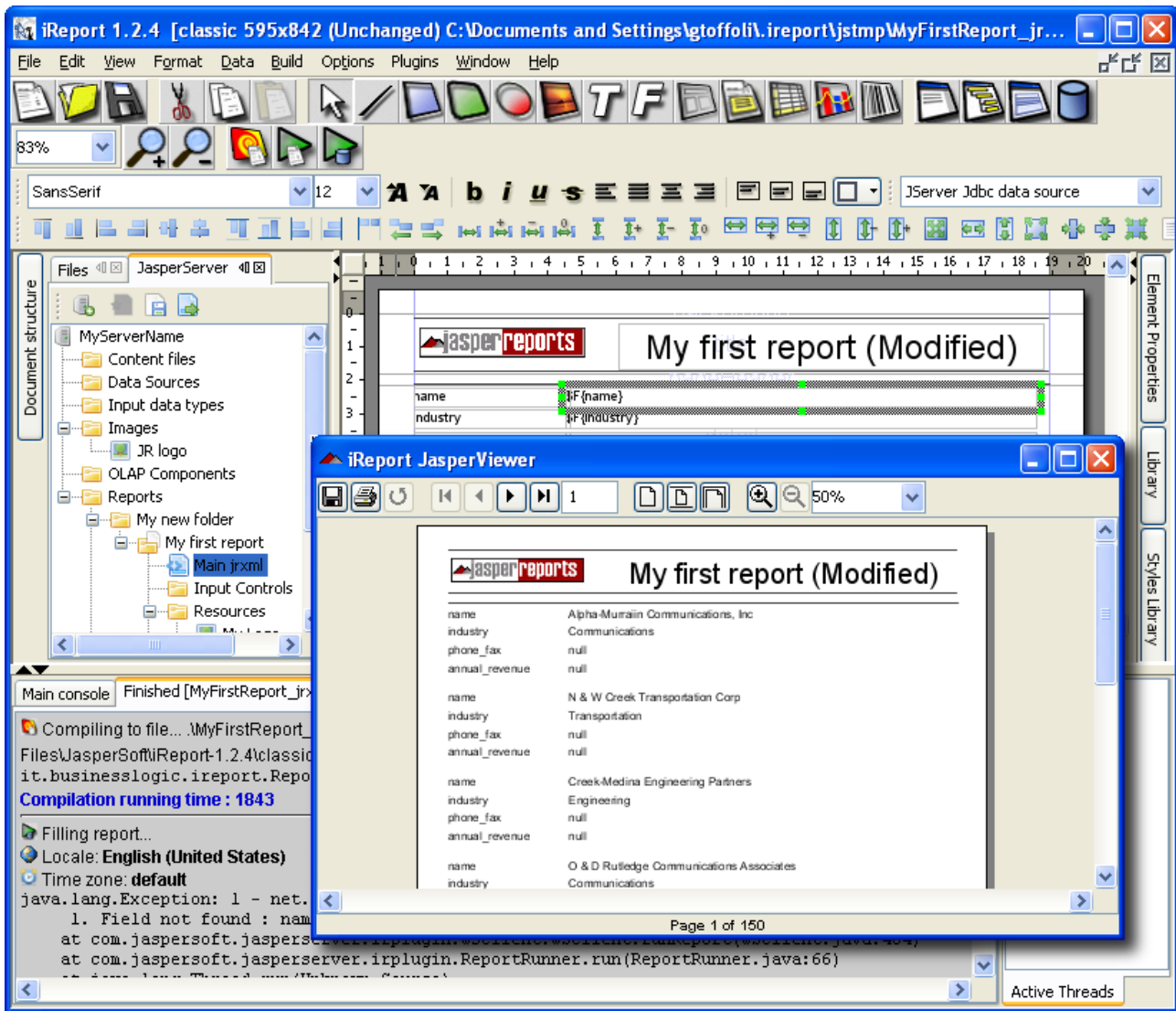


6.4.9 Adding an image to a report

If you want add an image stored in your repository into a report, you can drag the image into the design window. The plugin will add the image element for you, setting the right expression to refer the image into the server repository.

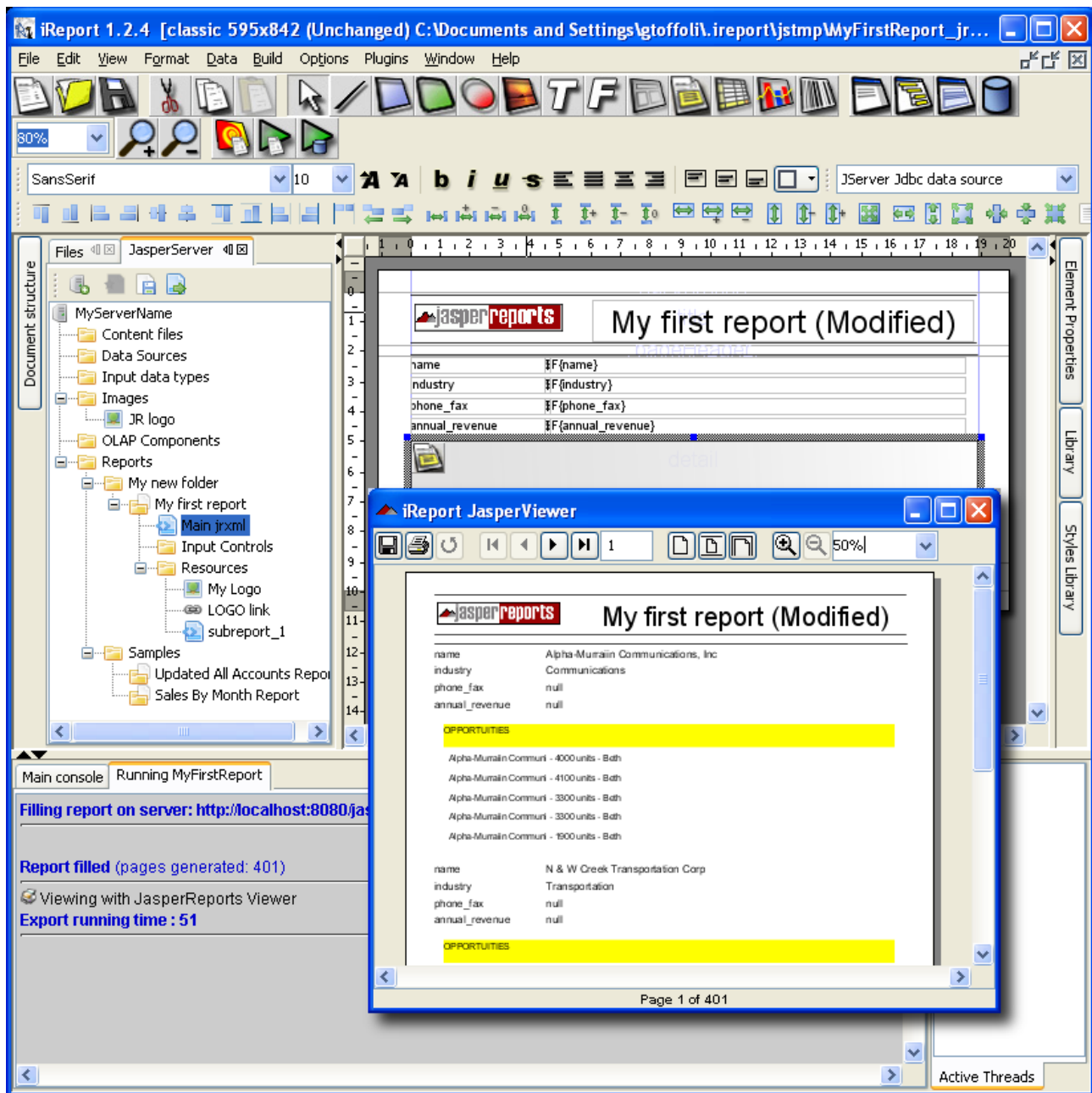


Save and run the report as described in the previous paragraph to see the result.



6.4.10 Adding an subreport to a report

Similarly to what we have done to add an image, we can add a subreport to a report. First of all we have to create the JRXML that will be used as subreport, then we will add the new JRXML as resource to the repository, or to the JasperServer Report.



There is no way to try a subreport on the server, you can only try the whole report.

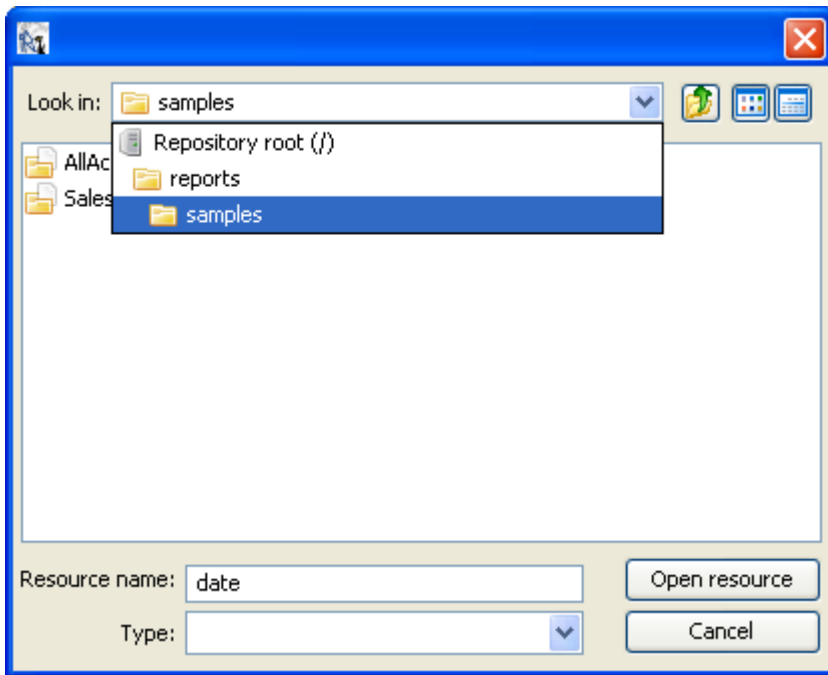
Edit the main jrxml and drag into the detail band the subreport jrxml entry. A subreport element will be created. The main report uses a JDBC connection so you have to set the connection expression of the subreport to `$P{REPORT_CONNECTION}` in the element properties dialog, subreport tab.

6.4.11 Resources, input controls, data types, lists of values and data sources

The plugin provides a way to manage resources like images, jars, jrxml files, properties file for localizable reports, etc..., input controls, data types, lists of values and data sources. The user interface provided by iReport to deal with these objects is similar to the one provided by the web UI. Refer to the sections below for the meaning of each field requested creating or managing a specific resource.

6.4.12 Repository resource chooser

To locate a resource in the repository (i.e. defining a JasperServer Report that uses a JRXML already stored on the repository), the plugin provides a special component similar to a file chooser dialog.



Use it to easily navigate the repository and pick the resource your want.

6.5 *Adding resources directly to the repository*

The example in this document shows how to create a complete report and place it into the repository. You can also use the Add New button in the repository browser to configure the following individual resources and add them to the repository for future use:

- Data Source
- Query
- Input Control
- Data Type
- JRXML
- Image
- Font
- JAR
- Resource Bundle

To add any of these resources to the repository:

1. Navigate to the folder where you want to put the resource.
2. Choose the resource type from the drop down list next to the Add button.
3. Click Add
4. Follow the steps in the resulting screen(s).
5. When you complete the screen(s), click Save. The resource is added to the repository.

6.6 Security Maintenance

6.6.1 Overview

JasperServer has an integrated security framework that operates on several levels, namely:

- Authentication: identifying users
- Authorization
 - Access to screens
 - Menu options
 - Objects in the metadata repository

6.6.1.1 Authentication

In order to customize the user experience and restrict access to resources in the system, users need to be authenticated to identify them and their user profiles, including their roles within the system. JasperServer tracks users with its metadata repository. The metadata repository can be the authentication source, i.e., Definition and management of user passwords, or we can also authenticate against a variety of authentication services, such as LDAP (i.e., Microsoft Active Directory, Novell eDirectory). The open source Acegi security framework that is used has many configurable options for:

- Single sign-on: JA-SIG's Central Authentication Service (CAS)
- Java Authentication and Authorization Service (JAAS)
- Container security – Tomcat, Jetty
- SiteMinder

Encryption and authentication standards are also supported.

- HTTPS: including requiring HTTPS
- HTTP Basic
- HTTP Digest
- X509

The Acegi framework is readily extensible to integrate with custom and commercial authentication services and transports.

Authentication occurs by default through the Web user interface, forcing login, and also through HTTP Basic authentication for Web Services, such as iReport and for XML/A traffic. JasperServer will synchronize automatically with an external authentication service without the external users needing to be created in JasperServer first. Roles passed in with the externally authenticated user are included in the JasperServer metadata.

6.6.1.2 Authorization

With the user's identity and roles established, JasperServer controls what the user can do and see in a variety of ways.

- Menu options

Menu options appear depending on the user's roles. Normal users do not have access to administrative functions. This can be modified through reconfiguration. See the Developer's Guide for details.

- Screen access

Individual screens can be blocked for access by people with given roles. For example, the default security framework only allows administrators access to repository maintenance screens. This configuration of what screens are available for what roles is done in configuration files. Assigning appropriate roles to individual users through the administrative user interface configures the precise screen access for users.

- Object level security

Objects in the repository and folders can have permissions set on them so that users without sufficient rights cannot see and access those resources. For example, you may have management reports that are not for all users. Permissions can be set to block access for only users with a management role. This filtering capability is used regardless of whether the user is going through the Web user interface or Web Services. See Setting Permissions below.

6.6.2 Creating a role

Roles are sets of permissions that you can assign to users.

Note: *Permissions can be assigned only on reports and other resources. You cannot control access to folders.*

To create a role:

1. Click the Role menu.
2. Type the name of the role in the Role Name field.
3. Click Save.

6.6.3 Creating a user

To create a user:

1. Click the Users menu.
2. Fill in the User name, Full Name, Email Address, Password, and Confirm Password fields.
3. Click Enabled to allow this user to log in.
4. Select the roles that you want to assign to this user (ROLE_USER will be assigned by default).
5. Click Save.

6.6.3.1 Changing role assignments for existing users

1. Click the Roles menu.
2. Select the role that you want to apply to an existing user.
3. For users that you want to add to this role, click the arrow and move them from the *Available Users* list into the *Users in this role* list.
4. For users that you want to delete from this role, click the arrow and move them from the *Users in this role* list into the *Available Users* list.
6. Click Save.

6.6.4 Setting Permissions

In the repository browser for administrators, the "assign" permissions link is available for resources and users. Selecting this link takes you to:

Role Permissions Screen

Here you can set the level of permissions for the resource or folder for individual roles.

- None set: permissions have not been set for this resource or folder for the role. The permissions in effect for the role will be for the parent folder.
- No access: users with this role will not be able to access this resource or folder
- Read: Users with the role can read but not update the resource
- Administration: Users with the role can read, update and delete the resource

Select the level of permission and Update.

From the Role Permissions screen, the administrator can opt to set permissions at the user level for the resource.

6.7 *JasperAnalysis Management*

6.7.1 Creating analysis view with a Mondrian connection

An [analysis view](#) can be created with a [Mondrian connection](#), one of two types of [OLAP connection](#), plus a [MDX query](#). Follow the example below to create an analysis view using a Mondrian connection:

1. Select the REPOSITORY menu item from the MANAGE menu.
2. Click the *olap*, and then the *views* folders under the Name column
3. Select *Analysis View* from dropdown list next to the Add New button.
4. Click the Add New button.

6.7.1.1 Naming

The screenshot shows the JasperServer web interface. At the top, there is a header with the JasperSoft logo, the text 'JASPER SERVER', a welcome message 'Welcome, tomcat user!', and a 'SOURCEFORGE.net' logo. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: HOME, VIEW, MANAGE, and LOG OUT. The main content area displays a 'Naming' dialog box. This dialog box has three input fields: '* Name' with the value 'SugarCrmMondrianView', '* Label' with the value 'Sugar Crm Mondrian View', and 'Description' with the value 'Sugar CRM OLAP view with Mondrian connection'. At the bottom of the dialog box are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Next'. The footer of the page contains the copyright notice 'Copyright © 2000-2006 JasperSoft Corporation'.

5. Enter the naming for the view, e.g., Name=*SugarCrmMondrianView*, Label=*Sugar Crm Mondrian View*, Description=*Sugar CRM OLAP view with Mondrian connection*.
6. Click the Next button.

6.7.1.2 Connection type

The screenshot shows the JasperServer web interface. The header includes the JasperSoft logo, the text 'JASPER SERVER', a welcome message 'Welcome, tomcat user!', and a 'SOURCEFORGE.net' logo. A navigation bar contains links for 'HOME', 'VIEW', 'MANAGE', and 'LOG OUT'. The main content area is titled 'Connection Type' and prompts the user to 'Select connection type'. There are two radio button options: 'Mondrian Connection' (which is selected) and 'XML/A Connection'. At the bottom of the form are three buttons: 'Cancel', 'Back', and 'Next'. The footer contains the copyright notice 'Copyright © 2000-2006 JasperSoft Corporation'.

7. Select the *Mondrian Connection*.

6.7.1.3 Connection source

The screenshot shows the JasperServer web interface for the 'Connection Source' step. The header and navigation bar are identical to the previous screenshot. The main content area is titled 'Connection Source' and prompts the user to 'Locate OLAP Client Connection Source'. There are two radio button options: 'Locally Defined Mondrian OLAP Client Connection' (which is selected) and 'OLAP Client Connection from Content Repository'. Below the second option is a dropdown menu showing the path '/olap/connections/Foodmart'. At the bottom of the form are three buttons: 'Cancel', 'Back', and 'Next'. The footer contains the copyright notice 'Copyright © 2000-2006 JasperSoft Corporation'.

8. Select *Locally Defined Mondrian OLAP Client Connection*.

6.7.1.4 Connection naming

The screenshot shows the 'Connection Naming' page in the JasperServer web interface. The page has a header with the JasperSoft logo, 'JASPER SERVER' text, a 'Welcome, tomcat user!' message, and a 'SOURCEFORGE.net' logo. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: HOME, VIEW, MANAGE, and LOG OUT. The main content area is titled 'Connection Naming' in red. It contains four input fields: '* Name' with the value 'SugarCrmMondrianConnection', '* Label' with 'Sugar Crm Mondrian Connection', 'Description' with 'Sugar Crm Mondrian Connection', and 'Folder' with a dropdown menu showing '/olap/connections'. At the bottom of the form are three buttons: 'Cancel', 'Back', and 'Next'. A footer bar at the very bottom contains the text 'Copyright © 2000-2006 JasperSoft Corporation'.

9. Enter the naming for the new connection, e.g., Name=*SugarCrmMondrianConnection*, Label=*Sugar Crm Mondrian Connection*, Description=*Sugar CRM Mondrian Connection*. and Folder=*/olap/connections*.
10. Click the Next button.

6.7.1.5 Schema

The screenshot shows the 'File Resource' page in the JasperServer web interface. The page has the same header and navigation bar as the previous screenshot. The main content area is titled 'File Resource' in red. It contains a section 'Locate File Resource:' with two radio button options. The first option, 'From the Repository', is unselected and has a dropdown menu showing '/images/JRLogo'. The second option, 'Upload from File System', is selected (indicated by a filled radio button) and has a text input field containing 'D:\work\jasperserver\jaspers' followed by a 'Browse...' button. At the bottom of the form are three buttons: 'Cancel', 'Back', and 'Next'. A footer bar at the very bottom contains the text 'Copyright © 2000-2006 JasperSoft Corporation'.

11. Click the Browse... button under Upload from File System to load the schema file from the file system.
12. Navigate to the *SugarCRMops.xml* schema file, e.g., *c:/svn/jasperi/jasperserver-unit-test/src/test/resources/olap/schemas*, and click the Open button.
13. click the Next button.

6.7.1.6 Schema naming

File Resource

sugarcrmopps.xml successfully uploaded.

* Name:

* Label:

Description:

Type:

Folder:

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14. Enter the naming for the new schema, e.g., Name=*SugarCrmSchema*, Label=*Sugar Crm Schema*, Description=*Sugar CRM Schema.*, and Folder=*/olap/schemas*.

15. Click the Next button.

6.7.1.7 Locate data source

Locate Data Source

☒ From the Repository

☐ Locally Defined

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16. Select *Locally Defined*.

6.7.1.8 Data source type

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Data Source Type

Select the type of the data source

☐ JDBC Data Source

☐ JNDI Data Source

☒ Bean Data Source

Cancel Back Next

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17. Select *JDBC Data Source*.

6.7.1.9 JDBC data source

JDBC Data Source

* Name SugarCrmDS

* Label Sugar Crm DS

Description Sugar Crm Data Source

* Driver com.mysql.jdbc.Driver com.mysql.jdbc.Driver

* URL jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/sugarcrm jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/mydb

* User Name admin

Password *****

Time Zone

Folder /olap/datasources

Cancel Back Next

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18. Enter the naming and JDBC connection information for the data source, e.g., Name=*SugarCrmDS*, Label=*Sugar Crm DS*, Description=*Sugar CRM Data Source*, Driver=*com.mysql.jdbc.Driver*, URL=*jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/sugarcrm*, Username=*root*, Password=<password for root>, and Folder=*/olap/datasources* (This example assumes the MySQL database is used and the user *root* exists.)

19. Click the Next button.

6.7.1.10 MDX query

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HOME VIEW **MANAGE** LOG OUT

MDX Query

* MDX Query

```
select {[Measures].[Total Sale Amount], [Measures].[Number of Sales], [Measures].[Avg Sale Amount], [Measures].[Avg Time To Close (Days)], [Measures].[Avg Close Probability]} ON COLUMNS, NON EMPTY {([Account Categorization].[All Accounts], [Close Period].[All Periods])} ON ROWS from [SalesAnalysis] where [Sale State].[All Types].[Closed Won]
```

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20. Enter an MDX Query in the text area, e.g., *select {[Measures].[Total Sale Amount], [Measures].[Number of Sales], [Measures].[Avg Sale Amount], [Measures].[Avg Time To Close (Days)], [Measures].[Avg Close Probability]} ON COLUMNS, NON EMPTY {([Account Categorization].[All Accounts], [Close Period].[All Periods])} ON ROWS from [SalesAnalysis] where [Sale State].[All Types].[Closed Won]*.

21. Click the Next button.

6.7.1.11 Validation

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HOME VIEW **MANAGE** LOG OUT

Validation

The OLAP connection was successfully validated.

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22. Click the Save button to save the new view.

The newly created analysis view is listed in the view list under *[root]/olap/views*. To interact with the analysis view, click *SugarCrmMondrianView*.

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Repository Management

Path: [root] /olap /views Assign Permissions

Name	Label	Type	Date	Edit	Permissions
Foodmart_sample_unit_1	Foodmart Sample Olap Unit 1	Analysis View	01-02-2007 09:31	Edit	Assign
SugarCRM_sample_unit_1	SugarCRM sample unit 1	Analysis View	01-02-2007 09:31	Edit	Assign
SugarCRM_sample_unit_2	SugarCRM sample unit 2	Analysis View	01-02-2007 09:31	Edit	Assign
SugarCRM_xmla_sample_unit_2	SugarCRM Sample XMLA Olap Unit 2	Analysis View	01-02-2007 09:31	Edit	Assign
SugarCrmMondrianView	Sugar Crm Mondrian View	Analysis View	01-02-2007 14:15	Edit	Assign

Add New Folder Remove

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6.7.2 Creating analysis view with an XML/A connection

An [analysis view](#) can be created with an [XML/A connection](#), one of two types of [OLAP connection](#), plus a [MDX query](#). Follow the example below to create an analysis view using an XML/A connection:

1. Select the REPOSITORY menu item from the MANAGE menu.
2. Click the *olap*, and then the *views* folders under the Name column
3. Select *Analysis View* from dropdown list next to the Add New button.
4. Click the Add New button.

6.7.2.1 Naming

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HOME VIEW MANAGE LOG OUT

Naming

* Name SugarCrmXmlaView

* Label Sugar Crm Xmla View

Description Sugar CRM OLAP view with XML/A connection

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5. Enter the naming for the view, e.g., Name=*SugarCrmXmlaView*, Label=*Sugar Crm Xmla View*, Description=*Sugar CRM OLAP view with XML/A connection*.
6. Click the Next button.

6.7.2.2 Connection type



The screenshot shows the JasperServer web interface. At the top, there is a header with the JasperSoft logo, the text 'JASPER SERVER', a welcome message 'Welcome, tomcat user!', and a SourceForge.net logo. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: HOME, VIEW, MANAGE, and LOG OUT. The main content area is titled 'Connection Type' in red. It contains the instruction 'Select connection type' and two radio button options: 'Mondrian Connection' (which is selected) and 'XML/A Connection'. At the bottom of the form are three buttons: 'Cancel', 'Back', and 'Next'. A footer bar at the very bottom contains the copyright text 'Copyright © 2000-2006 JasperSoft Corporation'.

7. Click the *XML/A Connection*.

6.7.2.3 Connection source



The screenshot shows the JasperServer web interface for the 'Connection Source' step. The header and navigation bar are identical to the previous screen. The main content area is titled 'Connection Source' in red. It contains the instruction 'Locate OLAP Client Connection Source' and two radio button options: 'Locally Defined XML/A OLAP Client Connection' (which is selected) and 'OLAP Client Connection from Content Repository'. Below the second option is a dropdown menu showing the path '/olap/connections/FoodmartXmlaConnection'. At the bottom of the form are three buttons: 'Cancel', 'Back', and 'Next'. A footer bar at the very bottom contains the copyright text 'Copyright © 2000-2006 JasperSoft Corporation'.

8. Click *Locally Defined XML/A OLAP Client Connection*.

6.7.2.4 XML/A connection

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HOME VIEW MANAGE LOG OUT

XML/A Connection

* Name

* Label

Description

* Catalog

* Data Source Provider=Mondrian;DataSource=Foodmart;

* URI http://localhost:8080/jasperserver/xmla

* User Name

* Password

Folder

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9. Enter the naming for the new connection, e.g., Name=*SugarCrmXmlaConnection*, Label=*Sugar Crm Xmla Connection*, Description=*Sugar CRM XML/A Connection.*, Catalog=*SugarCRM*, Data Source=*Provider=Mondrian;DataSource=SugarCRM;*, URI=*http://localhost:8080/jasperserver/xmla*, Username=*tomcat*, Password=*<password for tomcat>*, and Folder=*/olap/connections*. Note: beginning with JasperAnalysis 2.0.1, Username and Password are no longer required when defining an XML/A Connection. If either of these fields is left blank, the connection will take the current user's information to supply in the XML/A Request, which will be authenticated by the XML/A Server.

10. Click the Next button.

6.7.2.5 MDX query

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HOME VIEW MANAGE LOG OUT

MDX Query

* MDX Query

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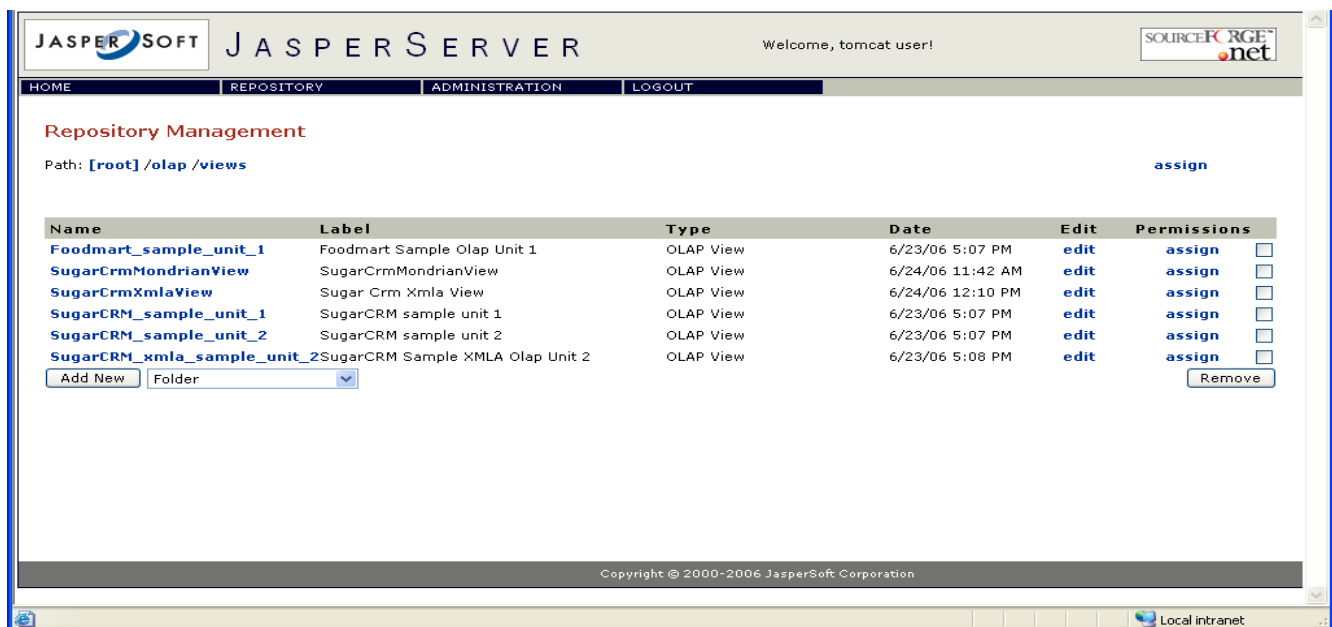
11. Enter an MDX Query in the text area, e.g., *select {[Measures].[Total Sale Amount], [Measures].[Number of Sales], [Measures].[Avg Sale Amount], [Measures].[Avg Time To Close (Days)], [Measures].[Avg Close Probability]} ON COLUMNS, NON EMPTY {[Account Categorization].[All Accounts], [Close Period].[All Periods]} ON ROWS from [SalesAnalysis] where [Sale State].[All Types].[Closed Won].*
12. Click the Next button.

6.7.2.6 Validation



13. Click the Save button to save the new view.

The newly created OLPA view is listed in the view list under *[root]/olap/views*. To interact with the analysis view, click *SugarCrmXmlaView*.

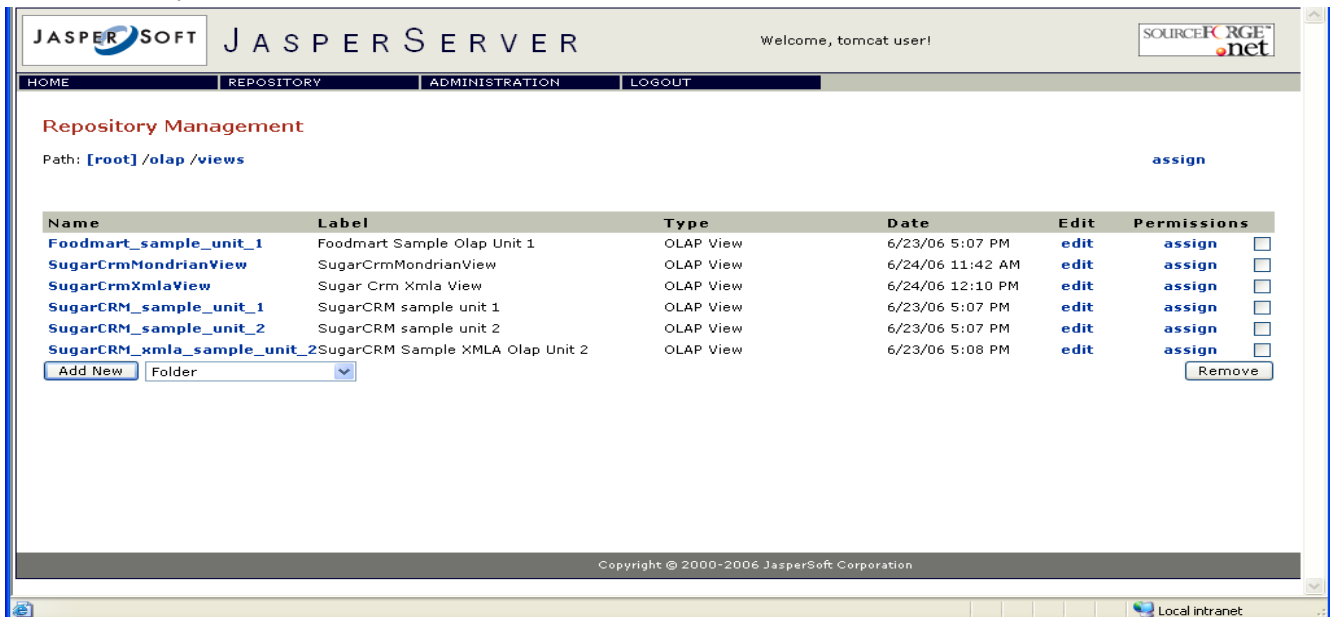


6.7.3 Editing analysis view

You may change an [analysis view](#)'s naming, connection and associated [MDX query](#). Following the following steps to change an analysis view:

1. Select the REPOSITORY menu item from the MANAGE menu.
2. Click *olap* and *views* under the Name column to display the sample views.

6.7.3.1 Analysis views



3. Select an analysis view, e.g., *SugarCrmMondrianView* created in 6.7, and Click the Edit button to the right.

6.7.3.2 Naming



4. Change the label and/or description to reflect the new analysis view. Note: Edit does not allow the Name to be changed.
5. Click the Next button.

6.7.3.3 Connection source

Connection Source

Locate OLAP Client Connection Source

☒ Locally Defined XML/A OLAP Client Connection

☐ OLAP Client Connection from Content Repository

/olap/connections/FoodmartXmlaConnection

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6. Select a new connection from the dropdown list, e.g., `/olap/connections/SugarCrmMondrianConnection`.
7. Click the Next button.

6.7.3.4 MDX query

MDX Query

* MDX Query

```
select {[Measures].[Total Sale Amount], [Measures].[Number of Sales], [Measures].[Avg Sale Amount], [Measures].[Avg Time To Close (Days)], [Measures].[Avg Close Probability]}; ON COLUMNS, NON EMPTY {([Account Categorization].[All Accounts], [Close Period].[All Periods])} ON ROWS from [SalesAnalysis] where [Sale State].[All Types]. [Closed Won]
```

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8. Change the MDX Query accordingly.
9. Click the Next button.

6.7.3.5 Validation



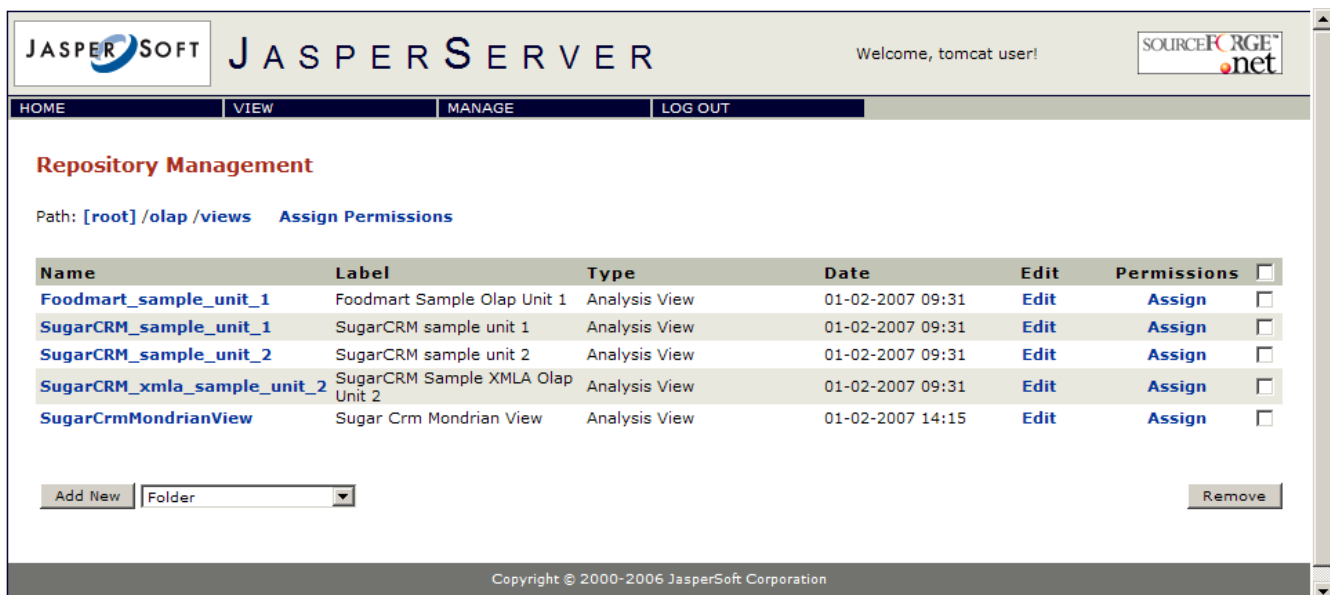
10. Click the 'Save' button to save the changes.

6.7.4 Editing Mondrian connection

You may change a [Mondrian connection](#)'s naming, schema, and data source. Following the following steps to change a Mondrian connection:

1. Select the REPOSITORY menu item from the MANAGE menu.
2. Click *olap* and *connections* under the Name column to display the connections in the Repository.

6.7.4.1 Connections



3. Select a *Mondrian Connection*, e.g., *SugarCrmMondrianConnection* created in 6.7.1.4., and Click the Edit button to the right.

6.7.4.2 Connection naming

The screenshot shows the 'Connection Naming' dialog box in the JasperServer web interface. The header includes the JasperSoft logo, 'JASPER SERVER', a welcome message 'Welcome, tomcat user!', and a 'SOURCEFORGE.net' logo. A navigation bar contains links for HOME, VIEW, MANAGE, and LOG OUT. The main content area is titled 'Connection Naming' and contains three text input fields: '* Name' with the value 'SugarCrmMondrianConnection', '* Label' with the value 'Sugar Crm Mondrian Connection', and 'Description' with the value 'Sugar Crm Mondrian Connection'. Below these fields are three buttons: 'Cancel', 'Back', and 'Next'. The footer displays the copyright notice 'Copyright © 2000-2006 JasperSoft Corporation'.

4. Change the label and/or description to reflect the new Mondrian connection. Note: Edit does not allow the Name to be changed.
5. Click the Next button.

6.7.4.3 Schema

The screenshot shows the 'File Resource' dialog box in the JasperServer web interface. The header is identical to the previous screenshot. The main content area is titled 'File Resource' and contains the text 'Locate File Resource:'. There are two radio button options: 'From the Repository' (which is selected) and 'Upload from File System'. Under 'From the Repository', there is a dropdown menu showing the path '/olap/schemas/SugarCrmSchema'. Under 'Upload from File System', there is a text input field and a 'Browse...' button. At the bottom are 'Cancel', 'Back', and 'Next' buttons. The footer displays the copyright notice 'Copyright © 2000-2006 JasperSoft Corporation'.

6. Select a schema from the repository.
7. Click the Next button to view schema naming.
8. Click the Next button to continue.

6.7.4.4 Data source

Locate Data Source

☒ From the Repository
/olap/datasources/SugarCrmDS

☐ Locally Defined

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9. Select a data source from the repository.
10. Click the Next button.

6.7.4.5 Validation

Validation

The OLAP connection was successfully validated.

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11. Click the Save button to save the changes.

6.7.5 Editing XML/A connection

You may change an [XML/A connection](#)'s naming and connection properties. Following the following steps to change a Mondrian connection:

1. Select the REPOSITORY menu item from the MANAGE menu.
2. Click *olap* and *connections* under the Name column to display the connections in the Repository.

6.7.5.1 Connections

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HOME VIEW **MANAGE** LOG OUT

Repository Management

Path: [root] /olap /connections [Assign Permissions](#)

Name	Label	Type	Date	Edit	Permissions	
Foodmart	Foodmart Mondrian Connection	Mondrian Connection	01-02-2007 09:31	Edit	Assign	<input type="checkbox"/>
FoodmartXmlaConnection	Foodmart XMLA Connection	XML/A Connection	01-02-2007 09:31	Edit	Assign	<input type="checkbox"/>
SugarCRM	SugarCRM OLAP Connection	Mondrian Connection	01-02-2007 09:31	Edit	Assign	<input type="checkbox"/>
SugarCrmMondrianConnection	Sugar Crm Mondrian Connection	Mondrian Connection	01-02-2007 14:15	Edit	Assign	<input type="checkbox"/>
SugarCRMTest	SugarCRM OLAP Connection	Mondrian Connection	01-02-2007 09:31	Edit	Assign	<input type="checkbox"/>
SugarCRMXmlaConnection	SugarCRM XMLA Connection	XML/A Connection	01-02-2007 09:31	Edit	Assign	<input type="checkbox"/>

Add New Folder Remove

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3. Select an XML/A connection, e.g., *SugarCRMXmlaConnection*, and Click the Edit button to the right

6.7.5.2 XML/A connection

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HOME VIEW **MANAGE** LOG OUT

XML/A Connection

* Name

* Label

Description

* Catalog

* Data Source Provider=Mondrian;DataSource=Foodmart;

* URI http://localhost:8080/jasperserver/xmla

* User Name

* Password

Cancel Next

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4. Change the label, description and/or connection properties of connection.
5. Click the Next button.

6.7.5.3 Validation



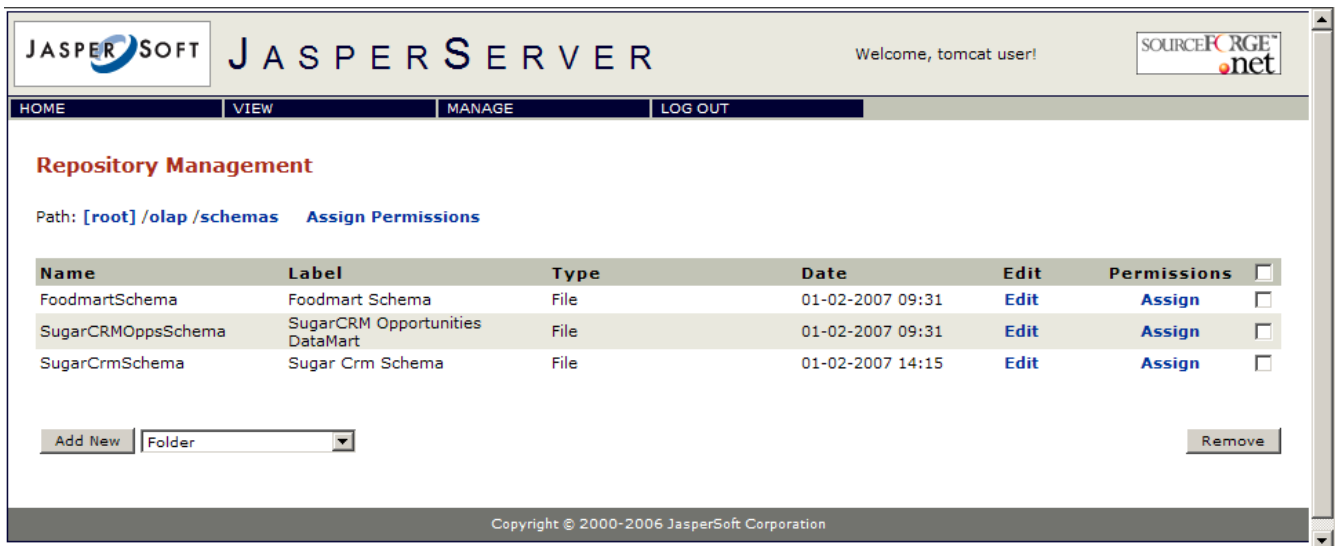
6. Click the Save button to save the changes.

6.7.6 Editing an analysis schema

You may change a [analysis schema](#)'s naming and file source. Following the following steps to change a Mondrian schema:

1. Select the REPOSITORY menu item from the MANAGE menu.
2. Click *olap* and *schemas* under the Name column to display the schemas in the Repository.

6.7.6.1 OLAP schemas



3. Select a Mondrian schema, e.g., *SugarCrmSchema*, and Click the Edit button to the right.

6.7.6.2 Upload file resource

4. Click the 'Browse...' button to upload a new schema file.
5. Select a schema file in the file system and click the Open button
6. Click the Next button.

6.7.6.3 File resource naming

7. Change the naming of the schema.
8. Click the Save button.

6.7.7 Editing data source

You may change a [Data source](#)'s naming and connection properties. Following the following steps to change a data source:

1. Select the REPOSITORY menu item from the MANAGE menu.
2. Click *olap* and *datasources* under the Name column to display the data sources in the Repository.

6.7.7.1 Data sources

The screenshot shows the JasperServer web interface. At the top, there's a header with the JasperSoft logo, 'JASPER SERVER' text, a welcome message 'Welcome, tomcat user!', and a SourceForge.net logo. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: HOME, VIEW, MANAGE, and LOG OUT. The main content area is titled 'Repository Management'. It shows the current path as '[root] /olap /datasources' and a link for 'Assign Permissions'. A table lists three data sources:

Name	Label	Type	Date	Edit	Permissions
FoodmartDataSource	Foodmart Data Source	JDBC Data Source	01-02-2007 09:31	Edit	Assign <input type="checkbox"/>
SugarCRMDDataSource	SugarCRM Data Source	JDBC Data Source	01-02-2007 09:31	Edit	Assign <input type="checkbox"/>
SugarCrmDS	Sugar Crm DS	JDBC Data Source	01-02-2007 14:15	Edit	Assign <input type="checkbox"/>

Below the table, there is an 'Add New' button, a dropdown menu set to 'Folder', and a 'Remove' button. The footer contains the copyright notice: 'Copyright © 2000-2006 JasperSoft Corporation'.

3. Select a data source, e.g., *SugarCrmDS*, and Click the Edit button to the right.

6.7.7.2 JDBC data source

The screenshot shows the 'JDBC Data Source' configuration form in the JasperServer web interface. The form contains the following fields:

- * Name:
- * Label:
- Description:
- * Driver: com.mysql.jdbc.Driver
- * URL: jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/mydb
- * User Name:
- Password:
- Time Zone:

At the bottom of the form are 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons. The footer contains the copyright notice: 'Copyright © 2000-2006 JasperSoft Corporation'.

9. Change the naming and JDBC connection properties of the data source.
10. Click the Save button.

6.7.8 Viewing Mondrian properties

Various configurable properties control aspects of Mondrian's behavior, and therefore affect JasperAnalysis. For most applications, the properties can be left with the default values, but in some cases (such as performance tuning) it may be desirable to change them. They can be altered by editing the file *jasperserver/WEB-INF/classes/mondrian.properties*. More information about these properties can be found at <http://mondrian.sourceforge.net/configuration.html>.

The following properties can be viewed by clicking on the “Analysis Properties” item of the Manage menu:

Property	Value
JdbcDrivers	controls which drivers will be loaded. Only modify this if you are using a database which is not in the current list.
DrillThroughMaxRows	limits the number of rows returned from a drill-through operation.
DisableCaching	turns off caching completely. May make performance very slow.
TraceLevel	setting to a value greater than 0 will cause all SQL statements to be logged. Useful for optimizing database performance.
DebugOutFile	tells the system where to log SQL statements when TraceLevel is set. The default will log to standard out.
QueryLimit	maximum number of concurrent queries allowed.
ResultLimit	when set to a number greater than 0, limits the result to this many rows.
LargeDimensionThreshold	when a dimension has a greater number of members than this value, a special reader will be used by Mondrian.
SparseSegmentDensityThreshold	performance tuning variable.
SparseSegmentCountThreshold	performance tuning variable.
UseAggregates	instructs Mondrian to enable use of aggregate tables. Building aggregate tables will greatly help performance of high-level queries on large tables.
ReadAggregates	instructs Mondrian to scan the database for tables that may be aggregates. For a detailed explanation of aggregate tables and how they work, see http://mondrian.sourceforge.net/aggregate_tables.html .
ChooseAggregateByVolume	performance tuning variable for aggregates.

There are many other properties described in the Mondrian guide, but many of these are only interesting to developers working on Mondrian. Some of these other properties do not matter when using JasperAnalysis, because the JasperServer content repository provides a means of controlling them from the UI. For example, it is not necessary to provide a connectString property, because the proper information is automatically generated by JasperAnalysis when the user selects a DataSource for an OlapClientConnection.

6.7.9 Flushing OLAP Cache

This page provides a simple way of clearing the various in-memory caches that Mondrian builds to improve query performance. Flushing the cache is not usually necessary except in the case when the data has changed. For example, after running an ETL process the cache will be out of date until the application server is restarted, or until the cache is flushed by hitting this page. Future versions of JasperAnalysis will provide finer grain control for clearing subsets of the cache appropriate to the data that has changed, and will provide other options for integrating with ETL jobs.

7 Server components

7.1 *JasperAnalysis components*

7.1.1 Getting started with JasperAnalysis

JasperAnalysis, implementing On Line Analytical Processing (OLAP), is a means of storing and retrieving information based on a hierarchical dimensional model, which is made up of cubes and dimensions as the primary entities. In a relational database implementation of OLAP, facts which make up cubes and members which comprise dimensions are stored in relational tables, and is sometimes referred to as ROLAP. In a ROLAP-based architecture, most of the computation is done by the RDBMS, and therefore most of the optimization to improve performance is in the database, in the form of adding indexes, aggregate tables, and other tuning.

JasperServer provides OLAP capabilities via an open source product called Mondrian, which is a fully functional ROLAP implementation. JPivot is another open source product used for displaying and navigating results.

The de facto standard for query languages among OLAP products is Multidimensional Expressions (MDX). In a distributed computing environment, XML for Analysis (XML/A) is the standard for relaying a SOAP message consisting of an MDX statement and the information about which data source to use.

7.1.2 Designing a multidimensional schema

In order to retrieve and display multidimensional reports, it is necessary to specify how the tables in a datasource are arranged and how they map to cubes and dimensions. In JasperServer, this is done by creating a FileResource which describes the OLAP schema to be used. The syntax of this schema file is specific to Mondrian, and a guide to creating one can be found at [\[http://mondrian.sourceforge.net/schema.html\]](http://mondrian.sourceforge.net/schema.html).

7.1.3 Single server vs. multiple servers

For a simple application with a relatively small dataset where performance is not critical, (for example, a small intranet application, or developer environment) the easiest server configuration is to run a single application server with the JasperServer web application which connects to a local database.

For larger OLAP applications, the database is often a performance bottleneck, so when performance matters, it is strongly recommended to run the database on its own dedicated hardware, optimized for disk reads and writes, and run the application server on a different machine.

Inside the application, the result visualization and navigation software (JPivot) competes for resources with the OLAP engine (Mondrian). So, the next step in increasing the scalability of a deployment is to separate the processing resources for these two functions. The supported method for doing this is to run the OLAP engine as a standalone application server in its own process, and preferably on its own machine. It will receive XML/A requests from remote clients, connect to the database for the appropriate datasource to retrieve the SQL results, process the results to create the final OLAP result objects, and return this response via XML/A. For purposes of this document, the application that sends the XML/A request is referred to as an XML/A client, while the application that sends the result back is referred to as an XML/A server or XML/A provider.

The JasperServer web application is already configured to run as either an XML/A client or server. This means it is possible to run one JasperServer instance as an XML/A provider and run one or more other instances of an application server with JasperServer deployed as XML/A clients.

7.1.4 XML/A security

The default configuration uses HTTP Basic authentication to challenge requests for the path `/xmla`. The client will need to have defined a valid username and password in its XMLAConnection source. Note that with HTTP Basic authentication, clear-text passwords are transmitted in the header of an HTTP request, so if encryption is desired, one must run inside a network secured with SSL to protect those passwords.

7.1.5 XML/A configuration

To accomplish the multi-server configuration described above, you need to create a Mondrian XML/A source followed by defining an OLAP client connection using the XML/A connection source.

7.1.5.1 Creating Mondrian XML/A source

Mondrian XML/A source is a XML/A connection definition for accessing Mondrian connections.

The screenshot shows the JasperServer web interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'HOME', 'VIEW', 'MANAGE', and 'LOG OUT'. The main content area is titled 'Mondrian XML/A Source'. It contains a form with the following fields:

- * Name:
- * Label:
- Description:
- * Catalog: Foodmart
- * Mondrian Connection Reference:

At the bottom of the form are 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons. The footer of the page reads 'Copyright © 2000-2006 JasperSoft Corporation'.

1. Select the REPOSITORY menu item from the MANAGE menu.
2. Click *olap*, *xmla* and *definitions*.
3. Select *Mondrian XML/A Source* from the dropdown list next to the Add New button.
4. Click the Add New button.
5. Enter Mondrian XML/A Source information, e.g., Name=*SugarCrmMondrianXmlaSource*, Label=*Sugar Crm Mondrian Xmla Source*, Description=*Sugar CRM Mondrian Xmla Source*.
6. Click the Save button to save the XML/A source.

Once the Mondrian XML/A connection source is created, you can create an OLAP client connection using this XML/A connection source. Once the XML/A connection is created, you can create an analysis view using this XML/A connection. (See 6.7.2 for a description to create an OLAP client connection using the Mondrian XML/A connection source, and to create an analysis view using the XML/A connection.)

7.1.6 Edit Mondrian XML/A source

You may change a [Mondrian XML/A source](#)'s naming and connection properties. Following the following steps to change a Mondrian XML/A source:

1. Select the REPOSITORY menu item from the MANAGE menu.
2. Click *olap*, *xmla* and *definitions* under the Name column to display the Mondrian XML/A sources in the Repository.

7.1.6.1 Mondrian XML/A source

The screenshot shows the JasperServer web interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'HOME', 'VIEW', 'MANAGE', and 'LOG OUT'. Below this, the 'Repository Management' section is active. The path is '[root] / olap / xmla / definitions'. A table lists three XML/A sources:

Name	Label	Type	Date	Edit	Permissions
FoodmartXmlaDefinition	Foodmart XMLA Connection	Mondrian XML/A Source	01-02-2007 09:31	Edit	Assign
SugarCrmMondrianXmlaSource	Sugar Crm Mondrian Xmla Source	Mondrian XML/A Source	01-02-2007 15:19	Edit	Assign
SugarCRMXmlaDefinition	SugarCRM XMLA Connection	Mondrian XML/A Source	01-02-2007 09:31	Edit	Assign

Below the table, there's an 'Add New' button and a dropdown menu set to 'Folder'. A 'Remove' button is also present. The footer shows 'Copyright © 2000-2006 JasperSoft Corporation'.

- Pick an XML/A source, e.g., *SugarCrmMondrianXmlaSource* created in 7.1.5.1.
- Click the Edit button to the right.

7.1.6.2 Mondrian XML/A source naming and properties

The screenshot shows the 'Mondrian XML/A Source' configuration form. It contains the following fields:

- * Name:
- * Label:
- Description:
- * Catalog: Foodmart
- * Mondrian Connection Reference:

At the bottom, there are 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons. The footer shows 'Copyright © 2000-2006 JasperSoft Corporation'.

- Change the naming and/or the connection properties of the connection source.
- Click the Save button to save the changes.

7.1.7 External resources

Since MDX was originally developed by Microsoft, many guides focus on SQL Server, but the language concepts and syntax are the same.

- Historical overview of OLAP [\[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/OLAP\]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/OLAP)
- Mondrian SourceForge project [\[http://mondrian.sourceforge.net/\]](http://mondrian.sourceforge.net/)
- JPivot SourceForge project [\[http://jpivot.sourceforge.net/\]](http://jpivot.sourceforge.net/)
- Mondrian MDX reference [\[http://mondrian.sourceforge.net/mdx.html\]](http://mondrian.sourceforge.net/mdx.html)
- Mondrian Performance Optimization Guide [\[http://mondrian.sourceforge.net/optimizing_performance.html\]](http://mondrian.sourceforge.net/optimizing_performance.html)

6. William Pearson's "Introduction to SQL Server MDX Essentials"
[<http://www.databasejournal.com/features/mssql/article.php/1495511>]
7. Microsoft's MDX Reference [<http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms145506.aspx>]
8. Wikipedia MDX overview and links [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multidimensional_Expressions]
9. A collection of other MDX article links [<http://www.mosha.com/msolap/mdx.htm>]
10. Official XMLA home [<http://www.xmla.org/>]

8 Utilities

8.1 Import/Export

The import and export utilities let you extract resources from or add resources to a JasperServer repository. Import and export can be helpful when migrating between versions of JasperServer, or when moving between test and production environments.

8.1.1 Import Resources

usage: `ji-import [OPTIONS]`

Reads a repository catalog from the disk (created using the `ji-export` command) and creates the named resources in the current JasperServer application repository.

Options:

--prepend-path	string to prepend to a URI path for all imported resources
--input-dir	path for import catalog directory
--input-zip	path for import catalog zip file
--help	print usage message

Examples:

- Import the `myDir` catalog folder, prepending `/importDir` to all repository URIs:
`ji-import --input-dir myDir --prepend-path /importDir`
- Import the `myExport.zip` catalog archive file:
`ji-import --input-zip myExport.zip`

Notes:

The `prepend-path` option is handy for avoiding URI path conflicts during import. For example, if the resource in the catalog file is `/images/JRLogo` and you set a `prepend-path` of `myNewDir`, then the resource is imported and created under the URI path `/myNewDir/images/JRLogo`. So, if you are importing a set of resources into a repository, and the URI naming conflicts with objects already in the repository, adding a `prepend-path` allows you to import the resources to a different location. However, this does not affect repository URIs in JRXML reports (for example, if a report image has `<imageExpression>repo:/images/JRLogo</imageExpression>`, that URI is not prepended during import).

During import, if a resource is found in the target repository that has the same URI as the resource that you are attempting to create, the create operation is skipped, and the existing resource is left unchanged (no overwrite occurs).

8.1.2 Export Resources

usage: `ji-export [OPTIONS]`

Specifies repository resources such as reports, images, folders, users, roles, and scheduled jobs to export to a folder structure on disk.

The export output is known as a repository catalog.

Options:

--uris	Comma separated list of repository folder/resource URI paths
--repository-permissions	When this option is present, repository permissions are exported along with each exported folder and resource. This option should only be used in conjunction with <code>--uris</code>
--report-jobs	Comma separated list of repository report unit and folder URIs for which report unit jobs should be exported. If a folder URI is specified, the folder is recursively traversed and each report unit found has its jobs exported.
--users	Comma separated list of users to export; if no users are specified, all users are exported
--roles	Comma separated list of roles to export; if no roles are specified, all roles are exported
--role-users	When this option is present, each role export triggers the export of all users belonging to the role. This option should only be used in conjunction with <code>--roles</code>
--everything	Export everything: all repository resources, permissions, report jobs, users and roles. Equivalent to <code>--uris / --repository-permissions --report-jobs / --users --roles</code>
--output-dir	Output catalog folder
--output-zip	Output catalog zip file
--help	Print usage message

Examples:

- Export the `/reports/samples/AllAccounts` resource to a catalog folder:
`ji-export --uris /reports/samples/AllAccounts --output-dir myExport`
- Export the `/images` and `/fonts` folders:
`ji-export --uris /images,/fonts --output-dir myExport`
- Export all the resources with permissions to a zip catalog:
`ji-export --uris / --repository-permissions --output-zip myExport.zip`
- Export all the resource and all the report jobs:
`ji-export --uris / --report-jobs / --output-dir myExport`
- Export the report jobs of the `/reports/samples/AllAccounts` report unit
`ji-export --report-jobs /reports/samples/AllAccounts --output-dir myExport`
- Export all the roles and users:
`ji-export --roles --users --output-dir myExport`
- Export the `ROLE_USER` and `ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR` roles along with all users belonging to one of these roles:
`ji-export --roles ROLE_USER, ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR --role-users --output-dir myExport`
- Export two users:
`ji-export --users jasperadmin,joeuser--output-dir myExport`

Notes:

- The --uris option allows you to specify one or more resources or folder URIs. A URI can specify a resource such as a report. In this case, all associated resources such as images, subreports, data sources, resource bundles, and classfiles are exported. A URI can also specify a folder. If a folder is specified, the export operation exports all files and folders contained in the folder. In addition, it recurses through all its subfolders.
- When you export a user, in addition to the user information, the user's roles are also exported. When you import a user, if its roles exist in the repository, the user is given these roles.

8.2 Message viewer

The message viewer screens allows users to browse the server event log. This log is meant to be used by server component to log messages for events that require user notification. Currently the event log is exclusively used by the report scheduling module to log report execution errors.

8.2.1 Messages list

The *messages list* screen displays the list of events logged for the current user.

Message	Date	Type	Component
<input type="checkbox"/> The job failed to execute	01-02-2007 15:27	Error	Report Scheduler
<input type="checkbox"/> The job failed to execute	01-02-2007 15:27	Error	Report Scheduler
<input type="checkbox"/> The job failed to execute	01-02-2007 15:26	Error	Report Scheduler

8.2.2 Message details

The full *message details* can be opened by clicking the event message.

The user can choose to browse all the messages or to see only the unread messages.

The screenshot shows the JasperServer web interface. At the top, there's a header with the JasperSoft logo, the text 'JASPER SERVER', a welcome message 'Welcome, tomcat user!', and a SourceForge.net logo. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: HOME, VIEW, MANAGE, and LOG OUT. The main content area is titled 'Event Details' in red. It contains a form with the following fields:

- Message: The job failed to execute
- Component: Report Scheduler
- Occurrence Date: 2007-02-01 17:27:04.0
- User: tomcat
- Text: A text area containing the following error message:


```
Job: job2 (ID: 5)
Report unit: /reports/samples/AllAccounts
Quartz Job: ReportJobs.job_5
Quartz Trigger: ReportJobs.trigger_5_0
Folder not found at "/output2"
com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.api.metadata.common.service.JSRResourceNotFoundException: Folder not found at "/output2"
    at
    com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.api.metadata.common.service.impl.hibernate.HibernateRepositoryServiceImpl.getFolder
```

 Below the text area is a 'Back' button. At the bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice: 'Copyright © 2000-2006 JasperSoft Corporation'.

8.3 *iReport Plugin installation and configuration*

8.3.1 Requirements

- IReport 1.3.1 or greater
- Java Sun JDK 1.5 or greater (not mandatory but strongly suggested)
- JasperServer with enabled Web Services

8.3.2 Plugin installation

To install the plugin you have to drop into the *lib* directory of iReport the following jars:

jasperserver-ireport-plugin-1.1.0.jar

XmlSchema-1.0.2.jar

activation-1.1.jar

axiom-api-1.0.jar

axiom-impl-1.0.jar

axis2-1.0.jar

castor-1.0-xml.jar

commons-codec-1.3.jar

commons-httpclient-3.0.jar

mail-1.4.jar

neethi-1.0.1.jar

stax-api-1.0.jar

wSDL4j-1.5.2.jar

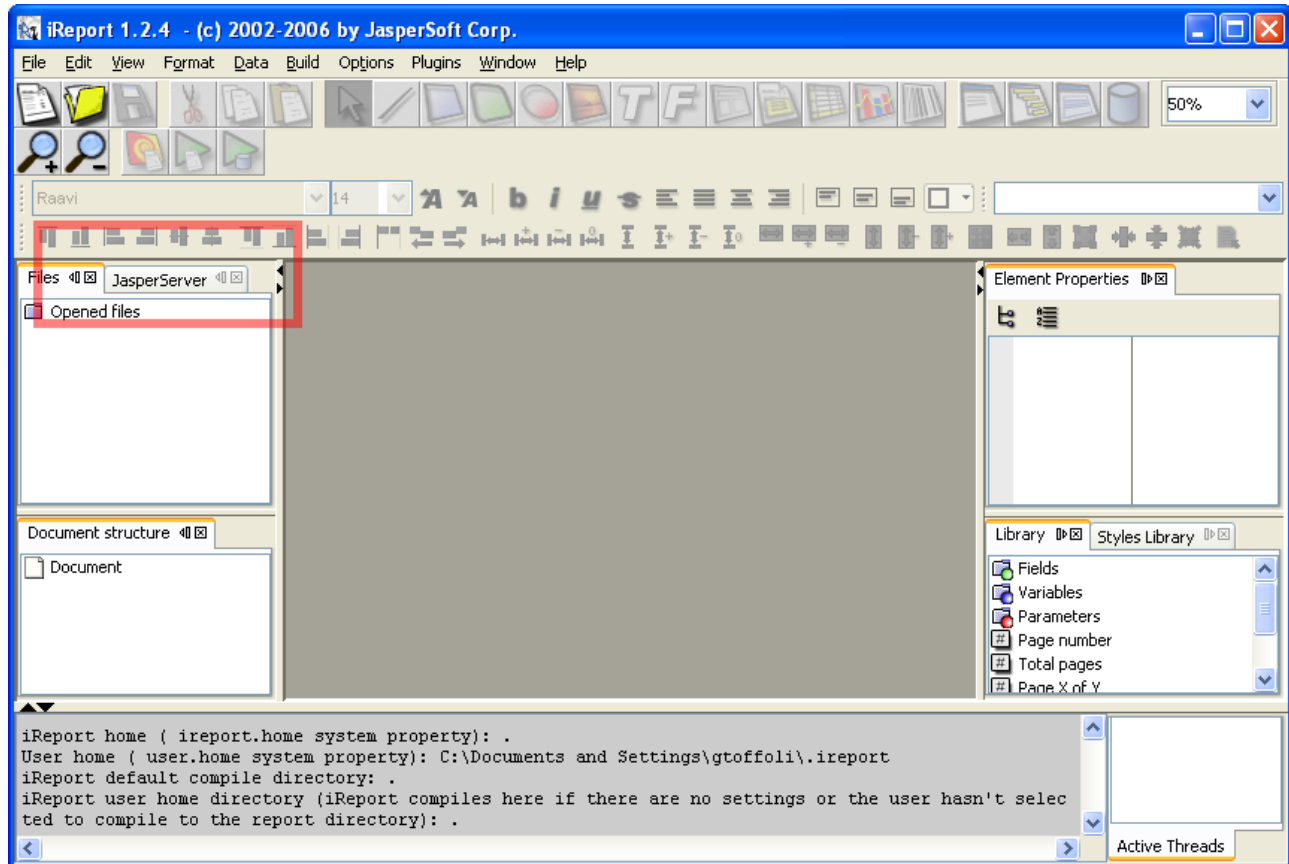
wstx-asl-2.8.2.jar

xbean-2.1.0.jar

All these jars are already in place if iReport is shipped in bundle with the JasperServer. iReport will load the plugin automatically when started. To launch iReport on the Windows platform, you may use the Start/All Programs/JasperServer/iReport menu item. On Linux simply type:

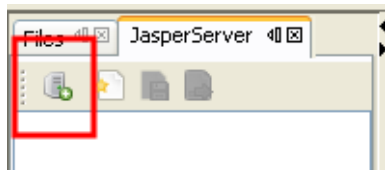
```
./iReport.sh
```

from the iReport home directory. You will see a JasperServer pane in the upper left hand side of your iReport workspace.



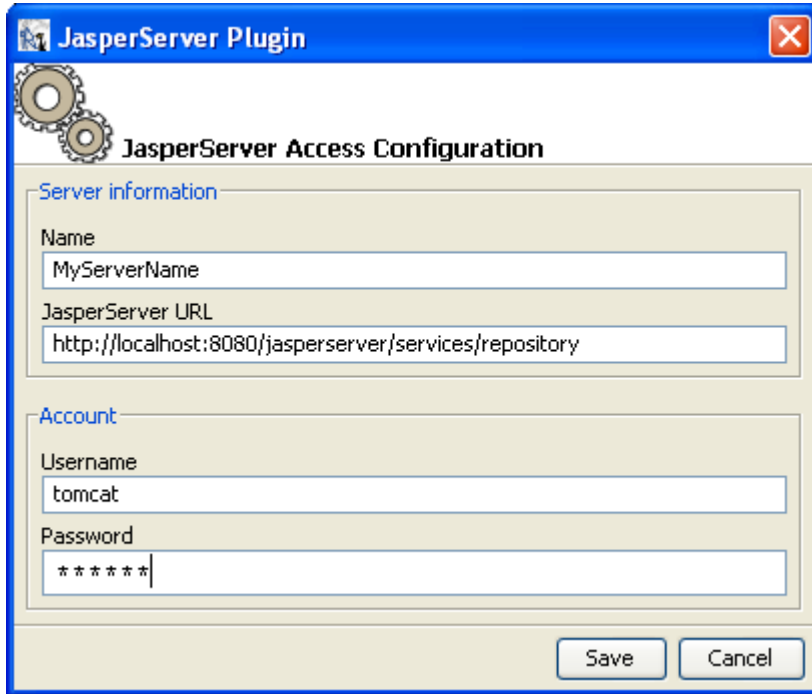
8.3.3 Configuring the plugin

When the plugin is started for the first time, no servers are yet configured. To add a server, press the first button in the plugin toolbar.



You get a dialog box titled "JasperServer Plugin" that allows for JasperServer access configuration. In this dialog

box, you will enter the information that will enable you to connect to your JasperServer Web Services application.



The image shows a Windows-style dialog box titled "JasperServer Plugin". Inside the dialog, there is a section titled "JasperServer Access Configuration" with a gear icon. This section contains two sub-sections: "Server information" and "Account". Under "Server information", there are two text input fields: "Name" with the value "MyServerName" and "JasperServer URL" with the value "http://localhost:8080/jasperserver/services/repository". Under "Account", there are two text input fields: "Username" with the value "tomcat" and "Password" with the value "*****". At the bottom right of the dialog, there are two buttons: "Save" and "Cancel".

For instance:

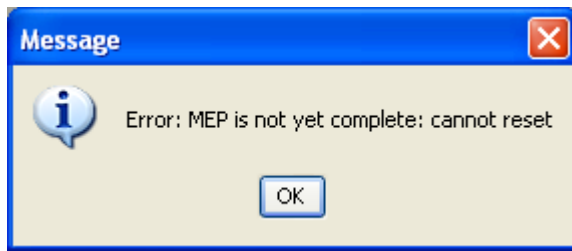
Name:	MyServerName
JasperServer URL:	<you should only need to change the hostname>
Username:	<jasperadmin>
Password:	<password>

A server entry should now appear in this pane.

Double-click on the server entry to see a list of Resources at the root of the JasperServer repository. You may view the property information on the Resources in the repository. You may download, edit and upload jrxml files. You may download images and other files (using right-click "export file").

8.3.4 Troubleshooting

If the connection fails, you can get a message similar to the following:



Check the login and password and be sure that the URL set for the server is exact. If needed, you can modify the server settings selecting it in the JasperServer pane and choosing the properties menu item from the popup menu.

9 Advanced configuration

This chapter presents some of the most common extension points that can be used to enrich or customize the JasperServer functionality and achieve the desired level of integration with the environment where it is deployed.

9.1 *Custom data sources*

The JasperServer reporting functionality can leverage several types of data sources that are shipped with the product. These are the JDBC data sources, the Mondrian and the XML/A data sources and most of the times are the only ones that you need. But sometimes you need to report out of special data sources or leverage data from persistence layers that are already available in the deployment environment and custom-made data sources would be required.

JasperServer has been enhanced to make it easier to implement and configure custom data sources than before, and the distribution includes the source code for examples that are ready to build and install. This section describes how to install the examples and how to implement your own custom data source.

9.1.1 Custom data source examples

The JasperServer distribution contains two examples of custom data source implementations under `<JasperServer-install-dir>/samples/customDataSource`. They can be built and deployed by running Ant on the `build.xml` in that directory. The following software is required for running the samples:

- An application server with the JasperServer webapp (this can be a version built from the current development source, or the 2.0.1 version when it's available)
- JDK 1.5
- Ant

Take the following steps to install the samples in your JasperServer webapp:

- Start a command line of your choice and change directories to the custom data source sample directory
- Edit `build.xml` and set the `webAppDir` property to the root of the JasperServer webapp
- Run "ant" (the default ant target will compile the sample Java source and deploy it with other files to the JasperServer webapp)
- Restart the application server

Custom bean data source

This is configured with the Spring bean file `webapp/WEB-INF/applicationContext-sampleCDS.xml`. It will create a data source based on Java beans manually created in the source code. There is a sample JRXML under `reports/simpleCDS.jrxml`.

Webscraper custom data source

This is configured with the Spring bean file `webapp/WEB-INF/applicationContext-webscraperDS.xml`. It will do an HTTP GET on a web page, convert it into XML using JTidy, and use XPath expressions to address content in the page and populate the data source.

The data source has two parameters: the URL of the web page, and the XPath which determines which elements in the HTML page get turned in to rows in the data source. The parameters can be specified either by a data source definition in the repository, or by a query string in the JRXML.

The example reports for this data source read a web page from <http://www.craigslist.org> and extract a list of items for sale. The report `reports/webscraperTest.jrxml` has no query defined, so it relies on an instance of the custom data source which has been created in the repository. Typical parameters to use on this data source are as follows:

- URL: <http://sfbay.craigslist.org/search/car/eby?query=&neighborhood=62>
- DOM Path: `/html/body/blockquote[2]/p`

The example `reports/webscraperQETest.jrxml` uses a `queryString` to specify the URL and the DOM path. It should be used without defining a `datasource` instance because JasperServer will not run the query executor if the `datasource` is present.

9.1.2 Creating a custom data source

A custom data source consists of Java code, a message catalog, and a Spring configuration file to pull all the components together. This section defines all the required and optional steps for implementing a custom data source.

Implement ReportDataSourceService interface

A custom data source requires implementation of the `ReportDataSourceService` interface, which is responsible

for setting up and tearing down data source connections in JasperServer.

- `void setReportParameterValues(Map parameterValues):` called before running a report - creates resources needed by JasperReports to obtain a `JRDataSource` and adds them to the parameter map
- `void closeConnection():` clean up any resources allocated in `setReportParameterValues()`

Additional custom data source properties can be specified using the `CustomReportDataSource` which has a map containing custom properties, as defined by the custom data source. They can be edited with the data source UI, persisted, then passed into the `ReportDataSourceService` using a public setter. For example, if you declare a property named "foo", your `ReportDataSourceService` implementation should have `getFoo()` and `setFoo()` methods. These properties should be of type `String`, except for hidden properties, which can be of any type (see section on Spring configuration for details).

Implement optional interfaces

The `JRQueryExecutor` and `JRQueryExecutorFactory` are needed if you want your data source to interpret the `queryString` inside a `JRXML`.

A `CustomDataSourceValidator` can be used to check the value of parameters entered for instances of your custom data source.

- `JRQueryExecutorFactory`: This is a JasperReports interface that creates the `JRQueryExecutor`.
 - `createQueryExecutor(JRDataset dataset, Map parameters)`
- `JRQueryExecutor`: This is a JasperReports interface that creates the actual `JRDataSource` using the resources passed to it in the parameter map
 - `JRDataSource createDatasource():` returns the actual data source based on the parameter map that was passed to the `JRQueryExecutorFactory` above; most likely, you will create a `JRDataSource` implementation suitable for your data source
 - `close():` called when report is done with the data source
 - `cancelQuery():` called to clean up resources if the report filling process is interrupted
- `CustomDataSourceValidator`: this interface is used to check the properties set for an instance of a custom data source through the JasperServer UI
 - `validatePropertyValues(CustomReportDataSource ds, Errors errors):` check parameters and call `errors.rejectValue()` with the appropriate property name and error code (defined in a message catalog, see below)

Create message catalog

Contains messages referenced by validator interface, and labels for data source and its params (see below). The message catalog is a file in the webapp with a name like "WEB-INF/bundles/cdtest.properties". The path to the message catalog needs to be added to the `messageSource` Spring bean which has all the catalogs for JasperServer (see below for details). A couple conventions based on the bean and parameter names are used for labels:

Label type	Naming convention
Name of custom data source type	<code>cdsname.name</code> (where <code>cdsname</code> is the value of the name property of the custom data source)
Name of custom data source property	<code>cdsname.properties.propname</code> (where <code>propname</code> is the value of the property name)
Validation messages	<code>cdsname.any.message.code</code> (there is no convention enforced, but starting with <code>cdsname</code> is recommended for consistency)

The following is an example of a message catalog:

```
webScraperDataSource.name=Web Scraper Data Source
webScraperDataSource.properties.url=URL
webScraperDataSource.properties.path=DOM Path
webScraperDataSource.url.required=A value is required for the URL
webScraperDataSource.path.required=A value is required for the DOM path
```

Create Spring definition file

The following table describes the files required for a custom data source implementation. The paths are all relative to the JasperServer webapp directory.

Type of files	Path	Description
Spring bean definition	WEB-INF/applicationContext-name.xml	Defines Spring beans for the data source (note: the name is not significant)
Message catalog	WEB-INF/bundles/xyz.properties	Defines messages used by the data source implementation (path is referenced in the Spring bean definition file)
Implementation classes	WEB-INF/lib or WEB-INF/classes	Any Java code required by the implementation

Define custom data source in Spring

The Spring bean definition file needs an instance of `CustomDataSourceDefinition` to configure the data source with JasperServer.

This class has the following properties:

Name	Required	Value
factory	yes	(fixed value) <code>ref="customDataSourceFactory"</code> (this is the bean which manages all the custom data sources)
name	yes	unique name used to refer to custom data source in messages, etc.
serviceClassName	yes	Class name for your <code>ReportDataSourceService</code> implementation
validator	no	An instance of your <code>CustomDataSourceValidator</code> implementation
propertyDefinitions	no	List containing a map of information about each property used by the custom data source (details on map entries below)
queryExecuterMap	no	Map with query languages (used language attribute of JRXML <code>queryString</code> element) as keys, and <code>JRQueryExecuterFactory</code> class names as values

The `propertyDefinitions` property is a list of maps, each one describing a property of the custom data source implementation. These are the entry keys used currently:

Name	Required	Value
name	yes	Name of property, which matches a JavaBean property in the <code>ReportDataSourceService</code> implementation, and is also used in message catalog keys
default	no	A default value for the property
hidden	no	Properties with <code>hidden</code> set to "true" are set to fixed values using the "default" entry. They are not be editable in the UI or persisted. This is handy for making Spring beans accessible to <code>ReportDataSourceService</code> implementations

An example `CustomDataSourceDefinition` is shown below:

```

<bean id="myCustomDataSource"
class="com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.api.engine.jasperreports.util.CustomDataSourceDefinition"
>
    <property name="factory" ref="customDataSourceServiceFactory"/>
    <property name="name" value="myCustomDataSource"/>
    <property name="serviceName"
value="example.cds.CustomSimplifiedDataSourceService"/>
    <property name="validator">
        <bean class="example.cds.CustomTestValidator"/>
    </property>
    <property name="propertyDefinitions">
        <list>
            <map>
                <entry key="name" value="foo"/>
            </map>
            <map>
                <entry key="name" value="bar"/>
                <entry key="default" value="b"/>
            </map>
            <map>
                <entry key="name" value="repository"/>
                <entry key="hidden" value="true"/>
                <entry key="default" value-ref="repositoryService"/>
            </map>
        </list>
    </property>
    <property name="queryExecuterMap">
        <map/>
    </property>
</bean>

```

Configure the message catalog

Normally, all message catalogs are listed in the main Spring file in `WEB-INF/applicationContext.xml`, but a new shortcut is now available that doesn't require editing this file. The following bean definition will update the list of message catalogs, and may be placed in the same file as the custom data source definition bean.

```

<bean class="com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.api.common.util.spring.GenericBeanUpdater">
    <property name="definition" ref="addMessageCatalog"/>
    <property name="value" value="WEB-INF/bundles/cdstest"/>
</bean>

```

9.1.3 Installing a custom data source

Add JAR and spring config file to JasperServer installation and restart.

The new custom data source type should be added to list of choices for data source type.

If the new type is selected, the user will be presented with a form containing the list of parameters configured by the developer.

When the form is submitted, the parameter values will be validated with the `DataSourceValidator` implementation and appropriate validation messages will be displayed.

9.1.4 Using a custom data source

When defining `<queryString>` in JRXML, use a "language" setting that is supported by the custom data source.

At the data source screen, any custom data sources created by the administrator should be available.

If you choose a locally defined data source, you can choose the new custom data source type and edit it, just as if you were creating a data source in a folder (see "Installing a custom data source" above).

9.2 Report output channels

When running a report in JasperServer, the result can be delivered in several supported formats such as HTML, PDF, RTF, XLS and CSV. The report viewer page, where reports are viewed initially in HTML format, has a toolbar on top with buttons for exporting the current report to the above mentioned formats. A similar document export process occurs when reports are scheduled and the output is delivered in one of these formats.

The document export process is controlled using the `WEB-INF/applicationContext.xml` file where for each of the supported export formats there is a bean with properties that help fine-tune the export.

9.2.1 Excel output

The Excel output channel is controlled by the `xlsExportParameters` bean inside the `WEB-INF/applicationContext.xml` file. JasperServer is shipped with a default configuration that produces a data-centric Excel output where graphic elements are ignored, spacer cells are removed and the data type of cells is preserved.

The following properties can be set for the Excel exporter:

Property Name	Default	Description
<code>detectCellType</code>	<code>true</code>	Preserve the type of the original text field expressions and use it for the cell data type
<code>onePagePerSheet</code>	<code>false</code>	Each report page should be written in a different XLS sheet
<code>removeEmptySpaceBetweenRows</code>	<code>true</code>	Empty spaces that could appear between rows should be removed or not.
<code>whitePageBackground</code>	<code>false</code>	Force cell white background
<code>ignoreGraphics</code>	<code>true</code>	Export text elements only
<code>collapseRowSpan</code>	<code>true</code>	Collapse row span and avoid merging cells across rows
<code>ignoreCellBorder</code>	<code>true</code>	Do not draw the cell border
<code>fontSizeFixEnabled</code>	<code>true</code>	Decrease font size so that texts fit into the specified cell height
<code>maximumRowsPerSheet</code>	0	Maximum number of rows allowed before continuing on a new sheet

In report templates, Java specific format patterns are used to format dates and numbers (see JasperReports documentation for details). But these patterns might not work inside the Excel document viewer program, as their syntax might not be fully supported there.

In such cases, the Java format patterns have to be converted to equivalent proprietary format patterns using the `formatPatternsMap` bean inside the `WEB-INF/applicationContext.xml` file, where pairs of equivalent patterns can be added.

9.2.2 CSV output

The CVS export options can be changed by modifying the `csvExportParameters` bean configuration inside the `WEB-INF/applicationContext.xml` file.

For the moment, only the field delimiter can be configured for the CSV output channel.