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CHAPTER 1 OVERVIEW OF JASPERREPORTS SERVER ADMINISTRATION

TIBCO JasperReports® Server builds on TIBCO JasperReports® Library as a comprehensive family of Business Intelligence (BI) products, providing robust static and interactive reporting, report server, and data analysis capabilities. These capabilities are available as either stand-alone products, or as part of an integrated end-to-end BI suite utilizing common metadata and provide shared services, such as security, a repository, and scheduling. The server exposes comprehensive public interfaces enabling seamless integration with other applications and the capability to easily add custom functionality.

The heart of the TIBCO Jaspersoft® BI Suite is the server, which provides the ability to:

- Easily create new reports based on views designed in an intuitive, web-based, drag and drop Ad Hoc Editor.
- Efficiently and securely manage many reports.
- Interact with reports, including sorting, changing formatting, entering parameters, and drilling on data.
- Schedule reports for distribution through email and storage in the repository.
- Arrange reports and web content to create appealing, data-rich Jaspersoft Dashboards that quickly convey business trends.

For users interested in multi-dimensional modeling, we offer Jaspersoft® OLAP, which runs as part of the server.

While the Ad Hoc Editor lets users create simple reports, more complex reports can be created outside of the server. You can either use Jaspersoft® Studio or manually write JRXML code to create a report that can be run in the server. We recommend that you use Jaspersoft Studio unless you have a thorough understanding of the JasperReports file structure.

You can use the following sources of information to learn about JasperReports Server:

- Our core documentation describes how to install, administer, and use JasperReports Server and Jaspersoft Studio. Core documentation is available as PDFs in the doc subdirectory of your JasperReports Server installation. You can also access PDF and HTML versions of these guides online from the [Documentation section](#) of the Jaspersoft Community website.
- Our Ultimate Guides document advanced features and configuration. They also include best practice recommendations and numerous examples. You can access PDF and HTML versions of these guides online from the [Documentation section](#) of the Jaspersoft Community website.
- Our [Online Learning Portal](#) lets you learn at your own pace, and covers topics for developers, system administrators, business users, and data integration users. The Portal is available online from the Professional Services section of our [website](#).
- Our free samples, which are installed with JasperReports Library, Jaspersoft Studio, and JasperReports Server, are available and documented online. Please visit our [GitHub repository](#).



This administrator guide describes features that are only available to users who have administrator roles. Many of the configuration procedures also assume you have access to the installed files on the host computer.

- If you have a subscription to our professional support offerings, please contact our Technical Support team when you have questions or run into difficulties. They're available on the web at and through email at <http://support.tibco.com> and js-support@tibco.com.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- **Overview of Organizations**
- **Overview of the Repository**
- **Overview of Users and Roles**
- **Overview of Security**
- **Administrator Login**
- **Administrator Pages**



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JasperReports Server is a component of both a community project and commercial offerings. Each integrates the standard features such as security, scheduling, a web services interface, and much more for running and sharing reports. Commercial editions provide additional features, including Ad Hoc charts, dashboards, Domains, auditing, and a multi-organization architecture for hosting large BI deployments. This guide documents the features of the commercial edition.

1.1 Overview of Organizations

The commercial version of JasperReports Server is built on organizations, which are logical entities within the server that have their own users, roles, and branches of the repository. As with any business structure or hierarchy, organizations may have suborganizations, which may in turn have suborganizations, and so on.

In the default JasperReports Server installation, a single organization mimics the simple structure of older versions of JasperReports Server. If you want to deploy multiple organizations, you must be aware of certain design considerations.

1.1.1 Single Default Organization

After a default installation, JasperReports Server contains a single organization in which you can deploy your reports. For example, if you install the sample data, you'll see a single organization that holds all sample resources, users, and roles.

Single organizations are designed to handle most business cases and are straightforward to administer. However, even with a single organization, the server still includes a root that represents the parent of the organization. For example, a system admin and an organization admin share administrative duties. Also, many features such as themes, attributes, and repository URIs can be defined at both the root and organization levels.

If your business needs more organizations, you'll need to manage several levels of administrators and possibly create shared resources in the repository. The following sections provide use cases and explain the functioning of multiple levels of administrators.

1.1.2 Multiple Organizations

With multiple organizations, several logical entities share a server instance, but remain entirely isolated from each other. There are many use cases for defining multiple organizations in JasperReports Server. For instance:

- An application provider, such as a software-as-a-service (SaaS) company or a computer department, has a hosted application offered to many customers. It integrates JasperReports Server in its application to offer dashboards, reports, and analysis. A number of common reports and data sources are useful across customers, but there are customer specific reports, as well. Machines and databases are shared by customers, according to the provider's own architecture, but within the functionality provided by JasperReports Server, each customer is a separate organization. Customers can manage their own users in the hosted application, and the server maps the application's authentication scheme to the correct organization. The organization structure provides the full power of JasperReports Server to each of the provider's customers, while ensuring that their data and reports are secure.
- A company has many departments but wants them to share a common BI infrastructure. Corporate IT needs to deploy and maintain only a single instance of JasperReports Server, while each department is represented by an organization that manages its own users. For security and simplicity, the departments do not share databases, except in the case of sub-departments, such as Accounts Payable being a sub-department of Finance. Users access JasperReports Server directly, logging in with their department name and user name. Organization administrators have defined the data sources and Domains specific to the needs of their department's users.

The organization feature is flexible enough to accommodate any combination of these scenarios and many others like it. In all cases, administrators can configure secure environments for any number of organizations, and end-users experience a powerful BI platform tailored to their needs.

All organizations or hierarchies of organizations exist independently within a single instance of JasperReports Server. Neighboring organizations are isolated from one another, while parent organizations have full control of their suborganizations. Users can access only the data and resources in their own organizations or suborganizations, and administrators can define roles and set permissions to further control access.

1.1.3 Levels of Administrators

Each organization has an administrator who can manage users, roles, and repository permissions in that organization and any of its suborganizations.

There are essentially three levels of administration:

- The system administrator – Also called *system admin*. The default login name of the system admin is `superuser`. He exists at the root level, outside all organizations. The system admin manages the JasperReports Server installation, creates top-level organizations, and configures server-wide settings. The system admin can create, modify, and delete users, roles, and repository objects in any organization.
- The administrator of a top-level organization – Also called *organization admin*. The organization admin manages all users, roles, and repository objects in an entire organization, including any suborganizations. The default login name of the organization admin is `jasperadmin`.
- The administrator of a suborganization – Functionally equivalent to an organization admin, but limited to the suborganization's users, roles, and repository objects. This administrator can be overridden by a top-level organization admin.

1.2 Overview of the Repository

The repository is a hierarchical structure of folders where administrators and users create and store resources for running reports. In its appearance and function, the repository resembles a file system with a structure of folders containing files. However, the repository is actually implemented as a database that is private to the server instance. As a result, it lacks a few of the functions of a file system.

1.2.1 Folder Structure

The repository is a tree structure composed of folders and resources. The root of the repository tree structure is accessible only to the system admin logged in as `superuser`. The tree contains the folders for each organization and folders for certain features of the server.

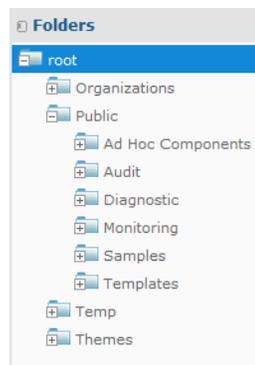


Figure 1-1 Root of the Repository Showing Default Folders

In general, we recommend that you avoid placing resources directly in the root or organization folder. Instead, use folders for various resource types, as in the sample data. The Themes folder contains files that control the look and feel of the user interface, as described in [Chapter 6, “Themes,” on page 129](#).

The Organizations folder contains a folder for the default organization, named Organization. If you create more than one organization, each organization has its own folder, contained in a folder named for the organization. Each organization also contains a folder called Organizations where suborganizations are created.

Organizations located in `root/Organizations` are called *top-level organizations*. Organizations located within other organizations are called *suborganizations*.

JasperReports Server automatically restricts every user's access to their own organization's branch of the repository. System admins (`superuser`) can view and create folders in all organizations, while organization admins (`jasperadmin`) can view and create folders only in the organizations they administer. The following figure shows the system admin's view starting at root, and the organization admin's view starting in his organization.

System admin (`superuser`) view:

Organization admin (`jasperadmin`) view:

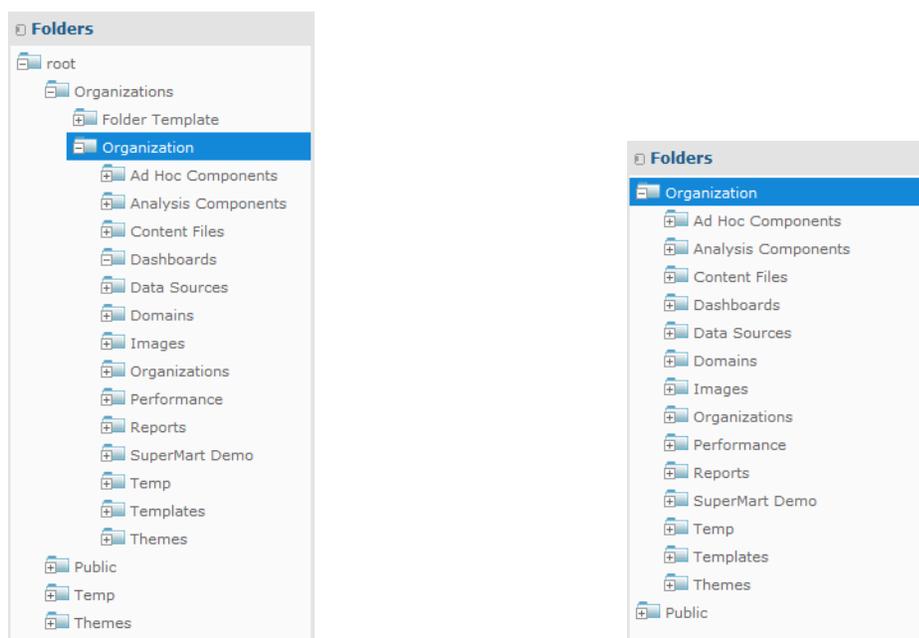


Figure 1-2 System Admin and Organization Admin Views of the Repository

The Public folder is a special system folder that appears at the root and in every organization folder. All instances are links to the same folder, so that its contents are shared with all organizations. The system admin should manage the Public folder and set permissions so that users can access shared resources (such as data sources, logos, and report templates) but not modify them.

1.2.2 Resources

Resources are stored in the repository and used as input for creating reports and performing analysis. Some resources, such as images, fonts, or JRXML files created in Jaspersoft Studio, are uploaded from files. Others, such as data sources and Domains, are created in JasperReports Server itself. Of course, dashboards, data views, and reports can also be saved in the repository to be run as often as needed. Output such as PDF or HTML can be saved in the repository as well.

All resources, including folders, have unique IDs, names, and optional descriptions. The ID of a resource, along with the ID of its enclosing folders create the path used to reference that resource. The path of a resource is also called its *repository URI* (Universal Resource Indicator). The name and description appear in the user interface when you browse or search the repository.

Resources are stored in an internal format not accessible to users or administrators. Any resource can be exported with the `js-export` utility, but the resulting files are for backup or transfer to another JasperReports Server instance and cannot be modified.

JasperReports Server restricts access to folders and resources based on organizations, permissions, user names, and roles. For more information, see [Chapter 3, “Repository Administration,” on page 47](#).

The sample data includes dashboards, reports, Domains, data sources, and many of their components, such as input types and image files. Each type of content is stored in a separate folder, making it easy to locate. The Supermart Demo folder contains a complete example of dashboards, reports, and resources for various business scenarios in a fictional grocery store company.

1.2.3 Browsing and Searching

Users and administrators can browse or search the repository, depending on what action they want to perform and how resources are organized. Searching the repository finds specific resources faster. For more information on browsing and searching the repository, see the *JasperReports Server User Guide*.

- Browsing - On the Home page, click **View > Repository**.
The Folders panel on the left lists the folders in the repository and the Repository panel lists the contents of the selected folder. The tool bar in the Repository panel allows administrators to perform actions such as **Copy**, **Cut**, **Paste**, and **Delete**; select several resources with Control-click or Shift-click to perform actions in bulk.

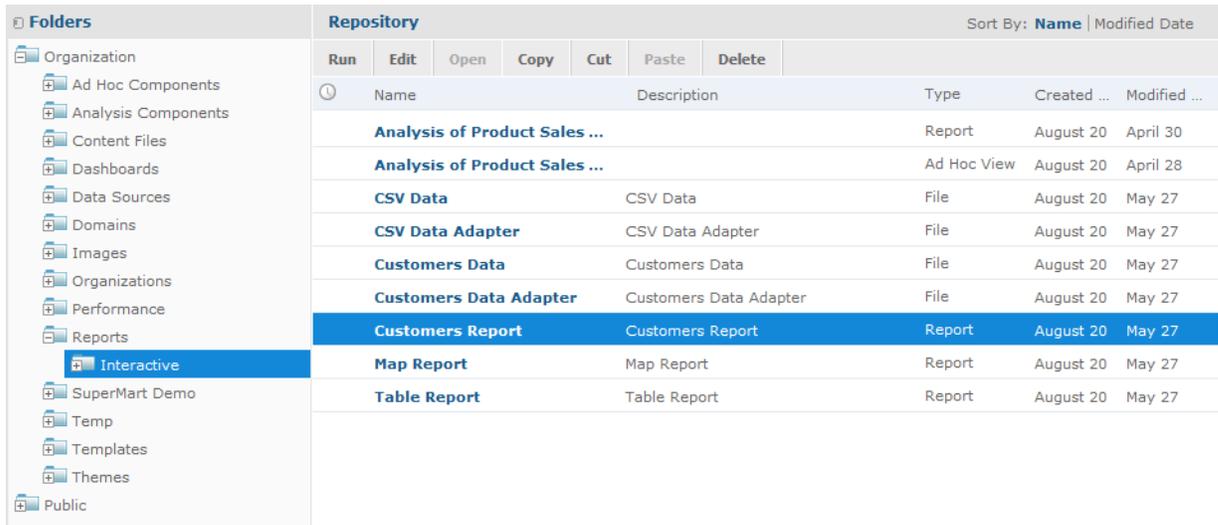


Figure 1-3 Browsing the Repository

- Searching - Enter a search term in the search field at the top of any page, or select **View > Search Results**.

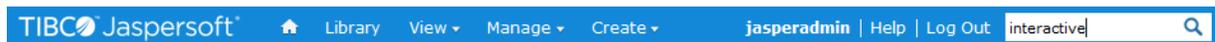


Figure 1-4 Search Field in the Menu Bar

The search results page displays a search field with the current search term at the top of the Repository panel. The search applies to resource IDs, names, and descriptions. Use the filters in the left-hand panel to refine your search.

Filters		Repository	interactive	Sort By: Name Modified Date		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All available Modified by me Viewed by me All types <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports Report outputs More choices... Any time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Today Yesterday Past week Past month 	<input type="text" value="interactive"/>	Name	Description	Type	Created ...	Modified ...
		05. Accounts Report	Basic interactive Table Component report with ...	Report	4/17/2014	August 20
		05g. Accounts Report	Basic interactive Table Component report with ...	Report	10/3/2013	August 20
		06. Profit Detail Report	Sample report containing containing interactive...	Report	5/13/2014	August 20
		06g. Profit Detail Report	Sample report containing containing interactive...	Report	5/13/2014	August 20
		07. Revenue Detail Report	Sample report containing containing interactive...	Report	5/13/2014	August 20
		07g. Revenue Detail Report	Sample report containing containing interactive...	Report	5/13/2014	August 20
		08. Unit Sales Detail Report	Sample report containing containing interactive...	Report	5/13/2014	August 20
		08g. Unit Sales Detail Report	Sample report containing containing interactive...	Report	5/13/2014	August 20
		09. Customer Detail Report	Sample report with multiple charts, interactive ...	Report	5/13/2014	August 20
		09g. Customer Detail Report	Sample report with multiple charts, interactive ...	Report	5/13/2014	August 20
		16. Interactive Sales Report	Interactive table and chart.	Report	5/13/2014	August 20
		16g. Interactive Sales Report	Interactive table and chart with alternate color ...	Report	5/13/2014	August 20

Figure 1-5 Searching the Repository

1.3 Overview of Users and Roles

User accounts and role membership provide authentication and authorization for access control in JasperReports Server. When logging, in users enter their username and password to access the server. In a server with multiple organizations, users must also enter their organization ID. Administrators assign named roles to users and then create role-based permissions to further control access to the repository.

Users and roles are associated with the organizations in which they are defined. Users and roles defined in an organization can be granted or denied access to any repository folder or object in the organization or its suborganizations. However, a suborganization administrator has no access to the roles and users in the parent organization, even if they are used in access permission within the suborganization.

User names and role names are unique within an organization, but not necessarily among suborganizations or across all organizations in the server. For example, the default organization administrator is called `jasperadmin` in every organization. Because login credentials include the organization and user name, JasperReports Server can distinguish each user. In some cases such as web services, a user is identified by the unique string `username|organization_ID`.

Administrators define permissions directly on the resources and folders in the repository. You can define a level of access, such as read-write, read-only, or no access, and assign each permission based on either a username or a role.

1.3.1 Administering Users and Roles

Administrators perform the following actions to manage users in their organization:

- Create, modify, and delete users.
- Set user account properties such as name, email, and attributes.
- Reset a user password. However, no administrator can ever view a user's existing password.
- Login as any user to test permissions.

- Create, modify, and delete roles.
- Assign roles to users.
- Set access permissions on repository folders and resources.

The system admin (`superuser`) can perform these actions for any user or any role in any organization in the server. An organization admin (`jasperadmin`) can perform these actions for users and roles in the same organization or its suborganizations.

1.3.2 Delegated Administration

JasperReports Server enables three levels of delegated administration:

- With multiple organizations, administrators in each organization are limited to actions within their organization.
- The Administer permission allows a user to view and set permissions on a folder or resource. This can allow a power-user to manage a section of the repository, but not to create or manage users.
- Granting `ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR`, `ROLE_SUPERUSER`, or both allows a user to see the management interface and create users and roles. This is true delegated administration, whereby a user other than `jasperadmin` or `superuser` has administration abilities.

In the case of true delegated administration, three factors determine the scope of a user's administrative privileges:

- `ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR` – JasperReports Server confers the organization-level privileges to any user with this role. This includes managing users, roles, and permissions, as well as creating resources in the repository. When a user with this role logs in, the server displays the additional menus to access the admin pages and manage repository resources. Any administrator can assign this role to any other user.
- `ROLE_SUPERUSER` – When a user already has `ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR`, this additional role grants access to the system configuration functions. Only a system admin can assign this role to another user. In a multi-organization environment, `ROLE_SUPERUSER` should not be given to organization admins or organization users, because this allows access to the Ad Hoc cache shared by all organizations. In the case of a single organization such as in the default installation, you may assign this role to the organization admins to grant access to system settings without granting privileges to create top-level organizations or other system administrators.
- The user's organization – Regardless of roles, an administrator is always limited in scope to the organization in which the user account is created, including any suborganizations thereof. In no case can a user, even with the `ROLE_SUPERUSER`, ever view or modify any organization, user, role, or folder outside of the organization to which that user belongs.

Any administrator can grant `ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR` to any user. That user then becomes equivalent to an organization admin of the organization in which he belongs. In order to delegate system administration, the existing system admin must first create other users at the root level, outside of any organization. The system admin can then assign both `ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR` and `ROLE_SUPERUSER` to grant them system admin privileges. For further information about these roles, see [3.5, “Repository Permissions,” on page 61](#).

1.4 Overview of Security

JasperReports Server ensures that people can access only the data they are allowed to see. The mechanisms that define organizations, users, roles, and repository resources work together to provide complete access control. Security has many facets covered in this guide and other guides:

Authentication	Authentication is the process of restricting access to identified users. Users must log in with their user ID and password so that they have an identity in JasperReports Server. The server stores user definitions, including encrypted passwords, in a private database. Administrators create, modify, and delete user accounts through the administrator pages, as described in 2.2, “Managing Users,” on page 28 .
Password policies	Every company must establish a password policy that weighs its security risks against the convenience of its users. JasperReports Server supports many different password policies such as password expiration, reuse, and strong patterns. This configuration is described in the <i>JasperReports Server Security Guide</i> .
External authentication	External authentication uses centralized identity services such as LDAP (used by Microsoft Active Directory and Novell eDirectory), Central Authentication Service (CAS), or Java Authentication and Authorization Service (JAAS). For more information, see the <i>JasperReports Server External Authentication Cookbook</i> .
Application Security	System admins who install and maintain enterprise software know they must protect their servers against hackers. JasperReports Server protects your data against intruders with many protocols and tools, such as HTTPS, encryption, CSRF prevention, and input validation against cross-site scripting and SQL injection. For these topics and others, see the <i>JasperReports Server Security Guide</i> .
Organizations	Users belong to organizations and are restricted to seeing resources within their organization. Organizations have their own administrators, but they see only the users, roles, and resources from their organization. When JasperReports Server is configured with multiple organizations, they are effectively isolated from each other, although the system admin can share resources through the Public folder. For more information, see 3.4, “Multiple Organizations in the Repository,” on page 59 .
Roles	JasperReports Server also implements roles that can be assigned to any number of users. Roles let administrators create groups or classes of users that are granted similar permissions. A user may belong to any number of roles and receive the privileges from each of them. Administrators create, modify, and delete roles through the administrator pages, as described in 2.3, “Managing Roles,” on page 32 .
Resource permissions	Administrators can define access permissions on every folder and resource in the repository. Permissions are enforced when accessing any resource either directly through the repository interface, indirectly when called from a report, or programmatically through the web services. Permissions can be defined for every role and every user, or they can be left undefined so they are inherited from the parent folder. To restrict access or hide resources such as database connections, the administrator can set no-access or execute-only permission. For more information, see 3.5, “Repository Permissions,” on page 61 .

Administrator privileges	JasperReports Server distinguishes between administrators and users. Administrators are granted access to the UI for permissions, user management, and sensitive resources such as database connections. Administrators also set the UI appearance with themes and monitor server activity with diagnostics. Regular users are restricted to the folders, reports, and dashboards that admins allow them to access. Most of the features in this guide are not accessible to regular users. See 1.3.2, “Delegated Administration,” on page 18 .
Menus and pages	The menus that appear in JasperReports Server depend on the user’s roles. For example, only users with the administrator role can see the Manage menu and access the administrator pages. By modifying the server’s configuration, you can modify access to menus, menu items, and individual pages. Refer to the <i>JasperReports Server Source Build Guide</i> and <i>JasperReports Server Ultimate Guide</i> for more information.
Attributes	Attributes are name-value pairs associated with a user, organization, or server. Attributes can be used to restrict or enable a user’s access to data in several ways. See 2.4, “Managing Attributes,” on page 37 .

Administrators must keep security in mind at all times when managing organizations, user, roles, and resources, because effective security relies on all of them working together.

1.5 Administrator Login

Administrators log in on the standard login page, using the following default passwords:

System admin: user ID `superuser` and password `superuser`
 Organization admin: user ID `jasperadmin` and password `jasperadmin`



For security reasons, always change the default administrator passwords immediately after installing JasperReports Server. For instructions, see [2.2.3, “Editing a User,” on page 31](#).

For more information about options on the Login page and logging in with multiple organizations, see the *JasperReports Server User Guide*.

The first time you log in as an administrator, you may be prompted to opt-into the Heartbeat program. You should also set the administrator passwords and email.

1.5.1 JasperReports Server Heartbeat

When you log into JasperReports Server for the first time after installation, administrators may be prompted to opt into the server’s [Heartbeat](#) program. It reports specific information to Jaspersoft about your implementation: the operating system, JVM, application server, database (type and version), and JasperReports Server edition and version number. By tracking this information, we can build better products that function optimally in your environment. No personal information is collected.

To opt into the program, click **OK**. To opt out, clear the check box then click **OK**.

1.5.2 Administrator Email

After logging in for the first time, you should set the email on the `superuser` and `jasperadmin` accounts to your email address. In rare cases, the server may notify you by email about issues with your license.



This is also a good time to change the default passwords on the `superuser` and `jasperadmin` accounts.

To set the email and passwords on the administrator accounts, edit the user account information as described in 2.2.3, “Editing a User,” on page 31.

1.6 Administrator Pages

Administrators have access to special pages to manage the server. After logging in, click **View options** under the Admin icon on the Getting Started page, or select an item from the **Manage** menu on any page.



Figure 1-6 Manage Menu for Administrators

The administrator controls are different for system and organization admins, as shown in the previous figure. Organization administrators can manage users, roles, and suborganizations, but only within their organization. System admins can manage top-level organizations, as well as users and roles in any organization. And only system admins have access to the server settings for configuring logs, Jaspersoft OLAP, and Ad Hoc cache and data policies.

The following figure shows the **Admin Home** page for system admins. The page is similar for organization admins, but it does not have the Server Settings heading.

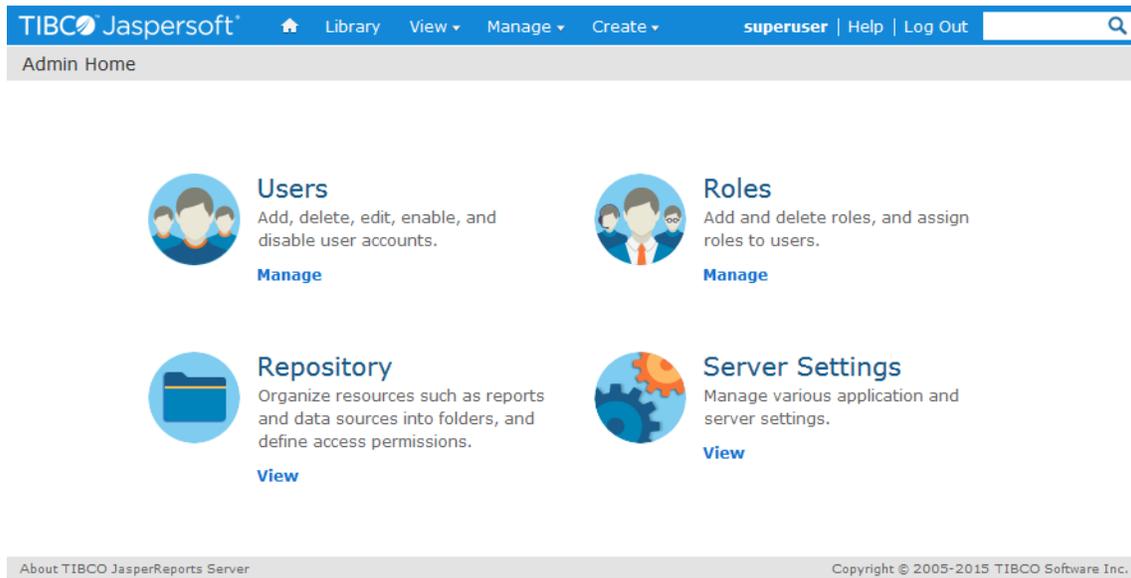


Figure 1-7 Manage Server Page for System Admins (superuser)

The pages for administering organizations, users, and roles are documented in [Chapter 2, “User and Role Management,” on page 23](#). The pages for administering Server Settings are documented in [8.1, “Configuration Settings in the User Interface,” on page 170](#).

The **About TIBCO JasperReports Server** link in the footer of all pages displays the product version along with the software build and the details of your license. Please have this information available if you need to contact Jaspersoft for support.

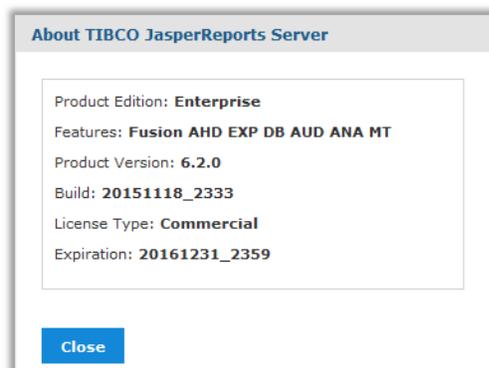


Figure 1-8 About TIBCO JasperReports Server Dialog

CHAPTER 2 USER AND ROLE MANAGEMENT

In a single-organization deployment, the administrator needs to create only the users and roles. In deployments with multiple organizations, administrators need to create organizations, populate them with users, and create the roles they use afterward to set access permissions. Optionally, administrators can also define attributes to control access to data.

In a deployment with multiple organizations, there can be administrators at every level of the hierarchy, as described in [1.3.2, “Delegated Administration,” on page 18](#). Part of any large deployment is to designate the administrators responsible for every task. For example, system administrators might set up the top-level organizations and default roles, but each organization's admin would then create and manage the users of their particular organization.

The interface in JasperReports Server for managing organizations, users, and roles accommodates all levels of administrators and makes it easy for them to search among hundreds of users and roles, whether in a single organization or spread across many. The interface also enforces the scope of administrative privileges. For example, it ensures that an organization administrator cannot see roles and users from parent organizations.

Attributes are name-value pairs that can be defined on users, organizations, and at the server level. These values can provide flexibility, for example allowing each organization to access a different database when using the same data source. At the user level, attributes can provide data-level security when combined with the features of Domains and OLAP.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- [Managing Organizations](#)
- [Managing Users](#)
- [Managing Roles](#)
- [Managing Attributes](#)

2.1 Managing Organizations

System admins and organization admins use the same pages for managing organizations, the only difference is that system admins can manage top-level organizations, and organization admins are limited to suborganizations.



Administrators of deployments with a default single organization can generally skip this section. However, the procedure in [2.1.4, “Editing an Organization,” on page 27](#) can be used to change the name of the default organization.

The system admin (`superuser`) can view all the organizations in the server, as shown in the following figure. In the Organizations panel on the left, the system administrator's view begins at the root of the organization hierarchy and includes all defined organizations and suborganizations, so he can manage any organization or suborganization in the server. In this example, there are two top-level organizations, and one of them has several suborganizations.

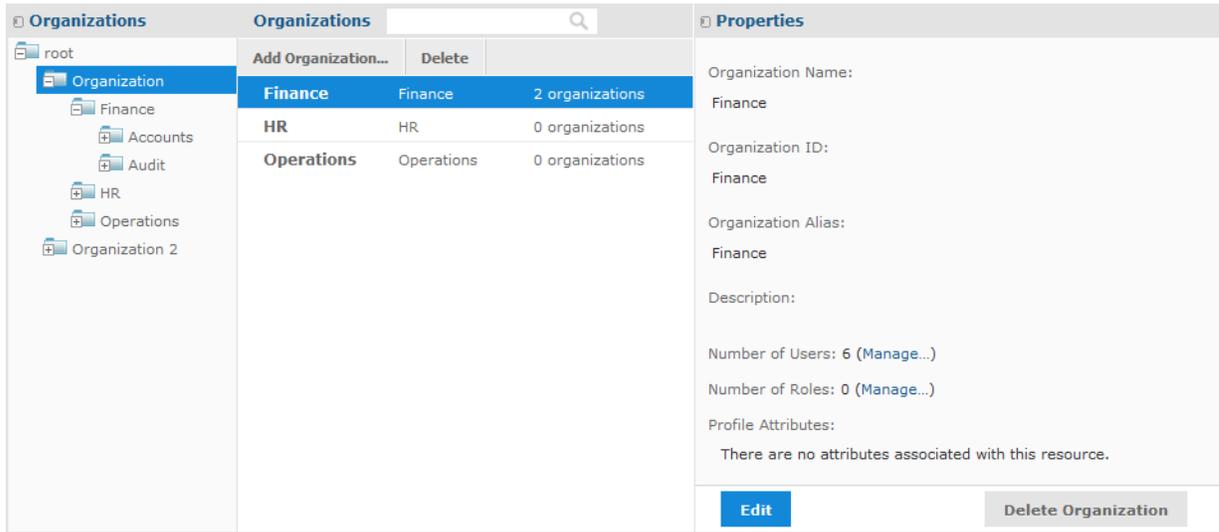


Figure 2-1 System Admin View of Manage Organizations Page

The following figure shows the same repository as seen by the admin of Organization (`jasperadmin`). It shows that this administrator's view is limited to his own organization and its suborganizations, and he can access and manage only those.

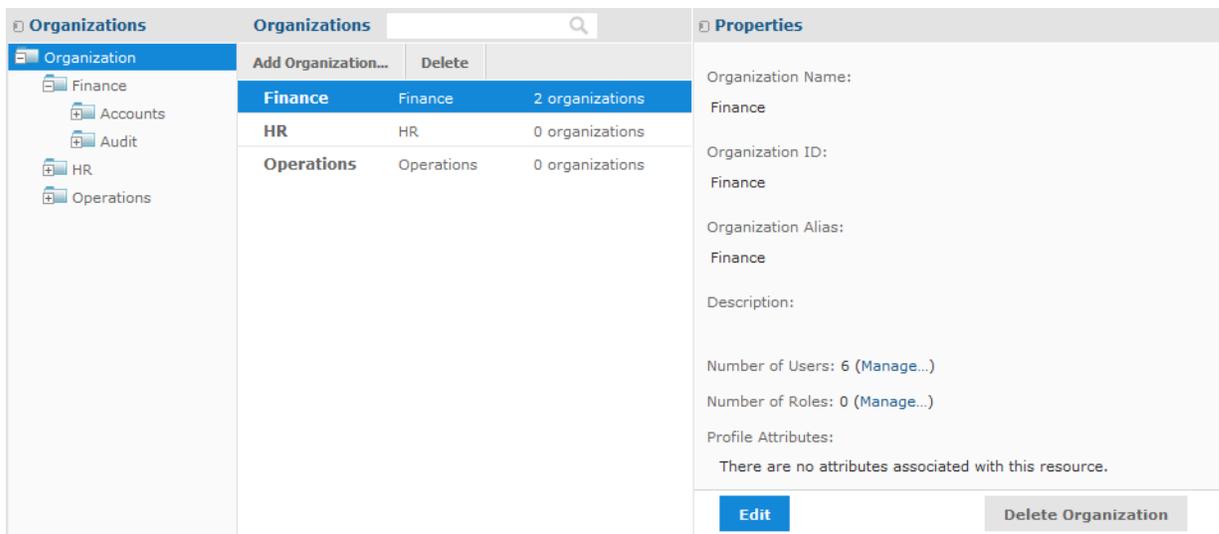


Figure 2-2 Organization Admin View of Manage Organizations Page

2.1.1 Viewing Organization Properties

1. Log in as a user with administrative privileges for the organization you want to view.
2. Select **Manage > Organizations**.
The organization management page appears, as shown in the previous figures.
3. To select an organization, click its parent in the left-hand Organizations panel, then select the organization in the center panel. If there are many organizations, you can search for a specific organization. Note that the search only applies to suborganizations of the parent organization currently selected in the left-hand panel.
4. Once you select an organization, the Properties panel on the right shows information about it:
 - Name – Display name of the organization that appears on the organization's top folder.
 - ID – Unique and permanent organization ID used for logging in.
 - Alias – Unique but editable short organization name that can also be used when logging in.
 - Description – Optional description that appears only in this Properties panel.
 - Number of Users – Count of all users, including those in any suborganizations. Click **Manage** to see the list of users on the user management page.
 - Number of Roles – Count all roles, including those in any suborganizations. The number of roles does not include the system roles (such as ROLE_USER) that appear at every organization level but are defined at the root level. Click **Manage** to see the list of roles on the role management page.
 - For information about attributes on the organization, see [2.4.6, “Managing Organization Attributes,” on page 41](#).



Both system admins and organization admins can also export and import entire organizations from the Manage Organizations page. This functionality can be used to duplicate organizations or change their hierarchy, or to create a backup. For more information, see [7.2.3, “Exporting From Organizations,” on page 154](#) and [7.2.4, “Importing From Organizations,” on page 156](#).

2.1.2 Creating an Organization

1. Log in as a user with administrative privileges for the parent of the new organization.
2. Click **Manage > Organizations**.
3. In the left-Organizations panel, expand the hierarchy of organizations to select the parent organization, for example Finance, then click **Add Organization** in the middle panel.
4. The Add Organization dialog appears.

Figure 2-3 Adding an Organization

5. Enter the organization name; the server automatically fills in the ID and alias based on the name. You can change the ID and alias if needed before saving the organization. Once saved, the organization ID can no longer be modified. The Description is optional. The previous figure shows this dialog with sample values.
6. To save the new organization, click **Add Organization to <organization>**.
The new organization appears in the Organizations panels. When you select it in the center panel, its properties appear in the Properties panel on the right.

The properties panel shows the number of users and roles in the organization and provides links to manage them. By default, new organizations have the following:

- Two users with default passwords: the organization admin (`jasperadmin/jasperadmin`) and a sample user (`joeuser/joeuser`).



For security reasons, always change the default passwords immediately after creating a new organization. For instructions, see [2.2, “Managing Users,” on page 28](#).

- The new organization has no roles of its own. The default users have the system-wide roles `ROLE_USER` and `ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR`.
- In the repository, a new folder is created in the parent's Organization folder. This new organization folder contains a copy of the parent's Organization/Folder Template folder. To manage the Organization folders, select **View > Repository**.

2.1.3 Default Folders for Organizations

Every organization contains a special folder named Organizations where the server creates suborganizations and administrators can manage its resources. The Organizations folder always contains a folder named Folder Template. When you create a new organization, the entire content of the Folder Template is copied to create your new organization's folders. You can add folders and resources in the Folder Template, and these are copied into each organization created thereafter.

The default folders in the Folder Template are:

- Ad Hoc Components\Topics – The location where the Ad Hoc Editor looks for Topics to create new reports.
- Temp – A folder visible only administrators, used by the server to store temporary files.
- Templates – A folder that holds templates used when generating reports from Ad Hoc views.
- Themes – A special folder managed by the system to contain CSS files that define the appearance of the user interface.



The Public folder visible in every organization is a special linked folder at the root level. The repository makes it accessible to every organization, but it is not within the organization folder.

There is a Folder Template at every level of the organization hierarchy, including the root. The system admin can add content to the top-level Folder Template for use in creating top-level organizations. Organization admins can add content to their Folder Templates for use in creating suborganizations.

Finally, the Folder Template itself is copied into a new organization, so each new suborganization has the same default folders and resources as its parent.

2.1.4 Editing an Organization

1. Log in as a user with administrative privileges for the organization.
2. Click **Manage > Organizations**.
3. In the left-Organizations panels, select the organization's parent. In the center Organizations panel, select the organization.
4. In the Properties panel, click **Edit** so you can change the organization's properties.

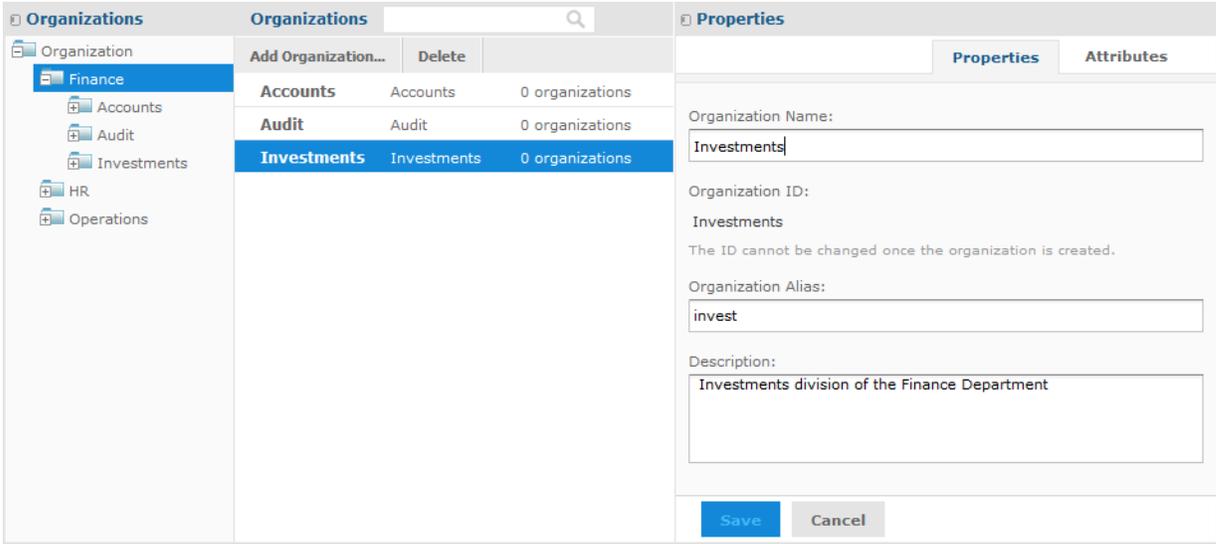


Figure 2-4 Editing Properties of an Organization

5. Edit the organization properties as needed. Changing the organization name changes the name of the organization's folder, as well, but no other data. You can change the alias and description. The organization ID is defined when the organization was created and cannot be modified.

6. For information about attributes on the organization, see [2.4.6, “Managing Organization Attributes,” on page 41](#).
7. Click **Save** to keep your changes, or **Cancel** to quit without saving.

2.1.5 Deleting an Organization

1. Log in as a user with administrative privileges for the organization.
2. Click **Manage > Organizations**.
3. In the left-Organizations panels, select the organization's parent. In the center Organizations panel, select the organization and click **Delete**.

Administrators cannot delete the organization to which they belong. Confirming the delete completely removes all users, roles, and folders of the organization and all of its suborganizations from JasperReports Server.

2.2 Managing Users

As with organizations, system admins (`superuser`) can manage all users in all organizations and create users outside of organizations, as described in [1.3.2, “Delegated Administration,” on page 18](#). Organization admins can manage the users in their own organization and in any of its sub-organizations.

In a deployment without organizations, you should still be familiar with the structure because of the system admins (`superuser` or other delegated system admins) that exist outside of the single default organization. All other users belong the single default organization.

The default installation of JasperReports Server includes the following users:

Table 2-1 Default Users after Installation

User Name	Default Password (case sensitive)	Description
<code>superuser</code>	<code>superuser</code>	Default system admin who does not belong to any organization (defined at the root level).
<code>jasperadmin</code>	<code>jasperadmin</code>	Default organization admin in every organization.
<code>joeuser</code>	<code>joeuser</code>	Default end user in every organization.
<code>demo</code>	<code>demo</code>	Included in the single default organization only if you install the sample data.
<code>CaliforniaUser</code>	<code>CaliforniaUser</code>	Included in the single default organization only if you install the sample data.
<code>anonymousUser</code>	<code>anonymoususer</code>	Allows anonymous login; disabled by default. If you do not allow anonymous access, this user can be deleted from the root level.



You should advise your users to change their passwords regularly. To configure periodic expiration of passwords, refer to the *JasperReports Server Security Guide*.

2.2.1 Viewing User Properties

1. Log in as an administrator (`jasperadmin` in the user's organization or any parent organization, or `superuser`).
2. Select **Manage > Users** or on the Admin Home page, click **Manage** under Users. The Manage Users page displays the users in each organization and properties of the selected user.

Organization	User ID	User Name
California	CaliforniaUser	California User
	anonymousUser	anonymousUser
	demo	Demo User
Accounts	jasperadmin	jasperadmin
Audit	jasperadmin	jasperadmin
Finance	jasperadmin	jasperadmin
HR	jasperadmin	jasperadmin
Investments	jasperadmin	jasperadmin
Operations	jasperadmin	jasperadmin
Organization_1	jasperadmin	jasperadmin User
Organization_2	jasperadmin	jasperadmin
Accounts	joeuser	joeuser
Audit	ioeuser	ioeuser

Properties for jasperadmin:

- User name: **jasperadmin**
- User ID: jasperadmin
- Email:
- User is enabled.
- Roles Assigned: [ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR](#), [ROLE_USER](#)
- Profile Attributes: There are no attributes associated with this resource.

Figure 2-5 Manage Users Page

The columns in the Users panel list the user ID, the user name and the organization of each user. The list of users includes everyone in the chosen organization and its suborganizations. The same user ID may appear more than once, indicating that users with the same ID were created in different organizations.

In this example, the system admin can see all users in all organizations by selecting the root of the Organization hierarchy. There are always multiple `jasperadmin` users in a hierarchy of organizations, because it's the default administrator ID in each organization.

3. To locate a user:
 - Browse for users – Expand the organization hierarchy in the left-panel, and select an organization or suborganization. Scroll through the list of users if it is too long to fit on your screen.
 - Search for a user – Select the organization (or any parent organization) and enter a search string in the **Search** field of the Users panel. The search results show all user ID or names in the selected organization and suborganizations that match the search string.
4. Select a user account to view its Properties in the right-hand panel.

User status can be **Enabled** or **Disabled**; disabled users are displayed in gray text in the Users list. For convenience, the role names link to the role management page for each role. For information about attributes on the user, see [2.4.7, “Managing User Attributes,” on page 44](#).



As the admin of a given organization, you can see the roles defined in your organization and its suborganizations but not the parent organization (except for certain system-wide roles). A user may have roles defined and assigned from a parent organization that are not visible to the administrator of the user's organization. For more information, see [2.3, “Managing Roles,” on page 32](#).

2.2.2 Creating a User

1. Log in as an administrator (`jasperadmin` in the user's intended organization or any parent organization, or `superuser`).
2. Select **Manage > Users** or, on the Admin Home page, click **Manage** under Users.
3. In the Organizations panels, select the organization for the new user and click **Add User**. The Add User dialog appears.

Figure 2-6 Adding a User

4. Enter the following information:
 - User name – The new user's full name. The name is optional but recommended; It will appear in the menu bar of the UI when the user is logged in.
 - User ID – Generated automatically from the user name; you can accept the suggested value or type your own. The user ID is used to log into JasperReports Server, and for administrators to manage users and resources. The User ID must be unique within the organization, but may exist in multiple organizations.
 - Email – This is optional but must be in a valid email format.
 - Password and confirmation – Enter and confirm a password for the user.
 - User is enabled – To enable the user to log in, select this check box. Users who are not enabled can't log in. If you implement role-based permissions, you might want to delay enabling the user until you assign more roles. For more information on roles, see [2.3, “Managing Roles,” on page 32](#).

5. Click **Add User to <organization>**.

The new user is available in the Users panel. To assign roles to the user, click **Edit** in the user's Properties panel.

2.2.3 Editing a User

One way to assign roles to a user is to edit the user's properties. Alternatively, when you edit a role, you can assign it to any number of users. To edit a user's properties:

1. Log in as an administrator (`jasperadmin` in the user's organization or any parent organization, or `superuser`).
2. Click **Manage > Users** or, on the Admin Home page, click **Manage** under Users.
3. In the Organizations panel, select the user's organization or a parent organization.
4. In the Users panel, select the user.
5. In the user's Properties panel, click **Edit**.

The screenshot displays the user management interface with three main panels: Organizations, Users, and Properties.

- Organizations Panel:** A tree view showing a hierarchy: Organization > Finance > Accounts > Audit > Investments > **HR** > Operations. The 'HR' organization is selected.
- Users Panel:** A table listing users for the selected organization.

Add User...	Enable	Disable	Delete
HR_User			
jasperadmin			
joeuser			
- Properties Panel:** A form for editing the user's details.
 - User name:** HR User
 - User ID:** HR_User (Note: This value cannot be changed.)
 - Email:** hr_user@example.com
 - Password (required):** [Empty field]
 - Confirm Password (required):** [Empty field]
 - User is enabled.
 - Roles Available:** A list of roles including ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR, ROLE_ANONYMOUS, **ROLE_DEMO**, and ROLE_SUPERMART_M... (ROLE_DEMO is selected).
 - Roles Assigned:** A list containing ROLE_USER.
 - Navigation arrows between the roles lists.
 - Buttons:** Save and Cancel.

Figure 2-7 Editing the Properties of a User

6. Edit the user's properties as needed. You can't edit the user ID; it always has the value defined when the user was created originally.
7. To assign or remove roles from the user, select the roles, and use the arrow buttons between the Roles Available and Roles Assigned lists.

The Roles Available list includes any role in the organizations of the current administrator, as well as the special system-wide roles. For more information on creating and adding roles, see [2.3, “Managing Roles,” on page 32](#).

8. For information about attributes on the user, see [2.4.7, “Managing User Attributes,” on page 44](#).
9. Click **Save** to keep your changes.
10. In the Properties panel, click **Login as User** to test the user's permissions, as explained in [3.5.7, “Testing User Permissions,” on page 66](#).

Logging in as another user is also necessary when you are maintaining resources that use absolute references in the repository. For more information, see [3.4.3, “Referencing Resources in the Repository,” on page 60](#).

2.2.4 Enabling or Disabling Multiple Users

You may sometimes need to disable user accounts. For example, when making configuration changes, you may want to lock out all users until the changes are finished. Administrators can select any number of users in their organization, and the system admins (`superuser`) can select all users in the server, except themselves.

1. Log in as an administrator (`jasperadmin` in the user's organization or any parent organization, or `superuser`).
2. Click **Manage > Users** or, on the Admin Home page, click **Manage** under Users.
3. In the Organizations panel, select the users' organization; to enable or disable users in different organizations, select the common parent organization.
4. In the Users list, use Control-click and Shift-click to make multiple selections. If the User list is too long, enter a search term to find users and enable or disable them individually.
5. Click **Enable** or **Disable** in the menu bar.

2.2.5 Deleting One or More Users

1. Log in as an administrator (`jasperadmin` in the user's organization or any parent organization, or `superuser`).
2. Click **Manage > Users** or, on the Admin Home page, click **Manage** under Users.
3. In the Organizations panel, select the user's organization; to delete users in different organizations, select the common parent organization.
4. In the Users list, use Control-click and Shift-click to make multiple selections. If the list of users is too long, enter a search term to find and select the user.
5. In the tool bar of the Users panel, click **Delete** and confirm the action.

2.3 Managing Roles

Roles define sets of users who are granted similar permissions. Administrators create roles, assign them to users, and set permissions in the repository (see [3.5, “Repository Permissions,” on page 61](#)). By default, JasperReports Server includes the following roles; some are needed for system operation, some are included as part of the sample data:

Table 2-2 Default Roles in JasperReports Server Installations

Role	Description
ROLE_SUPERUSER	This role determines system admin privileges, as explained in 1.3.2, “Delegated Administration,” on page 18 . It's a system-level role, but in a single-organization deployment, the system admin can assign it to an organization admin. Never delete this role, it's required for proper administration of the server.
ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR	This role determines organization admin privileges. This role is automatically assigned to the default <code>jasperadmin</code> user in every new organization. It's a special system-level role visible in every organization, and organization admins can assign it to other users, as explained in 1.3.2, “Delegated Administration,” on page 18 . Never delete this role, it's required for proper administration of the server.
ROLE_USER	Required to log in. This role is automatically assigned to every user in the server. It's a special system-level role visible in every organization. Never delete this role, it's required to create users and allow them to log in.
ROLE_ANONYMOUS	When anonymous access is enabled, this role is automatically assigned to any agent accessing the server without logging in. It's a special system-level role visible in every organization. This role is also assigned to the default anonymous user. By default, anonymous access is disabled and this role isn't used. It's a system role that even the system admin can't delete.
ROLE_PORTLET	JasperReports Server assigns this role to users that are created automatically when a portal such as Liferay requests authentication for a connection. If the specified user name does not exist in the server, it is created, assigned the password of the user in the portal, and assigned the <code>ROLE_PORTLET</code> and <code>ROLE_USER</code> roles. If you do not use a portal server, you can delete this role.
ROLE_DEMO	This role grants access to the SuperMart demo Home page, reports, and if you implement Jaspersoft OLAP, OLAP views. This role is assigned to the demo user in the default organization. These objects are available only if you installed the sample data when you installed your server. It is a special system-level role that is visible in every organization When you no longer need the sample data, this role can be deleted.
ROLE_SUPERMART_MANAGER	This role is used to assign permissions relative to the sample data. It is a special system-level role that is visible in every organization. It demonstrates data security features available in Jaspersoft OLAP. See the <i>Jaspersoft OLAP Ultimate Guide</i> for more information. When you no longer need the sample data, this role can be deleted.

When you need to define permissions for sets of users, administrators can create new roles and assign them to users. Users can belong to any number of roles and each can be used for access to different resources.

Except for the five special system-level roles visible in every organization, roles are defined within organizations. The same role ID can be defined in multiple organizations, as long as it is unique within each organization. Admins can manage all roles in their organizations and any suborganization, but they can never see roles in a parent or sibling organization. JasperReports Server enforces this scheme to ensure that organizations are secure and only valid roles are assigned to users.

It is possible for an administrator to assign a role to a user in a suborganization, where the role is defined in a parent organization of the user. The admin of the user's organization cannot see the role when managing the user, but the admin of the role's organization can, and permissions associated with the role are properly enforced.

2.3.1 Viewing Role Properties

1. Log in as an administrator (`jasperadmin` in the role's organization or any parent organization, or `superuser`).
2. Select **Manage > Roles** or, on the Admin Home page, click **Manage** under Roles. The Manage Roles page displays the roles defined in the server and in each organization and properties for each role.

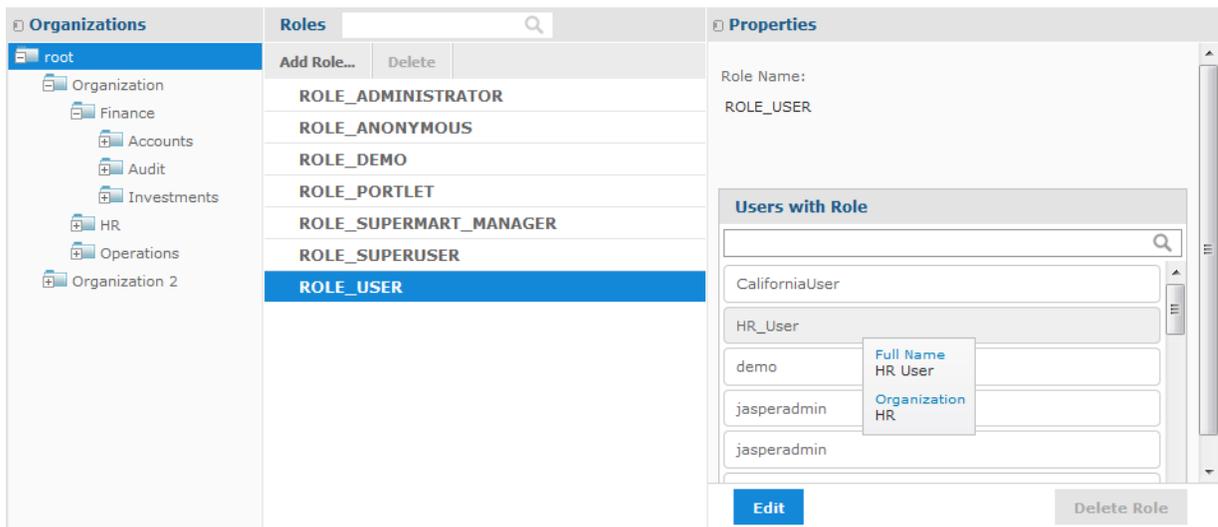


Figure 2-8 Manage Roles Page

The Roles list includes all roles in the chosen organization and its suborganizations along with the five default system-level roles. The same role name may appear more than once if roles with the same name were created in different organizations. The second column (blank in this figure) gives the organization name of a particular role.

In this example, the system admin can see all roles in all organizations by selecting the root of the Organization hierarchy.

3. To select a role, click its organization in the Organizations panel (Commercial edition users only). The Roles panel displays all the roles.
4. To filter the list of roles, enter a search string in the search field of the Roles panel. The search results show all of the roles in the selected organization and suborganizations whose names contain the search string. If necessary, scroll through the new list or refine your search.
5. Select the role in the Roles panel. The role's properties appear in the Properties panel.

The Properties panel shows the role name, the organization where it's defined, and the users assigned to the role. You can enter a search term to find users in the list. Some user IDs may appear several times because the same ID can exist in different organizations. Hover over a user ID to see a user's full name and organization, as shown in the figure.



When you view the properties of a special system-level role, you only see the users with that role in your organization or any suborganization. An organization admin can never see users outside of his organization or its suborganizations.

2.3.2 Creating a Role

1. Log in as an administrator (`jasperadmin` in the role's intended organization or any parent organization, or `superuser`).
2. Select **Manage > Roles** or, on the Admin Home page, click **Manage** under Roles.
3. In the Organizations panel, select the organization to which the role will belong.
4. Click **Add Role**. The Add Role dialog appears.

Figure 2-9 Adding a Role

5. Enter the name of the role. The role name is also the role ID and does not accept spaces or special characters.
6. Click **Add Role to <organization>** to create the role.
The new role is included in the Roles panel. If you want to assign users to the role, click **Edit** in the Properties panel of the new role.

2.3.3 Assigning Users to a Role

You can assign multiple users to one role. To assign multiple roles to one user, edit the user's properties as described in [2.2.3, “Editing a User,” on page 31](#).

1. Log in as an administrator (`jasperadmin` in the role's organization or any parent organization, or `superuser`).
2. Select **Manage > Roles** or, on the Admin Home page, click **Manage** under Roles.
3. In the Organizations panel, select the role's organization.
4. Select the role in the Roles panel.



Unless you're logged in as the system admin, you can't edit or delete the five special system-level roles.

- In the Properties panel, click **Edit**. The role's properties become editable.

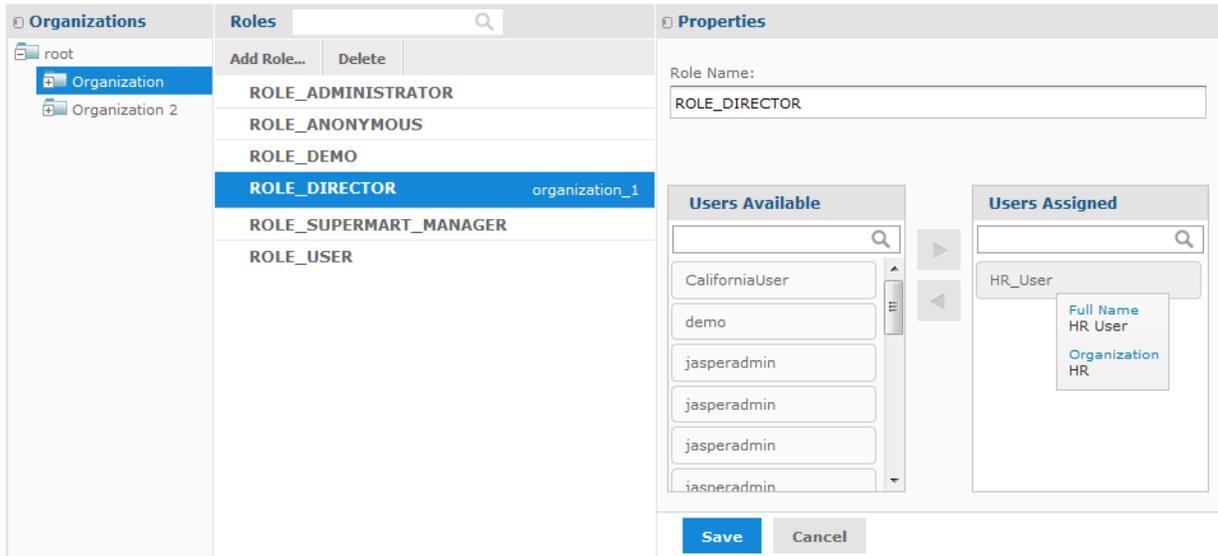


Figure 2-10 Editing the Members of a Role

- Enter a different name to change the role name throughout the server.



Permissions in the repository that use the role name are automatically updated. However, role names in security files for Domains and OLAP are *not* updated with the new role name and may cause a security risk. If you use security files for Domains or OLAP, do not change role names without verifying the files as well. For more information, see the *JasperReports Server User Guide*.

- To assign or remove role users, select the users, and click the arrow buttons between the Users Available and Users Assigned lists. You can enter a search term to find users in the lists. Some user IDs may appear several times because the same ID can exist in different organizations. Hover over a user ID to see a user's full name and organization, as shown in the figure.
- Click **Save** to keep your changes, or **Cancel** to quit without saving.

2.3.4 Deleting One or More Roles

- Log in as an administrator (`jasperadmin` in the role's organization or any parent organization, or `superuser`).
- Select **Manage > Roles** or, on the Admin Home page, click **Manage** under Roles.
- In the Organizations panels, select the role's organization. (Commercial users only. Community users skip to step 4.) The Roles panel is displayed.
- Select the role in the Roles panel. Use Control-click and Shift-click to make multiple selections.



Unless you're logged in as the system admin, you can't edit or delete the five special system-level roles.

- In the tool bar of the Roles panel, click **Delete** and confirm the action.

2.4 Managing Attributes

Attributes are name-value pairs that are associated with users, organizations, and the server itself. Attribute values can be used to parameterize access to data sources, Domain data, OLAP data, and report output. Attributes were previously known as profile attributes.

For example, when defining a data source, you can specify that the database name be defined by an organization-level attribute called `dbname`. Each organization then has an attribute called `dbname` with a different value. You have a single data source in your repository that is accessible in each organization, but when a user runs a report with that data source, it takes data from the database specified by the value of `dbname` in that user's organization.

As of JasperReports Server release 6.1, attributes also have permissions, so that system admins or organization admins can restrict the visibility and use of specific attributes at lower levels.



The permission feature of attributes is designed to work with multiple organizations in commercial editions of JasperReports Server. The feature is enabled in all editions of the server, but has limited use in servers with only a single default organization.

2.4.1 Referencing Attributes

There are several features of JasperReports Server that can read attributes and use attribute values. The following features can limit or restrict access to data or take different behavior based on the user, organization, or server-level attributes. Each feature reads or references attributes in its own syntax that is described with that feature:

- Data sources – The host name, port number, database name, user name and user password can be defined through attributes. See [4.1, “Attributes in Data Source Definitions,” on page 70](#).
- Reports – Attribute values can be referenced in calculations as described in [Table 5-2, “Attribute-based Parameters for Queries and Reports,” on page 115](#).
- Domain security files – Access rules for rows and columns can be defined with attributes so that users or organizations may only see data they are allowed to access. See the chapter "Advanced Domain Features" in the *JasperReports Server User Guide* and a comprehensive example in the chapter "Securing Data in a Domain" in the *JasperReports Server Security Guide*.
- OLAP schemas – Similar to Domains, access rules can be defined with attributes so that users may only see data they are allowed to access. See the *Jaspersoft OLAP User Guide*.

Attributes are always referenced in relation to the currently-logged in user who is performing an operation or running a report:

- If the value of a user-level attribute is requested, it refers to the attributes of the logged-in user.
- If the value of an organization-level attribute is requested, it refers to the attributes of the logged-in user's organization.
- If the value of a server-level attribute is requested, the value depends on which server the user is logged into. For example, test and production servers may have a copy of the same repository, but different server-level attributes. For a given server, server-level attributes are shared and thus have the same value for all users in all organizations.

2.4.2 Attribute Hierarchy

An attribute is a named value that is defined on a user, organization, or root of the server. Any number of attributes with any name can be defined at any or all of these levels. The definition of each attribute at each level is independent of other attributes at other levels. Attributes at different levels may have the same name, unless explicitly forbidden as described in [2.4.4, “Attribute Permissions,” on page 39](#).

In the places that you reference attributes (see above), there are two ways to determine the value of an attribute:

- **Categorical value** – References the value of a named attribute at a specific level, either user level, organization level, or server level. If the attribute does not exist at the requested level, no value is returned.
- **Hierarchical value** – References the value of a named attribute across all levels, starting at the user level. The server searches for an attribute with the given name in the following order, stopping and returning the first value that it finds:
 - At the user level, in the user attributes of the logged-in user.
 - At the organization level, in the organization attributes of the logged-in user's organization and all parent organizations.
 - At the server level.
 - If the attributes does not exist at any level, no value is returned.

With hierarchical values, attributes with same name but different values may be defined at several levels and on many users or organizations. Each attribute is a distinct attribute definition, but the hierarchical value referencing takes into account the level and the presence of the definition for every given user and organization.

To help administrators define attributes on users and organizations, the UI displays all attributes that are visible in the attribute hierarchy. If an attribute is defined in a parent organization or at the server level, its hierarchical value is shown at the lower organization level and user level, and the attribute is called inherited. This allows the administrator to see all hierarchical values that are in effect in lower levels, either to override them in the hierarchy or leave them as inherited.

Categorical and hierarchical approaches usually involve different strategies for defining and naming attributes. When using categorical values, you must ensure that each and every user or organization has the attribute defined, and you must handle the case when it is accidentally undefined, such as a new user. When using hierarchical values, you define attributes with the same name at different levels, such that each user may have a custom value, but then the organization level provides a default value for all users, and the server level provides a default value for all organizations. Each strategy is useful for different applications, depending on your needs to access and protect data. However, both strategies can co-exist and be used by at the same time by different resources, as long as the names of attributes used in each strategy or each resource are kept distinct.

2.4.3 Attribute Encryption

Because of the attribute hierarchy and the way that attributes are referenced, attribute names and values are one of the few mechanisms that allow lower organizations to see items defined in higher organizations. By default, an attribute and its value can be known to administrators throughout the server.

JasperReports Server provides two mechanisms to protect sensitive attributes:

- **Attribute encryption** – Prevents the attribute value from ever being seen. Does *not* prevent the attribute name from being seen or the value from being redefined at a lower level. When an attribute value is encrypted, the value stored internally is encrypted and never decrypted in the user interface. The server decrypts the attribute only when it is referenced by one of the features of the server. The decrypted value is then used for internal operations and never visible to the user.

For example, an encrypted attribute could store the password for a database. Once typed in and saved, the UI displays ***** as the value of the attribute. When a report uses that database, the server decrypts the password and sends it as part of the database protocol, so the user and the admin never see the password. Encrypted attributes are similar to user passwords in the server. Administrators can change the encrypted value to a new value, but they can never view the current value, even the system admin (`superuser`).

- Attribute permissions – Prevents the attribute from being visible or redefined at a lower level. Attribute permissions are described in the next section.

To properly secure an attribute, you should make it encrypted so it cannot be seen and then set permissions so it cannot be overridden.

2.4.4 Attribute Permissions



Attribute permissions were designed to work with multiple organizations in JasperReports Server. The feature has limited use in servers with only a single default organization.

Because the attribute hierarchy allows attribute values at lower levels to take precedence over attributes with the same name at higher levels, administrators need a mechanism to enforce the priority of higher-level attributes. The permissions on attributes allow admins to prevent the same attribute name from being seen or redefined in lower levels. Otherwise, a low-level organization admin could define an attribute with the same name as a critical server-level attribute defined by the system admin.

The attribute permissions and their effects are as follows:

- Administer – This is the absence of any restrictions. It allows lower level administrators to define attributes with the same name and set their permissions locally for their suborganizations. This is the default permission.
In servers with only a single default organization, use this permission unless you want to disable an attribute with the no-access permission.
- Read Only – The attribute and its value are visible to lower level administrators, but they cannot define locally an attribute with the same name. In servers with only a single default organization, this permission has no effect.
- Execute Only – The attribute and its value are not visible to lower-level administrators, and they see an error if they try to create an attribute with the same name. However, the attribute returns its value when properly referenced. In servers with only a single default organization, this permission has no effect.
- No Access – The attribute and its value are not visible to lower-level administrators, and they see an error if they try to create an attribute with the same name. In addition, the attribute is disabled and its value cannot be referenced. When referenced, an attribute with no-access permission returns an error.

It is important to remember that attributes are always defined individually at each level. When permissions prevent a lower-level admin from "writing" an attribute, in actuality the permission is preventing the lower-level admin from creating a new attribute at his level with the same name (regardless of its value).

As the root user, the system admin (`superuser`) is not restricted by attribute permissions. Therefore, the system admin can view all attributes defined at all levels and create or modify attributes on any organization or user, regardless of the permission. Thus, the system admin could create an execute-only attribute at the server level and then define an attribute with the same name but different value on an organization or user.

The permission system is based on the permissions above, and when combined with multiple levels of organizations, it can be used to create complex attribute definitions.

2.4.5 Managing Server Attributes

Attributes can be defined at the server level, which is equivalent to the root organization. If a given attribute name is not defined on an organization or a user, it can have a value at the server level to act as a default value. Server-level attributes may also be used as parameters in data source definitions. For example, the same data source may be imported to several servers, such as test and production servers, but a server-level attribute with the same name on each server makes the data source connect to a different database.

To view, create, modify, or delete server-level attributes:

1. Log in as the system admin (superuser).
2. Select **Manage > Server Settings** and choose **Server Attributes** from the left-hand panel.

Each server level attribute is listed with its value, encrypted status, and permission. Holding the pointer over an attribute name shows the description associated with the attribute. When an attribute value is encrypted, its value is shown as *** symbols.

Settings		Server Attributes			
	Name	Value	Encrypted	Permission	
Log Settings	attr1	value1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administer	
Log Collectors	attr2	value2a, value2b	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administer	
Ad Hoc Settings	host	mydbhost.example.com	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administer	
Ad Hoc Cache	port	5432	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administer	
OLAP Settings	db	mydatabase	<input type="checkbox"/>	Read Only	
Cloud Settings	userName	mydbuser	<input type="checkbox"/>	Execute Only	
• Server Attributes	password	*****	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Execute Only	
Restore Defaults					
Import					
Export					

Name: password

Description: Password for mydbuser

[Add new attribute](#)

Save **Cancel**

Figure 2-11 Managing Attributes at the Server Level

3. To create a new server-level attribute, click **Add new attribute**. Enter the attribute name and value, as well as an optional description. If desired, set the permission from the drop-down list and select the Encrypt check box. Click **OK** to close the dialog and then click **Save** to submit the new attribute.

Settings		Server Attributes			
	Name	Value	Encrypted	Permission	
Log Settings	attr1	value1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administer	

Name:	Value:
attr2	value2a, value2b
Description: Second attribute	
Permission: Administer	<input type="checkbox"/> Encrypt
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer Read Only Execute Only No Access 	OK Cancel
Save Cancel	

Figure 2-12 Adding a Server Attribute

4. To modify an attribute, click the edit icon . In the edit dialog, modify the desired fields. Click **OK** to close the dialog and then click **Save** to modify the attribute.
You can also modify the attribute's permission and encryption by using the drop down and check box in its table row. After confirming any changes, click **Save** to make them take effect.
When modifying an attribute, be aware of the following:
 - Changing the name of an attribute is equivalent to deleting the original attribute and adding a new attribute with the same value. Because this may impact features that reference the attribute, you are asked to confirm the name change.
 - Be aware that changing the encryption or permission of an attribute can impact the visibility of an attribute and the features that might rely on referencing its value. Again, you are asked to confirm the change.
 - Removing encryption does not decrypt an encrypted attribute. To safeguard encrypted values, removing the encryption on an attribute also erases its value. You should give the attribute a new value by clicking the edit icon.
5. To delete an attribute at the server level, click the delete icon in the attribute row and confirm the operation. Because this may impact features that reference attributes, you are asked to confirm the deletion. Click **Save** to make the deletion take effect.

2.4.6 Managing Organization Attributes

Organization attributes are attributes defined on an organization, regardless of whether its a top-level organization or suborganization. For example, an attribute with the same name could have different values in each organization, so that the same data source definition would access a different database specific to each organization. Furthermore, suborganizations could also define the same attribute if they need access to a different database than their parent organization.

Organization attributes are managed by either the system admin or the organization admin. As with all management operations, organization admins can set the attributes in their organization and any of their sub-

organizations, and the system admin can set attributes in any organization. If a higher admin wants to restrict access to certain attributes by a lower-level admin, the higher admin must set permissions, as described in [2.4.4, “Attribute Permissions,” on page 39](#).

To view, create, modify, or delete organization-level attributes:

1. Log in as an administrator (jasperadmin in the target organization or any parent organization, or superuser).
2. Select **Manage > Organizations**.
3. Select the parent organization in the left-hand column, then select the target organization in the center column.

The right-hand column displays the properties of the target organization, including a table of all attributes visible at this organization's level. The attributes include locally defined attributes, as well as inherited attributes. An inherited attribute is one defined in a parent organization or at the server-level, and whose permissions allow it to be visible in this organization.

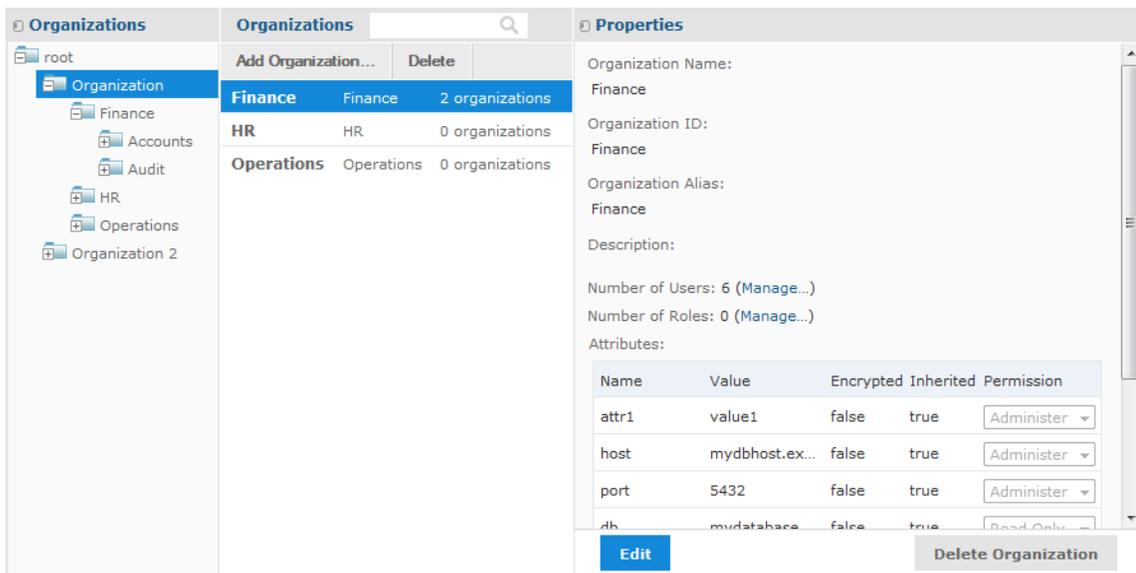


Figure 2-13 Viewing Attributes on the Manage Organizations Page



In the figure above, the system admin (superuser) is logged in and viewing organization attributes. The system admin can view all attributes at all levels, even inherited attributes, regardless of permissions.

Also, the root organization is visible and represents the server level. Selecting root in the Manage Organizations page displays the same attributes and offers the same functionality as the **Server Attributes** page under **Manage > Server Settings**. By definition, none of the attributes at the server level are inherited.

4. To create, modify, or delete the attributes on an organization, click **Edit** in the right-hand column, then select the **Attributes** tab. In the following figure, the Finance organization admin is logged in and does not see the `userName` and `password` attributes because they are hidden by permissions. Also, inherited attributes with the read-only permission are shown but cannot be modified.

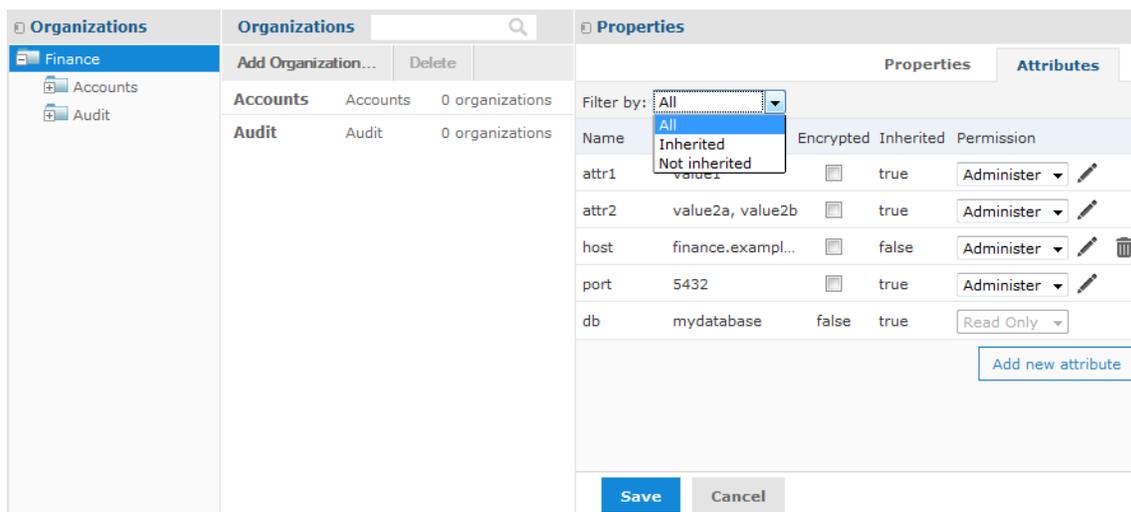


Figure 2-14 Editing Organization Attributes

5. You can filter attributes in the list to include only the inherited attributes or only the locally defined (not inherited) ones.
6. To create a new organization attribute, click **Add new attribute**. Enter the attribute name and value, as well as an optional description. If desired, set the permission from the drop-down list and select the Encrypt check box. Click **OK** to close the dialog and then click **Save** to submit the new attribute.

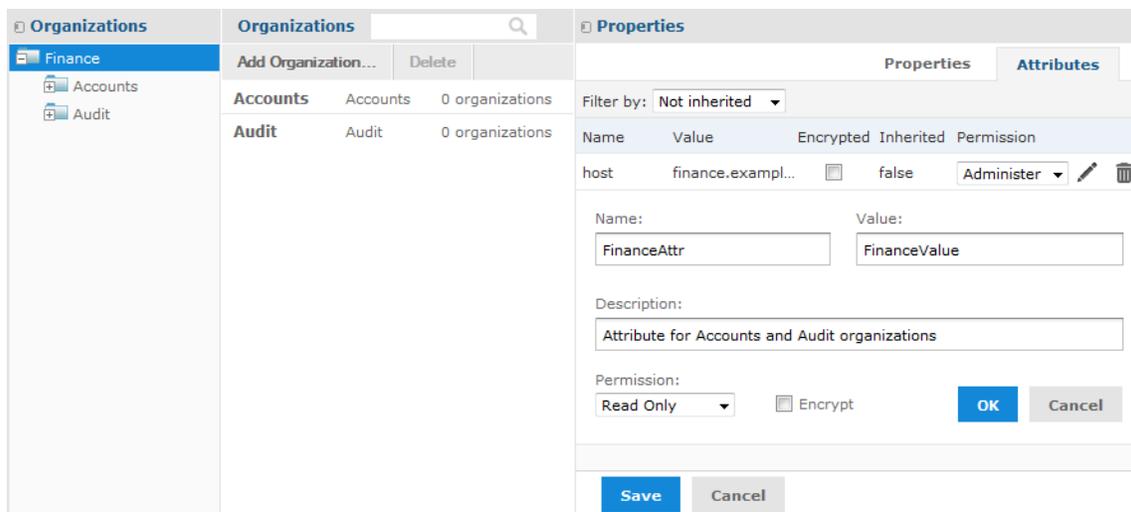


Figure 2-15 Adding an Organization Attribute

7. To modify an attribute, click the edit icon . In the edit dialog, modify the desired fields. Click **OK** to close the dialog and then click **Save** to modify the attribute.
You can also modify the attribute's permission and encryption by using the drop down and check box in its table row. After confirming any changes, click **Save** to make them take effect.

When modifying an organization attribute, be aware of the following:

- Inherited attributes belong to a parent organization or server root and are shown at the organization level to display the hierarchical attribute values. Any modification to an inherited attribute actually creates a local attribute definition with the modified parameters. In the hierarchy for the selected organization, this new attribute takes precedence over the previously inherited attribute.
 - Changing the name of a locally defined attribute is equivalent to deleting the original attribute and adding a new attribute with the same value. Because this may impact features that reference the attribute, you are asked to confirm the name change.
 - Be aware that changing the encryption or permission of an attribute can impact the visibility of an attribute and the features that might rely on referencing its value. Again, this may impact features that reference the attribute, and you are asked to confirm the change.
 - Removing encryption does not decrypt an encrypted attribute. To safeguard encrypted values, removing the encryption on an attribute also erases its value. Click the edit icon to give the attribute a new value.
8. To delete an organization attribute, click the delete icon  in the attribute row and confirm the operation. Because this may impact features that reference attributes, you are asked to confirm the deletion. Click **Save** to make the deletion take effect.

When deleting an organization attribute, be aware of the following:

- Upon deletion, some attributes remain in the list as inherited attributes. This indicates that the local definition of the attribute was deleted, but another attribute with the same name is visible higher in the attribute hierarchy.
- You cannot delete an inherited attribute, because it belongs to a higher organization or server root. To remove an inherited attribute, you must find where it is defined then delete it at that level. The system admin can also change the permission of the attribute where it is defined to Execute Only or No Access so it doesn't appear to organization admins in the lower organization anymore.

2.4.7 Managing User Attributes

Attributes on users can provide additional information about a user and can restrict access to data through Domain security files and OLAP schemas. Every user in every organization may have attributes defined, and will also have attribute values inherited through the attribute hierarchy.

Attributes on users do not have permissions because there is no lower level of attributes. Instead, the permissions on organization attributes determine which attributes values apply to a user through the attribute hierarchy.

Users never see the attributes defined on their user profile; only administrators can view and set user attributes.

To view, create, modify, or delete user-level attributes:

1. Log in as an administrator (`jasperadmin` in the user's organization or any parent organization, or `superuser`).
2. Click **Manage > Users** or, on the Admin Home page, click **Manage** under Users.
3. In the Organizations panel, select the user's organization. Or select a parent organization and search for the user by name.
4. Select the user in the Users panel. The properties panel includes a table of all attributes for the user, both locally defined and inherited from the attribute hierarchy. In the following figure, the system administrator can see that `attr2` attribute was redefined at the organization level before being inherited by the user.

The screenshot shows the 'Manage Users' interface. On the left, a tree view shows 'Organizations' with 'root' and 'Organization'. The 'Users' table lists users: 'CaliforniaUser', 'demo', 'jasperadmin', and 'joeuser'. The 'CaliforniaUser' is selected, and its details are shown in the 'Properties' pane on the right. The 'Properties' pane includes fields for 'User name', 'User ID', 'Email', and a checked 'User is enabled' checkbox. It also lists 'Roles Assigned' as 'ROLE_SUPERMART_MANAGER, ROLE_USER' and a table of 'Attributes'.

Name	Value	Encrypted	Inherited
State	CA	false	false
Cities	San Francisco, Oak...	false	false
attr2	orgValue	false	true
attr1	serverValue	false	true

Buttons at the bottom of the 'Properties' pane include 'Edit', 'Login as User', and 'Delete User'.

Figure 2-16 Viewing Attributes on the Manage Users Page

- To create, modify, or delete the attributes on a user, click **Edit** in the right-hand column, then select the **Attributes** tab.

The screenshot shows the 'Attributes' tab selected in the 'Properties' pane. A 'Filter by:' dropdown is set to 'All'. The 'Attributes' table is displayed with columns for 'Name', 'Value', 'Encrypted', and 'Inherited'. Each row has edit and delete icons. An 'Add new attribute' button is visible at the bottom of the table. 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons are at the bottom of the pane.

Name	Value	Encrypted	Inherited
State	CA	<input type="checkbox"/>	false
Cities	San Francisco, O...	<input type="checkbox"/>	false
attr2	orgValue	<input type="checkbox"/>	true
attr1	serverValue	<input type="checkbox"/>	true

Figure 2-17 Editing User Attributes

- You can filter attributes in the list to include only the inherited attributes or only the locally defined (not inherited) ones.
- To create a new user attribute, click **Add new attribute**. Enter the attribute name and value, as well as an optional description. If the attribute value should not be visible to other administrators, select the Encrypt check box. Click **OK** to close the dialog and then click **Save** to submit the new attribute.

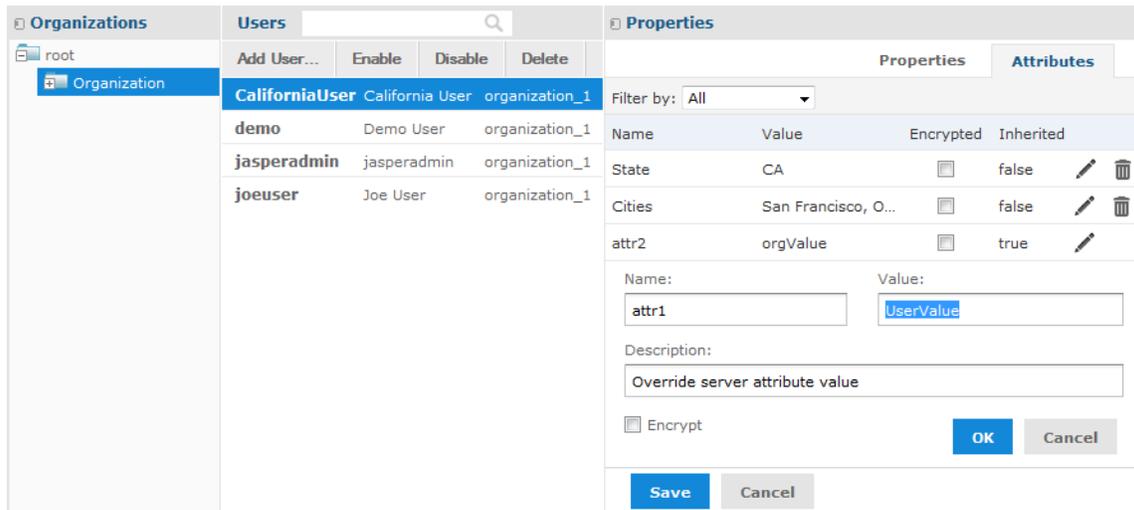


Figure 2-18 Adding a User Attribute

8. To modify an attribute, click the edit icon . In the edit dialog, modify the desired fields. Click **OK** to close the dialog and then click **Save** to modify the attribute.

You can also modify the attribute's encryption by using the and check box in its table row. After confirming any changes, click **Save** to make them take effect.

When modifying a user attribute, be aware of the following:

- Inherited attributes belong to a parent organization or the server level and are shown at the user level to display the hierarchical attribute values. Any modification to an inherited attribute actually creates a local attribute definition with the modified parameters. In the hierarchy of attributes for this user, the new attribute takes precedence over the previously inherited attribute.
- Changing the name of a locally defined attribute is equivalent to deleting the original attribute and adding a new attribute with the same value. Because this may impact features that reference attributes, you are asked to confirm the name change.
- Removing encryption does not decrypt an encrypted attribute. To safeguard encrypted values, removing the encryption on an attribute also erases its value. Click the edit icon to give the attribute a new value.

9. To delete a user attribute, click the delete icon  in the attribute row and confirm the operation. Because this may impact features that reference attributes, you are asked to confirm the deletion. Click **Save** to make the deletion take effect.

When deleting a user attribute, be aware of the following:

- Upon deletion, some attributes remain in the list as inherited attributes. This indicates that the local definition of the attribute was deleted, but another attribute with the same name exists higher in the attribute hierarchy.
- You cannot delete an inherited attribute because it belongs to a parent organization or the server level. To remove an inherited attribute, you must find where it is defined, then delete it at that level. The system admin can also change the permission of the attribute where it is defined to Execute Only or No Access so it doesn't appear on the user anymore.

CHAPTER 3 REPOSITORY ADMINISTRATION

JasperReports Server provides a powerful and flexible environment for deploying and running JasperReports. The repository stores all the resources used to run and create reports, including data source definitions, JRXML files, datatypes, and helper files such as images. Administrators create the folders and resources so users can create, run, and save the reports they need. For administrators who want to customize the user interface, the repository also holds the CSS and image files that define themes.

The repository is structured as a hierarchy of folders based on the hierarchy of organizations. The JasperReports Server web interface enables you to browse the repository's resources, manage its folder structure, and secure its contents. This chapter covers the basic tasks of administering the repository, including:

- Creating folders and organizing repository objects.
- Managing references to data sources, images, fonts, and other resources upon which reports rely.
- Controlling access to resources in the repository through roles and object-level permissions.

Further information about the repository is available in the following sections:

- **1.2, “Overview of the Repository,” on page 14**
- **Chapter 5, “Other Resources in the Repository,” on page 103**
- **Chapter 6, “Themes,” on page 129**

You can also access the repository using the web services (see the *JasperReports Server REST API Reference*) and APIs (see the *JasperReports Server Ultimate Guide*).

This chapter contains the following sections:

- **Resource Types**
- **JasperReport Structure**
- **Managing Folders and Resources**
- **Multiple Organizations in the Repository**
- **Repository Permissions**

3.1 Resource Types

Some resources are created interactively, others are uploaded from files. Many of these resource types are used to upload or define the components of reports. The following tables list the resource types that users and administrators can create in the repository:

Table 3-1 Resource Types in the Repository

Resource Type	Description
Ad Hoc view	Users Create Ad Hoc views interactively in the Ad Hoc Editor by dragging and dropping columns of data onto a table, chart, or crosstab. Users can then explore their data by applying filters and performing pivot operations. An Ad Hoc view can also be saved as an interactive report and shared with other users.
Dashboard	A collection of reports, input controls, graphics, labels, and web content displayed together. Users create dashboards interactively in the Dashboard Designer and save them in the repository.
Domain	A metadata layer that selects, joins, and filters tables and fields from your data. A Domain can be the basis for an Ad Hoc report. Domains also support row-level security and localization of labels. Only administrators may create Domains. Domains are further documented in the <i>JasperReports Server User Guide</i> .
Topic Domain Topic	A report or Domain that has been prepared for use in creating Ad Hoc views. Topics filter and select the fields that are available in the Ad Hoc Editor. Topics are stored in the Ad Hoc Components/Topics folder; they are further documented in the <i>JasperReports Server User Guide</i> .
JasperReport (JRXML report)	A JasperReport combines a JRXML file, a data source, and optional components such as input controls. Depending on the use case, both users and administrators create JasperReports in the server. For more information, see 3.2, “JasperReport Structure,” on page 49 . Procedures for adding reports to the server are described in the <i>JasperReports Server User Guide</i> .
Report options	Reports with input controls allow you to save combinations of input values so that you can run the report again directly. In the repository, report options are always listed under the original report.
Content resource	Report output of any format, either from running a report in the background or from scheduling a report. A content resource is a simple file that the repository allows users to view or download.
Data source	A connection that points to a database or other data store. Data sources define where data is stored for reporting. There are several types of data sources, based on the type of connection or location of the data: JDBC, JNDI, and several others. Only administrators may create data sources. For more information, see Chapter 4, “Data Sources,” on page 69 .
Query	A database query string, for example in SQL. The JRXML doesn't necessarily include the query, in which case, you must define a query resource for use in the JasperReport.

Resource Type	Description
Input Control	A complex type that specifies the values users can input for a report and how the input field appears when running the report, for example radio buttons or check boxes. Input controls depend on datatypes or lists of values to specify the format of the input.
Datatype	A basic resource that defines the format for input values, for example text, number, or date. A datatype may also specify a valid range for the input value.
List of Values	A basic resource that defines a list of arbitrary labels for input. Each label is associated with a value that can correspond to your data. For example, the Month Names List in the sample data associates the name of each month with a value 1 to 12.
File	A resource that stores a file in the repository, usually as part of a report, such as a JRXML file or image logo. The supported file formats are listed in Table 5-3, “File Resource Types,” on page 123 .

Administrators and users can also manage OLAP resources in the repository, if their license supports JasperSoft OLAP. For more information about OLAP and Mondrian resources, see the *JasperSoft OLAP User Guide*.

Table 3-2 Resource Types for OLAP

Resource Type	Description
Mondrian XML/A Source	A server-side XMLA source definition of a remote client-side XML/A connection.
OLAP Client Connection	Specifies how to retrieve data for an OLAP view. An OLAP client connection is either a direct Java connection (Mondrian connection) or an XML-based API connection (XML/A connection).
OLAP View	If you implement JasperSoft OLAP, a view of multidimensional data based on an OLAP client connection and an MDX query. Like JasperReports, OLAP Views are collections of individual resources that define how to access and present the data.

3.2 JasperReport Structure

The repository resource that aggregates all information needed to run a report is called a JasperReport. A JasperReport is based on a JRXML file that conforms to the JasperReports Library that the server uses to render reports.

A JasperReport is a complex resource composed of other resources:

- The main JRXML file that defines the report
- A data source that supplies data for the report.
- A query if none is specified in the main JRXML.
 - The query may specify its own data source, which overrides the data source defined in the report.

- Input controls for parameters that users may enter before running the report. Input controls are composed of either a datatype definition or a list of values.
- Any additional file resources, such as images, fonts, and resource bundles referenced by the report template.
- If the report includes subreports, the JRXML files for the subreports.

The collection of all the resources referenced in a JasperReport is sometimes called a report unit. End users usually see and interact with a JasperReport as a single resource in the repository, but report creators must define all of the component resources.

3.2.1 Referencing Resources in the Repository

There are several ways to define and reference all the resources in a JasperReport.

In environments without JasperReports Server, reports are stored in the file system, and shared resources are usually stored on a network drive accessible to all developers and users. This solution is sometimes impractical, as you can't always add such resources to the classpath, and the use of absolute paths has its own limitations. Also, storing the resources in the file system discourages their reuse. Developers may invest time recreating resources because they don't know they exist.

By storing resources in the repository, JasperReports Server makes it easy and reliable to share resources such as images, style templates, and subreports among reports. The repository mimics a folder and file structure, so references to external files can be handled as references to external resources in the repository.

In versions of JasperReports Server before 5.5, the JasperReports used the `repo:syntax`. As of 5.5, this is no longer necessary, and regular file paths are recognized and managed within the repository.

When you upload your JRXML to the repository, your file references become valid repository references, and you can store all your resources in well-known locations in the repository. This simplifies the process of uploading your reports, because you don't have to upload the resources each time. Also, you can manage these resources either through Jaspersoft Studio, the JasperReports Server user interface, or the server's REST API. For example, when you update a logo image, all reports that reference that resource display the new logo.

3.2.2 Absolute References

Absolute references are the URIs of resources in the JRXML of a report. A path may refer to the file system where the JRXML was created, but when uploaded to the server, it refers to folders in the repository.

The path must start with one of the following:

`/` to represent the root of the current user's organization. For example, `/images/logo` is the path to a resource in the `/images` folder.

`../` to represent the folder where the JasperReport is uploaded. For example, `../myLogo` is the path to a resource in the same folder as the JasperReport.

As with a file system path, the repository path is composed of the resource ID of every parent folder, ending with the ID of the resource. Jaspersoft Studio supports absolute references by allowing you to drag resources from the repository tree view into the design area.



If you implement organizations, the absolute path is relative the user's organization, as described in [3.4, "Multiple Organizations in the Repository," on page 59](#).

When uploading the JRXML with absolute resource references as part of a JasperReport in the server, you need to ensure only that the resource with the given path exists in the repository before running the report. When the report runs, the server locates the resource in the repository and uses it to render the report.

Because file resources such as images, fonts, and JARs are the only resources for which you can create references directly in JRXML, they are the only resources for which you can create absolute references.

One disadvantage of absolute references is that JasperReports Server does not maintain the dependency between the JRXML and the absolute reference. When uploading the JRXML, there is no warning if the resource does not exist, and the server allows you to delete the resource from the repository even if it is still being referenced. If the resource is not available, running the report fails with an error.

3.2.3 Local Resources and External References

JasperReports Server provides more flexibility and power when you use indirect references instead of absolute references. Indirect references are placeholder names that must be manually linked to the resource when uploading the JasperReport. The syntax for an indirect reference contains only a resource placeholder name, for example:

```
logoImage
```

When you upload a JRXML with an indirect reference, the server prompts you to provide the resource. You have two options:

- Create a new resource, in this case by uploading an image that becomes part of the JasperReport. This is called a local resource. You can't access this resource from elsewhere in the repository, it exists only within the JasperReport.
- Select a resource from the repository. This is called an external reference because it is external to the JasperReport. Any number of reports can link to the same external resource, and the resource can be managed independently of them.

While indirect references require slightly more work than absolute references in the JRXML, the server manages the dependency. Local resources exist as part of a JasperReport, and external references cannot be deleted until they are no longer referenced.

In cases where you don't want to reference existing resources, local resources allow reports to be highly customized and self-contained. A local resource defined inside the JasperReport has all the same properties as a repository resource, but it's not accessible in the repository. Users must edit the JasperReport to access any resources it defines locally.

Indirect references are used implicitly in several other cases when you define a JasperReport:

- The main JRXML itself is either a local resource created by uploading a file or an external reference to an existing JRXML file resource in the repository.
- Every report must have a data source, and JasperReports Server gives you the option to either create a new local resource or use an external reference to an existing data source.
- Every report must also have a query that matches its data source. You may choose to create a local query resource or use an external reference to an existing query.
- Parameters in a report are implicitly handled as an indirect reference to an input control. For every parameter named in your main JRXML, you must define an input control either as a local resource or external reference.

Every level of indirect referencing is independent of the other. For example, when creating a JasperReport, you may choose to create an input control as a local resource, but that input control may have an external reference

to its datatype. The server still manages the dependency between the local input control and the datatype resource in the repository.

Local resources and external references are used by several resources, for example when creating input controls, query resources, Domains, and OLAP resources.

3.2.4 References in Subreports

A subreport is a subordinate JRXML file within a JasperReport. As with all other resources referenced by the main JRXML, the subreport JRXML file may be specified by an absolute reference, a local resource or an external reference.

As a JRXML file, a subreport can reference other resources of its own. However, the subreport is run as part of the main JRXML, and any references in the subreport are interpreted relative to the JasperReport resource (represented by the main JRXML) and the context in which the JasperReport is being run.

3.2.5 Data Snapshots

Since JasperReports Server 4.7, report resources can also store a snapshot of the report data. A snapshot is a copy of the data that the query returns when the data is refreshed. This data snapshot is an internal structure not visible or accessible from the repository. However, when data snapshots are enabled, a data snapshot is stored in the repository with each report. When users open a report, the report viewer retrieves and displays the data from the snapshot. Users then have the option of refreshing the data in the report viewer, and if they have permissions, saving the data snapshot back into the report resource.

For more information about interacting with data snapshots, see the *JasperReports Server User Guide*. To enable snapshots, see [8.5, “Enabling Data Snapshots,” on page 188](#).

3.3 Managing Folders and Resources

Administrators and users with the proper permissions can create, modify, move, and delete folders and resources in the repository. The specific roles and permissions of the user determine the actions available. For the definition of the permissions on folders and resources, see [3.5, “Repository Permissions,” on page 61](#).

One responsibility of an administrator is to set up an environment for users to create and save dashboards, Ad Hoc views, and reports. That usually means creating a folder structure where users have write permission. Users with write permission can also create their own sub-folders to store their reports and dashboards.

Only administrators can create data sources in the repository. So, although users with write permission can upload JRXML files and define resources, they can't run their reports without data sources. For this reason, we recommend that administrators create data sources and other shared resources in the repository. For example, uploading one shared logo file and keeping it up to date is better than many users uploading and maintaining their own separate logo files.

3.3.1 Resource IDs

Each resource, including each folder, has an ID, a name, and an optional description:

- The ID is used internally to reference a resource. The ID must be unique within its folder, but may exist in multiple folders.
- The resource name is displayed in the repository.

- The description, if defined, appears in the repository and in tooltips.

As in a file system, the IDs of nested folders define the path to a resource. For example, the path to a report might be: /reports/samples/Freight.

To view the name and resource ID of a resource, Right click the folder's name or the resource in the repository or search results and select **Properties...** from the context menu.

Properties: Customers Report

Name:
Customers Report

Description:
Customers Report

Path:
/reports/interactive/CustomersReport

Resource ID:
CustomersReport

Type:
Report

Created Date:
November 18

User Access:
Modify, Delete, Administrate

Submit Cancel

Figure 3-1 Resource Properties Dialog for a Writable Resource

If you have write or administer permission as shown in the figure, you can also edit the name and description of the resource. For some operations such as export, you need the path, also called repository URI, which you can copy from this dialog.



The path that is displayed is always relative to the logged-in user's organization. For example, the following paths are the same resource for different users:

```
superuser – /organizations/organization_1/images/JRLogo
jasperadmin|organization_1 – /images/JRLogo
```

3.3.2 Creating Folders

Any user with write permission on a folder can create new sub-folders.

To create a folder:

1. Log on as a user who has write permission to the parent folder.
2. Select **View > Repository** and locate the parent folder in the Folders panel.
3. Right-click the parent folder and select **Add Folder** from the context menu. The Add Folder dialog appears.

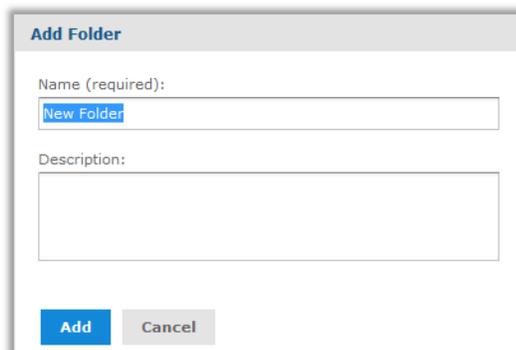
The image shows a dialog box titled "Add Folder". It has a light gray header with the title. Below the header, there are two input fields. The first is labeled "Name (required):" and contains the text "New Folder". The second is labeled "Description:" and is currently empty. At the bottom of the dialog, there are two buttons: "Add" (highlighted in blue) and "Cancel" (grayed out).

Figure 3-2 Add Folder Dialog

4. Enter the folder name and, optionally, a description, then click **Add**.
The folder is created in the repository. The name appears in the hierarchy of folders. The description is visible only when viewing the properties of the folder, as shown in [Figure 3-1](#).
New folders and their future contents inherit the permissions of their parent folders. Users with Administrator permissions can change permissions folders, as described in [3.5.6, “Setting Permissions,” on page 64](#).

3.3.3 Adding Resources

Each resource has different requirements, for example some are created from uploaded files, others are created by defining values in a wizard. The procedures for adding each type are available in the documentation below:

- Interactive resources such as Ad Hoc views and dashboards are described in the *JasperReports Server User Guide*.
- JasperReports are covered in the *JasperReports Server User Guide*.
- Domains are covered in the *JasperReports Server User Guide*.
- Mondrian and OLAP resources are covered in the *Jaspersoft OLAP User Guide*.
- Data sources are explained in the chapter [Chapter 4, “Data Sources,” on page 69](#).
- Queries, data types, lists of values, input controls, and file resources are explained in the chapter [Chapter 5, “Other Resources in the Repository,” on page 103](#)

Most resources are created through the Add Resource menu item on the context menu for folders in the repository. In the following figure, you can see the full menu and submenu with all the resources administrators can create:

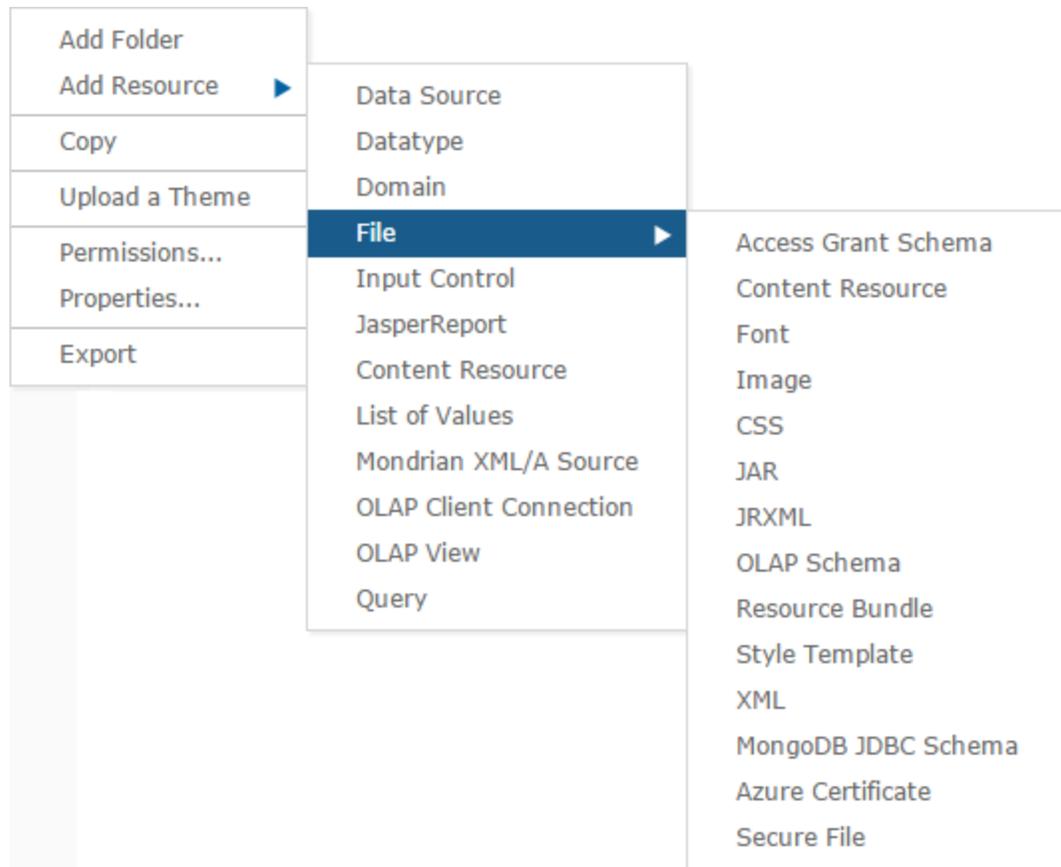


Figure 3-3 Add Resource Context Menu Expanded

For every resource you create, you must specify a name and resource ID for referencing the resource in the repository. Each wizard also has one or more pages for specifying the values and controls specific to the resource.



New resources inherit the permissions of the folder in which they are created. Administrators can change the permissions on the new resource, as described in section 3.5.6, “[Setting Permissions](#),” on page 64.

3.3.4 Renaming Folders and Resources

Any user with write permission on a folder or resource can change its name and description.



You can't change the name of an organization's top-level folder in the way described here. The name of the top-level folder defaults to the name of the organization. So to change the name of the folder, you have to change the name of the organization, as described in section 2.1.4, “[Editing an Organization](#),” on page 27.

To rename a folder or resource:

1. Log on as a user who has write permission for the folder or resource.
2. In the repository, browse or search for the resource. For renaming folders, select **View > Repository** and locate the folder.
3. Right-click the object and select **Properties...** from the context menu. The Properties dialog appears.

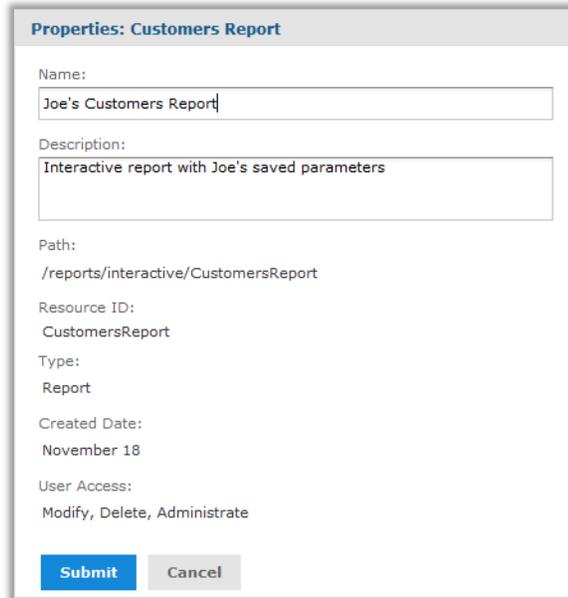


Figure 3-4 Properties Dialog for a Report Resource

You can change the folder or resource's name and description, but not the ID; the ID is permanent once the resource is created.

4. Click **Submit** to save your changes.

3.3.5 Copying and Moving

The repository interface lets any user with the proper permission copy or move both resources and folders. Copying requires read permission on the source, moving requires delete permission on the source, and both require write permission on the destination folder.

You can drag-and-drop the objects, or you can copy-paste or cut-and-paste them from their context menus. Folders must be moved one at a time, but multiple resources from the same folder can be copied or moved together.

Copying and moving actions are not possible on the search interface, only on the repository interface showing the list of folders. Currently, it's not possible to create a copy of a resource in the same folder.



The moved objects inherit their permissions from the destination folder; they do *not* keep the permissions they had before the move. If you want the objects to have other permissions, you can set new permissions after the move (see [3.5, “Repository Permissions,” on page 61](#)).

To copy or moving folders and resources:

1. Log on as a user who has the required permissions for the folder or resource.
2. Click **View > Repository**, and expand the folders to display the object to be copied or moved.
3. Right-click the resource and select **Copy** or **Cut** (delete permission is required to cut a resource).
You can select multiple resources with Control-click or Shift-click, but only a single folder.
4. Right-click the destination folder and select **Paste** in the context menu (write permission is required on the destination folder).
Alternatively, you can drag to move the selected resource or folder to the destination folder. To copy, press and hold the Ctrl key then click and drag. When dragging resources, the destination folder is highlighted in blue if you have write permission to it.

3.3.6 Editing Resources

The procedure for editing a resource depends on the resource type. All of the dialogs are available by right-clicking on the resource in the repository and selecting the proper action from the context menu. In nearly all cases, the dialog for editing is the same one that was used to create the resource.

Table 3-3 Editing Resources

Resource Type	How to Edit
Ad Hoc view	Right-click the Ad Hoc view in the repository and select Open , then modify the view interactively. After changing the content, you can overwrite the existing view or save as a new view. For more information, see the <i>JasperReports Server User Guide</i> . Reports created from Ad Hoc views are saved in the same format as JasperReports, but the resources referenced in the report unit are generated by the Ad Hoc Editor and should not be modified. There is one exception: administrators may create a JSP file and set it as a custom report view.
Ad Hoc Topic	Topics are JasperReports that are located in the Ad Hoc Components/Topics folder. Right-click the report and select Edit , then modify it like a JasperReport. For example, if the Topic contains a query as a local resource, you can edit it. For more information, see the <i>JasperReports Server User Guide</i> .
Dashboard	Right-click the dashboard in the repository and select Open in Designer , then modify the dashboard interactively. After changing the content, you can overwrite the existing dashboard or save it as a new dashboard. For more information, see the <i>JasperReports Server User Guide</i>
Domain	Administrators only: right-click the Domain in the repository and select Edit , then use the Domain Designer to make changes. For more information, see the <i>JasperReports Server User Guide</i>
Domain Topic	Administrators only: right-click the Domain Topic in the repository and select Edit , then use the Data Chooser dialog to make changes. For more information, see the <i>JasperReports Server User Guide</i>

Resource Type	How to Edit
JasperReport	To change the layout of an interactive report, users may Run the report, then change the column filters or sorting. Users may save the report, either by overwriting the original or as a new copy, depending on their permissions. To change the definition of a report, right-click the report resource and select Edit . Then you can change the data source, input controls, or file resources referenced in the JasperReport. For more information, see 3.2, “JasperReport Structure,” on page 49 .
Report Option	Expand the saved options under a report, then right-click one of the report options and select Edit . You can change the parameter values stored as input controls to the report.
Content Resource	A content resource is report output that is stored as a file stored in the repository. These files cannot be edited, only downloaded or deleted.
Data Source	Administrators only: right-click the data source, then select Edit from the context menu. For more information, see Chapter 4, “Data Sources,” on page 69 .
Query	Right-click the resource, then select Edit from the context menu on these resources. You edit these resources in the same dialog you used to create them. For more information, see Chapter 5, “Other Resources in the Repository,” on page 103 .
Input Control	
Datatype	
List of Values	
File	

When editing a resource, you have several limitations:

- You can't change a resource's ID. If you need to change an ID, you have to create a new resource and delete the old one.
- You can't change the location of a resource. To change the location of the resource, see [3.3.5, “Copying and Moving,” on page 56](#).
- For file resources, you can't see the name of the file that was uploaded, nor in most cases download and view the contents of the file. Your only option is to upload a new file to replace the old one.

3.3.7 Deleting Folders and Resources

Users with delete permission on folders or resources can delete those objects from the repository. To delete a folder, you also need delete permissions on all the resources and folders in that folder. Folders must be deleted one at a time, but multiple resources can be deleted together.



You can't undo a delete.

The repository won't allow you to delete resources currently referenced by other resources. For example, an input type used by a report or a properties file used by a Domain cannot be deleted as long as the report or Domain still references them.

To find the resources that reference the one you want to delete, you need to look at each report, view, Ad Hoc Topic, or Domain that you suspect of referencing it. When you edit the definition of a JasperReport or a Domain, you can see the resources it references. Then you can either remove the reference from the resource or delete the entire resource containing the reference.

To delete a folder or resource:

1. Log on as a user who has delete permission for the folder or resource.
2. In the repository, browse or search for the object to be deleted.
3. Right-click the object and click **Delete** in the context menu.

In the repository view, you can select multiple resources and click **Delete** in the tool bar or in the context menu. In the list of folders, you can delete only one folder at a time, but all contents of that folder will be deleted. In the search results, you can select multiple resources and right-click to select **Delete** in the context menu.

3.4 Multiple Organizations in the Repository

If you implement multiple organizations, there are certain considerations when designing the repository structure for your deployment.

3.4.1 Organization Folders

In the repository, each organization has its own branch, contained in a folder named after the organization. JasperReports Server automatically restricts a user's view and access to their organization's folder. Organization admins can create any folder structure needed within their organization.

Top-level organizations are contained in a folder called Organizations at the root of the folder hierarchy. The top folder of a suborganization is contained in a folder called Organizations in the parent organization. Administrators can view and browse the Organizations folder, and the folders of any suborganizations. As administrators of the parent organization, they can also create folders and resources in suborganizations.



By default, users in an organization can also view and create folders and resources in any suborganization. An administrator can control this by changing the folder permissions.

The Organizations folder in every organization is a special folder that is managed by the server. Administrators can't create folders or resources directly in the Organizations folder. The server creates the folder for each suborganization when the administrator creates a new organization through the **Manage > Organizations** page. Administrators can create folders and resources in the Folder Template folder in the Organizations folder; these resources are copied into new organizations. For more information, see [2.1.3, “Default Folders for Organizations,” on page 26](#).

3.4.2 Design Considerations

Careful design of the JasperReports Server repository leads to a clear and robust BI environment and easy, secure access for users. One of the main decisions is how you want your organizations and users to access resources:

which resources are shared across organizations as opposed to those specific to an organization. Consider these use cases:

- Organizations have private resources - Data sources, reports, and other resources are stored in each organization's own folders, and perhaps only a few resources such as company logos would be shared among them.
- Organizations share resources - Resources are kept in the public folders where they can be used by all organizations and users. You may have common data sources and reports across customers, but the underlying data is partitioned by organization. Data level security restricts what users see when running public reports and OLAP views.
- Organization share resources, but have some customizations - For example, users in the organization create reports that are private and stored locally, but they access resources in the public folders.
- Organizations are hierarchical - One organization contains others. By default, the parent organization can access all the resources of its child organizations. If you don't want this, you must avoid creating suborganizations or customize the server's multi-organization architecture.

3.4.3 Referencing Resources in the Repository

All resources in the repository can be referenced by Universal Resource Identifiers (URIs) that specify resource names and folder paths. Because of the hierarchy of organizations, references are relative to the user accessing them. JasperReports Server transforms relative references into actual resource locations in the repository based on the user's organization and the organization's main folder. By default, folder locations are transformed in the following ways:

- For organization members, locations in `/public` are not transformed, but those in the organization's main folder are transformed to the actual location, for example, `/organizations/organization_1`.
So if a user in `org_1` runs a report that references `/images/myLogo` image resource, the actual path in the repository that is fetched is `/organizations/org_1/images/myLogo`. If the report also references `/public/sharedLogo`, the server fetches the resource in `/public/sharedLogo`.
- For a system admin (`superuser`), locations throughout the repository are not transformed. They see the actual repository path names.
If a system admin runs the same report in the example above, the reference to `/images/myLogo` attempts to fetch a resource named `/image/myLogo`, which works only if there is a folder at the root of the repository named `images` with a copy of `myLogo`. The report fails (or is missing a resource) when run by the system admin, unless he logs in as that user through the **Manage > Users** page.

This transformation enables URIs to reference different resources depending on the organization of the user who accesses them. For example, a report may have an organization-specific logo as an image. We can set up the report as follows:

- Logo URI specified in the JRXML: `/images/orgLogo`. When transformed for each user, the URI accesses a location relative to his organization's main folder.
- Every organization using this report must have a folder named `/images` containing an image resource with the ID `orgLogo`. When a user in any organization runs the report, the server fetches the organization-specific image and displays it.

There are three exceptions to references being transformed. In these cases, the references must be literal:

- In report units, references to data sources, JRXMLs, or input controls.
- In OLAP views, references to OLAP connections.
- In OLAP connections, references to data sources or schemas.

Also, because these references are not transformed, you must observe the following:

- For maintenance tasks on an organization's report units, OLAP views and OLAP connections, you must log into that organization and do the tasks there. You cannot administer the resources as superuser or another organization's admin.
- The three resources (report units, OLAP views and OLAP connections) cannot reference objects across organizations or even in their own parent organization. The reference would not be transformed; it would be taken literally and would fail. For example, if the data source for a report unit is in the /dataSources folder of This_Org, users in That_Org cannot access it because their reference cannot cross organizations.



To test the absolute references, you should log in as an admin of the organization using the references. See 3.5.7, “Testing User Permissions,” on page 66.

3.4.4 Best Practices

Here are some best practices for resources in a repository shared by multiple organizations:

- The system admin (`superuser`) must log in as an organization user to maintain or run an organization's resources.
- Resources with absolute references to resources in organization folders work only for the users within the organization or the parent organization.
- If a JRXML that accesses organization resources with URIs must run across organizations, all organizations must have identical folders, object names, and expected object types for those resources.
- The public folder should be used for resources that are shared across organizations.

3.5 Repository Permissions

Permissions on folders and resources determine what users see in the repository and what actions they're allowed to perform. In the following table, the actions granted by each permission include all of the actions granted by permissions above it, except for the No Access permission. The actions granted by each permission strictly exclude all of the actions granted by permissions below it.

Permission	Actions Granted on Repository Folders and Resources
No Access	Users can never see or access the folder or resource, either directly in the repository or indirectly when running a report, Ad Hoc view, dashboard, or OLAP view. If one of these reference a resource that is set to no-access, the user will see an error when trying to run it.
Execute Only	Users can never see the folder or resource in the repository, but they can run reports, dashboards, Ad Hoc views, or OLAP views that access them. Typically, data sources are execute-only so that users may run reports but not see database connection details.

Permission	Actions Granted on Repository Folders and Resources
Read Only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See the folder or resource in any server • See the properties of a folder or a resource • Copy a folder and all of its readable contents • Copy resources individually or in bulk • View (run) a report, dashboard, Ad Hoc view, or OLAP view • Run a report in the background • Schedule a report to run later
Read + Delete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cut (move) a folder and all of its contents • Delete a folder and all of its contents • Cut (move) resources individually or in bulk • Delete resources individually or in bulk
Read + Write	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save report options for a JasperReport • Delete report options • Copy resources to a folder with this permission • Edit and modify resources
Read + Write + Delete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add a subfolder • Add (create) a resource in a folder (except Domains and data sources) • Paste into a folder (copy or cut) • Save a new Ad Hoc view, report, or dashboard in a folder • Save the output of a scheduled report in a folder • Rename a folder or resource and change its description string • Open an Ad Hoc view in the Ad Hoc Editor or a dashboard in the designer • Modify and overwrite an existing Ad Hoc view, report or dashboard • Add a JasperReport resource to the repository (upload a JRXML) • Edit the definition of a JasperReport resource in the repository (replace the JRXML)
Administer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set the permissions (by role and by user) on a folder or resource. This effectively delegates certain repository administration tasks.
Administer and ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add (create) a Domain or a data source

Permissions apply when browsing or searching the repository and when using any dialog that accesses the repository, like browsing folders to save a report. Note that:

- Copying does *not* preserve the permissions on an object. Users may copy a read-only object, paste it into a read-write folder, then edit the object. For more details, see [3.3.5, “Copying and Moving,” on page 56](#).
- Copying and cutting (moving) actions can be completed only by a user with Read + Write + Delete access to the folder in which the object is pasted. For more details, see [3.3.5, “Copying and Moving,” on page 56](#).
- Cutting, deleting, and setting permissions on folders is allowed only if the user has the same permission on all folder contents.
- Cutting and deleting resources in bulk is allowed only if the user has at least Read + Delete permission on all selected resources.

- Deleting a resource is allowed only if no other resources rely on it. For more details, see [3.3.7, “Deleting Folders and Resources,” on page 58](#)

3.5.1 Inheriting Permissions

According to the permission architecture, there may be a permission setting for every user and role on every folder and resource in the repository. To simplify the definition of permissions, JasperReports Server supports the inheritance of permissions from the parent folder to a folder or resource. If no permission is explicitly defined for a user or role on a given folder or resource, the user or role has the same access permission that is defined on the parent folder. When a permission is defined explicitly, that permission is enforced, regardless of those on the parent folder.

Using permissions, you can manage large hierarchies of content and keep them secure. When you set a permission explicitly, that permission for a given user or role is inherited recursively by all of the folder's contents and subfolders, unless they have an explicit definition of their own. Permissions assigned on an organization's top folder are inherited across the entire organization. Permissions set on the root folder or Organizations folder by the system admin are inherited across multiple organizations.

For example, the system admin can make all organizations read-only by default to ordinary users, and each organization admin can make specific folders writable so that users can store their reports and output.

3.5.2 Cumulative Permissions

Because permissions can be assigned to both users and roles, a user belonging to one or more roles may have multiple permissions defined or inherited on any given folder or resource. In fact, every permission must be defined on the root, even if it has the default value of No Access, and therefore every role- and user-based permission on every folder and resource has a setting through inheritance. So, for every folder or resource, every user has their own user-based permission and the permission assigned to the `ROLE_USER`.

How does JasperReports Server determine the effective permission from the many that apply? Permissions in the server are strictly cumulative, meaning that the least restrictive among the set of all permission applies. Even if a more restrictive permission, such as No Access, is set explicitly, the less restrictive permission such as Read-Only applies, regardless of whether it is inherited or set explicitly. This is why all default permissions at the root are set to No Access initially.

3.5.3 Administrator Permissions

The JasperReports Server authorization architecture distinguishes between administrators and all other users. Administrators are defined as users with either `ROLE_SUPERUSER` (professional edition only), `ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR`, or both. By design, system administrators with the `ROLE_SUPERUSER` always have irrevocable Administer access to the entire repository, including the contents of every organization. The system administrator cannot modify the permissions for `ROLE_SUPERUSER`, to prevent being locked out or unable to administer some resource. Therefore, the system administrator can set permissions for all other users, on any folder or resource, and in any organization if necessary. In particular, the system administrator can modify permissions for `ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR`, for example to share some resources across all organizations by making them read-only to everyone, including the organization admins.

Organization admins are organization users with the `ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR`, like the default `jasperadmin` user created in every organization. By default, organization admins have the Administer permissions to everything in their organization, except what the system admin has changed to a lesser permission. However,

organization admins cannot change the permissions granted to `ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR`, to prevent them from overriding the settings of the system admin and from locking themselves out of a folder or resource.

3.5.4 Execute-Only Permission

As in file systems, execute-only permission in JasperReports Server allows running reports, dashboards, Ad Hoc views, and OLAP views to access a resource, but keeps the resource from appearing in the repository.

Execute-only permission applies to folders as well, keeping them from appearing in the folder tree when users browse the repository, yet still allowing the resources they contain to inherit the execute-only permission. This is useful for hiding folders and resources such as data sources that only administrators and data analyst roles need to access in the repository. However, if your execute-only folder contains read-only resources, those resource are hidden when browsing folders but can be found with a repository search.

As with all other permissions, execute-only permission is either role-based or user-based, so only certain users can access a resource from a running report.



If you have data or sensitive content in a resource, always set No Access permission for users or roles that must not be able to access it.

Hiding a resource with execute-only permission does not protect against access, because malicious users who find the resource ID may be able to create a report, dashboard, or OLAP view that extracts the sensitive content.

3.5.5 Default User Permissions

For all non-administrator users, the default permission at the root is No Access and any permissions must be explicitly defined. In practice, the default installation of the repository contains sample data with a mix of no access, execute only, read only, and read-write permissions that allow the sample users to access folders and resources. The sample permissions demonstrate a common approach to permissions, allowing users to see the resources they can access and hiding the ones they can't, while administrators have full access.

We recommend you familiarize yourself with permissions by viewing and setting permissions in the sample data, as described in the following section.

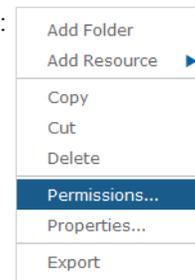
3.5.6 Setting Permissions

Administrators can assign permissions to access any folder or resource throughout the repository. Users with the Administer permission on a folder can assign permissions to that folder and any contents that inherit the permission. Users granted Administer permission to a resource can set the permissions only on that specific resource.

To set permissions on a folder or resource in the repository:

1. Log in as a user with administrator privileges.
2. Browse or search the repository for the folder or resource.

- Right-click the object and select **Permissions...** from the context menu:



The Permissions dialog opens showing the permissions in effect for the selected object. By default, it first shows the permissions given to roles. Permissions that are inherited from the object's parent are indicated by asterisks (*).

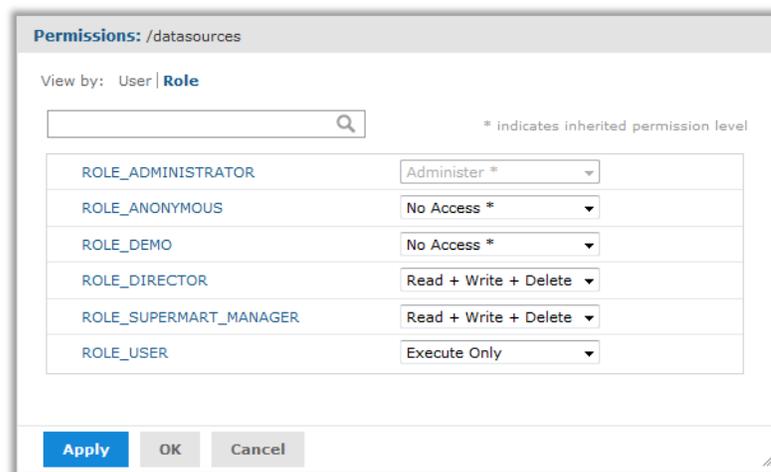


Figure 3-5 Permissions Dialog Showing Permissions by Role

In systems with multiple organizations, the users and roles displayed include only those within the scope of the user. For example, in the default single organization, the organization admin (`jasperadmin`) can't see the permission for the system admin (`superuser`) or for `ROLE_SUPERUSER`.

In the previous figure, you can see the default role-based permissions on the sample Data Source folder as seen by the organization admin (`jasperadmin`). Members of certain roles can see and modify the resources stored in this folder; these roles likely correspond to users such as data analysts. Regular users have execute only permission so they do not see this folder, but the reports they run can access its contents.

Administrators are prevented from changing the permission for their administrator role or user name, to prevent them from removing their ability to set permissions.

- In the dialog, click **User** to view the permissions assigned to specific users. Click **Role** when viewing user permissions to toggle back.
- For each user or role, you can select a new permission from the drop-down.

In the next figure, you can see the default user permissions on this folder. In the default installation, all permissions are defined by role; so, all user permissions are No Access inherited from the root. The figure shows a read-only permission being granted to the sample end user. This enables `joeuser` to see but not modify the Data Sources folder and its contents. For all other end users, the folder is still execute-only due to the settings in [Figure 3-5](#).

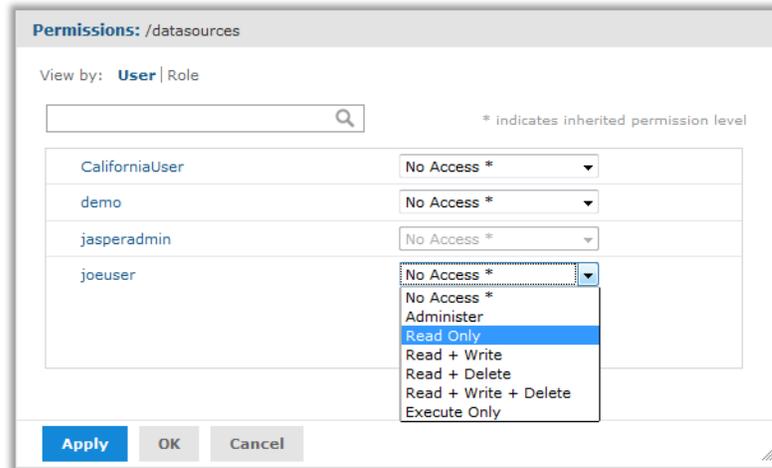


Figure 3-6 Permissions Dialog Showing Permissions by User

6. Click **Apply** to apply your changes. If you toggle between user and role permissions, first apply any changes you made.
7. Click **OK** to save your changes and close the permissions dialog when you're finished.
You can open several permissions dialogs for different resources or folders at the same time while navigating the repository. This helps when trying to set permissions uniformly across several folders or organizations.



There are two special cases when setting permissions:

- If a resource inherits a permission, for example Read-Only, you cannot set the permission to the same value, at least not directly. You need to temporarily change the permission level on the parent folder, then set the explicit permission, then set the parent folder's permission back to the original value. When a resource and its parent folder have been set to the same permission in this way, the permission dialog still shows the asterisk as if the permission were inherited. But if the parent is later given a different permission, for example Read-Write, the resource retains its explicit Read-Only permission instead of inheriting Read-Write.
- To reset the permission level so that it once more inherits from its parent folder, select a different permissions level and click **Apply**, then select the permission with the asterisk and click **Apply** again.

3.5.7 Testing User Permissions

Once you have configured users, roles and permissions, we recommend that you test the permissions granted to a few representative users. We also recommend testing whenever you add new users, roles, and resources or make any major modifications to your access control configuration.

To test user permissions:

1. Log in as an administrator.
2. Select **Manage > Users**.
3. Select the user's organization, then browse or search for the user whose permissions you are testing.
4. In the Users panel, select the user.

5. In the Properties panel, click **Login as User**. The selected user's Home page appears. The login information in the upper-right corner shows that you are logged in as that user.
6. Verify that the expected folders and resources are available in the repository. Make a note of any objects that should be there but are not, and any that should be hidden but are displayed.
7. When you have verified the user's permissions, click **Log Out** to exit that user's account.
8. To change the user's permissions, edit the permissions in the repository and modify the user or role definitions.
9. Continue testing until the user's permissions are satisfactory.
10. Repeat these steps with several representative users to ensure that your access control is properly configured. An untested access control configuration can't secure your data adequately.

CHAPTER 4 DATA SOURCES

A data source is a resource in the repository that specifies how and where to obtain the data displayed by reports, Domains, Ad Hoc views, and OLAP views. Administrators must define data sources before uploading reports that rely on them. Typically, a data source specifies the URI of the database server and the details you need to access it, such as a user name and password.

JasperReports Server provides data source types for relational databases, most flavors of big data, and for specialized data such as Amazon Web Services and JavaBean data. Virtual data sources allow you to combine several data sources into one.

JasperReports Server can access any relational database that supports the SQL query language through the JDBC (Java DataBase Connectivity) API. In this case, you can configure two types of data sources in the repository:

- **JDBC data source** – Establishes a direct connection to the database server using its JDBC driver. After installation, JasperReports Server includes JDBC drivers to access the most popular databases: MySQL, PostgreSQL, Oracle, SQL Server, DB2. As of release 6.2.1, the server also includes a JDBC driver that can access Hadoop-Hive, MongoDB, Cassandra, Impala, Redshift, and SparkSQL. If you want to install drivers for other databases, or if you want to use alternate drivers, the system administrator can upload and manage JDBC drivers through the UI. With JDBC data sources, JasperReports Server configures and manages the connections to the database. By default, the maximum number of simultaneous connections for each data source is 20.
- **JNDI data source** – Relies on the JNDI (Java Naming and Directory Interface) service of your application server to access a database connection. You must first configure your application server to install its JDBC drivers and configure its database connections. With JNDI data sources, the configuration of the application server determines the number of shared connections. Note that the application server connects to the database using JDBC, meaning that JNDI data sources are available for all databases that support JDBC.

Big data stores that have custom data sources:

- **Cassandra** – This data source introduced in JasperReports Server 5.6 is different from the community-contributed data source for Cassandra. This data source supports the Cassandra Query Language CQL 3. JasperReports Server also provides a JDBC driver for Cassandra data sources.
- **MongoDB** – This custom data source for MongoDB supports JasperSoft's own MongoDB Query Language. A MongoDB JDBC driver is also available.

JasperReports Server also supports some specialized data sources:

- **Amazon Web Services (AWS) data source** – Accesses data stored in your AWS data store using JasperReports Server, either on-premises or in the cloud.
- **Microsoft Azure SQL data source** - Allows you to access data stored in your Azure SQL Server database.

- Virtual data source – Allows you to combine multiple data sources into a single data source and join them within a Domain. You can also wrap a data source for big data to be used in a Domain.
- File data source – Allows you to generate reports based on data in XML and JSON format.
- Bean data source – Allows you to access data encapsulated in JavaBeans.
- Internal diagnostic data source – A custom data source for the server's own diagnostic data. The diagnostic information is available only to system admins (`superuser` by default). For more information, see [9.10, “Using the Diagnostic Data in Reports,” on page 243](#).

In the case of analysis data, JasperReports Server supports OLAP data sources (such as Mondrian and XML/A connections). For information about analysis data sources, refer to the *Jaspersoft OLAP Ultimate Guide*.



You can extend JasperReports Server to support any custom data source. Custom data sources consist of Java implementation classes, a message catalog, and a Spring bean definition. For more information about custom data sources, see the *JasperReports Server Ultimate Guide*.

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- [Attributes in Data Source Definitions](#)
- [JDBC Data Sources](#)
- [Managing JDBC Drivers](#)
- [JNDI Data Sources](#)
- [AWS Data Sources](#)
- [Azure SQL Data Sources](#)
- [Cassandra Data Sources](#)
- [Hadoop-Hive Data Sources](#)
- [MongoDB Data Sources](#)
- [Virtual Data Sources](#)
- [File Data Sources](#)
- [Bean Data Sources](#)

4.1 Attributes in Data Source Definitions

You have two options for defining the parameters of a data source, such as the host and port number:

- Define the parameters statically, so that they are the same for every user.
- Have the server derive these parameters at run time based on attributes you provide.

Attributes can be used to derive all data source parameters that are not selected from drop down lists. For instructions on how to create attributes, see [2.4, “Managing Attributes,” on page 37](#).

When referring to an attribute in a data source definition, you can specify the attribute categorically or hierarchically:

- Categorical reference – If you specify a category for the attribute value, the server attempts to find that particular value of the attribute. If the attribute is not defined where specified, the reports using this data source will fail with an error. You can specify these attribute categories:
 - User – In the attributes defined on the logged-in user.
 - Tenant – In the attributes defined on the organization of the logged-in user.
 - Server – In the attributes defined at the server-level.
- Hierarchical reference – If you don't specify a category for the attribute, the server searches attributes hierarchically and uses the value of the first attribute it finds with the given name. This search starts with

the logged in user, then proceeds to the user's organization and parent organizations, and finally to the server level. If the specified attribute is not found in any of these, the reports using this data source will fail with an error.

The following figure is an example of attributes used to define data source parameters.

New Data Source

Set Data Source Type and Properties

First, select the type of data source you wish to add, then enter the required property values.

Type:

JDBC Driver:

Host (required):

Port (required):

Database (required):

URL (required):
Hint: jdbc:postgresql://localhost:5432/mydb

User Name:

Password:

Time Zone:

Hint: Do not change the time zone setting unless you know the database timestamp data is incorrect.

Figure 4-1 Using Attributes for Data Source Parameters

In the example above, the following data source parameters are specified by attributes:

- `{attribute('host','User')}` - Host will be derived categorically from the logged-in user's attributes, because the "User" category is specified.
- `{attribute('port','Tenant')}` - Port will be derived from the logged in user's organization attributes.
- `{attribute('db','Server')}` - Database name will be derived from the server-level attributes.
- The URL is generated automatically from the host, port, and database fields.
- `{attribute('userName')}` - The user name will be derived hierarchically, because no category is specified. JasperReports Server will look for a host first in the logged in user's attributes, then in the organization attributes, and finally the server-level attributes.
- `{attribute('password')}` - The password field can also reference an attribute, here a hierarchical attribute.

For information about attributes on users, organizations, and the server, see [2.4, “Managing Attributes,” on page 37](#).

4.2 JDBC Data Sources

JDBC data sources are direct connections to your database managed by JasperReports Server. To create one, you must provide the URL and credentials to access your database, along with any database-specific configuration parameters.

JasperReports Server includes JDBC drivers for the most used databases. If your database is not included, or if you want to use different JDBC drivers, the system administrator must upload the appropriate JDBC driver before creating a data source. For more information on JDBC drivers, see [4.3, “Managing JDBC Drivers,” on page 74](#).

To create a JDBC data source:

1. Log on as an administrator.
2. Select **View > Repository**, right-click a folder's name, and select **Add Resource > Data Source** from the context menu. Alternatively, you can select **Create > Data Source** from the main menu on any page and specify a folder location later. If you installed the sample data, the suggested folder is Data Sources. The New Data Source page appears.
3. In the Type field, select **JDBC Data Source**. The page refreshes to show the fields required for a JDBC data source.

Figure 4-2 Setting the JDBC Data Source Type

4. Select the JDBC driver for your database. If your driver is listed as NOT INSTALLED, a system administrator must first upload the driver as described in [4.3, “Managing JDBC Drivers,” on page 74](#).



TIBCO provides a set of JDBC drivers in the installed server. These drivers support a slightly different SQL syntax. If you see errors when running reports or creating domains that use scalar functions, see [A.14.6, “SQL Functions with TIBCO JDBC Drivers,” on page 257](#).

5. Enter the hostname, port, and database name for your database. The default hostname is localhost, and the default port is the typical port for the specified database vendor. The three fields are combined automatically to create the JDBC URL where the server will access the database. When specifying values for your JDBC data source:
 - The JDBC URLs for some databases allow optional parameters described in [A.14.5, “JDBC Database URLs,” on page 256](#).
 - You have the option to use attributes in the values of data source parameters. See [4.1, “Attributes in Data Source Definitions,” on page 70](#).
6. Fill in the database user name and password. These are the credentials the server will use to access the database.

The screenshot shows a configuration dialog with the following elements:

- User Name:** A text input field containing the text "postgre".
- Password:** A text input field containing seven black dots for masking.
- Time Zone:** A dropdown menu with "Use database setting" selected.
- Hint:** A small text line below the dropdown that reads: "Hint: Do not change the time zone setting unless you know the database timestamp data is incorrect."
- Test Connection:** A grey button located below the Time Zone dropdown.
- Save:** A blue button at the bottom left.
- Cancel:** A grey button at the bottom right.

Figure 4-3 Entering the User Name and Password



The database user needs the privileges to run SELECT queries on the tables used in your reports. The server blocks any DROP, INSERT, UPDATE, and DELETE SQL commands through its SQL injection protection. In some cases, additional permissions may be required to execute stored procedures, depending on your configuration and needs. For more information, see [A.14.4, “Database Permissions,” on page 256](#).

7. If the date-time values stored in your database do not indicate a time zone, set the Time Zone field. When in doubt, leave the default Time Zone value (**Use database setting**).
When date-time values are stored in a format other than local time zone offset relative to Greenwich Mean time (GMT), you must specify a time zone so that the server can properly convert date-time values read from the target database. Set the Time Zone field to the correct time zone for the data in the database. The list of time zones is configurable, as described in [B.5.2, “Specifying Additional Time Zones,” on page 280](#).
8. Click **Test Connection** to validate the data source. If the validation fails, ensure that the values you entered are correct and that the database is running. To diagnose JDBC connection issues, you can turn on logging as described in the troubleshooting section [A.14.1, “Logging JDBC Operations,” on page 255](#).
9. When the test is successful, click **Save**. The Save dialog appears.

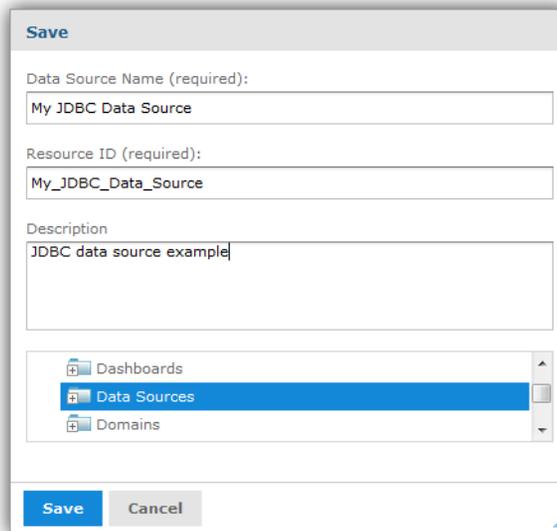


Figure 4-4 Saving the JDBC Data Source

10. Enter a name for the data source and an optional description. The Resource ID is generated from the name you enter. If you haven't already specified a location, expand the folder tree and select the location for your data source.
11. Click **Save** in the dialog. The data source appears in the repository.

4.3 Managing JDBC Drivers

To access a database from JasperReports Server using JDBC you need an appropriate driver that's accessible in the server's classpath. As of JasperReports Server 6.4, the following drivers are installed by default:

- Cassandra (com.simba.cassandra.jdbc4.Driver)
- Hive (tibcosoftware.jdbc.hive.HiveDriver)
- IBM DB2 (tibcosoftware.jdbc.db2.DB2Driver)
- Impala (com.simba.impala.jdbc4.Driver)
- Microsoft SQL Server (tibcosoftware.jdbc.sqlserver.SQLServerDriver)
- MySQL (org.mariadb.jdbc.Driver)
- Oracle (tibcosoftware.jdbc.oracle.OracleDriver)
- PostgreSQL (org.postgresql.Driver)
- Redshift (tibcosoftware.jdbc.redshift.RedshiftDriver)
- Salesforce (tibcosoftware.jdbc.sforce.SForceDriver)
- SparkSQL (tibcosoftware.jdbc.sparksql.SparkSQLDriver)

Drivers for other databases can be downloaded from links on the Jaspersoft community website:

<http://community.jaspersoft.com/wiki/downloading-and-installing-database-drivers>

The system administrator (`superuser`) can add JDBC drivers for other databases in the following ways:

- During installation. For more information, see the *JasperReports Server Installation Guide*.

- At any time through the UI. As described in the procedure below, the system admin can add, replace, or remove JDBC drivers through the user interface, without needing to restart the server.

Only the system administrator can manage the JDBC drivers, but once uploaded, they're available to all administrators who create data sources.



JBoss lacks the flexibility of uploading drivers on the fly. On JBoss, drivers that are not installed don't appear in the list below, and you must configure and restart JBoss to add a driver. For more information, see [A.14.3, “JDBC Drivers on JBoss,” on page 255](#).

To add a JDBC driver:

1. Log on as the system administrator (`superuser`).
2. Select **View > Repository**, right-click a folder's name, and select **Add Resource > Data Source** from the context menu. Alternatively, you can select **Create > Data Source** from the main menu on any page.
3. In the Type field, select **JDBC Data Source**. The page refreshes to show the fields necessary for a JDBC data source.
4. The drop-down selector for the JDBC Driver field shows the available JDBC drivers and those that are not installed.

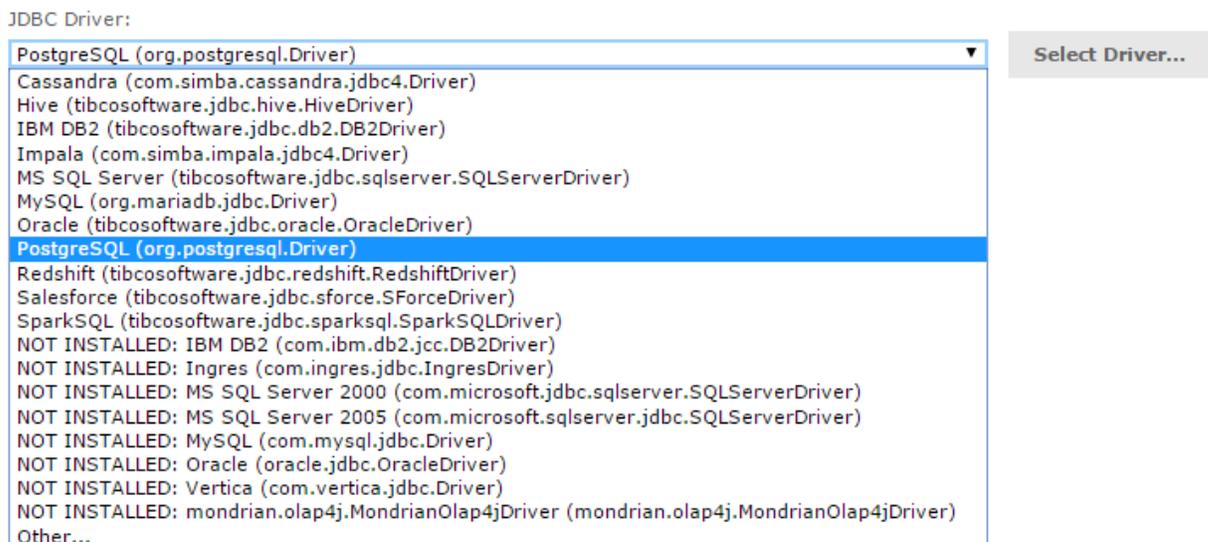


Figure 4-5 Viewing the List of Available JDBC Drivers

5. Select the driver that has not been installed, then click **Add Driver**. The Select Driver dialog appears.
6. If you have not yet obtained the driver, click the link to Jaspersoft's community website for [Downloading and Installing Database Drivers](#). That page has links to the most commonly used JDBC drivers. After you download a driver to your file system, you can return to the Select Driver dialog.

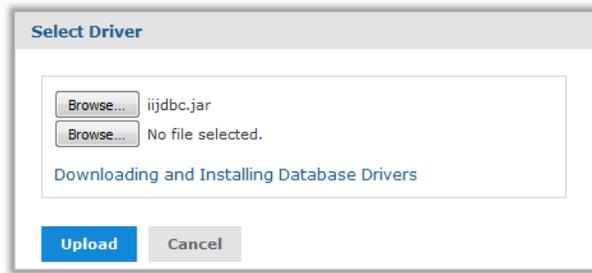


Figure 4-6 Adding a JDBC Driver

7. In the Select Driver dialog, click **Browse** to locate the appropriate driver JAR file. If your driver has more than one JAR file, click the **Browse** button that appears after selecting the first file.
8. Click **Upload** to install the driver and make it available immediately.

You can replace any driver that you upload with newer versions of the same driver. If you want to use the vendor's own driver instead of the TIBCO JDBC driver, you can install it as a new driver as described in the *JasperReports Server Installation Guide*.

To update a JDBC driver:

1. Log on as the system administrator (*superuser*).
2. Select **View > Repository**, right-click a folder's name, and select **Add Resource > Data Source** from the context menu. Alternatively, you can select **Create > Data Source** from the main menu on any page.
3. In the **Type** field, select **JDBC Data Source**. The page refreshes to show the fields necessary for a JDBC data source.
4. The drop-down selector for the JDBC Driver field shows the available JDBC drivers and those that are not installed.
5. To update a driver that has already been installed, select it from the list, then click **Select Driver**. The Select Driver dialog appears and notifies you that selecting a driver will overwrite the existing one.

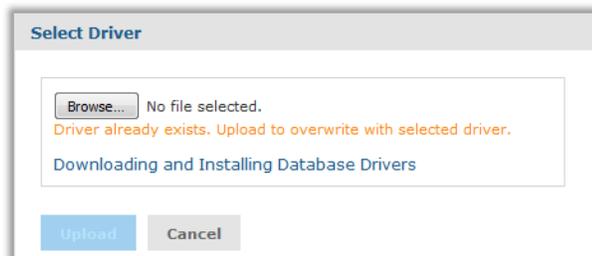


Figure 4-7 Updating a JDBC Driver

6. In the Select Driver dialog, click **Browse** to locate the JAR file for the new driver.
7. Click **Upload** to replace the existing driver and make it available immediately.
8. You can now use this driver to create a data source, and the driver will be installed when other administrators create data sources.

To remove an uploaded JDBC driver:

1. Log on as the system administrator (`superuser`).
2. Select **Manage > Server Settings** and choose **Restore Defaults** from the left-hand panel.
3. Locate the driver you uploaded in the list of properties. The drivers with the value `[SYSTEM]` are the default drivers configured at installation time. Do not remove the `[SYSTEM]` drivers.
4. Click  beside the driver you want to remove, then confirm your choice.

Settings		Restore Defaults	
	Name	Value	
Log Settings			
Log Collectors	jdbc:com.ingres.jdbc.IngresDriver	com_ingres_jdbc_IngresDriver	
Ad Hoc Settings			
Ad Hoc Cache			
OLAP Settings			
Cloud Settings			
Server Attributes			
• Restore Defaults			
Import			
Export			
		<input type="button" value="Save"/> <input type="button" value="Cancel"/>	

Figure 4-8 Removing an Uploaded JDBC Driver

5. Click **Save** to save your changes.



If the JDBC driver you remove is one that updated a default driver, the default driver will reappear as an installed driver the next time you use the New Data Source wizard.

4.4 JNDI Data Sources

The JNDI data source accesses a database connection previously defined in the application server and published as a resource or service through JNDI (Java Naming and Directory Interface). Instead of specifying a driver and database as you do with JDBC data sources, you need to specify only the JNDI service name in your application server.



Application servers use JDBC connections themselves to expose a database through JNDI. You must specify the JNDI service name of a JDBC connection. Your application server must also have the appropriate JDBC drivers and be configured to use them.

Ensure the database user in your JNDI definition has the privileges to run SELECT queries on the tables used in your reports. In some cases, additional permissions may be required to execute stored procedures, depending on your configuration and needs. For more information, see [A.14.4, “Database Permissions,” on page 256](#).

For information about setting up a JNDI connection in your application server, see the following sections:

- [A.14.8, “JNDI Services on Apache Tomcat,” on page 258](#)
- [A.14.9, “JNDI Services on JBoss,” on page 259](#)
- [A.14.10, “JNDI Services on WebLogic,” on page 259](#)

To create a JNDI data source:

1. Log on as an administrator.
2. Click **View > Repository**, expand the folder tree, and right-click a folder to select **Add Resource > Data Source** from the context menu. Alternatively, you can select **Create > Data Source** from the main menu on any page and specify a folder location later. If you installed the sample data, the suggested folder is Data Sources. The New Data Source page appears.
3. In the Type field, select **JNDI Data Source**. The information on the page changes to reflect what's needed to define a JNDI data source.
4. Fill in the service name. This is the name the application server exposes through JNDI. You have the option to use attributes in the service name. See [4.1, “Attributes in Data Source Definitions,” on page 70](#).

Figure 4-9 JNDI Data Source Page

5. If the date-time values stored in your database do not indicate a time zone, set the Time Zone field. When in doubt, leave the default Time Zone value (**Use database setting**).
When date-time values are stored in a format other than local time zone offset relative to Greenwich Mean time (GMT), you must specify a time zone so that the server can properly convert date-time values read from the target database. Set the Time Zone field to the correct time zone for the data in the database. The list of time zones is configurable, as described in [B.5.2, “Specifying Additional Time Zones,” on page 280](#).
6. Click **Test Connection** to validate the data source. If the validation fails, ensure that the values you entered are correct, that the database is exposed through JNDI, and that the database is running. Also see the troubleshooting section [A.14.8, “JNDI Services on Apache Tomcat,” on page 258](#).
7. When the test is successful, click **Save**. The Save dialog appears.

8. Enter a name for the data source and an optional description. The Resource ID is generated from the name you enter. If you haven't already specified a location, expand the folder tree and select the location for your data source.
9. Click **Save** in the dialog. The data source appears in the repository.

4.5 AWS Data Sources

Amazon Web Services (AWS) provide computation and data storage on demand in the cloud. We partner with Amazon to deliver business intelligence solutions based on AWS.

JasperReports Server supports two of the AWS database services as data sources for reporting:

- Amazon Relational Database Service (RDS)
- Amazon Redshift data warehouse

JasperReports Server can access either of these services when you define a data source with the correct configuration information and credentials. The AWS data source wizard uses the AWS credentials you provide to discover RDS and Redshift data sources. Then it uses those credentials to properly configure security groups to maintain the connection between JasperReports Server and the AWS data source, even when the IP address changes. You can access AWS data sources from both stand-alone server instances that you maintain on your own computers and virtual server instances that you run on Amazon's Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2). For more information, see <https://www.jaspersoft.com/cloud>.

To create an AWS Data Source:

1. Log into JasperReports Server as an administrator.
2. Click **View > Repository**, expand the folder tree, and right-click a folder to select **Add Resource > Data Source** from the context menu. Alternatively, you can select **Create > Data Source** from the main menu on any page and specify a folder location later. If you installed the sample data, the suggested folder is Data Sources. The New Data Source page appears.
3. In the Type field, select **AWS Data Source**. The information on the page changes to reflect what's needed to define an AWS data source.

Figure 4-10 Selecting AWS Credentials

4. Under AWS Settings, specify your Amazon credentials in one of the following ways:
 - If your JasperReports Server is running in Amazon's EC2 service, and it has the proper instance role assigned, the server will detect this and automatically use your EC2 credentials. Using the EC2 instance credentials requires that the role was properly set up and assigned when the instance was created. If you're using the EC2 service, we strongly recommend that you use the EC2 credentials.
 - If your JasperReports Server is not running on Amazon's EC2, enter the AWS credentials associated with the RDS or Redshift service. If you don't have AWS keys, click **Generate credentials**, then look for them on the **Outputs** tab for your Stack on the Amazon console:

Stack: JRSUser

Description **Outputs** Resources Events Template Parameters Tags

Stack Outputs Refresh

Output values may have been specified by the template author and will be available when stack creation is complete.

Key	Value	Description
UserName	JRSUser-JasperServerUser-1FBSDE3HPE6LA	User name which was created to allow access from JasperServer instance to RDS
AccessKey	AKIAITUUJXBRAAQXHUQ	Access key for User
SecretKey	7ZietxaUq1dvaaC4qWARlIkYBfIo9CbgVBE	Secret key for User

Figure 4-11 AWS Access and Secret Keys

5. Under Select an AWS Data Source, specify the connection details of the AWS data source that you want to connect to:
 - a. Select your AWS Region from the drop-down.

- b. Click the **Find My AWS Data Sources** button.

The AWS data source queries your environment and displays your available data sources, as shown in the figure below.

- c. Select your data source.
d. Enter your user name, password, and database name.

The AWS data source queries your environment and adds the appropriate driver and URL.

Select an AWS Data Source

AWS Region:
US West (Northern California) Region

Find My AWS Data Sources

RDS
qatest2

Redshift

User Name (required):
test

Password:
●●●●●●

Database Name (required):
test

JDBC Driver (required):
org.mariadb.jdbc.Driver
Hint: org.postgresql.Driver

URL (required):
jdbc:mysql://qatest2.cnymfn5l0be.us-west-1.rds.amazonaws.com:3306/test
Hint: jdbc:postgresql://localhost:5432/mydb

Test Connection

Save Cancel

Figure 4-12 Select an AWS Data Source Section

6. When you've entered all the information, click **Test Connection**.

If your connection is successful, a message appears to the right of the button. Sometimes the process takes a few minutes. In that case you'll see an alert. Try the test again after one or two minutes. The test performs the following actions:

- Validates the user name and password.
- Creates a database security group.
- Adds the IP address of your JasperReports Server instance to the security group to authorize ingress to the data service (RDS or Redshift).

If you want to control details of the security group name or specify the IP address manually because you have a complex VPC Topology, see [8.7, “Configuring Cloud Services,” on page 193](#). You can also change the default JDBC driver through the configuration.

7. Click **Save**. The Save dialog appears.

8. Enter a name for the data source and a optional description. The Resource ID is generated from the name you enter. If you haven't already specified a location, expand the folder tree and select the location for your data source.
9. Click **Save** in the dialog. The data source appears in the repository.

4.6 Azure SQL Data Sources

Microsoft Azure provides data storage in the cloud as a service. Microsoft offers different types of storage options for Azure users, but only the Azure SQL Server database service is currently supported. JasperReports Server uses the Microsoft SQL Server JDBC driver (`tibcosoftware.jdbc.sqlserver.SQLServerDriver`), a management certificate, and your credentials to create a secure connection between JasperReports Server and the Azure SQL data source.

4.6.1 Uploading an Azure Certificate File to the Repository

Before you can create an Azure SQL data source, you will need a management certificate to authenticate JasperReports Server with Azure. The management certificate must be a x.509 certificate and can be either self-signed or signed by a trusted certificate authority. The certificate can use a public or private key. You will need to upload the management certificate (.cer) file to the Azure Management Portal and the key exchange (.pfx) file, which contains the server certificate and the key, to JasperReports Server. You can also store a server certificate (.cer) file in the repository.

To upload a certificate file to the repository:

1. Log into JasperReports Server as an administrator.
2. Click **View > Repository** and expand the folder tree.
3. Browse to the folder where you want to save the certificate.
4. Right-click the folder and select **Add Resource > File > Azure Certificate** from the context menu.
5. Click **Choose File** to locate and upload the certificate key exchange (.pfx) or server certificate (.cer) file.
6. Enter a name and resource ID for the file.
7. Click **Submit** to save the file to the repository.

4.6.2 Creating an Azure SQL Server Data Source

The data source wizard uses the Azure credentials that you provide to discover your Azure SQL Server databases. It then uses those credentials to properly configure access rules to maintain the connection between JasperReports Server and the data source. For information on configuring access rules for Azure, see [“Configuring Cloud Services” on page 193](#).

To create an Azure SQL data source:

1. Log into JasperReports Server as an administrator.
2. Click **View > Repository**, expand the folder tree, and right-click a folder to select **Add Resource > Data Source** from the context menu. Alternatively, you can select **Create > Data Source** from the main menu on any page and specify a folder location later. If you installed the sample data, the suggested folder is Data Sources. The New Data Source page appears.
3. In the Type field, select **Azure SQL Data Source**. The information on the page changes to reflect what's needed to define an Azure SQL data source.

Set Data Source Type and Properties

First, select the type of data source you wish to add, then enter the required property values.

Type:

Time Zone:

Hint: Do not change the time zone setting unless you know the database timestamp data is incorrect.

Azure Settings

Azure Subscription Id (required):

Azure User Certificate (required):

Azure User Certificate Password (required):

Figure 4-13 Entering Azure User Information

4. Under Azure Settings, enter your Azure subscription ID, user certificate (.pfx) file, and user certificate password. Click **Browse** to select the certificate file from your repository. See **“Uploading an Azure Certificate File to the Repository” on page 82** for instructions on uploading the certificate file.
5. Under Select an Azure Database, specify the connection details of the Azure database that you want to connect to:
 - a. Click the **Find My Azure Databases** button.
JasperReports Server queries Azure and displays your available SQL Server databases.
 - b. Select your database.
 - c. Enter your server name, database name, user name, and database name.
The Azure data source queries your environment and adds the appropriate URL.
 - d. If you have Microsoft's JDBC driver for SQL Server installed on your JasperReports Server instance, you can choose to use it instead of the existing JDBC driver by checking **Use Microsoft Driver**.

Figure 4-14 Selecting an Azure SQL Data Source

6. When you've entered all the information, click **Test Connection**.
 If your connection is successful, a message appears to the right of the button. Sometimes the process takes a few minutes. In that case you'll see an alert. Try the test again after one or two minutes. The test performs the following actions:
 - Validates the user name and password.
 - Creates firewall access rules to authorize ingress to the data service.
 - Adds the IP address of your JasperReports Server instance to the access rule.
 If you want to control details of the access rule name or specify the IP address manually, see **“Configuring Cloud Services” on page 193**.
7. Click **Save**. The Save dialog appears.
8. Enter a name for the data source and an optional description. The Resource ID is generated from the name you enter. If you haven't already specified a location, expand the folder tree and select the location for your data source.
9. Click **Save** in the dialog. The data source appears in the repository.

4.7 Cassandra Data Sources

The Apache Cassandra database provides scalability and high availability for certain applications of big data. In JasperReports Server 6.2.1, we included a JDBC driver for the Cassandra database in addition to the native driver supported since JasperReports Server 5.6. We recommend using the JDBC driver for new Casandra data sources and the native driver for existing Cassandra data sources. See [JDBC Data Sources](#) for information on creating a JDBC data source. For more information about Cassandra, see <http://cassandra.apache.org/>.

The native driver for the Cassandra data source has certain limitations on how your data can be structured and accessed:

- The current version of Cassandra does not support NULL values in the data. All required fields must have non-NULL default values. This also means that input controls cannot be null and must be given a value.
- The current version of the driver does not support aggregate functions (sum, min, max).
- For query parameters, the current version of the driver supports \$X(IN...), but no other \$X functions.

The Cassandra data source supports queries in the Cassandra Query Language 3 (CQL3). To improve performance, design your Cassandra data using the following guidelines:

- Specify the `ALLOW FILTERING` suffix to speed up queries.
- All fields referenced in `WHERE` clauses of a query should be indexed.

As with all big data stores, Cassandra data sources have the following limitations and usage guidelines within JasperReports Server:

- Cassandra data sources are not supported for OLAP connections.
- Cassandra data sources cannot be used directly in Domains unless you are using the JDBC driver. To use a Cassandra data source with a native driver in a Domain, see [4.10.2, “Creating Cassandra Data Connectors,” on page 96](#).
- Cassandra data sources can be used in Ad Hoc Topics, but they do not support query optimization.
- You must configure your query limits to handle big data (see [8.4.3, “Ad Hoc Data Policies for Big Data,” on page 179](#)).
- You must configure your JVM memory to handle the expected amount of data (see the *JasperReports Server Installation Guide*).



Unlike the native driver, the JDBC driver allows access to Cassandra data sources through a Domain, Domain Topic, Ad Hoc view, and Ad Hoc report without needing to create a virtual data source.

4.7.1 Creating a Cassandra Data Source with the Native Cassandra Driver

1. Log on as an administrator.
2. Click **View > Repository**, expand the folder tree, and right-click a folder to select **Add Resource > Data Source** from the context menu. Alternatively, you can select **Create > Data Source** from the main menu on any page and specify a folder location later. If you installed the sample data, the suggested folder is Data Sources. The New Data Source page appears.
3. In the Type field, select **Cassandra Data Source**. The information on the page changes to reflect what's needed to define a Cassandra data source.

You have the option to use attributes in the values of data source parameters. See [4.1, “Attributes in Data Source Definitions,” on page 70](#).

New Data Source

Set Data Source Type and Properties

First, select the type of data source you wish to add, then enter the required property values.

Type:

Host (required):

Port (required):

Keyspace (required):

User Name (optional):

Password (optional):

Figure 4-15 Cassandra Data Source Page

4. Fill in the required fields, along with any optional information you choose.
 Use port 9042 with the Cassandra data source. Cassandra's default port of 9160 is for the Thrift client that is commonly used with Cassandra. To use the Cassandra Query Language (CQL) with our Cassandra data source, you may need to configure your Cassandra instance as follows:


```
start_native_transport: true
native_transport_port: 9042
```
5. If you have configured your Cassandra source to be password protected, specify a valid username and password. Due to compatibility issues, Cassandra authentication is supported only when you use Cassandra 1.12.18 and above.
6. Click **Test Connection** to check the values you entered. Make sure that the port is set to 9042, because the connection test will also work with the wrong port (9160).
7. When done, click **Save**. The Save dialog appears.
8. Enter a name for the data source and an optional description. The Resource ID is generated from the name you enter. If you haven't already specified a location, expand the folder tree and select the location for your data source.
9. Click **Save** in the dialog. The data source appears in the repository.

4.7.2 Increasing File Descriptor Limits for Cassandra

Many users have reported errors when viewing multiple reports from a Cassandra data source. Cassandra generally needs more than the default limit of open file descriptors (1024).

To increase the number of file descriptors, administrators need to change the security limits on the Cassandra nodes and on the operating systems running JasperReports Server.

To test this configuration, you can increase the limits for the current session with the following Linux commands:

```
sudo ulimit -Hn 32768
```

or

```
sudo ulimit -Sn 32768
```

The effects of the commands above will be reset when the computer restarts. To make the changes permanent, edit the file `/etc/security/limits.conf` to add the following settings:

```
* soft nofile 32768
* hard nofile 32768
root soft nofile 32768
root hard nofile 32768
* soft memlock unlimited
* hard memlock unlimited
root soft memlock unlimited
root hard memlock unlimited
* soft unlimited
* hard unlimited
root soft unlimited
root hard unlimited
```

4.8 Hadoop-Hive Data Sources

Unlike traditional databases, Hadoop supports huge amounts of data, often called big data. As of version 6.2, JasperReports Server processes requests to a Hadoop cluster using a JDBC data source with the Hive JDBC driver.

The JDBC driver for Hive works with most Hive 1, Hive 2, and Impala servers. However, the original Hive 1 server has high latency with access times on the order of 30 seconds and up to 2 minutes. Hive 2 is much faster, but still not as fast as relational databases. As a result, Hadoop-Hive data sources have certain limitations and guidelines for use in JasperReports Server:

- Hadoop-Hive data sources are not suitable for creating reports interactively in the Ad Hoc Editor.
- Reports based on Hadoop-Hive are not suitable for dashboards.
- Filters and query-based input controls that rely on Hadoop-Hive data sources will be slow to populate the list of choices.
- You must configure your query limits and timeout to handle latency (see [8.4.3, “Ad Hoc Data Policies for Big Data,” on page 179](#)).
- You must configure your JVM memory to handle the expected amount of data (see the *JasperReports Server Installation Guide*).

In general, reports based on JDBC-Hive data sources are best suited to be run in the background from the repository. For very large reports, consider scheduling them to run at night so the output is available when you need it during the day.

To create a Hive JDBC data source, follow the same procedure as in [4.2, “JDBC Data Sources,” on page 72](#).

4.9 MongoDB Data Sources

MongoDB is a big data architecture based on the NoSQL model that is neither relational nor SQL-based. We provide connectors that allow reports to use a MongoDB data source or a MongoDB JDBC data source. Reports based on MongoDB data sources can be used as Topics that allow users to create Ad Hoc views based on the fields returned by the MongoDB query. As of version 6.2.1, JasperReports Server also supports Kerberos, SSL, and x509 authentication for MongoDB data sources.

As with all big data stores, MongoDB data sources have the following limitations and usage guidelines within JasperReports Server:

- MongoDB data sources are not supported for OLAP connections
- MongoDB data sources cannot be used directly in Domains. To use MongoDB in a Domain, see [“Creating a MongoDB JDBC Data Source” on page 90](#).
- MongoDB data sources can be used in Ad Hoc Topics, but they do not support query optimization.
- You must configure your query limits to handle big data (see [8.4.3, “Ad Hoc Data Policies for Big Data,” on page 179](#)).
- You must configure your JVM memory to handle the expected amount of data (see the *JasperReports Server Installation Guide*).

4.9.1 Creating a MongoDB Data Source with the Native MongoDB Driver



MongoDB data sources do not support virtual data sources when using the native MongoDB driver. For virtual data support, Create a MongoDB JDBC data source. See [“Creating a MongoDB JDBC Data Source” on page 90](#)

To create a MongoDB data source with the native driver:

Follow these steps to create a MongoDB data source with the native MongoDB driver.

1. Log on as an administrator.
2. Click **View > Repository**, expand the folder tree, and right-click a folder to select **Add Resource > Data Source** from the context menu. Alternatively, you can select **Create > Data Source** from the main menu on any page and specify a folder location later. If you have installed the sample data, the suggested folder is Data Sources. The New Data Source page appears.
3. In the Type field, select **MongoDB Data Source**. The information on the page changes to reflect what's needed to define a MongoDB data source.

You have the option to use attributes in the values of data source parameters. See [4.1, “Attributes in Data Source Definitions,” on page 70](#).

New Data Source

Set Data Source Type and Properties

First, select the type of data source you wish to add, then enter the required property values.

Type: MongoDB Data Source

MongoDB URI (required):
mongodb://hostname:27017/database

User Name (optional):
username

Password (optional):
••••••

Test Connection

Save Cancel

Figure 4-16 MongoDB Data Source Page

- Fill in the required fields, along with any optional information.

The MongoDB URI has the form: `mongodb://<hostname>:27017/<database>`

To enable SSL include the argument `ssl=true` in the URI. For example:

```
mongodb://<hostname>:27017/<database>?ssl=true
```

To enable x509 authentication for the data source include it as well in the URI. For example:

```
mongodb://<hostname>:27017/<database>?ssl=true&authMechanism=MONGODB-X509
```

To enable Kerberos authentication for the data source include the data source and Kerberos user name in the URI. For example:

```
mongodb://<hostname>:27017/<database>?authMechanism=GSSAPI
```



Before you can enable x509 authentication you need to set up the Java Secure Socket Extension (JSSE) in your application server. Before you can enable Kerberos authentication you need to perform the steps in [4.9.3, “Using Kerberos Authentication with MongoDB Data Sources,”](#) on page 92.

- Click **Test Connection** to validate the data source.
- When the test is successful, click **Save**. The Save dialog appears.
- Enter a name for the data source and an optional description. The Resource ID is generated from the name you enter. If you haven't already specified a location, expand the folder tree and select the location for your data source.
- Click **Save** in the dialog. The data source appears in the repository.

4.9.1.1 The Jaspersoft MongoDB Query Language

MongoDB is designed to be accessed through API calls in an application or a command shell. As a consequence, it does not have a defined query language. In order to write queries for MongoDB data sources, we have developed a query language based on the JSON-like objects upon which MongoDB operates. JSON is

the JavaScript Object Notation, a textual representation of data structures that is both human- and machine-readable.

The Jaspersoft MongoDB Query Language is a declarative language for specifying what data to retrieve from MongoDB. The connector converts this query into the appropriate API calls and uses the MongoDB Java connector to query the MongoDB instance. The following examples give an overview of the Jaspersoft MongoDB Query Language, with the equivalent SQL terms in parentheses:

- Retrieve all documents (rows) in the given collection (table):

```
{ 'collectionName' : 'accounts' }
```

- From all documents in the given collection, select the named fields (columns) and sort the results:

```
{
  'collectionName' : 'accounts',
  'findFields' : { 'name':1, 'phone_office':1, 'billing_address_city':1,
                  'billing_address_street':1, 'billing_address_country':1},
  'sort' : { 'billing_address_country':-1, 'billing_address_city':1}
}
```

- Retrieve only the documents (rows) in the given collection (table) that match the query (where clause). In this case, the date is greater-than-or-equal to the input parameter, and the name matches a string (starts with N):

```
{
  'collectionName' : 'accounts',
  'findQuery' : {
    'status_date' : { '$gte' : $P{StartDate} },
    'name' : { '$regex' : '^N', '$options' : '' }
  }
}
```

The Jaspersoft MongoDB Query Language also supports advanced features of MongoDB such as map-reduce functions and aggregation that are beyond the scope of this document. For more information, see the [language reference](#) on the Community website.

4.9.2 Creating a MongoDB JDBC Data Source

If you want to use your MongoDB data source with an SQL query in a Domain or virtual data source, create a MongoDB JDBC data source. The MongoDB JDBC driver can create a default normalized schema for your data or, if you prefer, you can load a schema from the repository or your server file system.

To create a MongoDB JDBC data source:

1. Log on as an administrator.
2. Click **View > Repository**, expand the folder tree, and right-click a folder to select **Add Resource > Data Source** from the context menu. Alternatively, you can select **Create > Data Source** from the main menu on any page and specify a folder location later. If you have installed the sample data, the suggested folder is Data Sources. The New Data Source page appears.
3. In the Type field, select **MongoDB JDBC Data Source**. The information on the page changes to reflect what's needed to define a MongoDB JDBC data source.

You have the option to use attributes in the values of data source parameters. See 4.1, “Attributes in Data Source Definitions,” on page 70.

New Data Source

Set Data Source Type and Properties

First, select the type of data source you wish to add, then enter the required property values.

Type: MongoDB JDBC Data Source

Host (required):

Port Number (required): 27017

Database Name:

User Name: *

Password: *

Connection Options:

Auto Generate Schema Definition

File Source: Repository

Repository File Location: Browse...

Test Connection

Save Cancel

Figure 4-17 MongoDB JDBC Data Source Page

- Fill in the required fields, along with any optional information.
- Specify your Connection Options. For example, if you're using MongoDB 3.0 and you want to enable SSL, enter:

```
EncryptionMethod=SSL;ValidateServerCertificate=false
```

To enable both SSL encryption and self-signed CA, enter the TrustStore and KeyStore paths and the KeyStore password. For example:

```
EncryptionMethod=SSL;TrustStore=<path>;KeyStore=<path>;KeyStorePassword=<password>;
```

The **Auto Generate Schema Definition** check box is checked by default. With this option selected, When you first connect to a MongoDB server, the driver automatically creates a normalized schema of the data and generates a SchemaDefinition for housing and sharing the normalized schema.

- To specify a schema you've created, uncheck this box and:

- a. Use the **File Source** drop down to select your schema file location: **Repository** or **Server File System**. To create a schema using the schema tool, see [“Creating a Schema with the Schema Tool” on page 93](#)
- b. If your file is in the repository, click the **Browse** button and locate it in the repository. If your file is in your server file system, enter the path in the **Server File Location** text box. To upload a schema to the repository, see [“Uploading a Schema to the Repository” on page 93](#)
7. Click **Test Connection** to validate the data source.
8. When the test is successful, click **Save**. The Save dialog appears.
9. Enter a name for the data source and an optional description. The Resource ID is generated from the name you enter. If you haven't already specified a location, expand the folder tree and select the location for your data source.
10. Click **Save** in the dialog. The data source appears in the repository.

4.9.3 Using Kerberos Authentication with MongoDB Data Sources

The native MongoDB driver can connect to MongoDB Enterprise using Kerberos Authentication. Kerberos is a network authentication protocol that allows clients and servers on a non-secure network to use "tickets" to identify themselves.

To use Kerberos authentication, you need to set up the following:

1. Install the Kerberos client tools on the JasperReports Server host. The client tools are included in the JDK/JRE for Windows. Client tools packages are available for Linux and OS X. You will be prompted to enter information on your Kerberos system during the installation.
2. Download the Java Cryptography Extension (JCE) Unlimited Strength Jurisdiction Policy files from Oracle and install them on the JasperReports Server. The files are available for download at [the Oracle Java SE Downloads page](#).
3. Set these Java system properties for JasperReports Server:

```
java.security.krb5.realm=<Kerberos_realm>
java.security.krb5.kdc=<KDC_server_hostname>
javax.security.auth.useSubjectCredsOnly=false
java.security.auth.login.config=<path>/jaas.conf
```

4. Edit the jaas.conf file to add the following:

```
com.sun.security.jgss.krb5.initiate {
    com.sun.security.auth.module.Krb5LoginModule
    required
    useTicketCache=true
    doNotPrompt=true;
};
```

5. Run the `kinit mongodb/[mongo-db-hostname]@<Kerberos_realm>` command on the JasperReports Server host to create or renew a ticket for the Kerberos user. This is the account you will enter as the user name for the data source.

4.9.4 Creating a Schema with the Schema Tool

To create a schema with the schema tool:

1. Go to <js-install>/buildomatic/tools and double click the schematool.jar file.
2. Follow the instructions in the schema tool documentation found here:
<https://documentation.progress.com/output/DataDirect/jdbcmongohelp/index.html#page/mongohelp/starting-the-schema-tool.html>

4.9.5 Uploading a Schema to the Repository

To upload a schema to the repository:

1. Click **View > Repository** and expand the folder tree.
2. Right-click a folder and select **Add Resource > File > MongoDB JDBC Schema** from the context menu.
3. Use the **Upload File From Your Local Computer** page to locate and upload your schema file.

4.10 Virtual Data Sources

Virtual data sources have two usage scenarios:

- They allow you to combine multiple JDBC and JNDI data sources and make them available to be joined through a Domain. You can combine any number of data sources, including schemas from different databases, databases from different vendors, and different schemas within the same database into a single object.
- They make Cassandra data sources that are using the native driver available in Domains. In this case, the virtual data source acts as a wrapper for the data source for big data, with certain limitations described in **4.10.2, “Creating Cassandra Data Connectors,” on page 96**. Cassandra data sources using the JDBC driver are available in Domains without this workaround.

A virtual data source can wrap a single data source for big data, or combine any number of big data, JDBC, and JNDI data sources.

Once you have created a virtual data source, you create a Domain that joins tables across the data sources to define the relationships among the data. Ad Hoc views and reports based on the Domain can access the combined data transparently. For more information about Domains, see the chapter "Creating Domains" in the *JasperReports Server User Guide*.

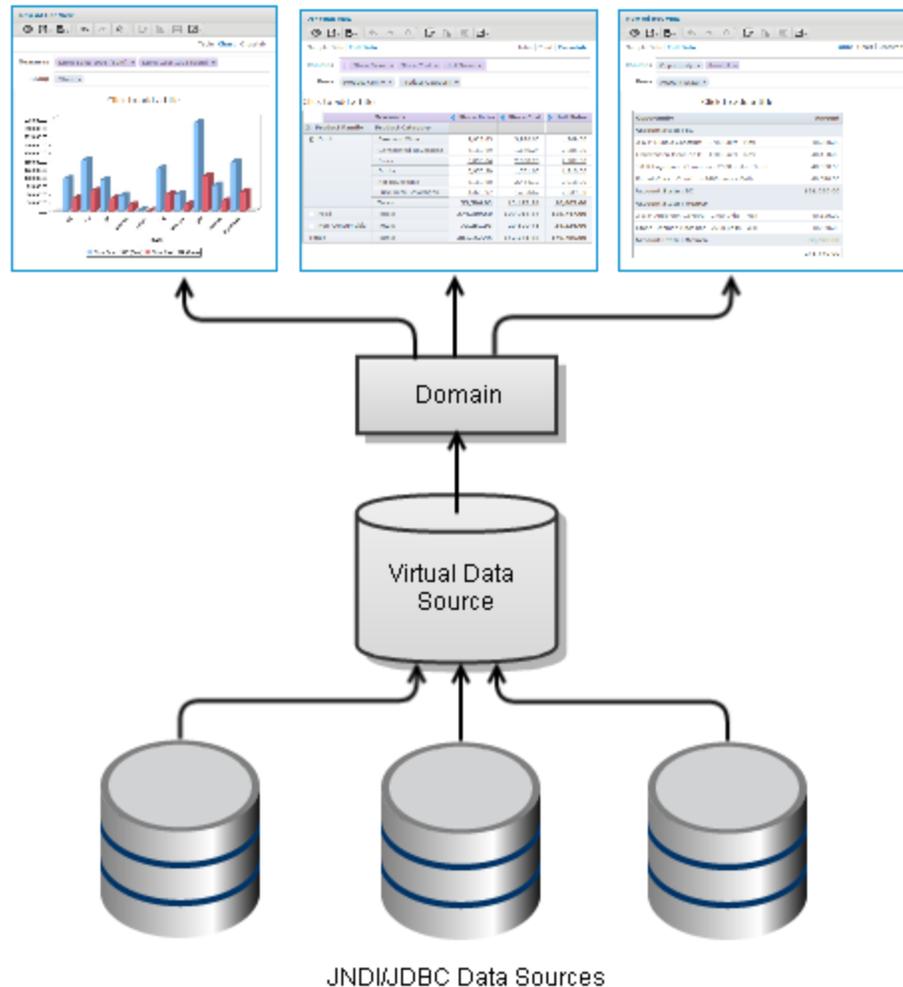


Figure 4-18 Virtual Data Source Scenario

When you combine data sources into a virtual data source, you select an alias for each data source you include; this alias is added as a prefix to the tables in the original data source to ensure that table names are unique across the virtual data source.

To create a virtual data source:

1. Log on as an administrator.
2. Click **View > Repository**, expand the folder tree, and right-click a folder to select **Add Resource > Data Source** from the context menu. Alternatively, you can select **Create > Data Source** from the main menu on any page and specify a folder location later. If you have installed the sample data, the suggested folder is Data Sources. The New Data Source page appears.
3. In the Type field, select **Virtual Data Source**.
4. Locate the data sources you want to use in the Available Data Sources pane. Double-click to select each chosen data source. The data source is shown in the Selected Data Sources pane.

- Change the aliases by editing them directly in the Alias column (optional). The alias identifies the selected data source within the virtual data source; it is also added as a prefix to the name of each table in that data source. Spaces are *not* allowed in aliases.

The following figure shows values for creating a virtual data source by combining two of the databases included in the sample data: the Foodmart database and the SugarCRM database.

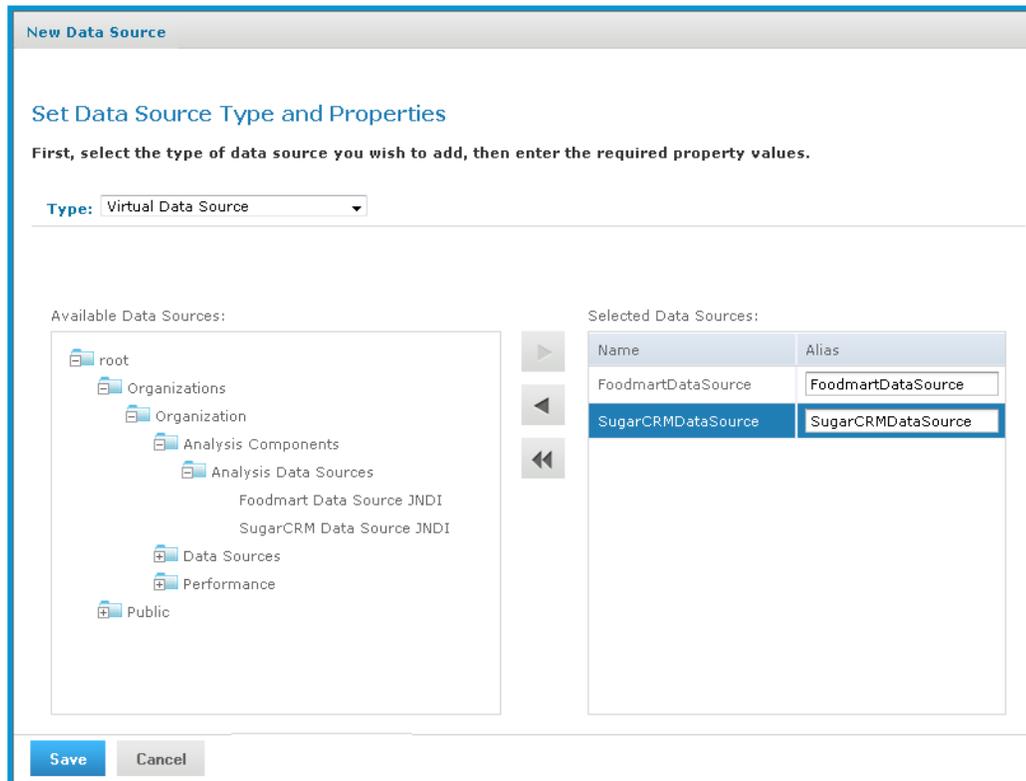


Figure 4-19 Creating a Virtual Data Source



Virtual data sources cannot use the Time Zone field that may be set on individual data sources. If used in a virtual data source, a target data source with a time zone will not return the expected date-time values. Therefore, we recommend that you do not use data sources with time zone settings in a virtual data source.

- Click **Save**. The Save dialog appears.
- Enter a name for the data source and an optional description. The Resource ID is generated from the name you enter. If you haven't already specified a location, expand the folder tree and select the location for your data source.
- Click **Save** in the dialog. The data source appears in the repository.

You can edit a virtual data source to add or remove the data sources it uses. If the virtual data source is used by a Domain, you can add data sources, but you cannot remove them. Removing a data source from a virtual data source modifies only the virtual data source; the data source you removed remains in the repository.

To edit a virtual data source:

1. Log on as an administrator.
2. Click **View > Repository** and expand the folder tree to locate the folder containing the data source.
3. Right-click the data source and select **Edit** from the context menu.
4. To add a data source, locate the data source in the Available Data Sources pane and double-click. To remove a data source, select it in the Selected Data Sources pane and click the left arrow.
5. Click **Save**. If you try to delete a data source from a virtual data source that is used by a Domain, you'll receive a warning and the data source will remain unchanged. Otherwise, the data source is updated in the repository.

4.10.1 Performance Considerations

Virtual data sources are based on the Teiid engine to handle multiple data sources and combine the results from them. How you design the tables in each of your data sources and how you combine them in a Domain join can significantly affect performance.

Consider these issues when designing a solution that combines several databases in a virtual data source:

- When using virtual data source in a Domain, you must select at least of the tables from the Tables tab to appear in the Domain before using it to create a derived table. Virtual data sources are optimized to use the smallest set of metadata, but they do detect Domains that use only derived tables.
- The virtual data source runs in JasperReports Server and must allocate memory and use processing to handle result sets.
- The Teiid engine uses its own cache for data accessed through a virtual data source. You can clear the Teiid cache at the same time as the Ad Hoc cache, as described in [8.4.6, “Ad Hoc Cache Management,” on page 182](#).
- The virtual data source can push down certain operations (joins, filters, and aggregations) to the databases, others it must perform in memory. The more it can push down, the smaller the datasets it handles in memory.
- You should design your schema to maximize the processing pushed to the database and minimize data handled in the virtual data source in a join between data sources.

For example, if you create a duplicate copy of a date dimension table in both of your data sources, they can be joined much more efficiently. If this table existed in only one database, the Teiid engine would need to retrieve all the rows from the other database and perform the join itself. With this table in both data bases, the Teiid engine can push down all of the time-dimension joins to the individual databases and perform a final join on much smaller datasets.

For more information about optimizing your data for use in Teiid, see <http://www.jboss.org/teiid/>.

4.10.2 Creating Cassandra Data Connectors

As of JasperReports Server 6.2, virtual data sources can connect to Cassandra big data sources and make them available to a Domain. The virtual data source extracts the connection information from the Cassandra data source and uses an internal Teiid connector to access the data. The Teiid connectors map the various structures used in Cassandra's big data model to a relational model with tables and fields. This connector is distinct from what are called the native data sources for big data. For this reason, when a data source for big data is wrapped in a virtual data source, the resulting data source has the following limitations:

- The Cassandra connector in virtual data sources does not support query parameters ($\$P$ and $\$X$). Therefore, if you use a big data connector wrapped in a virtual data source as the data source for a stand-alone query,

report or Topic, you can't include parameters to create input controls. When used in Domains and then Ad Hoc views, you can define filters to replace this functionality.

- The Cassandra connector for virtual data sources does not support any aggregation functions.

However, there are significant advantages to accessing big data through virtual data sources:

- When wrapped in a virtual data source, you can access Cassandra through a Domain, Domain Topic, Ad Hoc view, and Ad Hoc report.
- A virtual data source can contain any mix of JDBC, JNDI, and Cassandra data connectors. When you define a Domain using this data source, you can access the tables from each store and define joins between compatible fields.
- Virtual data sources that use a Cassandra data connector support query optimization, unlike the native data sources for big data. In fact, the big data connectors for virtual data sources support query optimization in Ad Hoc views and reports based on stand-alone Topics, and in Ad Hoc views and reports based on Domains. The only exceptions are calculated fields, which cannot be optimized when used in Ad Hoc views or reports that are based on Topics or Domains. For more information about query optimization, see [8.4.3, “Ad Hoc Data Policies for Big Data,” on page 179](#).



In JasperReports Server 6.2.1, we included a JDBC driver for the Cassandra database. You do not need to create a virtual data source to access Cassandra through Domains and Ad Hoc when using the JDBC driver. See [JDBC Data Sources](#) for information on creating a JDBC data source.

To create a virtual data source that accesses a Cassandra data source:

1. Create a Cassandra data source, or verify that it was created as described in [4.7, “Cassandra Data Sources,” on page 84](#)
2. Create a virtual data source as described in [4.10, “Virtual Data Sources,” on page 93](#)
3. In the virtual data source creation dialog, select the Cassandra data source that you created in the first step, and save the virtual data source. You can select one or more Cassandra data sources, or any mix of Cassandra, JDBC, and JNDI data sources.
4. Create a Domain, specify the virtual data source you just created, and then select the Cassandra data tables when you create the Domain schema. The data from the data source is mapped to tables and fields in the Domain that you can use to create joins, filters, and all other features of a Domain.

4.10.3 Logging for Virtual Data Sources

If you have issues with your big data connections through virtual data sources, you can enable logging in the following classes:

```
com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.api.common.virtualdatasourcequery.VirtualDataSourceQueryService
com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.api.engine.common.virtualdatasourcequery.teiid.TeiidEmbeddedServer
```

For information about enabling logging, see [9.1, “Configuring System Logs,” on page 222](#).

4.11 File Data Sources

JasperReports Server 6.1 introduces file-based data sources. These data sources read a text file in JSON, XML, or XMLA format and allow you to query its contents as a relational table. A text file in JSON format may be stored in the server's repository, in the server's file system, while a text file stored in JSON, XML, or XMLA

format can be accessed from a URL. This means you can create a data source based on data retrieved from websites and even REST APIs.

By default file data sources do not appear in the New Data Source dialog and must be enabled first.

To enable file data sources in the UI:

1. Open the file ../WEB-INF/applicationContext-remote-services.xml for editing.
2. Locate the element <util:set id="customDataSourcesToHide">.
3. Comment out the file data sources you want to display.
4. Save the file and restart JasperReports Server.

In the following example, the JSON and XML data sources are commented out so they appear in the drop-down menu in the New Data Source dialog:

```
<util:set id="customDataSourcesToHide">
  <value>xmlaQueryDataSource</value>
  <value>sparkQueryDataSource</value>
  <!-- value>remoteXmlDataSource</value -->
  <value>mongoDBQueryDataSource</value>
  <!-- value>jsonDataSource</value -->
  <value>jdbcQueryDataSource</value>
  <value>cassandraQueryDataSource</value>
</util:set>
```

After file data sources are enabled, you can create a file data source.



The headers in data source text files must not be blank and cannot contain spaces or special characters other than underscores.

In order to upload a JSON file to the JasperReports Server repository, you must save it with the .xml extension on your computer. Then create an XML file resource and select your JSON.xml file. Give your resource a name such as MyDataFile_JSON so you can find it. The repository calls it an XML file, but the data source can interpret the JSON contents.

To create a file data source:

1. Log on as an administrator.
2. Click **View > Repository**, expand the folder tree, and right-click a folder to select **Add Resource > Data Source** from the context menu. Alternatively, you can select **Create > Data Source** from the main menu on any page and specify a folder location later. If you installed the sample data, the suggested folder is Data Sources. The New Data Source page appears.
3. In the Type field, select a file data source that you enabled, for example **JSON Data Source** or **XML Data Source**. In this example, we create a JSON data source. The fields on the page change to reflect what's needed to define a file data source.

You have the option to use attributes in the values of data source parameters. See [4.1, "Attributes in Data Source Definitions," on page 70](#).

New Data Source

Set Data Source Type and Properties

First, select the type of data source you wish to add, then enter the required property values.

Type: JSON Data Source

jsonDataSource.properties.dataFile:

File URI:

repo:/Data_files/MyDataFile_JSON

Query:

Save **Cancel**

Figure 4-20 File Data Source Page for a JSON Data Source

4. Enter the URI of the JSON file. You can specify a file in the repository with the `repo:` syntax, followed by the repository path of the file. Specify `ftp:`, `http:` or `https:` to use those Internet protocols. To specify a file on your server's file system, specify its path directly, starting from the root, for example `/tmp/MyDataFile.json`. The user running the server process must have permission to access the file.
5. You can specify an optional query to limit or select the data accessible through the data source. The query has the following syntax:

`<tableName>` or `<tableName>/<fieldName>`

where:

`<tableName>` corresponds to an XML element or JSON structure name

`<fieldName>` corresponds to an XML sub-element or JSON field name

6. Click **Save**. The Save dialog appears.
7. Enter a name for the data source and an optional description. The Resource ID is generated from the name you enter. If you haven't already specified a location, expand the folder tree and select the location for your data source.
8. Click **Save** in the dialog. The data source appears in the repository.

Once you have defined a file data source for your XML or JSON file:

- You can use SQL queries in reports to access the data as a relational table.
- You can create a Domain on a file data source, allowing you to alter the visibility and names of the fields extracted from the file. On the Display tab of the Domain Designer you can also specify which fields are measures.
- You can create Ad Hoc views using the Domain based on your file data source, allowing you to explore and interact with data from the file.
- You can create virtual data sources that combine several file data sources, even different file formats such as XML and JSON, as long as their data structure is compatible so the tables can be joined. You can then create a Domain based on the virtual data source to join the tables and access the joined data in Ad Hoc views and reports.

4.12 Bean Data Sources

The bean data source type is a key extension because it allows you to make use of any custom or exotic data that you might need to report on. Bean data sources serve as a bridge between a Spring-defined bean and a JasperReport. The Spring bean is responsible for providing the data or parameters that fill the report.

To use a bean data source, you must first configure the underlying Spring bean and make it available in the server's web application context. For example, you would add a bean definition to one of the `.../WEB-INF/applicationContext*.xml` files.

The bean must resolve to a `ReportDataSourceService` instance, either directly or by way of a factory no-argument method. You can use any Spring instantiation method (for example, a constructor or factory) and bean scope (for example, singleton or prototype) for the data source service bean.

The `ReportDataSourceService` instance is responsible for supplying data source parameters to the JasperReport. Custom `ReportDataSourceService` implementations can follow two approaches:

- If the implementation can provide the data to be used to fill a report, it needs to wrap the data into a suitable `JRDataSource` implementation and pass the data using the `REPORT_DATA_SOURCE` report parameter.
- If the data comes from the report query by way of a JasperReports query executor, the data source service must set values for the connection parameters defined by the query executor. The connection parameters are usually obtained from the properties of the data source service instance.

For example, you could implement a Hibernate data source service that would be injected in a session factory. The factory would create a Hibernate session that would be passed as a value for the `HIBERNATE_SESSION` parameter. The JasperReports Hibernate query executor then uses the parameter to run the HQL report query.

The `ReportDataSourceService` interface contains two methods: `setReportParameterValues` and `closeConnection`. The former provides data and connection parameter values; the latter is required to close and release any resources or connections created during the call to `setReportParameterValues`.

As of JasperReports Server 6.0, there have been some changes to bean data sources that might affect your custom code. If your custom data sources generate errors after upgrading, see the troubleshooting section [A.14.12, “Upgrading Bean Data Sources,” on page 260](#).

Once the data source service bean is available through Spring, you can add the bean data source to the repository.

To create a bean data source:

1. Log on as an administrator.
2. Click **View > Repository**, expand the folder tree, and right-click a folder to select **Add Resource > Data Source** from the context menu. Alternatively, you can select **Create > Data Source** from the main menu on any page and specify a folder location later. If you installed the sample data, the suggested folder is Data Sources. The New Data Source page appears, as shown in the figure below.
3. In the Type field, select **Bean Data Source**. The information on the page changes to reflect what's needed to define a bean data source.
4. Enter the bean name. If the data source service is to be instantiated through a factory method of the Spring bean, you should also enter the name of the method.

New Data Source

Set Data Source Type and Properties

First, select the type of data source you wish to add, then enter the required property values.

Type:

Bean Name (required):

Hint: Name of Configured Bean

Bean Method (required):

Hint: Name of Method on Configured Bean

Figure 4-21 Bean Data Source Page

5. Click **Test Connection** to validate the data source. If the validation fails, ensure that the values you entered are correct and that the bean is in the classpath.
6. When the test is successful, click **Save**. The Save dialog appears.
7. Enter a name for the data source and an optional description. The Resource ID is generated from the name you enter. If you haven't already specified a location, expand the folder tree and select the location for your data source.
8. Click **Save** in the dialog. The data source appears in the repository.

CHAPTER 5 OTHER RESOURCES IN THE REPOSITORY

The previous chapter introduced data sources necessary to create any report. But the repository also stores other resources needed by reports. This chapter goes into detail about how to create queries, input controls, and file resources. These are the resources that users reference when uploading a JRXML file to create a JasperReport.

As an administrator, you need to define the resources required for your users' reports. If you have users who are proficient at creating their own reports in Jaspersoft Studio they can upload them as JasperReports to the server. In this case, you'll work with them to prepare the resources required by their reports. For less proficient users, you'll have to create and upload their JasperReports to the server.

For instructions on creating and uploading JasperReports to the server, see the *JasperReports Server User Guide*.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- [Queries](#)
- [Datatypes](#)
- [Lists of Values](#)
- [Input Controls](#)
- [Query-based Input Controls](#)
- [Cascading Input Controls](#)
- [File Resources](#)

5.1 Queries

A JasperReport uses a query to select the data to be returned from the data source. You can define the query in the JRXML itself, but you can also create and save queries in the repository. A query saved in the repository can be re-used by multiple JasperReports.

Reusing a query enables you to adapt reports to different audiences. The query returns the same data from the same data source every time, but each report presents the data in a different way. Also, separating the query from the JRXML makes it easier to maintain large numbers of reports when the data source changes and the query needs to be updated.

You can also use queries to populate list input controls, as described in [5.5, “Query-based Input Controls,” on page 110](#) and [5.6, “Cascading Input Controls,” on page 118](#).

To create a reusable query:

1. Login as an administrator.
2. Click **View > Repository** and locate the folder for the query.

- Right click the folder's name and select **Add Resource > Query** from the context menu. The Add Query page appears.

Figure 5-1 Add Query - Name the Query Page

- Enter a name for the query. Resource ID is filled in automatically, and the description is optional. Click **Next**. The Link a Data Source page appears.

Figure 5-2 Add Query - Link a Data Source Page

- Select the data source and click **Next**. Your options are:
 - Do not link a data source.** If no data source is associated with the query, the server uses the data source associated with the report that references the query.
 - Create a new data source.** You can define a local data source within this query resource that's not accessible to any other resource. Click the link to create any data source as described in [Chapter 4, “Data Sources,” on page 69](#). This new data source overrides any data source specified in reports that use the query.
 - Select data source from repository.** This creates a reference to a data source in the repository. Click **Browse** to select an existing data source. The data source you select overrides any data source specified in reports that use the query.

Click **Next**. The Define the Query page appears.

Figure 5-3 Add Query - Define the Query Page

6. Select a Query Language. For this example choose **SQL**.
The query language Domain (sl) is selected when opening Domain-based queries created in versions of the server before 3.7. It is used only for backward compatibility and should not be selected for new Domain-based queries.
7. Enter the text of your query in the **Query String** field, for example:

```
SELECT * FROM orders
```

8. Click **Save**.

By default, JasperReports Server supports SQL, HQL (Hibernate), HiveQL (Hadoop-Hive), MongoDB, CQL (Cassandra), and Domain queries, while JasperReports Library supports several more (such as EJBQL, XPath and MDX). However, JasperReports Server can support additional query languages if a query executor implementation is properly configured for each additional language when the server is deployed.

You can use a specialized bean data source to support multiple query languages. For information about bean data sources, refer to [4.12, “Bean Data Sources,” on page 100](#). Another option to add new types of data sources to the server to extend the reach of the JasperReports Server platform. Custom data sources are described in the *JasperReports Server Ultimate Guide*.

5.2 Datatypes

A datatype defines the format of a single-value input control, for example text or numerical. Datatypes determine what users can enter in the input fields that correspond to parameters in a report:

- Text
- Number
- Date
- Date/time

To create a datatype:

1. Log on as an administrator.
2. Click **View > Repository** and locate the folder for the datatype.
3. Right click the folder's name's name and select **Add Resource > Datatype** from the context menu. The Add Datatype page appears.

Figure 5-4 Add Datatype Page

4. Enter a name and optional description for the datatype. The resource ID is filled in automatically.
5. Select the datatype and provide related information. Your options are:
 - Text – You can specify a regular expression in the **Pattern** field. The expression is used to validate the text the user submits. For instance, you could enter an expression that tests for email addresses.
 - Number – With numerical datatypes, you can control the range of acceptable values by specifying minimum and maximum values and whether the specified values are themselves acceptable (**Minimum is Strict** and **Maximum is Strict** check boxes). If you select a **Strict** check box, the specified value is *not* acceptable. For instance, for a percent field, you might specify a minimum of 0 and a maximum of 100. If you do not want to accept 0 percent, you would check **Minimum is Strict**. If you want to accept 100 percent, you would clear **Maximum is Strict**.
 - Date and DateTime – Click the calendar icon to the right of the Minimum and Maximum date or date time fields to choose their values.
6. Click **Save**. The datatype resource appears in the repository.

5.3 Lists of Values

A lists of values resource is a static list of values for single-select or multi-select input controls. Depending on the type of input control, the user selects one or more of these labels using radio buttons, check boxes, or drop-down lists.

To create a list of values:

1. Log on as an administrator.
2. Click **View > Repository** and locate the folder for the new list of values.
3. Right click the folder's name and select **Add Resource > List of Values** from the context menu. The Add List of Values page appears.

Add List of Values

Identify the list, then create the name-value pairs.

Name (required):
List of Plan Years

Resource ID (required):
List_of_Plan_Years

Description:

Name	Value	
Year One	2000	Remove
Year Two	2001	Remove
Year Three	2002	Remove
Year Four	2003	Add

Submit Cancel

Figure 5-5 Add List of Values Page

4. Enter a name for the list of values. Resource ID is filled in automatically, and the description is optional
5. Enter the name and value for each item in the list and click **Add**.
The name and value are both treated as strings. Users see the label only in an input control that uses the list, and the report receives only the value. To remove an item, click Remove beside the value.
6. Click **Submit**. The list of values resource appears in the repository.

5.4 Input Controls

Any JasperReport can be parameterized so that its generated output is a function of values given at run time (query filters), or so that its layout is changed to accommodate different users (such as changing the title).

When writing JRXML, you can declare parameters and accommodate any run time value that needs to be passed into the query executor, the rendering engine, or the calculation engine. However, the parameter information in a JRXML file does not provide everything JasperReports Server needs to build a complete user interface and prompt users for values. You must also define an input control resource that defines the following:

- The range of possible values or list of discrete values allowed.
- The type of input, for example single-select or multi-select, and the widget to display the possible values, for example drop-down list or check boxes.
- Display options such as labels and whether the value is required.
- The name of the corresponding parameter in the JRXML.

When a user runs the report, the server uses this information to prompt the user for a value and to validate that input. For example, consider a report that returns sales data for all of a company's products; the user might input a product to view by selecting a product name in a list.

JasperReports Server supports several types of input controls, each of which can map to certain types of parameters in the report's JRXML. The input control also determines the kind of widget the user interacts with:

- **Boolean** – Presented as a check box. These input controls return a `java.lang.Boolean` object to the report engine in response to the user's selection. Boolean input controls return `.TRUE` or `.FALSE` as values, depending on whether the box is checked.
- **Single value** – Presented as a free-form text box. You must specify a datatype, for example text or numerical value, and the user's entry is validated against this datatype.
- **Single-select** – Presented either as a drop-down list or a set of radio buttons. A single-select input control returns a single value.
- **Multi-select** – Presented as a scrollable list of values or a set of check boxes. A multi-select input control returns a collection of values.

One advanced feature of single-select or multi-select input controls is that the values they present can be the result of a dynamic query. The query retrieves actual values from the data source before presenting them as choices to the user. These queries can contain parameters themselves, for example based on the logged-in user or the selection of a previous input control. Query parameters are described in [5.5, “Query-based Input Controls,” on page 110](#) and [5.6, “Cascading Input Controls,” on page 118](#).

Input controls rely on other resources in the repository, such as datatypes, static lists of values, or queries. You can manage these resources the same way you manage other resources. You can define them locally (available only to the input control) or reference them externally (reusing a resource in the repository). For more information, see [3.2.3, “Local Resources and External References,” on page 51](#).



Ad Hoc views based on Domains and Domain Topics always use locally defined input controls that are created automatically based on the chosen filters. They cannot refer to input controls stored in the repository, and you should not modify them. For more information, see the *JasperReports Server User Guide*.

Some input controls rely on queries to populate their options. These more complex controls are described in [5.5, “Query-based Input Controls,” on page 110](#).

As with other resources, input controls can be created locally as part of a JasperReport, in which case they cannot be seen outside that JasperReport, or they can be created separately in the repository and referenced in multiple reports.

To use an input control in a report, the control must meet two conditions:

- The parameter name in the input control must correspond to the name of the parameter in the report. No error occurs for a mismatch, but at run time `NULL` is passed instead of actual value of the parameter.
- The input control and its corresponding parameter must be of compatible datatypes (for example, both must be text types or date types). If there is a mismatch, the report fails and an exception is returned.

This section explains how to create an input control in the repository. To reference input controls in a JasperReport, see the *JasperReports Server User Guide*.

To create an input control:

1. Log on as an administrator.
2. Click **View > Repository** and locate the folder for the input control.
3. Right click the folder's name and select **Add Resource > Input Control** from the context menu. The Add Input Control page appears.

Add Input Control

Create Input Control

First, select the kind of input control you wish to add, then enter the required property values..

Type: Single Value

Prompt Text (required):

The label is displayed to users next to the input control.

Parameter Name (required):

This value must match the name of the parameter in your report.

Description:

Mandatory
 Read-only
 Visible

Previous Next Cancel

Figure 5-6 Add Input Control Page

4. Select the type of input control from the **Type** list. In this example, **Single Value** is selected.
5. Enter the prompt to tell users how to use the control. This example, uses the prompt `Select the text for the report title`.
6. In practice, the prompt text is often the same as the parameter, so the parameter name is automatically filled in. If you have used a different prompt, edit the Parameter Name field and enter the exact name of the parameter for your control. Remember, the parameter name must be the same here as in the reports that use this input control.

For this example, the parameter name is `title`. Description is optional.

7. Select options for the control. Your options are:
 - **Mandatory** – Forces the end user to supply a value.
 - **Read-only** – Displays the value of the parameter without allowing the end user to modify it.
 - **Visible** – Makes the input control visible in the report options dialog.
8. Click **Next**.
 Subsequent pages depend on what type of input control you chose:
 - Boolean types do not require any further information.
 - Single-value types require a datatype the user can enter.
 - Single-select and multi-select types based on static lists require a list of values.
 - Single-select and multi-select types based on queries require a query.
9. In this single-value example, the Locate Datatype page appears. Choose the option to select a datatype from the repository and click Browse. In the repository dialog, select `/datatypes/TextGeneralDatatype`, which is similar to the datatype we created in [5.2, “Datatypes,” on page 105](#).



If you choose to define a datatype, the wizard takes you through the same procedure as in [section 5.2, “Datatypes,” on page 105](#). You can then define any datatype you need, but it's local to the input control and not reusable in other input controls.

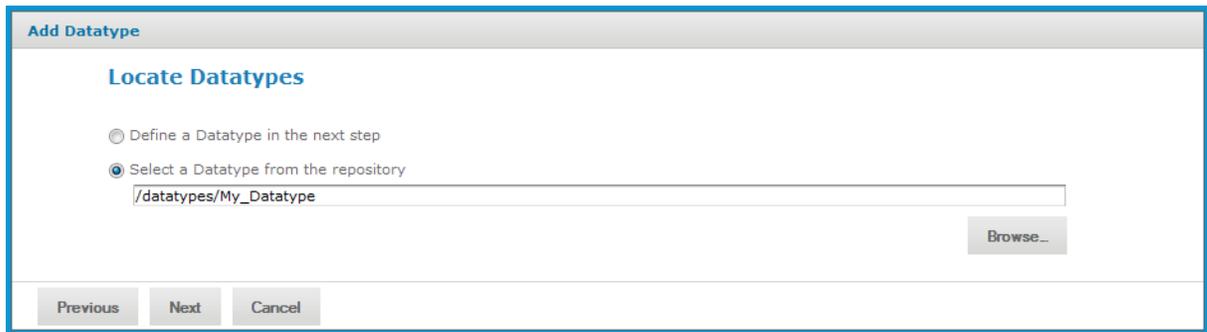


Figure 5-7 Locate a Datatype for an Input Control

10. Click **Next**. The input control resource is created in the repository.
11. Locate the input control in the repository manager. Notice that the text of the prompt that you entered in **step 5** is also used as the name for the resource.

5.5 Query-based Input Controls

Query-based input controls display a dynamic set of values for the user to choose from. They are input control resources in the repository, but instead of being based on a datatype or a static list of values, they perform a query to retrieve a list of values. For example, a report could have a city parameter, and the query-based input control could display the list of cities in your data. Because the queries use standard syntax, you can include filters in a WHERE clause, for example, to restrict the list of cities to a certain country.

5.5.1 Creating a Query-based Input Control

In this first example, we create a query-based input control that returns a list of all cities the user can choose from.

1. Log in as an administrator.
2. Browse the repository and select the folder for the query-based input control.
3. Right click the folder's name and select **Add Resource > Input Control**. The Add Input Control dialog appears.

Add Input Control

Create Input Control

First, select the kind of input control you wish to add, then enter the required property values..

Type: Single Value

Prompt:

Query:

The label:

Parameter:

Query:

This value must match the name of the parameter in your report.

Description:

Mandatory

Read-only

Visible

Figure 5-8 Adding an Input Control - Naming

4. Select the type of query-based input control from the type drop-down list. This determines how the input control appears to users, either as a drop-down list, a set of radio buttons, a multi-select list, or a set of check boxes. In this example, we choose a single-select query-based input control type.
5. Specify the prompt text, parameter name, optional description, and appearance options in the same manner as when defining a regular input control.
6. Click **Next**. Because we selected one of the query-based types, the Locate Query page appears:

Add Query

Locate Query

Define a Query in the next step

Select a Query from the repository

Figure 5-9 Adding an Input Control - Locating the Query

If you have a suitable query defined in the repository, you can select it here as an external reference. In this example, we'll define a query locally inside the input control.

- Click **Next** to define the local query resource. The query naming dialog appears:

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Add Query: MyInputControlQuery". The main heading is "Name the Query". Below it, the instruction reads "Enter the required property values." On the left, there is a navigation pane with three items: "Name the Query" (selected with a blue dot), "Link a Data Source", and "Define the Query". The main area contains three input fields: "Name (required):" with the value "MyInputControlQuery", "Resource ID (required):" with the value "MyInputControlQuery", and "Description:" which is empty. At the bottom, there are three buttons: "Previous", "Next", and "Cancel".

Figure 5-10 Adding an Input Control - Naming the Query

Although the query resource is not visible in the repository, it may still have a name, ID and optional description within the query resource. However, the values for these fields are not important.

- Enter any name, and the ID is filled in automatically. Then click **Next**. The link data source page appears:

The screenshot shows the same dialog box, but now the main heading is "Link a Data Source to the Query". The instruction reads "Optionally, link a data source to the query. You can choose a data source from the repository or create a new one." The navigation pane now has "Link a Data Source" selected with a blue dot. The main area contains three radio button options: "Do not link a data source" (selected), "Click here to create a new data source", and "Select data source from repository". Below the radio buttons is an empty text input field and a "Browse..." button. At the bottom, there are three buttons: "Previous", "Next", and "Cancel".

Figure 5-11 Adding an Input Control - Linking to a Data Source

Like all queries, the query inside the input control may optionally link to a data source, either in the repository or its own internally defined one. If no data source is linked, the query in the input control uses the same data source as the report. In this example, we use the default of not linking to a data source.

9. Click **Next**. The query definition page appears:

Figure 5-12 Adding an Input Control - Defining the Query

10. Select the query language, in this example SQL, and enter a query string. The SELECT statement should contain the names of all fields used in the display, value, or filter for the input control. In this example, the query returns three fields, country, state, and city. Country limits the values to a single country. The ORDER BY clause ensures that the values from the query are sorted alphabetically when they appear in the input control.
- For an example in a different query language, see [5.5.3, “Domain-based Queries,” on page 116](#).
11. Click **Save** to complete the query definition. The parameter values page appears:

Figure 5-13 Adding an Input Control - Setting Parameter Values

On the parameter values page, you specify which fields in the query result are displayed, and which field contains values that become the parameter value. when chosen.

- a. First, specify the value column. This is the field whose value is passed to the report. The datatype of the field must match the type of the corresponding parameter in the report.
- b. Next, specify the visible columns. These are the fields whose values appear in the input control the user chooses from. In the simplest case, enter the same field as the value column. If you add multiple fields to the visible columns, the input control displays the fields together, in the order listed, separated by a vertical bar (|). In this example, the user can see and choose from:

Los Angeles | CA
 San Francisco | CA
 Denver | CO

Only the city value (without the state) is passed to the report. Showing additional fields in this way can help users find the value they want in long lists of results.

The value and display columns may also be entirely different, for example, displaying the full name of a sales representative, but using the employee ID as the value returned by the input control. The only restriction is that all fields used in the value or display list must be selected by the query.

5.5.2 Built-in Parameters for Query-based Input Controls

The `LoggedInUser` and `LoggedInUsername` parameters are always available for query input controls; they're always available to reports, as well, even if an input control isn't defined for them. The standard parameters are also provided for reports if they're defined as parameters in the JRXML.

Table 5-1 Built-in Parameters for Query-based Input Controls

Parameter Name	Type	Notes
<code>LoggedInUser</code>	User	The currently logged in user. This parameter isn't available in query input controls, but is used as a parameter to the report.
<code>LoggedInUsername</code>	String	The user name of the current user.
<code>LoggedInUserFullName</code>	String	The full name of the current user.
<code>LoggedInUserEmail Address</code>	String	The email address of the current user.
<code>LoggedInUserEnabled</code>	Boolean	Indicates whether the current user is enabled.
<code>LoggedInUserExternally Defined</code>	Boolean	Indicates whether the current user is authenticated externally.
<code>LoggedInUserTenantId</code>	String	The current user's organization.
<code>LoggedInUserRoles</code>	Collection <String>	The roles assigned to the current user. This is helpful for parameters that use <code>\$X</code> .

Attributes defined on users, organizations, or at the server-level can also be used in reports and query-based input controls. For more information, see [2.4, “Managing Attributes,” on page 37](#).

Table 5-2 Attribute-based Parameters for Queries and Reports

Parameter Name	Type	Notes
LoggedInUserAttributes	Map<String, String>	The attributes of the logged-in user. This parameter isn't usable in query input controls, but it is used as a parameter to the report. If the user has no attributes, the parameter is an empty map.
LoggedInUserAttributeNames	Collection<String>	The names of the attributes of the logged-in user. This is helpful for parameters that use \$X. If the user has no attributes, the parameter is an empty map.
LoggedInUserAttributeValues	Collection<String>	The values of the attributes of the logged-in user. This is helpful for parameters that use \$X. If the user has no attributes, the parameter is an empty map.
LoggedInUserAttribute_<attribute-name>	String	For the logged-in user, the value of the attribute matching the name passed as <attribute-name> (such as att1). If there's no attribute with this name for this user, the parameter is empty. This parameter is available only if it's defined in a query or as a report parameter.
LoggedInTenantAttribute_<attribute-name>	String	The value of the named attribute defined in the organization of the logged-in user. If there's no attribute with this name for this organization, the parameter is empty. This parameter is available only if it's defined in a query or as a report parameter.
ServerAttribute_<attribute-name>	String	The value of the named attribute defined at the server level. If there's no attribute with this name at the server-level, the parameter is empty. This parameter is available only if it's defined in a query or as a report parameter.

Parameter Name	Type	Notes
Attribute_ <attribute-name>	String	<p>The value of the named attribute is determined hierarchically. The first value found for the named attribute in the following order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the logged-in user. • On the organization of the logged-in user, then in any parent organizations. • At the server level. <p>If there's no attribute with this name defined in those locations, the parameter is empty.</p> <p>This parameter is available only if it's defined in a query or as a report parameter.</p>

5.5.3 Domain-based Queries

For reports that use a Domain as the data source, a query-based input control must contain a query against the Domain. When defining the query as shown in [Figure 5-12, “Adding an Input Control - Defining the Query,” on page 113](#), set the query language to **Domain**.



The query language **Domain ("sl")** is selected when opening Domain-based queries created in JasperServer 3.5 or earlier. It's used only for backward compatibility and should not be selected for new Domain-based queries.

Domain queries have their own special syntax, the same one that's used in the Domain design. A Domain-based query references fields, called items, by their item IDs, along with any set IDs that determine the path of the item within the Domain. For example, if you want your query input control to return a list of store cities, where the field with ID `ej_store_store_city` is nested in the set with ID `expense_join_store`, you would use the following Domain query:

```
<query>
  <queryFields>
    <queryField id="expense_join_store.ej_store_store_city" />
  </queryFields>
</query>
```

The list contained inside the `<queryFields>` tag in a Domain query is equivalent to the fields given in the SELECT statement of an SQL query. Given the query above, you can create an input control for a Domain-based report that lets the user select a city as a parameter to the report.

Sometimes, you may want the input control to display more information than the actual value returned. As with standard query-based input controls, you can select more fields, and then display those fields in your input control. For example, to make the list of cities unambiguous, you could include the state and country in your display. In that case, the Domain-based query must also retrieve those items:

```
<query>
  <queryFields>
```

```

<queryField id="expense_join_store.ej_store_store_city" />
<queryField id="expense_join_store.ej_store_store_state" />
<queryField id="expense_join_store.ej_store_store_country" />
</queryFields>
</query>

```

Then, when specifying your visible query columns, as shown in **Figure 5-15, “Query for the Country Input Control,” on page 121**, you'd add the 3 fields to the list in the order you want them to appear. When specifying fields in the list of visible query columns, use the full ID of the field, including any set IDs. For example, the following list of fields:

```

expense_join_store.ej_store_store_country
expense_join_store.ej_store_store_state
expense_join_store.ej_store_store_city

```

creates a list of values such as the following for users to choose from (the separator | is added automatically):

```

USA | CA | Los Angeles
USA | CA | San Francisco
USA | OR | Portland
USA | WA | Redmond

```

The Domain-based query also has the option to filter the query results, as shown in the following example:

```

<query>
  <queryFields>
    <queryField id="expense_join_store.ej_store_store_city" />
    <queryField id="expense_join_store.ej_store_store_country" />
    <queryField id="expense_join_store.ej_store_store_state" />
  </queryFields>
  <queryFilterString>expense_join_store.ej_store_store_country == 'USA' and
    expense_join_store.ej_store_store_state == 'CA'
  </queryFilterString>
</query>

```

The `<queryFilterString>` tag contains a DomEL (Domain Expression Language) expression that references the full ID of the fields, including any set IDs. For more information about DomEL, see the *JasperReports Server User Guide*. The `<queryFilterString>` tag in a Domain query is equivalent to the WHERE clause of an SQL query. The list of fields in the `<queryFields>` tag must include all fields being referenced in the filter string.

Finally, you can specify sort columns to arrange your query results using the `sortList` element, as shown in this example:

```

<queryFields>
  <queryField id="ShipRegion" />
  <queryField id="RequiredDate" />
  <queryField id="OrderId" />
  <queryField id="ShipCity"/>
</queryFields>
<sortList>
  <sortColumn columnName="ShipCity" />
</sortList>
</query>

```

5.6 Cascading Input Controls

A cascading input control is one whose values depend on the selection made in a previous input control. You create a cascading input control using parameters in the query string of a related input control. In other words, the parameter you defined for an input control can be used in another query-based input control.

In a query-based example of cities and states such as:

```
Los Angeles | CA
San Francisco | CA
Denver | CO
```

the query may still generate a list of hundreds of cities to scroll through. Even though each city is easy to identify with the state, scrolling through a long list is time consuming. With cascading input controls, this example can have two input controls, one for the state and one for the city: The city input control is empty until the user selects a state.

- When input controls are displayed, the query for the state input control returns an alphabetical list of unique state names.
- When the user selects a state, the query for the city input control is triggered and returns the list of cities in that state. When the user selects one and submits it, the city name is passed as a parameter to the report.

For an especially large number of cities, you can use more cascading input controls, such as region of state, to reduce the list.

The parameter values determined by each cascading input control may or may not be used in the report. For example, if the report only shows data about a city, the country input control exists only to speed up the choice of city. However, if the report also shows information such as city average compared to country average for a given measure, the country parameter is also used in the report.

5.6.1 Parameters in Input Control Queries

Parameter substitution in query input controls follows the same approach as for JasperReports queries. Queries of all types of data sources can use parameter substitution, and \$P, \$P! and \$X (for SQL queries) parameters are supported. The \$X notation has two principal forms explained in the following list:

- `$P{parameter_name}`
The value of the parameter is substituted into the query. In cases where the parameter contains a string, the substitution inserts the proper escape characters to create valid SQL. Use this for single-select input controls and simple comparison operators such as greater-than or less-than. For example:

```
select name from EMPLOYEES where deals_closed > $P{DEALS}
```


Do not use `$P{parameter_name}` with equality because the parameter value can be null, and `field = NULL` is not valid SQL. Instead use `$X{EQUALS, ...}` as explained below.
- `$P!{parameter_name}`
The value of the parameter is treated as raw text. The server replaces the parameter with the value of the input control without performing extra checking or value escaping. This is used in complex cases where the input control provides a piece of the query or sometimes the entire query.
- `$X{EQUALS, column, parameter_name}` or `$X{NOTEQUAL, column, parameter_name}`
This syntax performs equality verification and handles the case when the parameter value is null. Use this everywhere instead of the old `column = $P{parameter_name}` syntax. The `$X{EQUALS...}` syntax performs the following substitution before submitting the query:

```
column = parameter_value -- when parameter_value is non-null
column IS NULL -- when parameter_value is NULL
```

- `$X{IN, column, parameter_name}` OR `$X{NOT IN, column, parameter_name}`
Use this parameter for cascading with multiple-select input controls. The `$X{IN...}` operator is true when the field value matches any one of the multiple values of the input control. In the country/cities example, we can allow the user to pick any number of countries, and show all the cities in the selected countries. The query-based input control would have the following query:

```
select city from ACCOUNTS where $X{IN, country, COUNTRIES}
```

If the user selects the values Canada, Mexico, and USA in the COUNTRIES multi-select input control, the `$X{}` syntax translates into the following query for the CITIES input control:

```
select city from ACCOUNTS where country IN ('USA','Canada','Mexico')
```



When defining these parameters in a report, don't use a `defaultValueExpression` element. Due to a limitation in JasperReports Server, these parameters are null when a `defaultValueExpression` is provided.

The `$X` syntax also supports the following operators. They are all designed to handle null input by generating 0 = 0 when the parameter value is null:

Parameter Syntax	Meaning
<code>\$X{GREATER, column, parameter}</code>	<code>column > parameter</code>
<code>\$X{[GREATER, column, parameter}</code>	<code>column >= parameter</code>
<code>\$X{LESS, column, parameter}</code>	<code>column < parameter</code>
<code>\$X{LESS], column, parameter}</code>	<code>column <= parameter</code>
<code>\$X{BETWEEN, column, start_param, end_param}</code>	<code>start_param < column < end_param</code>
<code>\$X{BETWEEN], column, start_param, end_param}</code>	<code>start_param < column <= end_param</code>
<code>\$X{[BETWEEN, column, start_param, end_param}</code>	<code>start_param <= column < end_param</code>
<code>\$X{[BETWEEN], column, start_param, end_param}</code>	<code>start_param <= column <= end_param</code>

For more information on using `$P`, `$P!` and `$X` to build dynamic queries, see the *JasperReports Library Ultimate Guide* and the *Jaspersoft Studio User Guide*.

Any number of parameters can be used in a query, just as any number of input controls can be defined in a JasperReport. In addition to the standard input control parameters, a cascading input control query can use the built-in parameters described in [Table 5-1, “Built-in Parameters for Query-based Input Controls,” on page 114](#).

5.6.2 Creating a Cascading Input Control

In this example, we'll create a cascading input control to allow users to report on orders for a specific city by selecting a country and then a city within that country. Our example uses Jaspersoft Studio to edit a JasperReport on the server. The report uses sample data from the SugarCRM database shipped with JasperReports Server.

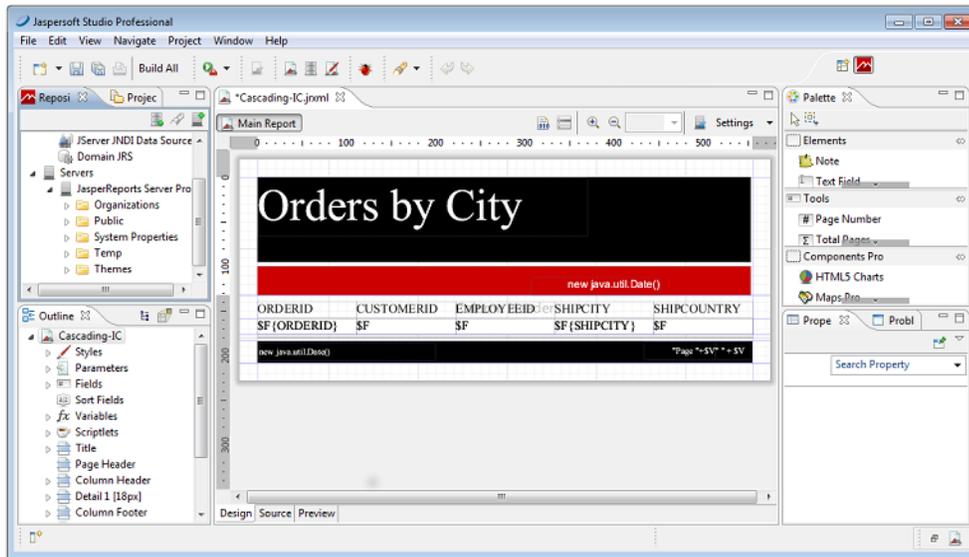


Figure 5-14 Simple Report Filtered by City



You can connect Jaspersoft Studio to JasperReports Server. Once connected, the reports on the server will appear in the repository tree in Jaspersoft Studio. For more information see the *Jaspersoft Studio User Guide*.

We'll start with a report containing the following dataset fields: ORDERED, CUSTOMERID, EMPLOYEEID, SHIPCITY, and SHIPCOUNTRY.

Our sample report is based on the following query that requires the user to enter a city:

```
select * from orders where SHIPCITY=$P{City}
```

Creating the Country input control:

1. On the repository tab, right click your report's folder and select **New** from the context menu. The Add JasperReports Server Resource wizard appears.
2. Select **Input Control** and click **Next**.
3. Enter **Country** for the **Name** of the input control and click **Next**.
4. Select the query type **Single Select Query**.
5. Click the ellipsis button next to the **Local Resource** field. The Query window opens.
6. Enter the SQL query:

```
select distinct SHIPCOUNTRY from orders order by SHIPCOUNTRY
```

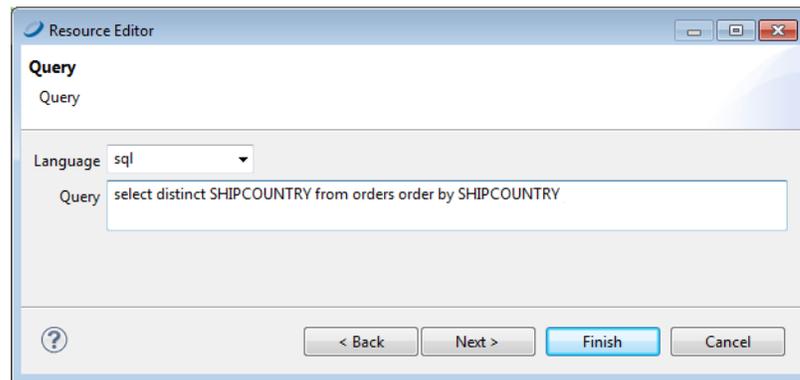


Figure 5-15 Query for the Country Input Control

7. Click **Next**. The Data Source window opens.
8. Click the **Data Source from Repository** option, select your data source, then click **Finish**.
9. On the **Value and Visible Columns** tab, enter `SHIPCOUNTRY` in the **Value Column** field and click **Add**. This is the column whose value is returned as the value of the Country input control.
10. Under **Visible Query Columns**, enter `SHIPCOUNTRY`. This is the column whose values populate the list of cities the user can choose from. In our case it is the same as the value column.
11. Click **Finish**.

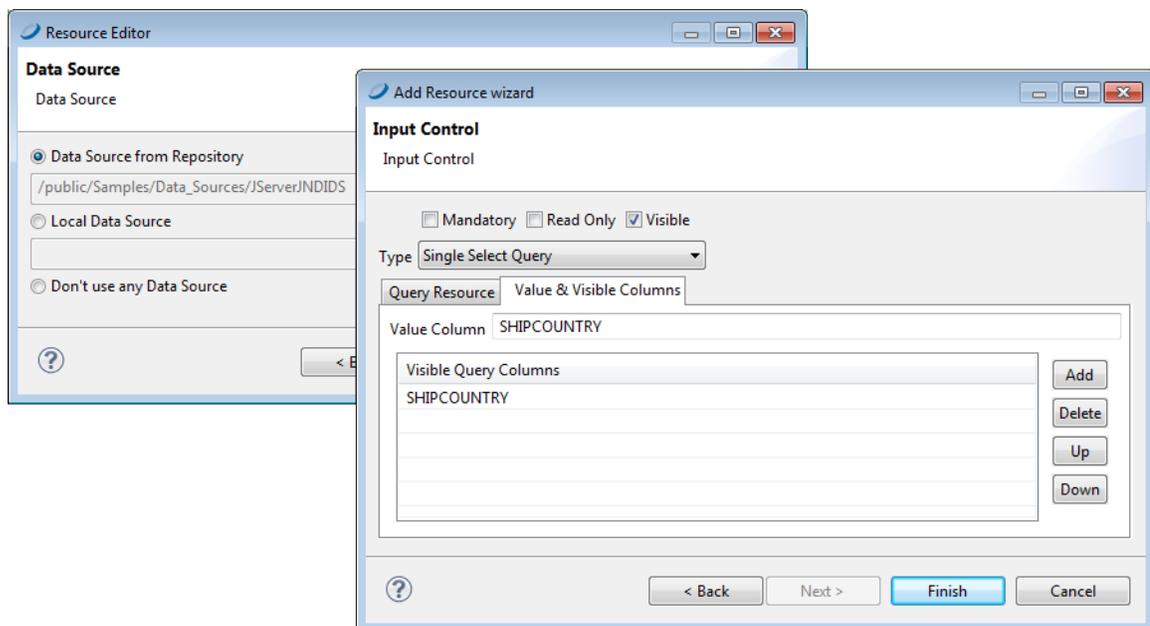


Figure 5-16 Country Control Value and Visible Columns

Creating the City input control:

1. Create a new City input control the same way you created the Country input control, using **Single Select Query** type.

2. Define an SQL query that uses the value of Country to derive valid values for City.

Select distinct SHIPCITY from orders where SHIPCOUNTRY = \$P{Country} order by SHIPCITY

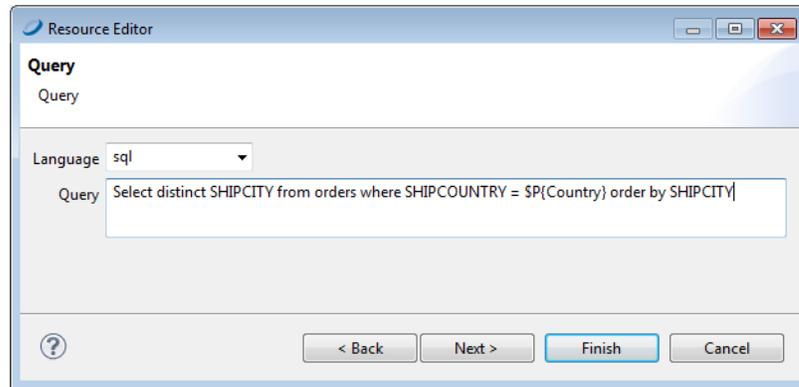


Figure 5-17 Query Using Country to Select Cities

3. Click **Next**. The Data Source window opens.
4. Click the **Data Source from the Repository** option, select your data source, then click **Finish**.
5. On the **Value and Visible Columns** tab, enter SHIPCITY in the **Value Column** field and click **Add**. This is the column whose value is returned as the value of the City input control.
6. Under **Visible Query Columns**, enter SHIPCITY. This is the column value used to create the list of cities the user can choose from.
7. Click **Finish**.

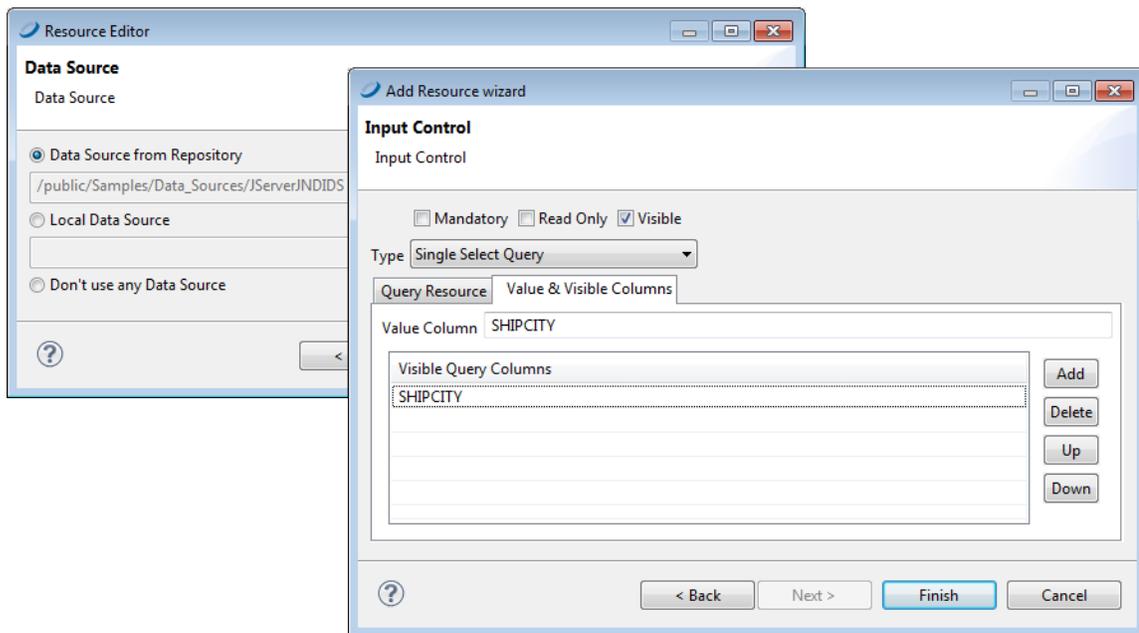


Figure 5-18 City Control Value and Visible Columns

8. Publish your report to JasperReports Server.

Now when you run your report in JasperReports Server, You'll see an input control for country and another for city. After you select the country, the values available for city are those within that country. Notice that the Country value is not passed to the report. It is used only to help the user select a city.

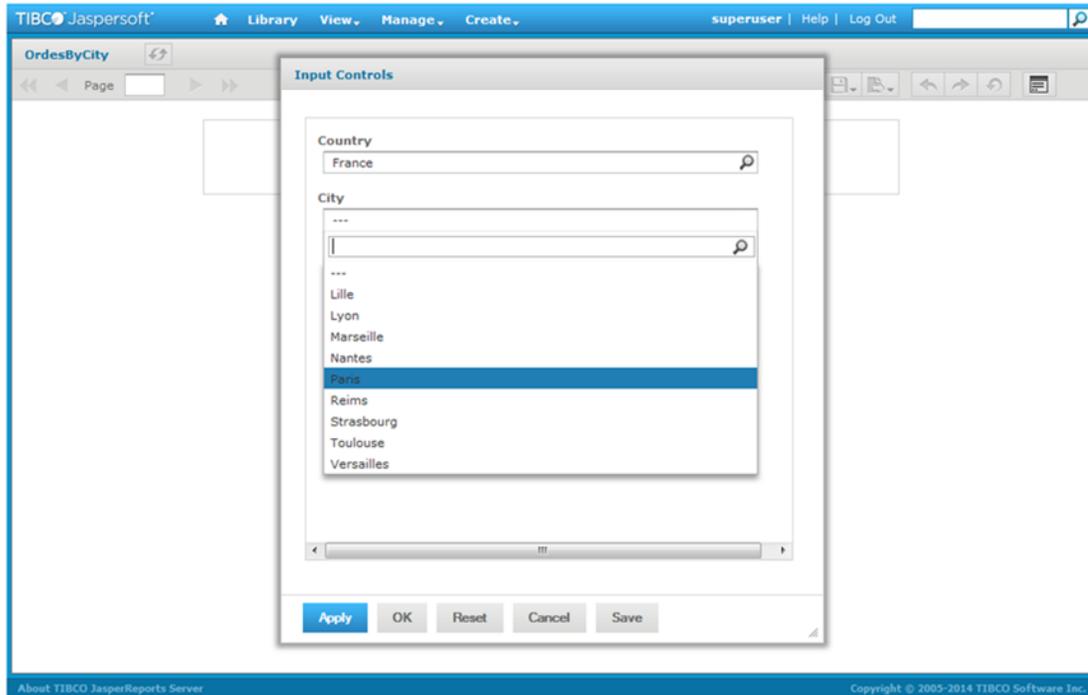


Figure 5-19 A Report with a Cascading Input Control

5.7 File Resources

You create file resources by uploading files so they can be referenced by Jasper Reports. JasperReports Server supports the following file types:

Table 5-3 File Resource Types

File Type	Description
CSS	Cascading Style Sheet file that helps define the user interface as part of a theme.
Font	True Type font (.ttf) file to extend the set of fonts available in a report and allow embedding of fonts in the PDF output, if needed (see 5.7.1, “Fonts,” on page 124).

File Type	Description
Image	Any image format supported by the JVM (Java Virtual Machine), such as JPEG, GIF, and PNG. Image files can be referenced in JasperReports, and also in CSS files.
JAR	Libraries that provide functionality for your reports (see 5.7.2, “JAR Files,” on page 125).
JRXML	The definition of a report in JasperReports' XML-based report definition language. A JRXML file can be uploaded separately for use in multiple JasperReports.
OLAP Schema	Defines the data in an OLAP cube, including how to aggregate the dimensions.
Resource Bundle	A Java .properties file containing key-value pairs for localization of reports (see 5.7.3, “Resource Bundles,” on page 125).
Style Template	A JRTX file containing a style template that can be shared among JasperReports.
XML	XML file used in Domains and analysis to define data-level security. Can also be used for XML and JSON data files (see 4.11, “File Data Sources,” on page 97).
Azure Certificate	A x.509 server certificate (.cer) or key exchange (.pfx) file used to authenticate JasperReports Server with Microsoft Azure (see “Uploading an Azure Certificate File to the Repository” on page 82).
Secure File	A SSH private key file for SFTP file transfers that require a SSH key (see “Uploading an SSH Private Key File to the Repository” on page 127).

The way in which fonts, JAR files and resource bundles are associated with reports is further explained in the following sections.

5.7.1 Fonts

The server relies on the JasperReports Library as its content rendering engine, which enables it to produce high-quality, pixel-perfect documents. The server can use any of the fonts available to its JVM as logical or physical fonts. This solution is perfect for HTML reports that are stored in the server.

However, when exporting the report to PDF, you may need to take additional steps if the report includes fonts that the PDF viewer doesn't recognize, or if the report requires fonts that your users do not have on their computers. In this case, you must embed the font in the PDF file itself. To embed a font, you must edit the report's main JRXML file; the TTF (True Type Font) file that the report references must be available to the server at run time. One way to ensure that the server has the correct font is to upload it to the repository by creating a file resource. Then, the report can refer to the font's URI in the repository.

For details about working with fonts and PDF export, refer to the JasperReports documentation.

5.7.2 JAR Files

JasperReports can leverage third-party APIs. When run, reports can make direct API calls to third-party code using JRXML expressions. This provides enormous flexibility for incorporating business logic or other utility code into report generation.

In some cases, you can make the third-party code available to the report generating process by adding the necessary libraries to the server's application classpath when it's deployed. In other cases, upload the third-party or additional JAR files to the repository by creating a file resource. Then the report can refer to the code by referencing them as additional file resources.

5.7.3 Resource Bundles

When a single JRXML template is used to generate documents in multiple languages, it needs a resource bundle to accommodate the locale-specific content. If you upload such resource bundles by creating a file resource, your JRXML files can refer to them.

The name of the resource bundle created as a file resource in the repository must have `.properties` as its file extension. For example, the default resource bundle might be named `MyReport.properties`, and its French translation `MyReport_fr.properties`. For more information about resource bundles for reports, refer to the *JasperReports Server User Guide*.

5.7.4 Creating a File Resource

Administrators should organize file resources into folders in the repository to make them easier to find when creating references.

To add a file resource:

1. Log in as an administrator and select **View > Repository**.
2. In the Folders panel, right-click the parent folder's name and select **Add Resource > File** from the context menu, and select a resource type. In this example, **Font**. The Add File dialog appears.
3. Enter the required information for the file resource. In addition to the name and ID, file resources only require you to enter the path to a file. Click **Browse** to locate a file on your file system.

The figure below shows the dialog for adding a Font file. All file resources are created by uploading a file in this way.

Figure 5-20 Adding a File Resource

4. When done, click **Submit**. The new file resource appears in the selected folder in the Repository panel.

5.7.5 Editing a File Resource

The following example shows how to edit a file resource.

To edit a file resource:

1. Log on as an administrator.
2. In the repository, browse or search for the resource.
3. Right-click the resource and select **Edit** from the context menu. In this example, we edit the font resource created in 5.7.4, “**Creating a File Resource,**” on page 125.

Edit File

Upload a File From Your Local Computer

Choose the file to upload, set its properties, and specify its location.

Type:

Path to File (required):

Name (required):

Resource ID (read-only):
 Comic_Sans_MS

Description:

Save Location:

Figure 5-21 Editing a File Resource

4. Use the Edit dialog to view or modify the resource definition and its values. In the figure above, you can see how the Description field was changed. You can also change the contents of the file resource by specifying another file to upload. The Path to File field is not required unless you want to reload the file from disk.
5. Click **Submit** to save any changes.

5.7.6 Uploading an SSH Private Key File to the Repository

JasperReports Server allows you to export scheduled reports or dashboards over SFTP to an FTP server. If the FTP server uses SSH key authentication, you will need to upload a SSH private key file to the repository as a Secure File resource.

While the SSH private key is being used in a scheduled report or dashboard job, it cannot be deleted from JasperReports Server.

To upload an SSH key file to the repository:

1. Log into JasperReports Server as an administrator.
2. Click **View > Repository** and expand the folder tree.
3. Browse to the folder where you want to save the SSH key.
4. Right-click the folder and select **Add Resource > File > Secure File** from the context menu.
5. Click **Choose File** to locate and upload the SSH key file.
6. Enter a name and resource ID for the file.
7. Click **Submit** to save the file to the repository.

CHAPTER 6 THEMES

A theme is the set of all CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) and associated images that define the appearance of the user interface. Themes are stored in the Themes folder in the repository, with special menus on theme folders for activating, uploading, and downloading a theme. You can store any number of themes in the repository and switch among them, to change the UI's appearance.

For multi-organization deployments, administrators can set the theme individually for each organization, or rely on theme inheritance to use the same theme everywhere without needing to set it explicitly. Theme inheritance supports a mix of explicit and inherited settings, so that you can override any setting or image in a local organization, but inherit the rest of the theme from the parent or system-wide theme.



The set of files in the default theme was updated in 6.1. Custom themes developed before 6.1 may require upgrading to work with the new set of files. For more information see the upgrade procedures in the *JasperReports Server Upgrade Guide*.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- **Introduction to Themes**
- **How Themes Work**
- **Administering Themes**
- **Creating Themes**
- **Working With CSS Files**

6.1 Introduction to Themes

The default appearance of the JasperReports Server user interface (UI) can easily be modified to suit your needs.

The UI's appearance is determined by CSS (Cascading Style Sheets). A theme is a collection of CSS files and associated images that specify the appearance for all or part of the UI. A theme controls only the UI's looks, such as fonts, colors, lines, spacing, and images. It has no effect on content or functionality.

Themes are defined globally at the repository root and individually for each organization. Only administrators can set the theme. Administrators can add, upload, edit, copy, and delete the files that make up the theme, just like other resources in the repository. The repository allows special actions on theme folders for downloading and uploading themes as ZIP (compressed archive) files, and for activating the theme. Themes are active immediately without needing to restart the server.



Themes are fully integrated with the multi-organization architecture in JasperReports Server. Some features of themes discussed in this chapter apply only to deployments that are licensed to use multiple organizations. However, single-organization deployments use the same architecture, for example there are overrides and inheritance between themes in the single default organization and the system root.

Themes are hierarchical and very flexible, allowing administrators to easily change the global appearance or set organization-specific overrides. For example, all of the following scenarios are possible with themes:

Scenario	Description
Use the default theme unchanged.	If the default theme suits your needs, there's no need to customize it or develop new themes. After a standard installation, the default theme is set at the root level and is automatically inherited by all organizations so every user sees the server with the same interface.
Quickly modify the default theme.	You can specify overrides of individual CSS rules or replace images in the default theme. After creating and uploading the new files, your theme is active immediately. Theme inheritance ensures that every organization sees your theme immediately as well.
Create an entirely new theme.	With CSS experience or Jaspersoft Professional Services, you can change the entire look and feel of the server. You can create a custom theme to match or blend with nearly any other web design. Inheritance again ensures that every organization uses the new theme, while allowing you to manage it from a single set of files.
Override themes to customize the UI for each organization.	<p>You can give each organization or suborganization a customization of the default theme, for example a new logo, while retaining all other aspects. The benefit of this approach is that the default theme can still be modified and inherited by all organizations, while retaining each organization's overrides.</p> <p>This approach can be combined with the previous one, so that organization-specific overrides are applied to a custom theme.</p>
Create a new theme in each organization.	For SaaS vendors, each organization can be a different client that needs a special interface. Themes allow each organization to fully define the UI and still retain override and inheritance for its own suborganizations. In such deployments, each organization admin can create or modify the appearance of his own user interface.

6.2 How Themes Work

Themes are stored in a special folder named Themes at the root of the repository and in every organization. Each Themes folder contains a default theme that can't be edited and any number of custom theme folders. Each theme is stored in its own folder and is known by the name of the folder.

The folder named default in every Themes folder is a special theme whose contents are controlled by the server. In the Themes folder at the root, the default theme contains the complete definition of every style that makes up

the default theme shipped with JasperReports Server. In the Themes folder of every organization, the default is a system generated theme that contains all styles inherited by the given organization. None of the default theme folders can be modified, even by administrators.



You cannot modify the files of the default theme through the repository. If you try to do so by circumventing the repository, you could inadvertently change rules and make the UI unusable. If this happens, you'll need to re-install JasperReports Server to recover.

This chapter uses the following terminology to distinguish between root-level and organization-level themes.

Name	Folder	Description
Default theme	root > Themes > default	The unmodified UI as it appears at installation. The default theme is defined in the default folder in the Themes folder at the root of the repository.
System theme	root > Themes > <i>active-theme</i>	The active theme set at the root level. All users in all organizations see this theme unless an organization-specific theme is activated.
Inherited theme	Organization > Themes > default	The combination of all themes applied to the parent organizations and inherited by a suborganization. The organization's inherited theme is stored in the default folder within the organization's Themes folder.
Active theme	Organization > Themes > <i>active-theme</i>	The theme that's active at the organization or system level. Users see a combination of the active and inherited theme, depending on the files in the active theme and the inheritance rules.

Every level of organization, including the root, has a designated active theme. If no custom theme is made active, the default theme at every level is the active theme.

The following figure shows the files of the default theme in the Themes folder at the root of the repository. The name of the folder and its subfolders are bold indicating that it's the active theme.

Folders	Repository							Sort By: Name Modified Date		
	Run	Edit	Open	Copy	Cut	Paste	Delete			
root										
Organizations										
Public										
Temp										
Themes										
default	Name	Description					Type	Created...	Modifie...	
common	attributes.css						File	March 17	March 17	
dashboard	baseTable.css						File	March 17	March 17	
domainTopic	buttons.css						File	March 17	March 17	
fonts	commonMinimal.css						File	March 17	March 17	
images	containers.css						File	March 17	March 17	
easy_access	controls.css						File	March 17	March 17	
jasper_dark	dataDisplays.css						File	March 17	March 17	
pods_summer	dialog.css						File	March 17	March 17	
	dialogSpecific.css						File	March 17	March 17	
	forPrint.css						File	March 17	March 17	
	importExport.css						File	March 17	March 17	
	lists.css						File	March 17	March 17	
	manageTenants.css						File	March 17	March 17	
	menu.css						File	March 17	March 17	
	notifications.css						File	March 17	March 17	
	overrides_custom.css						File	March 17	March 17	
	overrides_ie7.css						File	March 17	March 17	
	overrides_ie8.css						File	March 17	March 17	
	overrides_ie.css						File	March 17	March 17	
	pages.css						File	March 17	March 17	
	pageSpecific.css						File	March 17	March 17	
	pagination.css						File	March 17	March 17	
	panel.css						File	March 17	March 17	
	samples.css						File	March 17	March 17	
	simpleColorPicker.css						File	March 17	March 17	
	theme.css						File	March 17	March 17	
	themeMinimal.css						File	March 17	March 17	
	webPageView.css						File	March 17	March 17	

Figure 6-1 Contents of the Root default Theme

6.2.1 Theme Files

A complete theme consists of the files listed for the default theme, as shown in the previous figure, along with all referenced images. The file samples.css is used only by the **View > UI Samples** page described in section 6.5.5, “User Interface Samples,” on page 144. The files overrides_ie7.css and overrides_ie8.css are only loaded with the style sheets when the user's browser is Internet Explorer 7 or 8, respectively.



The set of files in the default theme was updated in release 6.1. Custom themes developed before 6.1 may require upgrading in order to work with the new set of files. For more information see the upgrade procedures in the *JasperReports Server Upgrade Guide*.

The images associated with a theme include all the icons in the user interface and backgrounds for buttons and borders. Several icons and backgrounds can be stored in the same file called a sprite. The theme also includes the `favicon.ico` file that appears on browser tabs. There are over 70 image files in the default theme.

The image files for the default theme are stored in a folder named `images`. In a custom theme, there are two ways to change an image of the default theme:

- Create a folder named `images` and an image file with the same name as the one you want to replace.
- Modify the corresponding CSS rules to specify the name and location of a different image.

When you modify the CSS rules, you can use any of the following ways to reference image files or any other helper file:

- Directly in the theme folder. In this case the file is referenced without a path, for example `"myfile.png"` in CSS.
- In any folder path located in the theme folder. For example, your custom CSS file could refer to `"MyImages/myfile.png"` if you create a folder named `MyImages` in the theme folder and upload your images there.
- Anywhere on the Internet. Following the CSS standard, your custom CSS can refer to images or any helper file with a regular URL.

6.2.2 Inheritance

In order to render the user interface, JasperReports Server must load each of the CSS files listed in [Figure 6-1](#). Because each file can be stored in multiple themes, inheritance determines which file to load. To locate the file, the server looks in the following locations, in the order listed below.

1. The active theme folder for the user's organization: `<organization>/Themes/<active-theme>`.
2. The inherited theme stored in the folder named `<organization>/Themes/default`.

When one of the CSS files references an image file or a helper file, including any path to that file, the server looks for that path and filename in the same two locations, in the same order. In this way, each file and image is resolved first in the active theme, and if not found, then in the inherited theme.

The active theme does not need to contain all the files because the inherited theme that is maintained by the server is guaranteed to contain all the files. Maintaining the inherited theme in every organization is the second task of inheritance.

The server maintains the inherited theme in each organization using the same algorithm. Whenever an administrator changes the active theme or modifies a file in the active theme, the server uses the same algorithm to find all files that define the active theme in this organization and makes a copy of them in every child organization. Thus, the active theme at the parent level becomes the inherited theme at the child organization level. For nested levels of organizations, the algorithm repeats on each level after updating the copy of the inherited theme. In this way, any changes are propagated down to every organization, and yet every level can maintain local overrides in its active theme.



Propagating changes to the inherited themes is computationally intensive and can take several moments after making a change to a theme. However, determining inheritance when changes are made is an effective trade-off so that CSS files for rendering client request are resolved nearly instantly.

6.2.3 CSS Priority Scheme and Custom Overrides

Once inheritance determines which files to load, the standard CSS priority scheme determines which rules are visible, based on the order in which files are loaded.

This leads to two general ways of developing custom themes:

- The quickest way is to copy individual CSS rules from the default theme files, modify the rules to change the UI, and save them in the `overrides_custom.css` file. This is the only file in your new theme. Because `overrides_custom.css` is always the last CSS file to be loaded, its rules override the same rules in other files. This allows you to easily change any number of rules, and manage them all in a single file. For example, if you want to increase the size of text on all the buttons in the default theme, you can do this with a few rules in the `overrides_custom.css` file. You may need to adjust the spacing for certain buttons, but the idea is you only need to change a limited number of rules.
- If you modify the user interface extensively, you can use the existing structure of CSS files in the default theme. In this case, copy the relevant files from the default theme, make your modifications, and save the files in your new theme. The new files are inherited when you activate the theme. An example of these extensive changes would be if you want to increase the size of the buttons themselves in the default theme. You would need to rewrite the majority of the rules in the `buttons.css` file and create images for the new buttons. In this case, it is much easier to copy the `buttons.css` file than to copy dozens of rules into the `overrides_custom.css` file. You could still use the `overrides_custom.css` file to adjust the spacing of elements around the buttons, because there would be fewer of those rules to modify.

We recommend using the custom overrides method for most custom themes. A custom theme that changes simple appearances such as colors, fonts, and spacing has relatively few rules and is easily manageable in a single file. And many changes can be made by copying and modifying image files in the custom theme, without writing any CSS rules. Only if you change the fundamental layout or appearance of the user interface, should you consider copying and modifying the other CSS file.

Copying and modifying CSS files is more prone to error, and is slightly less flexible due to file-based inheritance. Your copy of the file must contain all of the CSS rules as the original. If any rules are accidentally deleted or modified, even by a single character, the theme may not work properly. Also, the unmodified rules in the copy of your file now override any updates made to the same file in a parent organization.

For example, if you copy a file that defines gray buttons with plain text and you change the CSS rule to make the text bold, you have created a theme with bold, gray buttons. However, if the theme on the parent organization or system theme is modified so that buttons are blue, your file overrides the new inherited color, and you still have bold, gray buttons. If you had defined the bold text as a single rule in the `overrides_custom.css` file, your theme would show bold, blue buttons now.

6.3 Administering Themes

Themes are sets of CSS and image files stored in a folder in the repository. The root of the repository has a Themes folder where active and inherited themes are stored. In the repository browser, the Themes folder and individual theme folders have special actions for administrators to manage them. You can also use the repository search to find CSS and image files.

The folders and actions for managing themes are visible only to administrators. The Themes folder has execute-only permission for `ROLE_USER` so that all users can load the theme files and see the user interface, but not access the folders and files in the repository.

This section gives the basic procedures for administering existing themes. To create theme folders and files, see [6.4, “Creating Themes,” on page 139](#). For information about how to work with CSS in themes, see [6.5, “Working With CSS Files,” on page 142](#).



The Easy Access theme is specifically intended to improve the web UI's accessibility. It increases color contrast and highlighting in the web UI. It can improve the user experience of those with visual impairment.

6.3.1 Setting the System Theme

This procedure assumes you have already created and uploaded your theme:

1. Log into JasperReports Server as system admin (`superuser`).
2. Click **View > Repository** and expand the root/Themes folder if necessary.
3. Right-click the chosen theme folder and select **Set as Active Theme**.

For example, the sample data includes a theme called `jasper_dark` that you can set as active.

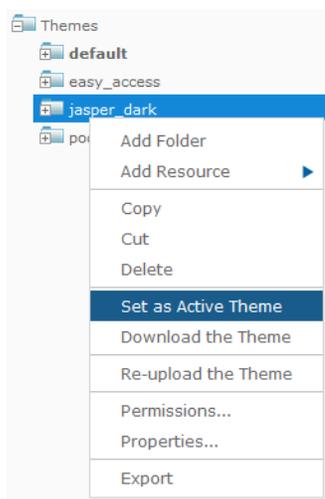


Figure 6-2 Setting a System Theme

As soon as the screen is refreshed, you see the effect of the new theme. Notice how the `jasper_dark` theme changes the colors in the user interface with just the `overrides_custom.css` file and some image files.

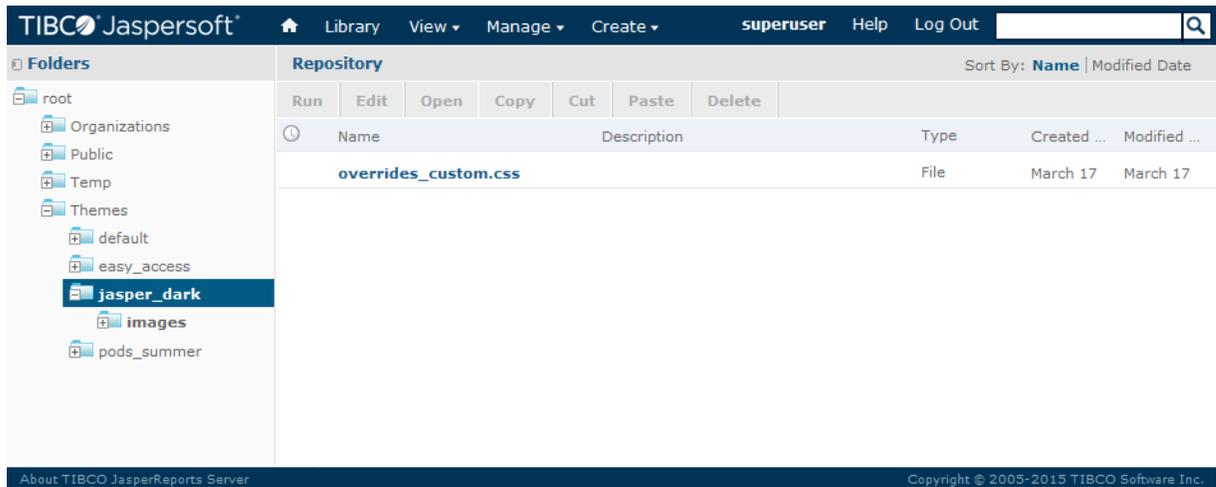


Figure 6-3 The Sample Theme jasper_dark

Because the system theme is set at the root level, the new theme appears to all users in all organizations, unless the organization has its own theme. When an organization has its own theme, it may still see elements of the system theme through inheritance. Also, the system theme set at the root applies to the login page, as shown in the following figure.

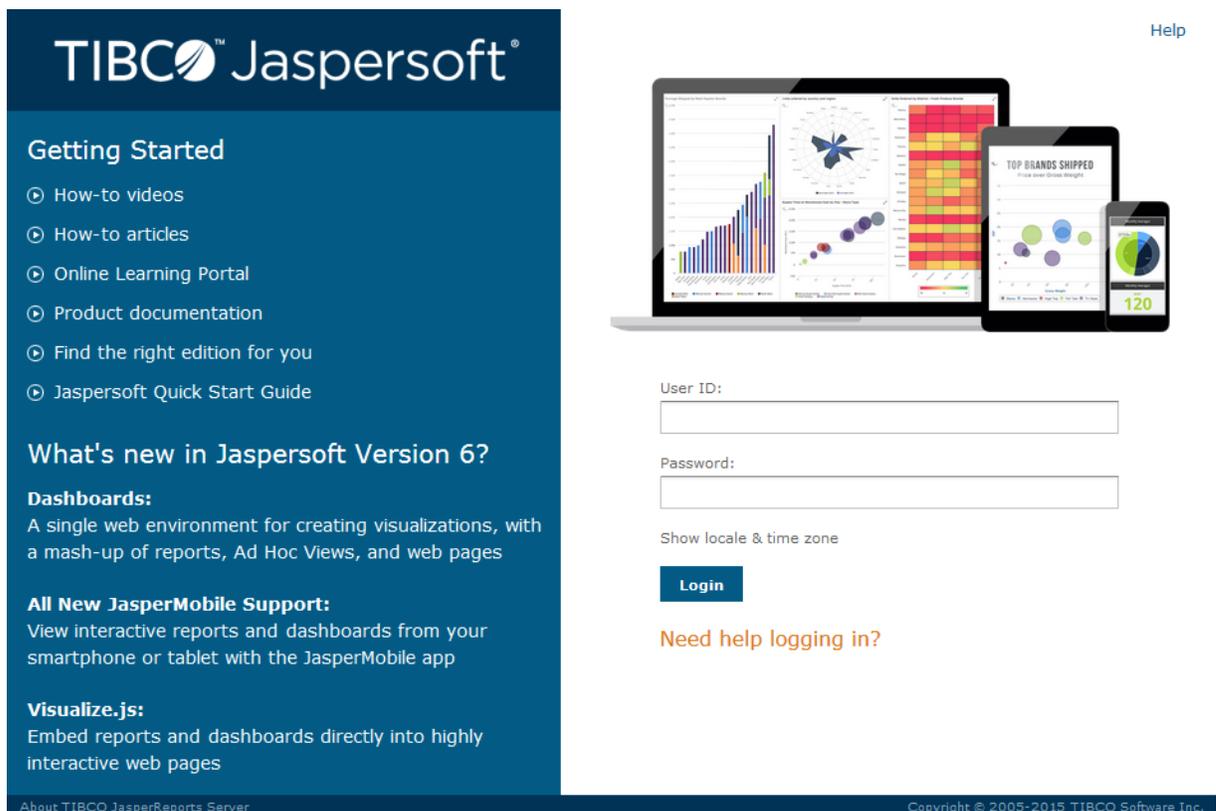


Figure 6-4 The Login Page as Seen With a New System Theme

The following procedures assume that the system theme is still set to the default theme.

6.3.2 Setting an Organization Theme

Professional edition users can give different themes to their organizations.

1. Log into JasperReports Server as system admin (`superuser`) or as the organization admin (`jasperadmin`).
2. Click **View > Repository** and expand the Themes folder if necessary. The organization's Theme folder is shown in the following figure.

Folders		Repository				Sort By: Name Modified Date		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ad Hoc Components Analysis Components Content Files Dashboards Data Sources Domains Images Organizations Performance Reports SuperMart Demo Temp Templates Themes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> default <ul style="list-style-type: none"> common dashboard domainTopic fonts images easy_access jasper_dark pods_summer Public 		Run	Edit	Open	Copy	Cut	Paste	Delete
Name	Description	Type	Created...	Modifie...				
attributes.css		File	March 17	March 17				
baseTable.css		File	March 17	March 17				
buttons.css		File	March 17	March 17				
commonMinimal.css		File	March 17	March 17				
containers.css		File	March 17	March 17				
controls.css		File	March 17	March 17				
dataDisplays.css		File	March 17	March 17				
dialog.css		File	March 17	March 17				
dialogSpecific.css		File	March 17	March 17				
forPrint.css		File	March 17	March 17				
importExport.css		File	March 17	March 17				
lists.css		File	March 17	March 17				
manageTenants.css		File	March 17	March 17				
menu.css		File	March 17	March 17				
notifications.css		File	March 17	March 17				
overrides_custom.css		File	March 17	March 17				
overrides_ie7.css		File	March 17	March 17				
overrides_ie8.css		File	March 17	March 17				
overrides_ie.css		File	March 17	March 17				
pages.css		File	March 17	March 17				
pageSpecific.css		File	March 17	March 17				
pagination.css		File	March 17	March 17				
panel.css		File	March 17	March 17				
samples.css		File	March 17	March 17				
simpleColorPicker.css		File	March 17	March 17				
theme.css		File	March 17	March 17				
themeMinimal.css		File	March 17	March 17				
webPageView.css		File	March 17	March 17				

Figure 6-5 Organization Themes Seen by Organization Admin

3. Right-click the new theme folder name and select **Set as Active Theme**.
As soon as the screen is refreshed, you see the effect of the new theme. The new theme applies to all organization users and is inherited by all suborganizations, if any.

Organization admins can thus customize the user interface by creating and activating new themes within their organization.

6.3.3 Restricting Access to Themes

System admins may want to restrict access to themes, so that all themes are controlled from the system level.



This procedure applies only to system admins. Organization admins cannot modify the `ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR` permission, even in their suborganizations. They must request that the system admin perform the procedure for them.

1. Log into JasperReports Server as system administrator (`superuser`).
2. Click **View > Repository**.
3. Expand the Organizations folder.
4. Locate the name of the organization where you want to restrict access to themes and expand its folder.
5. Right-click the Themes folder name and select **Permissions**.
6. Change the permission for the `ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR` from Administer to Execute Only.

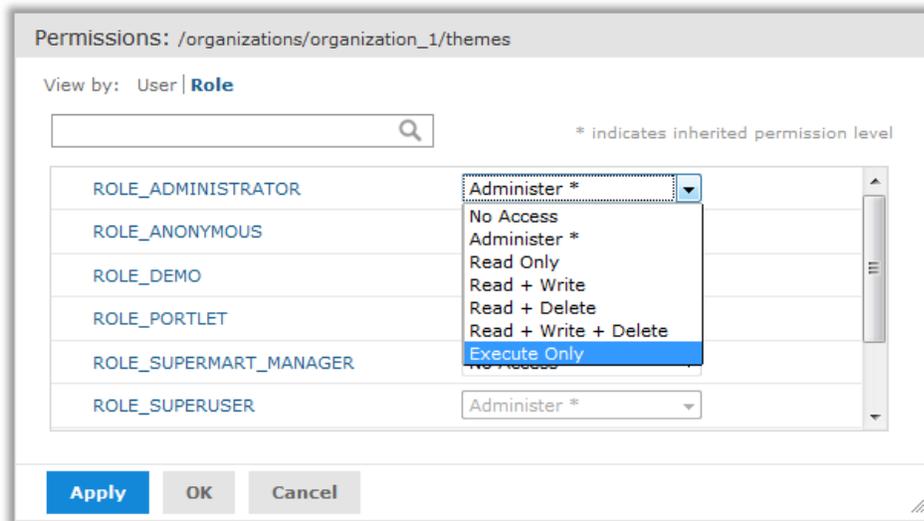


Figure 6-6 Restricting jasperadmin Access to Organization Themes

By setting Execute Only access, the organization admins cannot see the Themes folder in the repository, and thus cannot change themes or create a new theme.



You shouldn't change any other permissions on themes, even if the permissions dialog allows it. You could inadvertently make the user interface inaccessible.

7. To restrict access to all organizations, repeat **step 4** to **step 6** for every organization in the server, including suborganizations.

8. If you want to restrict access in the same way in all future organizations, repeat **step 5** and **step 6** in the Folder Template of every organization and suborganization in the server. For more information, see **6.4.3, “Placing Themes in the Folder Template,” on page 141.**

6.4 Creating Themes

There are three ways to create the folders and files that make up a theme:

- **Creating Theme Folders and File Resources** – Create them individually as resources in the repository.
- **Downloading and Uploading Theme ZIP Files** – Copy and modify existing themes as ZIP (archive) files.
- **Placing Themes in the Folder Template** – Initialize themes automatically in multi-organization deployments.

This section explains only how to store CSS files in the repository. For information about creating CSS file contents, see **6.5, “Working With CSS Files,” on page 142.**

6.4.1 Creating Theme Folders and File Resources

A theme is simply a folder in the repository that contains CSS and image files, with optional sub-folders. Administrators can use the repository menus to create theme folders. System admins can create theme folders and files at the system level or in any organization. Organization admins can create theme folders and files in their organization or any suborganization.

To create theme folders and file resources:

1. Log in as an administrator with access to the location where you want to place the theme.
2. Click **View > Repository** and expand the folder tree to view the Themes folder where you want to place the theme.
3. Right-click the Themes folder and select **Add Folder**. Give your folder a name and optional description as you would when creating any folder. The folder name is used as the name of the theme.



Theme folders and files can be created, copied or moved anywhere in the repository, but they can only be made active, uploaded, or downloaded when properly placed in a Themes folder.

4. Right-click your new folder and select **Add Resource > File > CSS**, and use the dialog to upload an individual CSS file. In order to be used as part of a theme, it must be one of the file names shown in **Figure 6-1**.
5. To add images to your theme, create any image folders and upload image files with **Add Resource > File > Image**.
6. Repeat **step 4** and **step 5** to create all the files and images you need. If several themes use the same files or images, you can copy-paste the file resources or entire image folders from one theme to another.
7. If you need to change the contents of a CSS or image file, you can right-click it and select **Edit** to specify another file to upload and replace the current file.



If you upload CSS and image files into the active theme, the changes are visible after reloading the page in your browser.

Interacting with theme folders and files through the repository is a convenient and flexible way to create a theme. However, this method suffers from the limitation that, like other repository resources, you cannot

download the files or images to edit them. For this purpose, the repository provides special download and upload actions on theme folders.

6.4.2 Downloading and Uploading Theme ZIP Files

The process of creating a theme often starts with the files of an existing theme that you modify with CSS and image editors on your computer. To support this workflow, every Themes folder has special commands for downloading and uploading themes.

Because a theme is composed of any number of files and folders, JasperReports Server uses the ZIP archive format to store a theme in a single file.

To download a theme ZIP file:

1. Log in as an administrator with access to the theme you want to download.
2. Click **View > Repository** and expand the Themes folder if necessary.
3. Right-click the theme folder you want to download and select **Download the Theme**. This menu selection appears only on theme folders inside the Themes folder.
4. The server prompts you to save the file named <theme-name>.zip. Save it anywhere on your computer.
5. Use an archiving or compression utility to extract the files from the ZIP file and save them on your computer.

Once you have the theme files extracted on your computer, you can view the individual CSS and image files that make up the theme. For example, to create your own theme, start by downloading the default theme from the root/Themes folder (as `superuser`). Save the extracted file on your computer and create your custom theme in another folder by copying and editing the CSS files and images of the default theme. See [6.2.3, “CSS Priority Scheme and Custom Overrides,” on page 134](#) for an explanation of how to edit theme files.

When you have created all the files you need in your theme, upload it with the following procedure.

To upload a ZIP file as a theme:

1. Place the CSS files, optional folders, and images files that constitute your theme in a folder on your computer.
2. Use an archiving or compression utility to create a standard ZIP file of the contents of your theme folder.



The ZIP file should include only the contents of your theme, not the theme folder itself.

3. Log in as an administrator with access to the location where you want to upload the theme.
4. Click **View > Repository** and expand the Themes folder if necessary.
5. Right-click the Themes folder and select **Upload a Theme**.

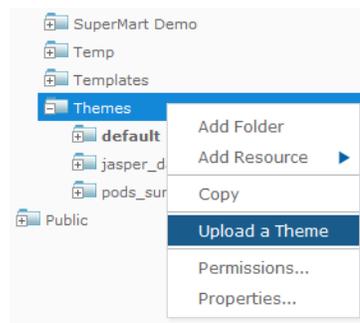


Figure 6-7 Uploading a Theme ZIP File in an Organization

6. In the dialog that appears, enter a name for your theme, and browse to find the ZIP file on your computer. Click **Upload**. The theme name becomes the name of the theme folder.



You cannot use the ZIP upload dialog to overwrite an existing theme. You must specify a theme name that doesn't already exist in the chosen Themes folder.

The server uploads your ZIP file and extracts its contents. Then it creates a folder for the new theme and creates file resources in the folder for each of the CSS and images in your ZIP file. If you had sub-folders in your theme, they are created as well. After uploading your theme ZIP file, you can make it active to see the effect of your theme on the user interface.

Creating a theme is an interactive process where you often need to make changes until you have the look and feel you want. To support this process, uploading ZIP files can be combined with the uploading of individual file resources that is described in [6.4.1, “Creating Theme Folders and File Resources,” on page 139](#). In fact, after an initial upload, it is much easier to update individual files in this way than to create the ZIP file and upload it again.

6.4.3 Placing Themes in the Folder Template

In deployments licensed to use multiple organizations, you can place a theme in the Folder Template that is used to create new organizations. The contents of the Folder Template are copied to the folder of any new organization that is created at that level. Upon creation, new organizations always inherit their theme from the parent organization, but having a custom theme already present can save you time when customizing and activating it for the new organization.

The Folder Template in every organization is located in Organizations/Folder Template (organizations/org_template) and contains a Themes folder and a default theme folder. Do not modify the empty default folder, but create a new theme folder instead and place your files there. Because the Folder Template does not contain an active theme, there is no Upload Theme menu option on its Themes folder. Instead create the folder for your theme and upload files as resources, or copy an entire theme folder from the parent organization's Themes folder.

If you want to restrict access to the themes in created organizations, you can also set the permissions on the Themes folder in the Folder Template. To do this, follow the procedure in [6.3.3, “Restricting Access to Themes,” on page 138](#).

6.5 Working With CSS Files

This section is not a CSS tutorial but rather a collection of tips and tricks for working with the CSS that makes up the themes in JasperReports Server. This section focuses on how to test the themes you develop and match the CSS to its behavior in the JasperReports Server UI. There are many different editors for CSS and tools for testing it, so the recommendations in this section are just one way of developing a theme.

6.5.1 Theme Development Workflow

The major choice to make when developing a theme is whether to use simple theme overrides or to duplicate and modify theme files, as described in section [6.2.3, “CSS Priority Scheme and Custom Overrides,” on page 134](#). Usually, the extent of your modifications determines which method to use.

Once you have made that determination, you are ready to create your theme. The main steps in a theme development workflow are as follows:

Step	Reference
1. Download the default theme so you have a copy of the files and CSS rules that you want to modify.	6.4.2, “Downloading and Uploading Theme ZIP Files,” on page 140
2. Create your new CSS rules, CSS files, and image files.	6.5.2, “Firefox Web Developer Tools,” on page 142
3. Upload your new files to a test platform, and activate the theme or place them in an active theme.	6.4.1, “Creating Theme Folders and File Resources,” on page 139
4. Verify your changes wherever they occur in the UI.	6.5.3, “Test Platform,” on page 143 and 6.5.5, “User Interface Samples,” on page 144
5. Repeat step 2 through step 4 for all your changes until the theme is finalized.	
6. Deploy your theme to your users.	6.3.1, “Setting the System Theme,” on page 135 or 6.3.2, “Setting an Organization Theme,” on page 137

6.5.2 Firefox Web Developer Tools

To help you find, view, and modify CSS rules in [step 2](#) above, you can use the web developer tools in the Mozilla Firefox browser. In particular, the Page Inspector tool displays the HTML and CSS rules of web pages as you browse. It has a dynamic interface that lets you select an element on the web page, and it displays the specific CSS rules that apply to the element. It also allows you to modify those rules in the browser memory and immediately see the effect on the web page.

The web developer tools are ideal for modifying themes in JasperReports Server. Once you locate the pages and elements that you want to modify, you can prototype your changes directly within the tool. For example, you can see overall effect of changing a color or modifying the spacing.

If you are implementing your theme through custom overrides, you can copy the CSS rules from the tools directly into the `overrides_custom.css` file. Firefox displays the entire rule from its original file, so the copy overrides it exactly. If you are modifying other files from the default theme, the Page Inspector shows you the filename and line number of the rule, so that you can easily find it in your copy of the file.

And when you are testing a theme that uses overrides, the Page Inspector displays both the active CSS rule from `overrides_custom.css` and the original rule in the regular theme file of the inherited theme. The original rule is displayed in strike-through, so you can easily tell which rule is active and which rule it overrides, according to the CSS priority scheme.

For more information, see the Firefox Page Inspector tool [overview](#) and [documentation](#).

6.5.3 Test Platform

When you upload a theme and make it active, it is immediately visible to every user in the organization, or in the case of a system theme, to every user on the server. Even editing or uploading a file into an active theme is reflected immediately in the user interface. Because developing a theme requires many iterations of uploading, activating, and testing CSS rules, you shouldn't develop themes on a production server.

In the simplest case, you can develop and test your themes before putting your JasperReports Server into production. As you test your server during the deployment, you can develop your themes without impacting real users.

For multi-organization deployments that are in production, you can test on your production server as long as you create a test organization. The test organization inherits from the system theme, creating a very realistic test environment where you can see how your theme overrides the inherited theme. Make sure your test organization reflects your real organizations, for example having OLAP views if your real organizations perform OLAP analysis. This can help you test your theme with the elements of the user interface that your organization users see the most.

For single-organization deployments that don't have a license to create organizations, you can test your themes on a second installation of the server. For example, you could download the evaluation copy of JasperReports Server and install it on the same computer where you develop the theme. This lets you see how your theme appears either as a system theme or in the default organization. As in the case of the test organization, test your theme with all the server features, for example the Ad Hoc Editor, Dashboard Designer, input controls on reports, scheduling, and the like.

When your theme is well-tested and nearly complete, you should test it on the production server. Upload your theme to the Themes folder where you intend to deploy it, but do not activate it. Log in as a test user and add the following parameter to any URL, for example the home page URL:

```
&theme=<theme-name>
```

This activates your theme for the test user on all pages that you access until the user session times out. This allows you to navigate the entire application and see the effect of your theme in the production environment, without affecting other users.



To set the theme back to the default append the `&theme` parameter to the URL with the string `default` (`&theme=default`). This is especially useful if a problem with the current theme has inadvertently disabled any functionality.

On all of these test platforms, you should look at the user interface generated by your theme with the same browsers and browser versions that your users have. If you see errors, you can still use the Firefox web developer tools to look at the CSS rules that are involved, even if the errors do not show up in Firefox.

6.5.4 Modifying the Appearance of Jaspersoft OLAP

Jaspersoft OLAP relies on a module called jPivot to display data when performing OLAP analysis. The jPivot module does not use all of the features of the new UI framework, but it supports some customizations through themes. For example, it does not use panels that can be hidden, and images for icons are not stored in a theme. However, some display characteristics of the analysis table are controlled by the theme, through the use of the analysisView ID in the theme file dataDisplays.css.

For example, you can change the lines between cells in the analysis table with the following rule in your overrides_custom.css file:

```
#analysisView td { border: thin solid black; }
```

6.5.5 User Interface Samples

When testing your theme, you should look at its effect across all pages and dialogs of JasperReports Server. Your test organization and test users should access all the features of the server to view the user interface under all conditions. If you are developing a system theme, an additional test is to look at the user interface samples with your theme.

The user interface sample page is accessible only to system administrators:

1. Log in as system admin (*superuser*) in your test environment.
2. If you haven't already done so, upload your theme to the Themes folder at the root level.
3. Select **View > UI Samples** from the main menu on any page.
4. Look at all the sample components in each of the sample galleries. For example, the buttons gallery shows all the different types of buttons in every possible action state.

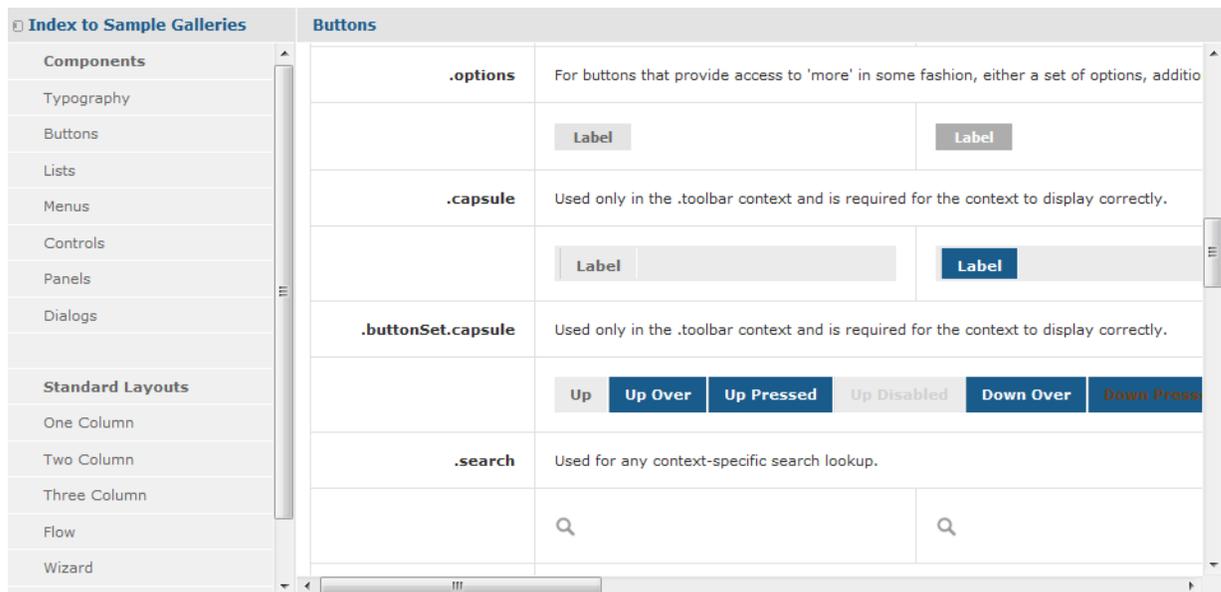


Figure 6-8 Button Components in the Sample Galleries

5. When you click on the standard layouts, the sample replaces the samples page. Select **View > UI Samples** from the main menu again to return to the galleries.



The samples page relies on an extra CSS file that is not required in a theme, but that can be included. The file `samples.css` is located in the default theme in the system-level Themes folder. If the sample elements do not appear as you expect, add this file to your theme and customize its rules as necessary. The rules in this file are not used anywhere else in the user interface, so it should not be included in your final theme.

Viewing the sample galleries can help you quickly find errors in your theme, especially if you are changing many rules and replacing entire files in your theme. Using these samples along with the testing procedures and tools described previously, you can verify that your theme properly implements the custom user interface that you intend. Having a well-tested theme minimizes the chances of errors when you activate the theme in your production server.

CHAPTER 7 IMPORT AND EXPORT

The import and export tools enable you to move resources into and out of the JasperReports Server repository. These tools can back up the entire contents of repository, selected organizations, selected folders, or specific resources. These utilities also handle scheduled jobs, users, and roles that the server stores internally. Import and export can be helpful when migrating between versions of JasperReports Server, when managing organizations, or when moving between test and production environments.

JasperReports Server provides both a user interface and command-line utilities to perform import and export. The functionality in the UI is available only to administrators (`superuser` and `jasperadmin`) and the command-line utilities require access to the file system where the server is installed.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- **Import and Export Catalogs**
- **Import and Export Through the Web UI**
- **Import and Export Through the Command Line**
- **Alternate Import-Export Scripts**

7.1 Import and Export Catalogs

The output of the export command and the input to the import command is called a catalog. It's a set of the folders and files that comprise the server's internal database, including organizations, users, roles, scheduled jobs, and repository resources such as reports and associated files. When you don't need the entire database, you can specify options to export only the contents you need, for example one role and its users.

The catalog can be exported either as a hierarchy of folders and files, or as a single zip file (compressed archive). Regardless of the catalog format, the content of the catalog is not intended for external access. Objects in the database, such as users, roles, and folders are described in XML files, and repository resources are stored in various private formats consisting of data files and subfolders. The XML syntax of the catalog files is not publicly defined, and the data files aren't meant to be accessed.

To access and interact with the server's internal objects, use the REST v2 API. This web service has well defined datatypes and resource descriptors in XML or JSON formats and a complete set of methods for reading and writing objects on the server. For more information, see the *JasperReports Server REST API Reference*.



As of JasperReports Server 5.5, user passwords and data source passwords are encrypted in exported catalogs as well as in the server's internal database. You should still take appropriate measures to secure the catalog file from unauthorized access. Catalog files may contain sensitive metadata such as user names, database URLs, and customer information (in the form of organizations). Catalog files may also contain data in the form of report output such as the PDF of an executive report.

7.1.1 Dependencies During Import and Export

The resources in the repository often have dependencies on other resources, for example a report that relies on images, input datatypes, and a data source. When exporting a resource, you have the option of including all of its dependencies, even if they are stored in folders that were not selected in the repository. Importing a catalog that contains such dependencies will re-create the same folder structure in the target repository. Once imported, you can move and redefine the dependencies of these resources.

However, when exporting individual organizations, there are three scenarios that create broken dependencies:

- An organization admin exports a resource with dependencies that he does not have permission to access.
- The export from an organization includes a resource with a dependency in a parent organization. For reasons of consistency, even the system admin (`superuser`) can't export a dependency in a parent organization if the parent organization is not explicitly selected for export.
- Unchecking the **Include dependencies** check box when exporting from the repository in the Web UI.

In these cases, you will see an error to inform you that the dependency cannot be exported. If you choose to proceed with the export, it will contain a broken dependency that may block it from being imported.

To avoid dependencies between organizations, you can place shared resources in the Public folder and set permissions to restrict access and visibility. Dependent resources in the Public folders should be visible to organization admins, but not to regular organization users.

7.1.2 Setting the Import-Export Encryption Key

As of JasperReports Server 5.5, all sensitive passwords in exported catalogs are encrypted for security. In order for two servers to share the encrypted contents of an exported catalog, they must share a private key. The default key is an AES 128-bit string stored in a configuration file.

This encryption is separate from the server's own internal encryption. All user passwords are stored encrypted in the internal database, as described in the *JasperReports Server Security Guide*. The import-export encryption applies only to export catalogs.

Setting the Import-Export Encryption Key
Configuration File
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-security.xml

Setting the Import-Export Encryption Key		
Property	Bean	Description
<pre><property name="keyBytes"> <value>0x2b 0x6c 0x34 0x22 0x44 0x42 0x6f 0xb5 0x7f 0x34 0xd3 0x5a 0x1f 0x92 0xcd 0xdc</value> </property></pre>	<pre>importExport Cipher</pre>	Set the value of the <code>keyBytes</code> property to the same hexadecimal value (16 bytes = 128 bits) on all servers that will exchange export catalogs.



When you change a private key on a server, all previous exports become unusable. Therefore, you must configure your new server soon after installing it, and you should configure it with the key from an existing server, if you have one. This way all your servers and all your export catalogs will use the same key and be mutually compatible.

7.1.3 Importing Unencrypted Catalogs

Versions before 5.5 did not encrypt the user passwords upon export. These passwords appear in plain text within the files of the export catalog. For backwards compatibility, unencrypted catalogs are still supported and can be imported into a newer server, even when an encryption key is configured.

Passwords that are encrypted by an export operation in JasperReports Server 5.5 or later have encryption markers, so older passwords without the markers can be detected and imported as plain text. Once plain-text passwords are imported, they are stored internally with encryption, and will be encrypted in any future export.

7.2 Import and Export Through the Web UI

JasperReports Server allows administrators to import and export resources and users through the user interface:

Section	Actions	Users
Exporting From the Repository	Export entire folders Export selected resources	System admins and Organization admins
Exporting From the Settings	Export everything Export selected users or roles Export resources by type	System admins only
Exporting From Organizations	Export entire organizations Export selected users or roles Export resources by type	System admins and Organization admins
Importing From Organizations	Import into specific organization	System admins and Organization admins
Importing From the Settings	Import any catalog into the server	System admins only

7.2.1 Exporting From the Repository

As of JasperReports Server 6.4, system administrators and organization administrators can export folders and individual resources from the repository. System administrators can export any resource from the repository while organization administrators can only export resources within their organization and the Public folder. The Web UI for exporting resources from an organization includes the option to include the full Organizations file structure in the exported ZIP file.



If you're exporting to a different server, you must configure an encryption key on both servers, as described in [7.1.2, “Setting the Import-Export Encryption Key,” on page 148](#).

Catalogs may be very large and take a long time to generate and then download. During this time, the export operation may affect server performance.

To export resources (non-organization) from the repository:

1. Log in as an administrator that has access to the resources you want to export.
2. Select **View > Repository**.
3. Select one or more non-Organization resources in the main panel, or when viewing the repository, select a folder in the left-panel.
4. Right-click the selected folder or resources and select **Export** from the context menu. The Export Resources dialog appears:

Figure 7-1 Export Resources Dialog in the Repository

5. If desired, change the default name of the zip file for the exported catalog. This dialog allows only the zip archive format.
6. Choose one or both of the export options:
 - **Include report jobs** – When checked, the export includes scheduled report jobs with any reports in your repository selection.
 - **Include repository permissions** – When checked, the export includes any explicit permissions on all items in your repository selection. Clear this check box if you want the exported items to inherit the permissions of the destination repository.

- **Include dependencies** – When checked, the export includes all dependencies for your resources, even if they are not included in your selected folders. For more information, see [7.1.1, “Dependencies During Import and Export,” on page 148](#).
7. Click **Export**. The server generates the catalog zip file and your browser prompts you to save the file. Depending on the size of your repository and the options you've selected, it may take several minutes to generate the catalog file.

To export organization resources from the repository:

1. Log in as an administrator that has access to the organization resources you want to export.
2. Select **View > Repository**.
3. Select a folder under **Organization** in the left-panel or one or more Organization resources in the main panel.
4. Right-click the selected folder or resources and select **Export** from the context menu. The Export Resources dialog appears:

Figure 7-2 Export Resources Dialog in the Repository

5. If desired, change the default name of the zip file for the exported catalog. This dialog allows only the zip archive format.
6. Choose one or both of the export options:
 - **Include report jobs** – When checked, the export includes scheduled report jobs with any reports in your repository selection.
 - **Include repository permissions** – When checked, the export includes any explicit permissions on all items in your repository selection. Clear this check box if you want the exported items to inherit the permissions of the destination repository.
 - **Include dependencies** – When checked, the export includes all dependencies for your resources, even if they are not included in your selected folders. For more information, see [7.1.1, “Dependencies During Import and Export,” on page 148](#).
 - **Include full resource path** – When checked, the export includes the full file structure, starting with the Organizations root folder, for the resource in the ZIP file. If you want to import the resource into another organization, uncheck this box and the export includes only the folders within the parent organization's branch in the ZIP file.

7. Click **Export**. The server generates the catalog zip file and your browser prompts you to save the file. Depending on the size of your repository and the options you've selected, it may take several minutes to generate the catalog file.

7.2.2 Exporting From the Settings

For more export options, use the server settings page for system administrators. The settings page lets you export the following resources:

- Everything – The entire repository, including all resources in all organizations, as well as all users, roles, and other settings stored internally. With the proper options, this creates a backup of the server.
- Any combination of users and roles – Lets you choose from lists of users and roles, with options to include users by role or roles by user.
- All resources of a given type – For example all reports or all dashboards.



If you're exporting to a different server, you must configure an encryption key on both servers, as described in [7.1.2, “Setting the Import-Export Encryption Key,” on page 148](#).

To export resources from the settings page:

1. Log in as system administrator (`superuser` by default).
2. Select **Manage > Server Settings**, then click **Export** in the left-hand panel.

Figure 7-3 User Interface for Export

3. If desired, change the default name of the zip file for the exported catalog. This dialog allows only the zip archive format.
4. Use the check boxes and radio buttons to choose the contents of your exported catalog file. Select **Export Everything** (default) to export the entire repository, including all organizations, users and roles, and all types of assets. Select the check boxes under Events to Export to include the different types of events in your export catalog.
5. Clear **Export Everything** to select users and roles or resource types to export.
 - a. To export users and roles, choose one of the radio buttons, then select individual users and roles from the lists.
 - **Selected roles and users** – Only the roles and users you select explicitly are exported.
 - **Users with selected roles** – Select one or more roles, and all users with those roles are exported, along with the selected roles.
 - **Roles with selected users** – Select one or more users, and all roles assigned to those users are exported, along with the selected users.
 - b. If you only want users and roles, clear all check boxes under Resources to Export.
 - c. Or if you only want resources, do not select any users and roles, then select the resource types you want to export.
 - d. Select the check boxes under Assets to Export to include these various assets in your export catalog.

- e. Select the check boxes under Events to Export to include the different types of events in your export catalog.
6. Click **Export**. The server generates the catalog zip file and your browser prompts you to save the file. Depending on the size of your repository and the options you've selected, it may take several minutes to generate the catalog file.



Resources are exported along with any dependencies, even if they're not included in your repository selection. For more information, see [7.1.1, “Dependencies During Import and Export,” on page 148](#).

Catalogs may be very large and take a long time to generate and then download. During this time, the export operation may affect server performance.

7.2.3 Exporting From Organizations

Both system admins and organization admins can use the Manage Organizations page to select organizations for export. For example, an organization admin can use this feature to back up his entire organization or to move suborganizations from one parent to another.



If you're exporting to a different server, you must configure an encryption key on both servers, as described in [7.1.2, “Setting the Import-Export Encryption Key,” on page 148](#).

To export organizations:

1. Log in as administrator that has access to the organizations you want to export.
For example, to move an organization, you must log in as the administrator of the parent organization.
2. Select **Manage > Organizations** to display the hierarchy of organizations.
3. In the left-hand panel, right-click the organization you want to export and select **Export** from the context menu.

Export Organization

File Properties

Export Data File Name (required):

Export Options:

Export Everything

Roles and Users to Export

Selected roles and users Users with selected roles Roles with selected users

Roles:

Users:

CaliforniaUser	organization_1
demo	organization_1
jasperadmin	organization_1
joeuser	organization_1

Select All Roles Select All Users

Resources to Export

- Data Sources
- Domains
- Ad Hoc Views
- Reports
- Dashboards
- Scheduled report jobs
- Other resource files

Assets to Export

- Sub-organizations
- Dependencies
- Permissions
- Attributes
- Attribute values

Figure 7-4 User Interface for Organization Export

4. If desired, change the default name of the zip file for the exported catalog. This dialog allows only the zip archive format.
5. Use the check boxes and radio buttons to choose the items to be exported from this organization. Select **Export Everything** (default) to export the entire organization, including all resources, report jobs, users, and roles.
6. Clear **Export Everything** to select users and roles or resource types to export.
 - a. To export users and roles, choose one of the radio buttons, then select individual users and roles from the lists.
 - **Selected roles and users** – Only the roles and users you select explicitly are exported.
 - **Users with selected roles** – Select one or more roles, and all users with those roles are exported, along with the selected roles.
 - **Roles with selected users** – Select one or more users, and all roles assigned to those users are exported, along with the selected users.
 - b. If you only want users and roles, clear all check boxes under Resources to Export.
 - c. Or if you only want resources, do not select any users and roles, then select the resource types you want to export.
 - d. Select the check boxes under Assets to Export to include these various resources in your export catalog.

7. Click **Export**. The server generates the catalog zip file and your browser prompts you to save the file. The server displays a message if there are any broken dependencies.



Resources are exported along with any dependencies, unless you do not have permission to access them or they are located in a parent organization. Broken dependencies may block the export or import operations. For more information, see [7.1.1, “Dependencies During Import and Export,” on page 148](#).

When logged on as system admin (`superuser`) and exporting from the root node, the dialog is functionally equivalent to exporting from the Settings page. In this case, there are additional options to export events.

Catalogs may be very large and take a long time to generate and then download. During this time, the export operation may affect server performance.

7.2.4 Importing From Organizations

Both system admins and organization admins can use the Manage Organizations page to import an organization. An import merges the content of the export catalog into the selected organization. When merging organizations with the update option, the contents of the import override the target organization for any user, role or resource with the same name. If the imported organization has a different ID than the destination, the merged organization takes the organization ID of the imported organization.

To move an organization, create an empty organization as the destination, and then import into it.



If you're importing from a different server, you must configure an encryption key on both servers, as described in [7.1.2, “Setting the Import-Export Encryption Key,” on page 148](#). You'll need to enter the keystore password when prompted by the import operation.

To import organizations:

1. Log in as administrator that has access to the destination organization.
2. Select **Manage > Organizations** to display the hierarchy of organizations.
3. In the left-hand panel, right-click the organization you want to import into and select **Import** from the context menu.

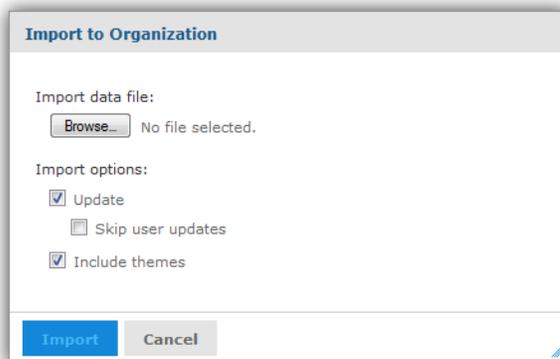


Figure 7-5 User Interface for Organization Import

4. Click **Browse** to choose the catalog zip file to import. The dialog allows only the zip archive format. You can import only catalog files created by the export of an organization.
5. Use the check boxes to change the behavior of the import operation:
 - When checked, the **Update** option will import only resources that are newer than ones with the same URI in the current organization. The **Skip user updates** option allows you to keep the current definition of any users that also exist in the imported organization.
 - When checked, the **Include themes** option will import any themes that exist in the imported organization.
6. Click **Import**.
The server uploads the catalog zip file and imports its contents into the organization. If there are any broken dependencies in the catalog, the server displays a message with three choices:
 - Skip – Does not import the resource with the broken dependency, but continues to import other resources.
 - Include – Attempts to import the resource with the broken dependency. The import succeeds if there is already a resource in the destination that satisfies the dependency. If the dependency is not satisfied in the destination, the resource is skipped and the import continues.
 - Cancel – Stops the import operation.



For more information, see [7.1.1, “Dependencies During Import and Export,” on page 148](#).

When logged on as system admin (`superuser`) and importing to the root node, the dialog is functionally equivalent to importing on the Settings page. In this case, there are additional options to import events. But you can't import an organization to the root.

Catalogs may be very large and take a long time to upload and then process. During this time, the import operation may affect server performance.

7.2.5 Importing From the Settings

The Settings pages for system administrators include a user interface to simplify the import procedure.

This import operates on a running instance of the server, and all imported resources are visible immediately. In addition, any configuration or security settings in the imported catalog take effect immediately, with no need to restart the server.



If you're importing from a different server, you must configure an encryption key on both servers, as described in [7.1.2, “Setting the Import-Export Encryption Key,” on page 148](#). . You'll need to enter the keystore password when prompted by the import operation.

To import data from the Settings page:

1. Log in as system administrator (`superuser` by default).
2. Select **Manage > Server Settings** and choose **Import** in the left-hand panel.

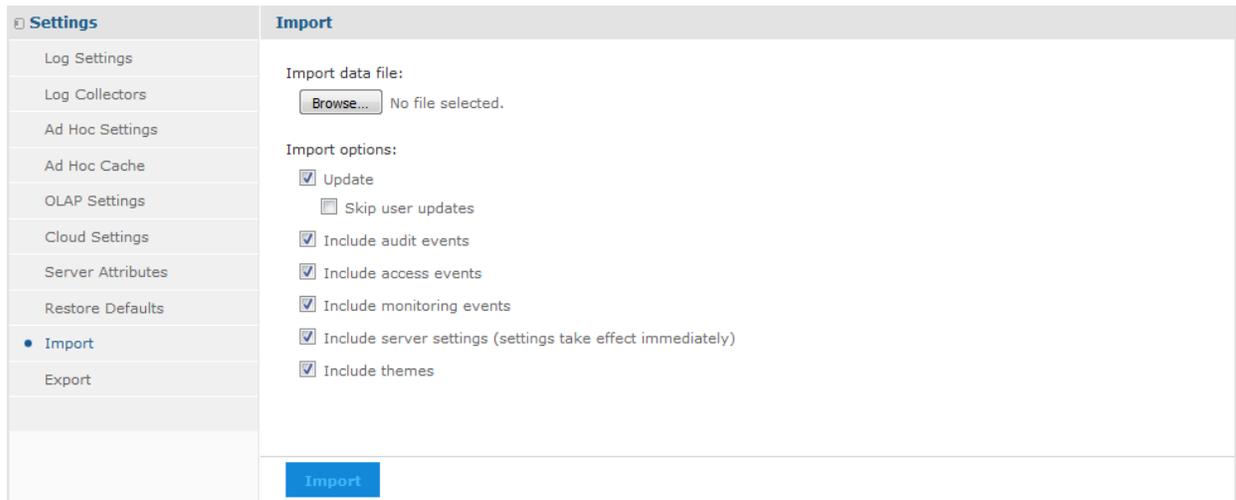


Figure 7-6 User Interface for Import

3. Click **Browse** to choose the catalog zip file to import. The dialog allows only the zip archive format. This dialog cannot import a catalog file that was created from the export of an organization.
4. Use the check boxes to change the behavior of the import operation:
 - When checked, the **Update** option will import only resources that are newer than ones with the same URI in the current repository. The **Skip user updates** option allows you to keep the current definition of any users that also exist in the imported catalog.
 - When checked, the **Include access events** option imports the modification times of resources from the catalog. When cleared, resources keep their existing access times if they already exist.
 - The **Include audit events** and **Include monitoring events** determine whether access and monitoring events from the catalog, if any, are imported.
 - The **Include server settings** option determines whether the system configuration is updated from the catalog. There are two prerequisites in order for the catalog to contain configuration settings:
 - The originating server settings must be modified through the UI. Thus, only Log Settings, Ad Hoc Settings, OLAP Settings, and Cloud Settings are affected. For more information, see [8.1, “Configuration Settings in the User Interface,” on page 170](#)
 - The catalog must be exported with the “everything” option or the specific **Server Settings** option.
 When server settings are imported, they take effect immediately and appear in the Settings UI.
 - The **Include themes** option determines whether you want to import themes from the catalog.
5. Click **Import**.

The server uploads the catalog zip file and imports its contents into the repository. Depending on the size of the catalog and the options you've selected, it may take several minutes to perform the import.

 When you import a catalog from a JasperReports Server 5.2 or earlier that was created with the "export everything" option, you must uncheck the **Include themes** option. Theme files contained in export catalogs from previous versions of the server are not compatible and cause HTML display errors.

If you have a custom theme to import, you can use the Theme UI to download it from the source server and upload it to the target server. If your theme contains the file `pageSpecific.css`, you must remove it from the ZIP file before uploading, and then redo your changes to the file based on `pageSpecific.css` in the target server from 5.5 or later. For more information, see [6.4.2, "Downloading and Uploading Theme ZIP Files," on page 140](#).

 Resources are imported along with any dependencies, unless you do not have permission to write at the dependency's location in the organization. Broken dependencies may block the import operation. For more information, see [7.1.1, "Dependencies During Import and Export," on page 148](#).

Catalogs may be very large and take a long time to upload and then process. During this time, the import operation may affect server performance.

7.3 Import and Export Through the Command Line

 If you installed JasperReports Server from the binary installer, the command-line utilities were configured by the installer. If you installed the WAR file distribution, you must follow the instructions in [7.3.3, "Configuring Import-Export Utilities," on page 165](#) before you can run the utilities.

The import and export utilities are shell scripts located in the `<js-install>/buildomatic` folder:

```
Windows: <js-install>/buildomatic/js-import.bat
         <js-install>/buildomatic/js-export.bat
Linux:   <js-install>/buildomatic/js-import.sh
         <js-install>/buildomatic/js-export.sh
```

The examples in this chapter use the shortened Windows commands without the optional `.bat` extension on the command line. If you're running JasperReports Server on Linux, be sure to add the `.sh` file extension.

When using the import and export utilities, keep the following in mind:

- JasperReports Server should be stopped when using the import and export utilities. This is very important for the import utility to avoid issues with caches, configuration, and security.
- All command line options start with two dashes (`--`).
- You must specify either a directory or a zip file to export to or import from.
- If you're importing to a different server, configure an encryption key on both servers, as described in [7.1.2, "Setting the Import-Export Encryption Key," on page 148](#). Then enter the keystore password when prompted by the import command.
- If you're exporting or importing organizations, you must be aware of resource dependencies outside of the organization that may block the operation. For more information, see [7.1.1, "Dependencies During Import and Export," on page 148](#).
- Make sure the output location specified for an export is writable to the user running the command.
- All URIs are repository paths originating at the root (`/`). In commercial editions of the server, even those with a single default organization, the path must include the organization unless you specify the `--organization` option, for example:

/organizations/organization_1/reports/interactive/CustomersReport



The import and export scripts provide access to the repository and internal database of the server. Even though all passwords are encrypted during export, a catalog may still contain sensitive URLs and data. You should set permissions on the host file system and operating system to secure the scripts and any catalogs you export.

7.3.1 Exporting From the Command Line

Usage: `js-export [OPTIONS]`



We recommend you stop your server instance before running the export utility. For instructions see the *JasperReports Server Installation Guide*.

Specifies repository resources such as reports, images, folders, and scheduled jobs to export. You can also export the internal definitions for scheduled jobs, users, roles, and audit data. The export output is known as a repository catalog. It's either a zip archive file or a set of files in a folder structure.

Table 7-1 Options in `js-export` Command

Option	Explanation
<code>--everything</code>	Exports everything except audit and monitoring data: all repository resources, permissions, report jobs, organizations, users, and roles. If any server settings have been modified in the UI, those are also included. May be combined with <code>--organization</code> to export everything in just one organization. This option is equivalent to: <code>--uris --repository-permissions --report-jobs --calendars --users --roles</code>
<code>--help</code>	Displays brief information about the available options.
<code>--include-access-events</code>	Exports repository events (date, time, and user name of last modification).
<code>--output-dir</code>	Path of a location to export the catalog in a folder structure.
<code>--output-zip</code>	Path and filename to export the catalog as a zip file.
<code>--report-jobs</code>	Comma separated list of repository report unit and folder URIs for which report unit jobs should be exported. For a folder URI, this option exports the scheduled jobs of all reports in the folder and all subfolders.

Option	Explanation
--calendars	When specified, the export includes any and all calendars of all types (holiday, recurring, ...) defined in the scheduler. When calendars are present in an export catalog, they're always processed and added upon import.
--uris	Comma separated list of folder or resource URIs to export from the repository. If the URI specifies a folder, the export operation exports all resources and folders contained in the folder. In addition, it recurses through all its subfolders.
--resource-types	Comma separated list of resource types to export. The available resource types are: <code>adhocDataView</code> , <code>awsDataSource</code> , <code>beanDataSource</code> , <code>customDataSource</code> , <code>dashboard</code> , <code>dataType</code> , <code>file</code> , <code>folder</code> , <code>inputControl</code> , <code>jdbcDataSource</code> , <code>jndiJdbcDataSource</code> , <code>listOfValues</code> , <code>mondrianConnection</code> , <code>mondrianXmlaDefinition</code> , <code>olapUnit</code> , <code>query</code> , <code>reportUnit</code> , <code>virtualDataSource</code> , <code>xmlaConnection</code> .
--repository-permissions	This option exports repository permissions with each exported resource or folder. This option should only be used in conjunction with <code>--uris</code> .
--skip-dependent-resources	Exports resources without their dependencies, for example a report without its external data source, input control definitions, or image files.
--organization	Specify the ID of an organization to export. When specified, only resources, users, and roles from this organization (and its sub-organizations) are exported. When specified, all URIs are relative to this organization.
--skip-suborganizations	When used with <code>--organization</code> , specifies that suborganizations (and their resources, users, and roles) should not be exported.
--roles	Comma separated list of roles to export. If no roles are specified with this option, all roles are exported.
--role-users	Use only with <code>--roles</code> . This option exports all users belonging to each exported role.
--users	Comma separated list of users to export; if no users are specified with this options, all users are exported. Exporting a user includes all user attributes and all roles assigned to each user. When specifying users, you must give their organization ID if applicable, for example: <code>--users superuser, "jasperadmin organization_1"</code>
--users-roles	Use only with <code>--users</code> . This option exports all roles belonging to each exported user.

Option	Explanation
<code>--include-attributes</code>	Specify this flag to export attributes on any user, organization, or root level that is exported.
<code>--skip-attribute-values</code>	When used with <code>--include-attributes</code> , specifies that only attribute names are exported, values will be null.
<code>--include-audit-events</code>	Includes audit data for all resources and users in the export.
<code>--include-monitoring-events</code>	Includes monitoring data for all resources and users in the export.



User passwords are encrypted during the export by default, but exported catalogs may contain sensitive data. Take appropriate measures to secure the catalog file from unauthorized access.

Examples:

- Export everything in the repository:

```
js-export --everything --output-dir myExport
```
- Export the `/reports/interactive/CustomersReport` report unit to a catalog folder:

```
js-export --uris /organizations/organization_1/reports/interactive/CustomersReport --output-dir myExport
```
- Export the `/images` and `/reports` folders:

```
js-export --uris /organizations/organization_1/images /organizations/organization_1/reports --output-dir myExport
```
- Export all resources (except users, roles, and job schedules) and their permissions to a zip catalog:

```
js-export --uris / --repository-permissions --output-zip myExport.zip
```
- Export all resources and report jobs:

```
js-export --uris / --report-jobs / --output-dir myExport
```
- Export the report jobs of the `/reports/interactive/CustomersReport` report unit:

```
js-export --report-jobs /organizations/organization_1/reports/interactive/CustomersReport --output-dir myExport
```
- Export all roles and users:

```
js-export --roles --users --output-dir myExport
```
- Export the `ROLE_USER` and `ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR` roles along with all users belonging to either role:

```
js-export --roles ROLE_USER, ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR --role-users --output-dir myExport
```
- Export all resources in an organization, but not its suborganizations:

```
js-export --organization organization_1 --skip-suborganizations --uris /
```



The folder named `Temp` at the root and in every organization is a special folder. None of the folders or resources in a `Temp` folder are exported.

7.3.2 Importing From the Command Line

See 7.3, “[Import and Export Through the Command Line](#),” on page 159 for guidelines when running the command-line utilities.



When using the `js-import` command line utility, the server must be stopped to avoid issues with caches, configuration, and security. For instructions see the *JasperReports Server Installation Guide*.

Usage: `js-import [OPTIONS]`

Reads a repository catalog from your file system and creates the resources in the JasperReports Server repository. The repository catalog must be one created by the export interface or the `js-export` command, either as a ZIP archive file or a folder structure.

As of JasperReports Server 5.5, all exports contain encrypted passwords and if you're importing to a different server, configure an encryption key on both servers. See 7.1.2, “[Setting the Import-Export Encryption Key](#),” on page 148 for details.

Table 7-2 Options in `js-import` Command

Option	Explanation
<code>--help</code>	Displays brief information about the available options.
<code>--input-dir</code>	Path for importing a catalog from a directory.
<code>--input-zip</code>	Path and filename for importing a catalog from a zip file.
<code>--update</code>	Resources in the catalog replace those in the repository if their URIs and types match.
<code>--skip-user-update</code>	When used with <code>--update</code> , users in the catalog are not imported or updated. Use this option to import catalogs without overwriting currently defined users.
<code>--organization</code>	If the import catalog is from an organization, specifies the target organization where it should be imported. The organization ID should match the ID of the organization in the import catalog, if not, use the <code>--merge-organization</code> option.
<code>--merge-organization</code>	Use this options when <code>--organization</code> is specified but it does not match the ID of the organization in the import catalog. When merging organizations, the contents of the import override the target organization for any user, role or resource with the same name. A merged organization takes the organization ID of the imported organization.
<code>--brokenDependencies</code>	Specifies the action to take when importing a resource with a broken dependency. One of the following values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <code>skip</code> – Does not import the resource with the broken dependency, but continues to import other resources. <code>include</code> – Attempts to import the resource with the broken dependency. The import succeeds if there is already a resource in the destination that satisfies the dependency. If the dependency is not satisfied in the destination, the resource is skipped and the import continues. <code>cancel</code> – Stops the import operation.

Option	Explanation
<code>--include-access-events</code>	Restores access events (date, time, and username of last modification) on imported resources.
<code>--include-audit-events</code>	Imports any audit data in the catalog.
<code>--include-monitoring-events</code>	Imports any monitoring data in the catalog.
<code>--include-server-settings</code>	<p>Determines whether the system configuration is updated from the catalog. There are two prerequisites for the catalog to contain configuration settings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The originating server settings must be modified through the UI (Log Settings, Ad Hoc Settings, Ad Hoc Cache, and OLAP Settings). For more information, see 8.1, “Configuration Settings in the User Interface,” on page 170. • The catalog must be exported with the “everything” option from the user interface or the command-line utility. <p>Imported server settings take effect when the server is started.</p>
<code>--skip-themes</code>	<p>This flag is required when importing a catalog that includes a theme from a server version 5.2 or before to version 5.5 or later. If you have a custom theme to import, you can use the Theme UI to download it from the source server and upload it to the target server. If your theme contains the file <code>pageSpecific.css</code>, you must remove it from the ZIP file before uploading, and then redo your changes to the file based on <code>pageSpecific.css</code> in the target server from 5.5 or later. For more information, see 6.4.2, “Downloading and Uploading Theme ZIP Files,” on page 140.</p>

Examples:

- Import the `myExport.zip` catalog archive file:

```
js-import --input-zip myExport.zip
```
- Import the `myDir` catalog folder, replacing existing resources if their URIs and types match those found in the catalog:

```
js-import --input-dir myDir --update
```
- Import the `myExport.zip` catalog archive file but ignore any users found in the catalog:

```
js-import --input-zip myExport.zip --update --skip-user-update
```
- Import the `myDir` catalog folder with access events:

```
js-import --input-dir myDir --include-access-events
```

When a resource in the target repository has the same URI as on that you're importing, the default behavior is leave the existing resource unchanged (no overwriting occurs).

To delete the existing resource and replace it with a new one (of the same type and with the same URI), use the `--update` option. Note that, if the resource in the export catalog is a different type than the existing resource, the server returns an error and skips the update operation.

When you import a user whose roles exist in the repository, the user is given those roles. User properties are imported with the user.

When you import access events, the date and time of the last modification before export is restored on import for every resource. The catalog folder has to be created with access events. If you don't import access events, or if they don't exist in the imported files, the date and time of the import are used.

7.3.3 Configuring Import-Export Utilities

If you installed JasperReports Server from the binary installer, the import-export utilities were configured by the installer. If you installed the WAR file distribution, you must configure several files before you can use the import-export utilities.

Alternatively, see 7.4, “Alternate Import-Export Scripts,” on page 165 because the alternate scripts don't require any configuration, regardless of the installation method.

To configure the import-export utilities:

1. Depending on the database you use, copy the installation configuration file:
from: <js-install>/buildomatic/sample_conf/<database>_master.properties
to: <js-install>/buildomatic/default_master.properties
2. Edit the default_master.properties file to set values specific to your installation. For more information about the settings in this file, see the *JasperReports Server Installation Guide*.



Oracle users can set the `sysUsername` and `sysPassword` to the same name as `dbUsername` and `dbPassword` in the default_master.properties. The system user name and password are not required because js-import and js-export do not make changes to the database schema.

3. Run the following command:

```
js-ant clean-config gen-config
```

This command will generate the following files with the values you added to the default_master.properties file:

- <js-install>/buildomatic/build_conf/default/js.jdbc.properties
 - <js-install>/buildomatic/build_conf/default/js.quartz.properties (only for DB2 and PostgreSQL)
4. Make sure the JDBC driver for your database is located in the following folder:

```
<js-install>buildomatic/conf_source/iePro/lib
```

If necessary, you can find links for downloading JDBC drivers from the Jaspersoft Community website:

<http://community.jaspersoft.com/wiki/downloading-and-installing-database-drivers>

7.4 Alternate Import-Export Scripts

Regardless of your installation method, JasperReports Server provides a third way to run import-export commands. Buildomatic is another command-line script that is based on the [Apache Ant](#) tool to automate installations. It includes targets (sub-commands) to perform import and export operations with the same options as the scripts. The following examples compare the two commands:

```
Shell Scripts: js-export.sh --everything --output-zip=js-catalog-exp.zip
```

```
Buildomatic: js-ant export-everything -DexportFile=js-catalog-exp.zip
```

Both types of scripts are located in the <js-install>/buildomatic folder.

7.4.1 Running Import from Buildomatic

The `import` target for ant has the following syntax:

Windows: `js-ant import -DimportFile=<filename> [-DimportArgs="<import-options>"]`

Linux and Mac OSX: `./js-ant import -DimportFile=<filename> [-DimportArgs="\<import-options>\"]`

The imported file is handled as a ZIP archive if its name ends in `.zip`, otherwise it's handled as a directory. The `importArgs` argument is optional and can contain more than one import option. On Linux, all double quotation marks (") must be escaped with a backslash (\).



When performing a large import using `js-ant`, the server should be stopped (or put into a mode with reduced load) to avoid issues with caches, configuration, and security.

The following examples are typical import commands on Windows:

```
js-ant import-help-pro
js-ant import -DimportFile=my-reports.zip
js-ant import -DimportFile=my-datasources -DimportArgs="--update"
```

The following examples are typical import commands on Linux:

```
./js-ant import-help-pro
./js-ant import -DimportFile=my-reports.zip
./js-ant import -DimportFile=my-datasources.zip -DimportArgs="\--update\""
```

7.4.2 Running Export from Buildomatic

The `export` target for ant has the following syntax:

Windows: `js-ant export -DexportFile=<filename> -DexportArgs="<export-options>"`

Linux and Mac OSX: `./js-ant export -DexportFile=<filename> -DexportArgs="\<export-options>\"`

The export file format is a ZIP file or a set of files under a new directory name. If you specify the `.zip` extension for your output filename, a ZIP archive is created automatically. Otherwise, an uncompressed directory with files and sub-directories is created.

The `exportArgs` argument requires double quotation marks (") and can contain more than one export option, as shown in these Windows examples:

```
js-ant export-help-pro
js-ant export -DexportFile=my-domains.zip
-DexportArgs="--uris /organizations/organization_1/datasources"
js-ant export -DexportFile=my-reports-and-users.zip
-DexportArgs="--uris /organizations/organization_1/reports
--users jasperadmin|organization_1,joeuser|organization_1"
js-ant export -DexportFile=my-datasources
-DexportArgs="--uris /organizations/organization_1/datasources --roles ROLE_USER"
js-ant export -DexportFile=js-everything.zip -DexportArgs="--everything"
```

On Linux, all double quotation marks (") and other characters, such as the vertical bar (|) separating login user and organization names must be escaped with a backslash (\). Also, when listing user names, enclose the list in single quotation marks ('), as shown in this Linux example:

```
./js-ant export-help-pro
./js-ant export -DexportFile=my-reports-and-users.zip
  -DexportArgs="--uris /organizations/organization_1/reports
  --users 'jasperadmin\|organization_1,joeuser\|organization_1'\"
```


CHAPTER 8 SYSTEM CONFIGURATION

You can change the default behavior of JasperReports Server by editing the system's configuration. The configuration is defined by a set of properties and their values.

The properties are stored in configuration files located in various folders under the <js-install> directory, which is the root of your JasperReports Server installation. To change the configuration, you edit these files and then restart the server.

A few of the most commonly edited properties are available to the system admin through the user interface (UI). Changes to these properties take effect immediately, are stored in the repository, and override the equivalent values stored in files, even after the server restarts (as of version 5.0).

This chapter describes a subset of the properties in the configuration files. Settings that affect security are covered in *JasperReports Server Security Guide*. Configuration of the auditing and monitoring features is covered in [9.4, “Configuring Auditing and Monitoring,” on page 230](#). More options are described in the *JasperReports Server Installation Guide*.

Because the locations of files described in this chapter vary with your application server, the paths specified here are relative to the deployed WAR file for the application. For example, the `applicationContext.xml` file is shown as residing in the `WEB-INF` folder; if you use the Tomcat application server bundled with the installer, the default path to this location is:

```
C:\Program Files\jasperreports-server-6.4\apache-tomcat\webapps\jasperserver-pro\WEB-INF
```



Use caution when editing the properties described in this chapter. Inadvertent changes may cause unexpected errors throughout JasperReports Server that may be difficult to troubleshoot. Before changing any files, back them up to a location outside of your JasperReports Server installation.

Do not modify settings that are not described in the documentation. Even though some settings may appear straightforward, values other than the default may not work properly and cause errors.



In addition to configuration described in this chapter, you can configure Liferay Portal or JBoss Portal to display the reports stored in your JasperReports Server instance. You can download the JasperReports Server portlets for these environments from the Jaspersoft Support Portal. For information about how to deploy the portlet, refer to the documentation in the portlet download package.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- [Configuration Settings in the User Interface](#)
- [Configuration for Using Proxies](#)
- [Configuration for Session Persistence](#)
- [Configuring Ad Hoc](#)

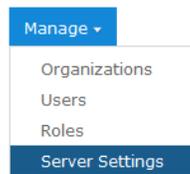
- [Enabling Data Snapshots](#)
- [Enabling Data Staging](#)
- [Configuring Cloud Services](#)
- [Configuring Domains](#)
- [Configuring JasperReports Library](#)
- [Configuring Input Control Behavior](#)
- [Configuring the Scheduler](#)
- [Configuring Report Thumbnails](#)
- [Configuring the Heartbeat](#)
- [Configuring the Online Help](#)

8.1 Configuration Settings in the User Interface

As of JasperReports Server 5.0, changes to configuration settings in the user interfaces are persistent through server restarts. Previously, upon restart configuration settings would revert to values stored in the configuration files.

To make persistent configuration changes through the JasperReports Server user interface:

1. Log in as system administrator (`superuser` by default).
2. Select **Manage > Server Settings**:



3. Choose a category of settings or administrator actions from the left-hand Settings panel.

Settings	Log Settings		
Log Settings	SQL generated for domain queries	com.jaspersoft.commons.semantic.dsimpl.JdbcBaseDataSet	ERROR ▼
Log Collectors			
Ad Hoc Settings	Ad Hoc cache activity	com.jaspersoft.commons.datarator.CachedData	ERROR ▼
Ad Hoc Cache	Ad Hoc data policy logging	com.jaspersoft.ji.adhoc.strategy	ERROR ▼
OLAP Settings	Groovy code generation for memory datasets (including Ad Hoc dynamic filters)	com.jaspersoft.commons.groovy.GroovyGenerator	ERROR ▼
Cloud Settings			
Server Attributes	Timing for SQL queries run for reports	com.jaspersoft.commons.util.JSControlledJdbcQueryExecutor	ERROR ▼
Restore Defaults	Connection handling for domains	com.jaspersoft.commons.semantic.impl.DataSourceResolverImpl	ERROR ▼
Import			
Export	Hibernate SQL	org.hibernate.SQL	ERROR ▼
	CIC param resolution for domains	com.jaspersoft.ji.war.action.cascade.DomainFilterResolver	ERROR ▼
	Crosstab controller	com.jaspersoft.ji.adhoc.action.AdhocCrosstabAjaxController	ERROR ▼
	Ad Hoc WorkingDataSet	com.jaspersoft.commons.datarator.WorkingDataSet	ERROR ▼
	General controller	com.jaspersoft.ji.adhoc.action.AdhocAjaxController	ERROR ▼
	Cascading input control parameter resolution	com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.war.cascade.token.FilterCore	ERROR ▼
	Input control value queries	valueQueryLog	ERROR ▼
	Import and export activities	com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.export.command	ERROR ▼

Figure 8-1 The User Interface for Configuration Settings

- Find the configuration setting you want to change and edit its value. In the case of log levels, the new value takes effect immediately. In the case of other settings, click **Change** beside the individual setting. The settings and administrator actions are documented in their respective sections:

Settings	Documentation
Log Settings	9.1, “Configuring System Logs,” on page 222
Log Collectors	9.2, “Using Log Collectors,” on page 227
Ad Hoc Settings	8.4.1, “Ad Hoc Query Settings,” on page 176
Ad Hoc Cache	8.4.6, “Ad Hoc Cache Management,” on page 182
OLAP Settings	<i>Jaspersoft OLAP User Guide</i>
Cloud Settings	8.7, “Configuring Cloud Services,” on page 193
Server Attributes	2.4, “Managing Attributes,” on page 37
Restore Defaults	8.1.2, “Restoring Default Settings,” on page 172
Import	7.2.5, “Importing From the Settings,” on page 157
Export	7.2.2, “Exporting From the Settings,” on page 152

8.1.1 Understanding Persistent Settings

When making changes through the Settings UI, you should understand how persistent settings made in the UI are stored internally and relate to the settings in configuration files:

- The Settings pages display a subset of the settings available in configuration files. Therefore, all settings in the UI also exist in a configuration file.
- By default, the Settings pages display the values of settings that exist in the corresponding configuration file. If you modify only the files and restart the server, your new file settings take effect on the server and are visible in the UI.
- When you change a value on the Settings pages, the new setting takes effect immediately, but the new value is *not* written to the corresponding configuration file. Instead, it's stored in the server's internal database so the value is persistent when the server is restarted.



Only configuration settings that have a value modified on the Settings pages of the UI are stored and made persistent in the database.

- When the server restarts, any stored values take precedence over values for the same settings in the configuration files. However, each setting is independent, so a value that's not modified in the Settings UI is read from the configuration files.
- The Settings pages display the values of the settings in effect on the server.



Be aware that the configuration values that appear on the Settings pages are possibly a mixture of values loaded from configuration files and from the persistent storage.

- Changing a setting that has already been modified updates its value stored internally, even if it is set to the same original value stored in a configuration file. The stored value continues to take precedence over any changes to this setting in the configuration file.

8.1.2 Restoring Default Settings

If a setting has been modified in the UI, it will remain in persistent storage and always override the corresponding setting in a configuration file. If you want to reset a value so that it is read from the configuration file instead, use the Restore Defaults page.

To restore a default setting:

1. Log in as system administrator (*superuser* by default).
2. Select **Manage > Server Settings** and choose **Restore Defaults** from the left-hand panel.

Settings		Restore Defaults	
Log Settings	Name	Value	
Log Collectors	adhoc.canViewQuery	true	
Ad Hoc Settings	adhoc.sqlQueryDataStrategy	true	
Ad Hoc Cache	adhoc.domainDataStrategy	false	
OLAP Settings	log4j.com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.war.cascade.CachedEngineService	WARN	
Cloud Settings	log4j.com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.war.cascade.token.FilterCore	WARN	
Server Attributes			
• Restore Defaults			
Import			
Export			
		<input type="button" value="Save"/>	<input type="button" value="Cancel"/>

Figure 8-2 The Restore Defaults Page Containing Persistent Configuration Settings

The configuration values on the Restore Defaults page represent the settings that have been modified through the UI and are stored in persistent storage.



The Restore Defaults page also includes JDBC drivers configured during the installation or through the data source creation wizard. Do not remove the drivers with [SYSTEM] values. For more information, see [4.3, “Managing JDBC Drivers,” on page 74](#).

- To restore a setting to its configuration file default, click the icon beside its current value and confirm.
- Click **Save** to make the change permanent.

The setting is removed from persistent storage and the value of the setting is restored to its default value from the corresponding configuration file. The next time the server restarts, its value will be read from the configuration file.



The settings listed on the Restore Defaults page are those that can be exported to different servers or re-imported after a server upgrade. For more information, see [7.2.5, “Importing From the Settings,” on page 157](#).

8.2 Configuration for Using Proxies

When setting up JasperReports Server to use a proxy server, there are two additional settings to make in the server configuration. JasperReports Server exposes some URLs to itself through the UI and when using the scheduler to send emails. When using a proxy, those URLs must be configured so that they expose the proxy URL, not actual URL of the server instance.

Change the following settings so that JasperReports Server exposes the proxy URL.

Configuration for Using Proxies	
Configuration File	
.../WEB-INF/js.config.properties	
Property	Description
deploy.base.url	Set this property to the full URL for exposing the JasperReports Server UI through the proxy. This URL must include the application name, for example: <code>http://bi.example.com/jasperserver-pro</code>
Configuration File	
.../WEB-INF/js.quartz.properties	
Property	Description
report.scheduler.web.deployment.uri	This is the base URL used by the scheduler to generate links to reports in emails. Set this property to the full URL, including application name, that you expose through your proxy. It should be the same as <code>deploy.base.url</code> .

8.3 Configuration for Session Persistence

Many application servers can store user sessions while a web app is offline, for example when changing JasperReports Server configuration files. The app server remembers all the information about a user's session, such as the session ID and what page was being viewed; and when the web app restarts, the user session is restored. The user doesn't have to log in again, and often will not even notice that the server was temporarily unavailable. This is called session persistence.



Sessions do not persist when redeploying a web app in the application server, only when restarting the web app.

JasperReports Server supports a limited form of session persistence. When session persistence is enabled in the app server, sessions can be restored in the following cases:

- Browsing the repository, expanding folders in the repository tree and viewing folder contents.
- Searching the repository, including all search filters and results.
- Repository permissions dialog, including state and selections.
- Add folder dialog.
- Add resource dialogs, including adding or editing a data source, JasperReport, and other repository objects.
- Copy, cut, and paste resources in the repository.
- Scheduling a report, including all information such as a schedule and notifications.

If the server becomes unavailable when using the pages or dialogs above, the user will see a pause only when performing an action on these pages, such as submitting. When the server has finished restarting, the user can

continue interacting with these UI elements. If the user takes no action while the server is unavailable, he may not even notice the server restart.

However, for other interactive dialogs in JasperReports Server, the state is too large to store in the user session. These features do not support session persistence and unsaved data can be lost:

- Ad Hoc Editor - The state of the report layout and data in the Ad Hoc Editor can't be restored.
- Dashboard designer - The contents and state of the canvas can't be restored.
- Interactive report viewer - The data in the report, as well as the state of column sorting and filtering can't be saved.
- Domain designer - Any tables, joins, filters, calculated fields, and display names can't be restored.
- OLAP viewer - The data in the OLAP view and current MDX expression can't be restored.
- Administration dialogs - When creating or editing users, organizations, or roles, the information entered in a dialog can't be restored if it was not submitted.

In the cases listed above, the user's work is interrupted, and any unsaved work is lost. However, when the server restarts, the user does not have to log in again, the server displays a message about the session that could not be fully restored, and redirects the user to the home page. The user must relaunch the interactive feature and recreate any unsaved work.

Session persistence also affects web service calls. The REST API supports a login to store a session ID, and with persistence enabled, that session ID will still be valid when the application server restarts. This simplifies the code you need to handle timeouts. In general, web service calls do not support interactive work like designing an Ad Hoc view, a dashboard, a Domain, or exploring data in OLAP, so they aren't affected by the lack of session persistence in those cases. However, web service calls are affected in the following case:

- Report execution - All asynchronous API calls for running and exporting reports rely on the large JasperPrint object that can't be persisted. When the server restarts, the asynchronous calls will return errors because the reports could not be saved in the session. Your application needs to detect this error and include code for re-running the report.



JasperReports Server also supports session replication among multiple instances of the server in a cluster. However, session replication has the same limitations because it is based on session persistence. For more information, see the *JasperReports Server Ultimate Guide*.

The following procedure gives the configuration in JasperReports Server and the Apache Tomcat application server to enable session persistence. For another application server, refer to that server's documentation.

To configure JasperReports Server and Apache Tomcat for session persistence:

1. Edit the file `.../META-INF/context.xml` to comment out the Manager property as follows:

```
<!-- Manager pathname="" /-->
```

2. Edit the file `.../WEB-INF/web.xml` to make the following changes.
 - a. Locate the listener of class `RequestContextListener` and replace it with the listener of class `TolerantRequestContextListener`. The new listener class is given in comments that you need to uncomment as follows:

```
<listener-class>com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.core.util.TolerantRequestContextListener
  </listener-class>
<!--listener-class>org.springframework.web.context.request.RequestContextListener
  </listener-class-->
```

- b. Locate the `ClusterFilter` given in comments and uncomment it as follows:

```
<filter>
  <filter-name>ClusterFilter</filter-name>
  <filter-class>com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.war.TolerantSessionFilter</filter-class>
</filter>
```

- c. Locate the corresponding mapping for the `ClusterFilter` and uncomment that, too. You must also uncomment the `<distributable>` element below it as follows:

```
<filter-mapping>
  <filter-name>ClusterFilter</filter-name>
  <url-pattern>/*</url-pattern>
</filter-mapping>
<distributable/>
```

3. Add the following property to your JVM environment:

```
-Dorg.apache.catalina.session.StandardSession.ACTIVITY_CHECK=true
```

4. Restart your Apache Tomcat application server.

8.4 Configuring Ad Hoc

Ad Hoc functionality is available only to JasperReports Server Professional edition users.

Ad Hoc settings help you fine-tune the Ad Hoc Editor and the views created in it. Users with `ROLE_SUPERUSER` can manage the Ad Hoc settings and cache. This section covers the following ways to configure Ad Hoc:

- [Ad Hoc Query Settings](#)
- [Ad Hoc Data Policies](#)
- [Ad Hoc Data Policies for Big Data](#)
- [Ad Hoc Templates and Report Generators](#)
- [Ad Hoc Configuration File](#)
- [Ad Hoc Cache Management](#)
- [Ad Hoc OLAP Filter Configuration](#)

8.4.1 Ad Hoc Query Settings



The Ad Hoc settings apply to Ad Hoc views based on Topics or Domains. Ad Hoc views based on OLAP connections use the OLAP settings described in the *Jaspersoft OLAP User Guide*.

The Ad Hoc settings include the following:

- General Settings to modify the Ad Hoc Editor user interface:
 - **Configure View Query.** Determines whether users can see a button in the Ad Hoc Editor to display the SQL or MDX query generated for the view. This can be useful for advanced users, but you should consider your data security before enabling this. System admins can always view queries in the Ad Hoc Cache (see [8.4.6, “Ad Hoc Cache Management,” on page 182](#)).
 - **Display Null as Zero.** Determines the appearance of null values in crosstabs and time-series charts. By default, this setting is disabled and null values are displayed as empty cells in crosstabs or missing

- points in time series charts (thus causing irregular intervals). When enabled, null values are displayed as zero in crosstabs and in time-series (creating regular intervals). Regardless of this setting, null values are always displayed as zero in all other chart types.
- Query Limits to preserve resources used by queries when Ad Hoc views are designed and run:
 - **Ad Hoc Filter List of Values Row Limit.** The maximum number of items that should be displayed in the Condition Editor when a user defines filters for an Ad Hoc view based on a Domain. If this limit is exceeded when users define filters, JasperReports Server displays a message to that effect. Setting this to a lower value can improve performance.
 - **Ad Hoc Dataset Row Limit.** The maximum number of rows that an Ad Hoc view will request in a query. Be aware that JasperReports Server truncates the data displayed in the report when the limit is reached. Setting this to a lower number may improve performance, but your reports may not reflect the full data set.
 - **Ad Hoc Query Timeout.** The number of seconds the server should wait before timing out an Ad Hoc view while running its query. Setting this to a lower number may prevent exceptions when users run Ad Hoc views. Setting this to a higher number may prevent complex calculations from timing out, but may use more database connections.
 - Data Policies that determine how JasperReports Server handles data loading and processing for certain kinds of Ad Hoc views. See [Ad Hoc Data Policies](#) in the next section.

To configure the Ad Hoc query settings:

1. Log in as system administrator (`superuser` by default).
2. Select **Manage > Server Settings** and choose **Ad Hoc Settings** in the left-panel.
3. Set the configuration values as described above.
4. Click **Change** beside each value you modified to make your changes effective. Or click **Cancel** to reset it to the previously saved value.



As of JasperReports Server version 5.0, Ad Hoc settings made through the user interface are persistent, even when the server is restarted. For details, see [8.1, “Configuration Settings in the User Interface,” on page 170](#).

8.4.2 Ad Hoc Data Policies



Data snapshots, described in [Data Snapshots](#) and [Enabling Data Snapshots](#), apply only to reports displayed in the report viewer. This section covers data policies that apply only to views in the Ad Hoc Editor.

Data policies determine how data is cached and where certain calculations occur. All Ad Hoc work is based on a query, either from a Domain or Domain Topic, or from the JRXML of a plain Topic. Data policies determine whether the Ad Hoc engine uses the query as-is and process the data in memory, or rewrites the query so that the database processes data and returns only what Ad Hoc needs to display.

By default, the data accessed by Domain-based reports is grouped, sorted, and aggregated in the database, rather than processed in memory on the server. This way the server retrieves only the columns that appear in the report rather than the entire set of fields in the Domain. As of JasperReports Server 5.5, calculated fields are also processed by the database. For Topic queries based on JDBC (and JNDI) data sources, the default behavior is to request the entire result set and process the columns for display in memory. Note that independent check boxes control the behavior, one check box for Domains and another for JDBC data sources.

When these check boxes are cleared, the server loads the entire set of fields associated with a Domain or Topic into memory, then applies the necessary calculations, grouping, sorting, and aggregation. This is also the case for Ad Hoc views that do not rely on Domains or JDBC data sources; in these cases, the server processes the data in memory.

Generally, we recommend that these settings be enabled, especially when working with large datasets. In deciding whether JasperReports Server should process the data in memory or push that processing to the database, consider these factors:

- The size and complexity of your reports. Reports with calculated fields, complex sorting, grouping, or aggregation may perform better when the server optimizes the queries so that the database performs the work.
- The amount of data in your data sources. If your data sources include a great deal of data, reports against them may perform better when the server optimizes the queries.
- The number of users editing and running Ad Hoc views. If you have a large number of users creating and running Ad Hoc views, performance may be better when the server optimizes the queries. Implementations with fewer users may perform better when the options are disabled.
- The performance characteristics of your data source. If the database or other data source is tuned for maximum performance, Ad Hoc views may perform better when the server optimizes the queries.
- If your data source is hosted by MySQL, we recommend that you keep the default (unchecked) for the **Optimize Queries for JDBC-based Reports** setting. MySQL has poor performance with the nested queries that this setting would generate.
- The amount of memory allocated to JasperReports Server's Java Virtual Machine (JVM). If the JVM of the application server hosting JasperReports Server is allocated plenty of memory, Ad Hoc views may perform better when JasperReports Server optimizes the queries. This is especially true if your data source tends to be slow.

To decide whether JasperReports Server should optimize queries for Ad Hoc views, we recommend disabling the settings, opening and saving some representative reports, and testing their performance. If the performance improves, leave the settings disabled and open and save the remaining reports.

The data policies you can set are:

- **Optimize Queries for JDBC-based Reports.** When checked, Ad Hoc rewrites the query to calculate, filter, group, sort, and aggregate columns when using Topics based on JDBC and JNDI data sources. Otherwise, the queries run unaltered and calculated fields, filtering, grouping, sorting, and aggregation take place in memory.
- **Optimize Queries for Domain-based Reports.** When checked, Ad Hoc rewrites the query to calculate filter, group, sort, and aggregate columns when using Domains or Domain Topics. Otherwise, the queries run unaltered and calculated fields, filtering, grouping, sorting, and aggregation take place in memory.



These data policy settings do not retroactively update the existing reports created from Ad Hoc views in your repository. To change the data policy for an existing report, select the appropriate policy setting, open the corresponding view in the Ad Hoc Editor, and save the report again.

To configure the Ad data policies:

1. Log in as system administrator (`superuser` by default).
2. Select **Manage > Server Settings** and choose **Ad Hoc Settings** in the left-hand panel.
3. Select **Optimize Queries for JDBC-based Reports** to optimize and rewrite queries for JDBC-based Topics.

4. Select **Optimize Queries for Domain-based Reports** to optimize and rewrite queries for Domain-based reports.
5. Click **Change** beside each value you modified to make your changes effective. Or click **Cancel** to reset it to the previously saved value.



As of JasperReports Server version 5.0, Ad Hoc settings made through the user interface are persistent, even when the server is restarted. For details, see [8.1, “Configuration Settings in the User Interface,” on page 170](#).

8.4.3 Ad Hoc Data Policies for Big Data

When handling large datasets (big data) from a Domain source in the Ad Hoc Editor, fields summarized by distinct count are computationally intensive. The server optimizes the distinct count by requesting distinct count calculations from the data source, as opposed to performing the calculations in memory. Database servers are usually optimized for these calculations, which improves the overall performance of the Ad Hoc Editor.

Ad Hoc for Big Data		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-adhoc-dataStrategy.xml		
Property	Bean	Description
calcMethod	Distinct Count	This property's default value is <code>sqlUnionAll</code> . The <code>UnionAll</code> is the optimized query that provides distinct count computed by the database. If this setting causes issues with your database, you can reset its value to <code>sqlGroupBy</code> . If you make this change, redeploy the web app or restart the application server.

Performing distinct count aggregates in the database applies only in the following cases:

- Crosstabs based on Domains contain measures aggregated by distinct count.
- Tables based on Domains contain groups aggregated by distinct count, but no detail rows.

This setting has no effect when there is a row or column group involving a time, timestamp, or date. In this case, Ad Hoc performs the distinct count summary calculations in memory, regardless of the `calcMethod` setting.

8.4.4 Ad Hoc Templates and Report Generators

JasperReports Server 5.5 introduced Ad Hoc templates and report generators. Ad Hoc templates are JXML files in the repository that define the format for reports generated from Ad Hoc views. Report generators are custom beans that create custom output from Ad Hoc views.

In the user interface, users can select either the default template, browse for a different template, or select a report generator, if any are defined. For more information about the report template interface, see the JasperReports Server User Guide. This section explains how to configure these controls.

8.4.4.1 Changing the Default Ad Hoc Template

The default Ad Hoc template creates a report that resembles the Ad Hoc user interface. It's meant for online viewing and doesn't restrict the size of the contents for printing. To set a different template, modify the following property:

Default Ad Hoc Template		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-adhoc.xml		
Property	Bean	Description
defaultTemplateUri	util:map id="report Generator DefaultConf"	Specify the repository path of your new default template. Make sure the template has permissions so it's accessible to all users. The default value is /public/templates/actual_size.510.jrxml.

8.4.4.2 Modifying the Ad Hoc Template Folders

Ad Hoc templates must be uploaded to specific folders in the repository. The default folders are /templates (in every organization) and /public/templates. To set different folders, modify the following property:

Ad Hoc Template Folders		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-adhoc.xml		
Property	Bean	Description
templateURIParent SQLPatternList	adhocEngine Service	Add, change, or remove the values in this list to specify the folders in the repository where the server looks for Ad Hoc templates.

The default Ad Hoc template locations contain the default template. If you move or delete those folders in the repository, be sure to update the definition of the default Ad Hoc template as described in the previous section.

Also, organization templates include the adhoc/templates folder so it appears in every new organization. You should update all organization templates if you change or remove the /templates value. For more information, see 2.1.3, “Default Folders for Organizations,” on page 26.

8.4.4.3 Adding Ad Hoc Report Generators

By default no custom report generators defined on the server, and none appear in the user interface.

To add a custom report generator:

1. Create a Java class that implements the com.jaspersoft.ji.adhoc.service.AdhocReportGenerator interface.
2. Compile the class and place the resulting JAR file in .../WEB-INF/lib.

- Open the file `.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-adhoc.xml` for editing and register your class as a Spring bean as shown in the following example:

```
<bean id="myCustomReportGenerator" class="com.example.myCustomReportGenerator">
  <property name="id" value="my-custom-generator"/>
  <property name="..." value="..." />
  ...
</bean>
```

- In the same file, update the `reportGeneratorFactory` bean to include your custom generator bean:

```
<bean id="reportGeneratorFactory" class="
s="com.jaspersoft.ji.adhoc.service.ReportGeneratorFactoryImpl">
  <property name="reportGenerators">
    <list>
      <ref bean="myCustomReportGenerator" />
      <!--<ref bean="actualSizeReportGenerator" />-->
      <!--<ref bean="letterPortraitReportGenerator" />-->
      <!--<ref bean="letterLandscapeReportGenerator" />-->
      <!--<ref bean="a4PortraitReportGenerator" />-->
      <!--<ref bean="a4LandscapeReportGenerator" />-->
    </list>
  </property>
</bean>
```

- Edit the `.../WEB-INF/bundles/adhoc_messages.properties` file to add a UI label for your custom generator. The key has the form `ADH_REPORT_GENERATOR_<generator-id>`. Add the same key to other language bundles if you want to support other languages.

```
ADH_REPORT_GENERATOR_my-custom-generator=Corporate Template
```

- Restart the server or redeploy the JasperReports Server web app. The label for your custom generator appears in the list of report generators when users create and save a report from an Ad Hoc view.

8.4.5 Ad Hoc Configuration File

The following properties are among those that can be configured in the `WEB-INF/applicationContext-adhoc.xml` file:

Table 8-1 Configurable Properties in `WEB-INF/applicationContext-adhoc.xml`

Property	Description
<code>JrxmlScriptURI</code>	The location in the file system of the <code>state2jrxml.js</code> script, which generates the JRXML report based on the current Ad Hoc Editor selections. By default, this file is located in the <code>/adhoc</code> folder of the repository.
<code>realmsURI</code> and <code>realmsURIParent</code> <code>SQLPatternList</code>	The repository locations where Topics should reside. The defaults are <code>/adhoc/topics</code> and <code>/public/adhoc/topics</code> .

Property	Description															
defaultTheme	The name of the default style for Ad Hoc views. This name must match a style defined in both a CSS and a JRXML file. The default is <code>default</code> .															
aruFolder	The repository location where users are allowed to save their Ad Hoc views. The default is <code>/</code> . This allows your users to save Ad Hoc views anywhere. If you have a folder specifically for user content, specify this folder, for example <code>/userviews</code> .															
tempFolderName	The repository location where JasperReports Server saves reports created from Ad Hoc views. The default is <code>/temp</code> relative to root and to every organization. The server allows users with <code>ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR</code> or <code>ROLE_SUPERUSER</code> to view the temporary folders and their contents. The server manages these temporary files automatically, but files may accumulate in certain cases. As part of regular maintenance, you should periodically delete the files in these folders.															
maxSafeGroupMembers	The maximum number of row groups or column groups a crosstab can display before the editor prompts the user for confirmation. This limit is a safeguard to avoid performance issues when grouping a field with too many values. The default is 100. Set it higher to allow more groups to appear without prompting users.															
createColumnCrosstabHeaders	This property is located in the <code>actualSizeReportGenerator</code> bean. With the default setting of <code>false</code> , column group headers appear in the Ad Hoc view but not in the report generated from the view (this is the historical behavior). When set to <code>true</code> , column group headers appear in both the Ad Hoc view and in the generated report. When column group headers are included in a crosstab, an extra row is added below the column headers for spacing. <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Account Name</th> <th>A & L Powers Engineering, Inc</th> <th>Abbott-Liff Electronics Holdings</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Measures</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Account State</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>BC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">49,350.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">107,200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Totals</td> <td style="text-align: right;">49,350.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">107,200.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div>	Account Name	A & L Powers Engineering, Inc	Abbott-Liff Electronics Holdings	Measures	Amount	Amount	Account State			BC	49,350.00	107,200.00	Totals	49,350.00	107,200.00
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The repository URI locations are relative to each and every organization in the server instance. For example, for a user in the default organization, the URI `/adhoc` actually refers to `/organizations/organization_1/adhoc`.

8.4.6 Ad Hoc Cache Management



The Ad Hoc cache applies to Ad Hoc views based on Topics or Domains, and any reports generated from those Ad Hoc views. Ad Hoc views based on OLAP connections use the OLAP cache. For a comparison of the two caches, see [8.4.6.4, “Comparison with Jaspersoft OLAP Cache,” on page 186](#). For instructions on setting the OLAP cache, see the *Jaspersoft OLAP User Guide*.

JasperReports Server can temporarily cache Ad Hoc query result sets for re-use. The cache is populated by the data that results from queries when creating or running Ad Hoc views. The datasets are uniquely identified by a key that references the query itself, the data source URI, and parameters used when the query was issued.

Caching reduces database loads and delivers frequently-used datasets to the user quickly. Caching applies when reports are created and when they're run. JasperReports Server version 5.0 introduces a new cache implementation called [Ehcache](#) that allows the administrator to view cache entry memory size and set limits on memory use. You can configure the Ad Hoc cache to optimize memory use and response time for your use patterns.

8.4.6.1 Setting the Cache Granularity

By default, datasets for each user are cached separately. A parameter in the cache key identifies the user. This per-user caching can result in duplicate datasets and impaired performance when different users run the same query. You can configure JasperReports Server to share cached datasets across users by editing the `.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-datarator.xml` file.

The following code configures the `cacheKeyInterceptor` bean to ignore logged-in users' credentials when creating the cache keys:

```
<property name="ignoredParameters">
  <list>
    ...
    <value>LoggedInUser</value>
    <value>LoggedInUsername</value>
  </list>
</property>
```

Restart JasperReports Server after saving the modified file.

8.4.6.2 Configuring the Cache

Caching improves overall performance of data retrieval and sorting, but unused datasets can consume memory and cached data can become stale. To address these concerns, the cache automatically removes datasets periodically. By default, datasets are removed from the cache if they are not accessed for 30 minutes. They are also cleared after 90 minutes, regardless of how recently they were accessed.

To configure the frequency with which the cache is automatically cleared, edit the following configuration file:

Ad Hoc Cache Expiration
Configuration File
.../WEB-INF/adhoc-ehcache.xml

Ad Hoc Cache Expiration		
Property	Default Value	Description
maxBytesLocalHeap	400M	The maximum memory use of the entire cache, by default 400 MB. Use K for kilobytes, M for megabytes, and G for gigabytes. If left unbounded, the Ad Hoc cache can use up all available memory in your JVM. Set this value according to your server's available memory, the size of your datasets, and the number of cache entries you expect based on concurrent Ad Hoc use and the time settings below. We recommend setting this value to about half of the maximum heap size you configured for the JVM (-Xmx setting).
timeToIdleSeconds	1800	The number of seconds to wait after a dataset is has been accessed before removing it from the cache. The default is equivalent to 30 minutes. Use 0 (zero) for no limit.
timeToLiveSeconds	5400	The maximum time that a dataset is stored in the cache, even if it is being repeatedly accessed. Ensures that stale data is periodically replaced. The default is equivalent to 90 minutes. Use 0 (zero) for no limit.

Restart JasperReports Server after modifying these values.

8.4.6.3 Manually Clearing the Cache

Administrators can also use the server interface to view the queries whose datasets are in the cache. Administrators can see the full query but never the contents of the dataset. The Ad Hoc cache page also displays performance data about each query. This information can be helpful when trying to resolve performance issues. The interface displays several values for every query:

- Age (min:sec) – Time since the dataset was first stored in the cache.
- Query (msec) – Time in milliseconds from when query was sent to the data source (database) until the first row was received.
- Fetch (msec) – Time in milliseconds from when first row was received from the data source (database) until the last row was received.
- Memory used (MB) – Size in megabytes of the resulting dataset being stored in the cache entry.

The Ad Hoc cache page also allows administrators to manually remove datasets if necessary. Removing a dataset from the cache forces the server to get fresh data the next time a user creates or runs an Ad Hoc view with that query.

To view queries and manually clear the Ad Hoc cache:

1. In JasperReports Server, log in as system administrator (*superuser* by default).
2. Click **Manage > Server Settings** and choose **Ad Hoc Cache** in the left panel.
The Ad Hoc Cache page appears, displaying all the datasets in the cache, sorted by age.

Settings	Ad Hoc Cache				Query & Source	Query/fetch (msec)	Memory used (MB)	Clear
	Age (min:sec)	Sort By: Age Last Used Time Memory Used Data Source URI						
Log Settings	0:17			select * from ORDERS where SHIPCOUNTRY = \$P{Country} and REC	12/5	0.09	Clear	
Ad Hoc Settings				/datasources/JServerJNDIDS				
• Ad Hoc Cache	1:09			SELECT * FROM ORDERS	76/118	0.32	Clear	
OLAP Settings				/datasources/JServerJNDIDS				
AWS Settings	1:31			select "store1"."store_country" as "store1_store_country",	2415/1353	1.19	Clear	
Import				"store1"."store_city" as "store1_store_city",				
Export				"store1"."video_store" as "store1_video_store",				
				/Domains/supermartDomain				
	7:46			select "store1"."store_country" as "store1_store_country",	2461/921	1.19	Clear	
				"store1"."store_city" as "store1_store_city",				
				"store1"."video_store" as "store1_video_store",				
				/Domains/supermartDomain				
	8:07			select "store1"."store_city" as "store1_store_city",	387/21	0.05	Clear	
				"store1"."store_country" as "store1_store_country",				
				"store1"."video_store" as "store1_video_store",				
				/Domains/supermartDomain				
	8:15			select "store1"."store_city" as "store1_store_city",	202/11	0.05	Clear	
				"store1"."video_store" as "store1_video_store",				
				"store1"."store_name" as "store1_store_name",				
				Clear All				

Figure 8-3 Ad Hoc Dataset Caching Administration Page

Each dataset is listed by its corresponding query and data source. Recall that Ad Hoc Topics have user-defined queries, so they tend to be short, whereas the query for Domains are generated from the design of the Domain and user selections in the Data Chooser dialog. The Ad Hoc Cache page displays only the first few lines of a query, as well as the data source.

- To remove all datasets, click **Clear All** at the bottom of the Ad Hoc Cache page. This also clears the Teiid cache used by virtual data sources, including a virtual data source that wraps a data source for big data.
- To remove a specific dataset from the cache, and click **Clear** beside the corresponding query.
- To find a specific cache entry, you can change the sorting in the upper-left by clicking **Age**, **Last Used Time**, **Memory Used**, or **Data Source URI**.
- To view the details of a specific query, including the full query string, click the query itself in the Query & Source column. The Detail page appears, displaying additional information for the selected query, such as the number of rows in the cached dataset.

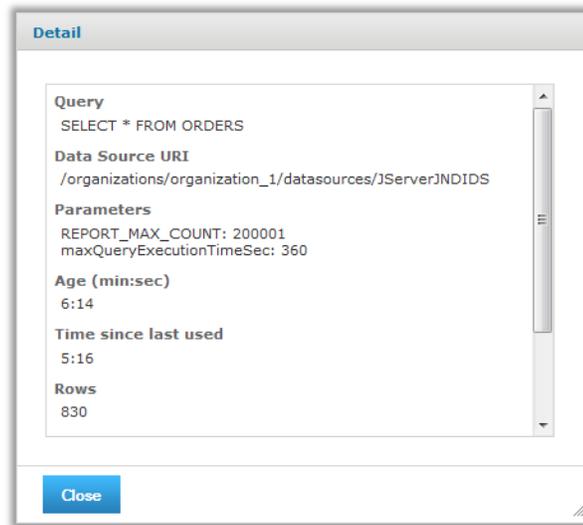


Figure 8-4 Typical Dataset in Ad Hoc Cache

8.4.6.4 Comparison with Jaspersoft OLAP Cache

The following table contrasts the key features of the Ad Hoc cache in JasperReports Server and Jaspersoft OLAP.

Table 8-2 Ad Hoc Caching in JasperReports Server and Jaspersoft OLAP

Cache Feature	JasperReports Server	Jaspersoft OLAP
Structure of cache	Result caches are held at the query level: query text and language, plus data source URI and query parameters.	Result caches are held at the analysis connection level: schema plus database connection.
Sharing	Not by default, but can be enabled as described in Setting the Cache Granularity , above.	There is only one cache; it is shared across all queries and users.
Security	Applied to cache control so that users are not allowed to see privileged data.	
Populating	Queries populate the cache. You can also schedule reports to pre-populate the cache during off-hours.	
Size	Limited by available JVM memory (heap). Not configurable. Running out of memory is unusual. It can only happen if a single query returns too many elements for available memory. The report fails with an out-of-memory error.	

Cache Feature	JasperReports Server	Jaspersoft OLAP
Automatic time-based cache policy	Configurable, as described in Configuring the Cache above.	In low-memory situations, cached items are removed automatically by JVM garbage collection; the least-recently-used items are cleared first. There is no way to remove data based on how long it has been in memory.
Clearing selected datasets manually	Configurable, as described in Manually Clearing the Cache above.	Cache regions can be defined and cleared programmatically with APIs.
Clearing all datasets manually	Configurable, as described in Manually Clearing the Cache above.	In JasperReports Server, select Manage > Server Settings , then select OLAP > Server Settings and click Flush OLAP Cache . For additional methods, see the <i>Jaspersoft OLAP Ultimate Guide</i> .

8.4.6.5 Disabling the Ad Hoc Cache



Disabling either cache is a server-wide setting that applies to all data sources or connections used in any Ad Hoc view. Make sure that other views aren't negatively affected by this change.

There are two reasons to consider disabling the Ad Hoc cache:

- You have a high-performance database that returns results so fast that additional caching in the server does not improve response times. In this case, the slight overhead of the cache may actually impact performance.
- Your database manages real-time data, and you create Ad Hoc views that present up-to-the-minute information from this data source. In this case, you don't want to retrieve old data out of the cache.

To disable the Ad Hoc cache for Topics and Domains, set the value of `maxBytesLocalHeap` to 1 (1 byte). For instructions, see [8.4.6.2, “Configuring the Cache,” on page 183](#). This effectively turns off the cache so that every query is retrieved directly from the data source.

To disable the OLAP cache for OLAP connections used in the Ad Hoc Editor, check the `mondrian.rolap.star.disable-Caching` setting on the **Manage > Server Settings > OLAP Settings** page. For more information, see the *Jaspersoft OLAP User Guide*.

In addition, if you have modified any of these three properties in `applicationContext-adhoc.xml`, set them back to `false`:

```
<property name="applyQueryFilterInMemory" value="false"/>
<property name="applySecurityFilterInMemory" value="false"/>
<property name="applyDynamicFilterInMemory" value="false"/>
```

8.4.7 Ad Hoc OLAP Filter Configuration

When using filters in Ad Hoc OLAP, the server queries the database to display a list of values to select from. To avoid performance issues, the number of items in a filter is limited. By default, the limit is 250 possible values.

If your filters reach this limit and your list of values is truncated, you should first consider using a different filter operation. For example, instead of “city is one of <list>,” use “City starts with <letter>.” If you still need to change this limit, modify the following property:

Ad Hoc OLAP Filter Limit		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-adhoc-dataStrategy.xml		
Property	Bean	Description
maxFilterValues	mdxDataStrategy	Set the value to the maximum number of filter values you expect. Setting this value higher than the default of 250 may cause performance issues.

8.5 Enabling Data Snapshots

The data snapshot feature was introduced in JasperReports Server release 4.7 to store report data in the server. Data snapshots create a significant change in the user experience:

- Without data snapshots – Whenever users run a report, the server queries the data source and displays the latest data. When the same report is run over and over, the data source is often returning the same data every time. This is the behavior of all releases before 4.7, and the default behavior of release 4.7.
- With data snapshots – The first time a report runs, it queries the data source and stores a copy of the data with the report in the repository. Users who view the report later see the data from the saved snapshot, not from querying the data source. Reports accessed through web service APIs are also based on the saved snapshot. For large reports or frequently viewed reports, the persisted snapshot provides a significant performance gain and reduces load on your data sources. Every user who has access to the report will see the data from the same snapshot. For users who require it, the report viewer provides a button to manually refresh the data snapshot anytime. In addition, when the scheduler runs a job on a report it always updates the snapshot. Data snapshots are implemented in JasperReports Server 4.7 and later, but must be enabled manually.

We encourage enabling data snapshots with the following recommendations:

- If you have a new installation of JasperReports Server, enable snapshots to get the full server functionality. In the future, persistent data snapshots may be enabled by default.
- If you are upgrading from a release earlier than 4.7, first proceed with the upgrade procedure and verify the outcome, as instructed in the *JasperReports Server Installation Guide*. Then, before enabling data snapshots, notify your users about this new functionality.
- Data snapshots are stored in the server's repository, which must be sized accordingly. If you have a large number of reports, or very large reports, consider the performance of your repository database before enabling snapshots. If your users rely on data that changes frequently or if they expect to see real-time data when opening a report, do not enable snapshots. Alternatively, you can enable snapshots selectively as described below.

8.5.1 Global Data Snapshot Configuration

The server-level settings determine whether the snapshot feature is available on the server.

Data Snapshots Server-Level Configuration		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-data-snapshots.xml		
Property	Bean	Description
snapshotPersistenceEnabled	dataSnapshotService	When set to <code>true</code> , it allows the JasperReports Server report viewer to save data snapshots in the repository and open them the next time the report is run. By default, this is set to <code>false</code> .



There is also a property named `snapshotRecordingEnabled` that caches a snapshot in the report viewer memory when sorting and filtering columns interactively. This allows the report viewer to refresh the display without querying the database every time. Regardless of persistence, `snapshotRecordingEnabled` improves report viewing performance and decreases database load, so it should remain set to `true`.

8.5.2 Report-level Data Snapshot Configuration

You can disable snapshots on a specific report by setting the following property in the report's JRXML:

```
net.sf.jasperreports.data.cache.persistable=false
```



This report-level property depends on the snapshot mechanism in JasperReports Server. This property has no effect in other report viewers without such a mechanism, like the viewer integrated in Jaspersoft Studio.

There are two ways to control snapshots at the report level. In the case above:

- Data snapshots are enabled on the server, so most reports use them.
- Reports that don't benefit from data snapshots can explicitly disable snapshots in their own JRXML.

As with all report-level properties, you can set server-wide default values, as described in [8.9, “Configuring JasperReports Library,” on page 203](#):

Data Snapshots Default Report-Level Configuration	
Configuration File	
.../WEB-INF/classes/jasperreports.properties	
Property	Description
<code>net.sf.jasperreports.data.cache.persistable=false</code>	When set to <code>false</code> , the server-wide default for reports is to not use data snapshots, however, they are still available if a report overrides this value to <code>true</code> in its own JRXML.

Because the report-level property takes precedence over the server-level property, this enables a second way to control snapshots:

- Data snapshots are enabled on the server.
- But the server-wide default is set to false, so most reports don't use them.
- Reports that benefit from data snapshots can explicitly enable snapshots in their own JRXML with:

```
net.sf.jasperreports.data.cache.persistable=true
```

8.5.3 Data Snapshots in the Scheduler

Scheduled jobs always run the report by accessing the data source, so the output has up-to-the-minute data. When data snapshots are enabled on reports, the job always updates the data snapshot with this new data after it runs. This way, when you schedule a report, it also refreshes the data snapshot periodically: hourly, daily, weekly, or whatever suits your data requirements.

When data snapshots are enabled on the server, the scheduler interface has an extra option to output the data snapshot. This option, as shown in the following figure, generates a copy of the report with the new data snapshot. This copy is stored in the repository as a JasperReport, identical to the report being run. Over time, this will create an archive of your report data.

If you clear the Data Snapshot Output Format option, no copy of the report is saved with the new data snapshot, but the data snapshot on the original report is still updated when the job runs. Also, you must select at least one other output format to schedule the report.

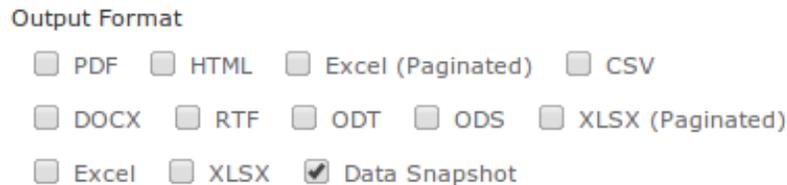


Figure 8-5 The Data Snapshot Output Option in the Scheduler

Finally, when data snapshots are enabled, you can also update them through REST web services calls. When specifying the report to run with the `rest_v2/reportExecutions` service, you can add arguments to explicitly update or not update the associated data snapshot. For more information, see the *JasperReports Server REST API Reference*.

8.6 Enabling Data Staging

Data staging is a new feature in JasperReports Server 6.0 that can optimize the performance of certain Ad Hoc views and reports. With data staging, the entire dataset for a Domain Topic is indefinitely cached in the server's Ad Hoc cache. When the entire dataset is pre-loaded in the server, Ad Hoc views and reports from that Domain Topic run faster because they fetch data from the local cache, not by querying the production database. To keep data fresh, you can specify a reloading interval so that the server periodically accesses the database in the background to reload the entire dataset.

By default, data staging is not enabled on the server. You must enable data staging first, then each creator of a Domain Topic can choose to configure it for their Domain Topic.

When a Domain Topic uses data staging, it no longer uses any Domain-based optimizations (data policies) configured in the server because those apply only to database queries. Datasets that are staged are also exempt from the Ad Hoc cache time limits such as idle time and time-to-live. Data policies and Ad Hoc cache settings still apply to Domain Topics that do not use data staging.

When deciding to enable data staging, you should consider the nature of your data, its size, your database performance, and your access patterns to determine whether staging will help your views and reports run faster. You should also perform realistic usage tests to determine the amount of memory and size of data that give you the best performance. You can see staged datasets on the Ad Hoc cache page (**Manage > Server Settings > Ad Hoc Cache**), which displays their size and fetch time.

To get the full benefit of data staging, you must ensure your server has enough physical memory allocated to the Java virtual machine so that the cached dataset stays in memory. The cache for data staging will use disk storage when memory is full, but response times will suffer. Therefore, you must apply data staging to carefully selected Domain Topics so that the resulting sum of all staged datasets does not overwhelm your cache or your Java virtual machine (JVM) memory limits.

The cache for data staging also uses disk storage so that staged datasets are persistent during server restarts. Another advantage of staged datasets is that they allow fast reporting even when your original database has latency or downtime issues.

8.6.1 Global Data Staging Configuration

The following setting determines whether the data staging feature is available on the server:

Data Staging Server-Level Configuration		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-adhoc-dataStrategy.xml		
Property	Bean	Description
enabled	stagingService	When set to <code>true</code> , it allows Domain Topic creators to configure data staging on Domain Topics. When a Domain Topic uses data staging, its entire data set is stored permanently in the Ad Hoc cache. By default, this is set to <code>false</code> .
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/adhoc-ehcache.xml		

Data Staging Server-Level Configuration		
Property	Bean	Description
maxBytesLocalHeap	ehcache	The total size of the heap shared between the Ad Hoc cache and the staging cache. The default is 400 MB. Use K for kilobytes, M for megabytes, and G for gigabytes. If you expect to have very large datasets being staged (hundreds of MB), you should increase this number to accommodate them. This value should still be about half of the maximum heap size you configured for the JVM (-Xmx setting).
maxBytesLocalDisk	ehcache	The maximum size of the staging cache stored on disk. The default is 2 GB. Use K for kilobytes, M for megabytes, and G for gigabytes. If you expect to have extremely large data sets being staged, you should increase this value as well.

8.6.2 Topic-level Data Staging Configuration

To use data staging, you must first create a Domain Topic by creating an Ad Hoc view and selecting a Domain as its source. After selecting a Domain, use the Data Chooser dialog to specify the sets and fields of the Domain in your Topic, along with any pre-filters and display names. The items chosen from the Domain, the filters in the Domain, along with any pre-filters in the Domain Topic all determine the dataset that data staging will store in the cache.

When data staging is enabled on the server as shown above, Domain Topics offer two new settings in the Save as Topic tab of the Data Chooser dialog.



Figure 8-6 Data Staging Options in Domain Topics

The two settings control data staging behavior:

- **Enable staging** — Turns on data staging for this Domain Topic. All Ad Hoc Editor actions, Ad Hoc views, and Ad Hoc reports based on this Domain Topic will use the staged data in the cache.
- **Refresh interval for cached data** — Determines the refresh interval of the staged data. The default minimum interval is 10 minutes. The maximum interval you can specify is 7 days.

Each time the specified interval is reached, the server refreshes the staged data by querying the data source for the entire dataset again. The new staged data replaces the old staged data in the cache so that the staging lasts indefinitely, but the dataset is renewed. Staged data is refreshed asynchronously every interval by the server, independently of any access to the staged data by an Ad Hoc view or report.



To ensure data security, data staging is disabled when your Domain is based on a data source that is defined with attributes. Server-level attributes are the exception and are allowed. Therefore, when a data source is defined with organization attributes or user attributes, the data staging settings are not available in the UI. For more information, see [4.1, “Attributes in Data Source Definitions,” on page 70](#).

8.6.3 Data Staging Dependencies

Data staging stores a dataset based on the items and filters selected in the Domain and Domain Topic. Views and reports based on the Domain Topic rely on this data being staged, that is, available in the cache.

When data staging has been turned on and views or reports have been created based on this Domain Topic, you can edit the Domain Topic as follows:

- You can add items from the Domain to the Domain Topic. When you save the Domain Topic, the server immediately retrieves the new dataset with the new items and stores it in the cache.
- You cannot remove items from the Domain Topic. If you try to remove items, the Data Chooser dialog will give an error. Look in the log file to find details about these dependencies.
- You cannot turn off data staging for this Domain Topic unless all Ad Hoc views and reports based on it have been deleted.
- You can change the refresh interval of the staged data. When you save the Domain Topic, the server immediately retrieves the dataset again and applies the new refresh interval in the future.

8.7 Configuring Cloud Services

The following settings control how JasperReports Server interacts with a cloud service provider, such as AWS and Microsoft Azure:

- The Cloud Settings page enables you to create and change firewall rules without restarting the server. For the Microsoft Azure service, these rules are called "access rules." For AWS, they are called "security groups."
- The AWS configuration file allows you to change the JDBC driver used for AWS data sources.
- The Azure configuration file allows you to change the JDBC driver and URL template used for Azure data sources.

For more information about AWS and Azure data sources, see [4.5, “AWS Data Sources,” on page 79](#) and [“Azure SQL Data Sources” on page 82](#).

8.7.1 Changing Cloud Services Settings

To change cloud services settings:

1. Log in as system administrator (`superuser` by default).
2. Click **Manage > Server Settings**. The **Log Settings** page appears.
3. Click **Cloud Settings** in the left-menu.

The Cloud Settings panel appears.

Settings	Cloud Settings
Log Settings	General
Log Collectors	General Settings
Ad Hoc Settings	Automatically Set Up an Access Rule for JasperReports Server
Ad Hoc Cache	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automatically create and update an access rule (firewall rule) for JasperReports Server with cloud service providers. When this setting is disabled, access must be managed manually. Change Cancel
OLAP Settings	
• Cloud Settings	
Server Attributes	Access Rule Name
Restore Defaults	Name of the automatically-created access rule. The name must be unique. Change Cancel
Import	<input type="text" value="JRSSecurityGroup"/>
Export	Access Rule Description
	Description of the automatically-created access rule. Change Cancel
	<input type="text" value="JasperReports Server Security Group"/>
	JasperReports Server Public IP
	JasperReports Server IP Address from which to connect to cloud service providers. If running on EC2, leave this field blank to use the default internal instance IP address, or enter the IP address to use instead. Change Cancel
	<input type="text"/>
	Amazon Web Services (AWS) Settings
	Settings for AWS Data Sources (Amazon RDS and Redshift).
	Suppress EC2 Credentials Warning
	<input type="checkbox"/> Suppress IAM Role configuration warnings on AWS Data Source wizard. Change Cancel

Figure 8-7 Cloud Settings Page



We set up one AWS DB Security Group (using IP address) in each RDS region, per JasperReports Server instance. The security group allows connections from the specific JasperReports Server instance to the specified AWS database instance.

- Modify the following settings and click **Change** after each modification. Changes are effective immediately on the server:
 - Automatically Set Up an Access Rule for JasperReports Server:** This check box is generally left checked. When checked the JasperReports Server will automatically create and update an access rule that allows connections from JasperReports Server to the database hosted by the cloud service provider. If you want to manage access rules manually, uncheck this box.
 - Access Rule Name:** When JasperReports Server creates access rules to support cloud-based data sources on this instance, it will use this name as the basis of the access rule name. When the JasperReports Server instance is running on AWS EC2, the EC2 instance ID will be appended. When running outside of AWS EC2, you must make sure that name is unique among JasperReports Server instances (*i.e.*, each instance should have its own name), so the IP addresses are properly granted access to the appropriate database instances.
 - Access Rule Description:** This text will be used as the description for the access rule.
 - JasperReports Server Public IP:** Enter the public IP address for JasperReports Server. Most users on AWS EC2 should leave this field empty and let JasperReports Server determine the IP address automatically. It is possible with complex EC2 topology involving Virtual Private Clouds (VPCs) that you need to provide your IP address manually.

- **Suppress EC2 Credentials Warning:** If your JasperReports Server instance was created with no IAM role, when you go to the data source wizard to add an AWS data source with EC2 credentials there will be a warning message saying there is no proper role set. Checking this box suppresses the warning and disables the option.

8.7.2 Changing the Default JDBC Driver for AWS Data Sources

When adding an AWS data source, JasperReports Server uses the JDBC driver specified in the `.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-webapp.xml` file. You can configure JasperReports Server to use a different JDBC driver.

To change the JDBC driver used with AWS data sources:

1. Open the file `.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-webapp.xml` for editing.
2. Locate the `jdbcConnectionMap` bean and the key of your AWS database type within it. Modify this key to specify a different JDBC driver. For example, the default driver for MySQL databases is set to the MariaDB driver:

```
<entry key="mysql">
<util:map>
...
<entry key="jdbcUrl" value="jdbc:mysql://${dbHost}:${dbPort}/${dbName}"/>
<entry key="jdbcDriverClass" value="org.mariadb.jdbc.Driver"/>
...
</util:map>
```

3. Save the file and restart JasperReports Server.

8.7.3 Changing Azure SQL Data Source Defaults

When creating an Azure SQL data source, JasperReports Server uses the JDBC driver and JDBC connector URL template specified in the `.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-azure-sql-datasource.xml` configuration file. You have the choice of changing the URL string and using the Microsoft JDBC driver for SQL Server when creating the data source or you can change the default driver and URL string in the configuration file.

Azure Data Source Defaults	
Configuration File	
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-azure-sql-datasource.xml	
Bean	Description
defaultAzureJdbcDriverClassName	The JDBC driver used for Azure SQL Server data sources. The default is the native JDBC driver for SQL Server (<code>tibcosoftware.jdbc.sqlserver.SQLServerDriver</code>).

Azure Data Source Defaults	
defaultAzureJdbcUrlSyntax	The template for the JDBC connector URL for Azure SQL Server data sources. The connector string contains properties required for the JDBC driver to access the Azure data source. The default string specifies the server name, database name, and the use of SSL as an encryption method.
Configuration File	
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-webapp.xml	
Bean	Description
defaultAzureKeyStoreType	The file format for storing the certificate key exchange files used for Azure data sources. The default file format is pkcs12.

8.8 Configuring Domains

Advanced uses of Domains may consider these configurations:

- [Disabling the Domain Validation Check](#)
- [Optimizing Snowflake Schema Joins](#)
- [Configuring Domain Dependency Behavior](#)

When you use Domains with certain database constructs, you may need to configure JasperReports Server:

- [Enabling Oracle Synonyms](#)
- [Enabling CLOB Fields](#)
- [Enabling Proprietary Types](#)
- [Extending JDBC Type Mapping](#)
- [Accessing Materialized Views](#)

8.8.1 Disabling the Domain Validation Check

By default, JasperReports Server validates a Domain against its data source to ensure that the Domain design maps properly to the underlying tables. This validation occurs when a Domain design file is uploaded to the server. If your data source is very large and complex, this validation can take time. If the validation takes too long, you can disable it. In this case, JasperReports Server assumes the Domain design is valid, and simply uploads it without the check.

To disable the validation edit the following configuration file:

Configuring Domain Validation Check		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-semanticLayer.xml		
Property	Bean	Description
skipDomainDatabaseValidation	slConfig	Set this property to <code>TRUE</code> to disable the validation check.



If the tables and fields referenced in the Domain design don't exist in the data source when `skipDomainDatabaseValidation` is set to `TRUE`, the Domain wizard won't detect the problem, but the Choose Data wizard returns errors when your end users work uses the Domain.

8.8.2 Optimizing Snowflake Schema Joins

When creating a Domain on top of a snowflake schema, the default joins generated when using the Domain in the Ad Hoc Editor may take a long time and include dimensions not used in the report. For example, a schema with over a hundred dimension tables mostly connected to a subset of 5-10 fact tables may cause such behavior. The following setting can be enabled to optimize the joins generated for such a snowflake database schema. The default setting has better performance in the more common cases with fewer tables.

Configuring Domain Join Optimization		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-semanticLayer.xml		
Property	Bean	Description
specialOptimizationOn	graphOperations	The default setting of <code>false</code> handles typical cases of Domains based on 10-100 tables. For snowflake schemas that typically have 100 or more tables, or for database topologies that cause slow join performance in Ad Hoc views, set this property to <code>true</code> to optimize the joins in the Ad Hoc Editor.

8.8.3 Configuring Domain Dependency Behavior

When modifying a Domain that's already in use by Ad Hoc views, JasperReports Server checks to see if any of these dependent views are affected. For example, if an Ad Hoc view uses a field, it should not be deleted from the Domain. However, if that field is not in use by any dependent view, it can be removed from the Domain, and from the list of fields in every view.

For dependency purposes, a field is "in use" by an Ad Hoc view if that field appears in the display manager (in any row, column, or group), if it's used in any filter, or if it's used in any calculated field formula, whether the calculated field is in use or not.

When modifying fields in a Domain, JasperReports Server always checks all views that depend on the Domain and always notifies the user of any fields in use. There are two settings to configure the Domain dependency behavior after the check:

- `defaultDomainDependentsBlockAndUpdate` - This setting turns on or off the behavior that ensures Ad Hoc views remain consistent with their Domains. When on, it ensures consistency by either blocking Domain changes that affect fields in use by any dependencies, or by updating the dependencies when there are no fields in use. When updating a dependency, it removes the field from the list of available fields (left-panel in the Ad Hoc Editor). When off, it allows changes to Domains that will cause errors in any dependent view. If a field is in use by a view, and this setting is off and allows the Domain to delete that field, the view will cause an exception when opened. If a field is not in use by a view, and this setting is off, the field is not removed from the list of available fields. If a deleted field appears in the list of available fields, the view can still be opened, but any action on that field will cause an error.

You should turn this setting off only when a field is deleted from the data source, and the Domain can't be modified because the field is being used by some dependencies. You then need to manually edit the dependencies so they don't cause errors.
- `defaultAddToDomainDependents` - This setting determines whether a field being added to a Domain is automatically added to each dependent Ad Hoc view. When on, any new field added to a Domain is added to the list of available fields in every dependent view. When this setting or the previous setting is off, dependent views are not updated with new Domain fields.

Turning Domain Dependency Checks On or Off		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext.xml		
Property	Bean	Description
<code>defaultDomainDependentsBlockAndUpdate</code>	<code>configurationBean</code>	<p>The default setting of <code>true</code> means that Domain modification will be blocked if any Ad Hoc view uses the modified fields. If no Ad Hoc view uses the modified fields, the Domain modification proceeds, and all Ad Hoc views are updated with the change.</p> <p>When set to <code>false</code>, Domain modifications are not blocked when the field is in use, and dependent views are not updated when fields are not in use. Any Ad Hoc view may become unusable if it references a field that's deleted from a Domain while this setting is <code>false</code>.</p>

Configuring Domain Dependency Additions		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext.xml		
Property	Bean	Description
default AddToDomainDependents	configuration Bean	<p>When this setting is <code>true</code>(the default), AND <code>defaultDomainDependents</code> <code>BlockAndUpdate</code> is set to <code>true</code>, any field being added to a Domain is added to each dependent Ad Hoc view. It might not be possible to add a field to an Ad Hoc view if the field being added does not belong to the data island being used in the Ad Hoc view.</p> <p>When this setting is set to <code>false</code> OR <code>defaultDomainDependents</code> <code>BlockAndUpdate</code> is <code>false</code>, dependent Ad Hoc views are not updated with fields that are added to a Domain. The new fields will not be available when a user opens a dependent Ad Hoc view.</p>

8.8.4 Enabling Oracle Synonyms

By default, Domains can't access synonyms in an Oracle database. Settings to enable them vary depending on your application server. The settings shown here apply to Apache Tomcat. Your application server may require different values. Set the following property to enable Oracle synonyms on Tomcat. If you access your Oracle database through JNDI, you also need to configure the JNDI connection.

Be aware that the Oracle metadata service is significantly slower when synonyms are in scope.

Enabling Oracle Synonyms		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-semanticLayer.xml		
Property	Bean	Description
includeSynonyms ForOracle	jdbcMeta Configuration	Set the value to <code>true</code> : <code><value>true</value></code>
Configuration File		
.../META-INF/context.xml		

Enabling Oracle Synonyms		
Property	Bean	Description
accessToUnderlying ConnectionAllowed	<Resourcename= "jdbc/oracle"...	If you use JNDI, add the following property: accessToUnderlying ConnectionAllowed="true"

8.8.5 Enabling CLOB Fields

Support for CLOB (Character Large Object) fields is dependent on your database and must be enabled manually. If you want to access CLOB fields in JasperReports Server, set the following options according to your database.

The Oracle JDBC driver implementation uses the CLOB JDBC type for CLOB fields.

CLOB Support for Oracle		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-semanticLayer.xml		
Property	Bean	Description
jdbc2JavaType Mapping	jdbcMeta Configuration	This property contains a map of database field types to Java types. Find the line for CLOB that is commented out: <!--entry key="CLOB" value=""/--> Modify it as follows: <entry key="CLOB" value="java.lang.String"/>

The MySQL JDBC driver implementation uses either the CLOB JDBC type, the LONGVARBINARY JDBC type, or both to represent CLOB fields, depending on their length.

CLOB Support for MySQL		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-semanticLayer.xml		

CLOB Support for MySQL		
Property	Bean	Description
jdbc2JavaType Mapping	jdbcMeta Configuration	<p>This property contains a map of database field types to Java types. Find the following lines:</p> <pre><!--entry key="CLOB" value=""/--> <!--entry key="LONGVARBINARY" value=""/--></pre> <p>And modify them as follows:</p> <pre><entry key="CLOB" value="java.lang.String"/> <entry key="LONGVARBINARY" value="java.lang.String"/></pre>



Due to a limitation, CLOB and NTEXT fields cannot be sorted or compared in a query. For example, trying to add a CLOB field as a crosstab column with domain query optimization enabled will result in an error message.

8.8.6 Enabling Proprietary Types

JasperReports Server provides a JDBC-to-Java type mapping for all standard JDBC column types for use in Domains. However, some databases have proprietary types that you may need to map to a Java type with a special configuration. Some proprietary types, such as NVARCHAR2 for Oracle, are already mapped by default.

As a prerequisite, the proprietary type must be logically equivalent to one of following Java classes:

java.lang.Boolean	java.lang.Integer	java.sql.Date
java.lang.Byte	java.lang.Long	java.sql.Time
java.lang.Character	java.lang.Short	java.sql.Timestamp
java.lang.Double	java.lang.String	java.util.Date
java.lang.Float	java.math.BigDecimal	

There are two ways to create a mapping for a proprietary type, as shown in the following table:

- Modify the generic mapping for NUMERIC types. By default, any numeric type that doesn't match one of the other types is mapped to `BigDecimal`.
- Create a secondary mapping under the special `OTHER` key, where the secondary key can be your custom type name.

Proprietary Database Type Mapping
Configuration File
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-semanticLayer.xml

Proprietary Database Type Mapping		
Properties	Bean	Description
jdbc2Java TypeMapping	jdbcMeta Configuration	<p>If your proprietary type is not already defined in this file, you can add it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To modify the generic mapping, edit this line: <pre><entry key="NUMERIC" value="java.math.BigDecimal"/></pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To add a secondary key to the OTHER key, follow this example: <pre><entry key="OTHER"> <map> <entry key="NVARCHAR2" value="java.lang.String"/> </map> </entry></pre>

8.8.7 Extending JDBC Type Mapping

Some database types are not even mapped to a JDBC type. In particular, Oracle uses `TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE` and `TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE` that must be mapped in order to appear in JasperReports Server. If there are other types in your database, you can override or extend the JDBC type mapping with the following configuration:

Extending JDBC Type Mapping		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-semanticLayer.xml		
Property	Bean	Description
codeToJdbcType Mapping	jdbcMeta Configuration	<p>This property contains a map of database type codes to JDBC types. By default the codes for Oracle <code>TIMESTAMP</code> types are mapped:</p> <pre><entry key="-101" value="TIMESTAMP"/> <entry key="-102" value="TIMESTAMP"/></pre> <p>Add or replace these entries to map additional types from your database.</p>

8.8.8 Accessing Materialized Views

Domains access tables and views by default, but some databases support other structures such as materialized views. These alternate table structures don't show up by default, but you can often configure Domains to display and access them.

If the JDBC driver for your database assigns a standard table type identifier to the materialized view, you can access it in Domains, Ad Hoc views, and reports. To find the table type, use a JDBC client such as the [SquirrelL](#)

[tool](#) to view your database schema. In SQuirreL, use the “Objects” tab to browse the tables and views organized by table type. Look for your materialized view and note its table type.

The table type values are defined in the [DatabaseMetaData.html.getTables\(\)](#) documentation. When you know the string corresponding to your table type, add it to the following configuration value:

Accessing Materialized Views		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-semanticLayer.xml		
Property	Bean	Description
tableTypes	jdbcMeta Configuration	Uncomment the JDBC table type corresponding to the materialized view or other table structure in your databases, for example: <value>LOCAL TEMPORARY</value>

8.9 Configuring JasperReports Library

JasperReports Server's reporting features are built on the JasperReports Library, which is embedded in the server. Many of the options you can configure to change the server's functionality are actually JasperReports Library options. The configuration options can control many aspects of the server's behavior, from the way reports are exported into different file formats, to the default font.

These options can be set at different levels:

- Global – Applies to all reports generated by the server. Global JasperReports properties are defined in the .../WEB-INF/classes/jasperreports.properties file.
- Report – Defined in the JRXML of the report and applies to that specific report.
- Element – Defined in the JRXML and applies to specific elements of the report.

For more information about JasperReports Library configuration, see <http://jasperreports.sourceforge.net/config.reference.html>.

The following sections highlight a few of the available options:

- [Extending JasperReports Library](#)
- [Changing the Crosstab Limit](#)
- [Setting a Global Chart Theme](#)
- [Disabling Interactivity in the Report Viewer](#)
- [Disabling Chart Types in Dashboards](#)
- [Enabling the XHTML or HTML Exporters](#)
- [Changing the Pro Charts Rendering Engine](#)
- [Configuring a JavaScript Engine for Graphical Report Rendering](#)
- [Static Export Properties for High Charts](#)
- [Enabling PDF Accessibility Features in Tables](#)

8.9.1 Extending JasperReports Library

You can extend JasperReports Library by implementing the public interfaces it exposes.

Such an implementation is usually stored in a JAR (Java Archive) that contains a file called `jasperreports_extension.properties`, and specifies a factory class used to instantiate an extension registry. The extension registry specifies one or more extension objects, each of which corresponds to a JasperReports Library extension point represented by a Java interface.

Place this JAR on the JasperReports Library classpath, and your extension is automatically available.

For more information, refer to *JasperReports Library Ultimate Guide*.

8.9.2 Changing the Crosstab Limit

If you use crosstab reports, you may experience Out of Memory errors if the reports are very large or complex. You can configure JasperReports Server to return a message instead of memory errors when users run such crosstabs. To do so, enable the `net.sf.jasperreports.crosstab.bucket.measure.limit` property and set its maximum value in the following configuration file:

Crosstab Report Configuration Option	
Configuration File	
.../WEB-INF/classes/jasperreports.properties	
Property	Description
<code>net.sf.jasperreports.crosstab.bucket.measure.limit</code>	<p>This value effectively limits the number of cells in a crosstab, which can be computed as follows:</p> $(\text{number of crosstab rows}) \times (\text{number of crosstab columns}) \times (\text{number of user-defined measures} + 1)$ <p>The default value is 100000.</p> <p>Enter large values to allow your users to create larger, more complicated crosstabs; enter small values to restrict them. If you experience <code>OutOfMemoryExceptions</code> after changing this value, try setting it to a smaller number, or configure your JVM to allow more memory to be used.</p>

8.9.3 Setting a Global Chart Theme

Chart themes control the look and feel of the charts generated by JasperReports Server. Chart themes can be applied at the level of either the server or the individual report:

- To apply a theme at the report level, select it when designing the report in Jaspersoft Studio. Note that you can also apply a theme to individual chart elements. Note that a chart theme can be included in a report unit as a resource. In this case the theme is available only to charts in that report unit.
- To apply a theme at the server level, copy the chart theme JAR to the correct location and edit its configuration file.

A chart theme is a JAR file that defines the look and feel of a chart. Once you have created the chart theme JAR file, copy it to the `.../WEB-INF/lib` directory. Chart themes in this location are available to any chart in the instance of the server. They can also be set as the global chart theme.

To set a theme as the default chart theme, edit the following configuration file:

Global Report Theme	
Configuration File	
<code>.../WEB-INF/classes/jasperreports.properties</code>	
Property	Description
<code>net.sf.jasperreports. chart.ChartTheme</code>	The name of a chart theme that is in the <code>.../WEB-INF/lib</code> directory.

We recommend that you create your chart themes in Jaspersoft Studio. Click **File > New > Other > Chart Theme**, then use Jaspersoft Studio to archive the new chart theme as a JAR.



Chart themes do not apply to Ad Hoc chart views.

8.9.4 Disabling Interactivity in the Report Viewer

By default, the report viewer's interactivity is enabled, and reports with interactive elements (such as the table component) are interactive when run in the web server and displayed in the viewer. If you don't want your reports to be interactive, you can disable interactivity across all reports by editing the following configuration file.

Interactivity in the Report Viewer	
Configuration File	
<code>.../WEB-INF/classes/jasperreports.properties</code>	
Property	Description
<code>net.sf.jasperreports. components.table.interactive</code>	By default, this property is set to <code>true</code> ; in this case, interactivity is enabled in the report viewer. Set it to <code>false</code> to disable interactivity.



Changing this setting in this configuration file changes the behavior for the entire server. To configure this behavior at the report, table, or column level, edit the report's JRXML properties in Jaspersoft Studio.

8.9.5 Disabling Chart Types in Dashboards

By default, interactivity is enabled in charts that appear in dashboards, and users can change the chart type by clicking on the chart type selector (gear icon). If you don't want users to modify the chart types, you can disable the chart type selector on all dashboard charts by editing the following configuration file.

Chart Type Selector in Dashboards	
Configuration File	
.../WEB-INF/classes/jasperreports.properties	
Property	Description
com.jaspersoft.jasperreports.highcharts.interactive	By default, this property is set to <code>true</code> ; in this case, chart types can be modified in dashboards. Set it to <code>false</code> to prevent users from changing dashboard charts.



Changing this setting in this configuration file changes the behavior for the entire server. To configure this behavior at the report level, edit the report's JRXML properties in JasperSoft Studio.

8.9.6 Enabling the XHTML or HTML Exporters

By default, JasperReports Server exports HTML format using an HTML-based exporter. Unlike the default exporters from previous versions of the server (`html` and `xhtml`), the new HTML exporter (`html2`) is more forgiving when exporting reports that have overlapping elements while still preventing text from being cut off due to font metrics issues.

This setting affects all cases when HTML is exported, including when reports are exported from the report viewer and when they are scheduled to produce HTML output.

To use an older HTML exporter in JasperReports Server, edit the following configuration file:

HTML Exporters
Configuration File
.../WEB-INF/classes/jasperreports.properties

HTML Exporters	
Property	Description
<code>com.jaspersoft.jasperreports.export.html.type</code>	<p>Determines which of the HTML exporters is used. Valid values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <code>html2</code> is the default HTML exporter. It handles overlapping report elements more gracefully than the other exporters. <code>xhtml</code> was the default HTML exporter in versions from 4.5 to 5.0. We continue to support this exporter. It handles overlapping report elements more gracefully than the <code>html</code> exporter. However, it is subject to font metric mismatches between client browsers, which can result in text being cut off. <code>html</code> was the default HTML exporter in versions of JasperReports Server before 4.2. Jaspersoft continues to support this exporter. It doesn't handle overlapping elements as gracefully as the other exporters.

Note that the properties are mutually exclusive; you can have only one uncommented at a time.



As of JasperReports Server version 5.5, if your reports include interactive elements such as the table component (which supports sorting and filtering in the HTML viewer), you must use the `html2` exporter to enable the interactive features; the `html` and `xhtml` exporters don't support them.

8.9.7 Changing the Pro Charts Rendering Engine

By default, JasperReports Server renders Pro Charts (those based on Fusion Charts) using HTML5. If your browser doesn't support HTML5, the chart isn't be rendered unless you change the configuration. Though we don't recommend it, you can instead have these elements rendered by Adobe Flash; in some circumstances, Fusion's Flash solution may pose a security risk.

Note that Pro Charts are available only in the JasperReports Server Professional edition.

To render Pro Charts using HTML5, edit the following configuration file:

Pro Charts Renderer
Configuration File
<code>.../WEB-INF/classes/jasperreports.properties</code>

Pro Charts Renderer	
Property	Description
com.jaspersoft.jasperreports.fusion.charts.render.type	<p>Determines which of the following renderers is used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> html5 is the default renderer for Pro Charts. It is our preferred renderer. flash is a deprecated renderer for Pro Charts.

Note that this property applies only to reports that rely on Pro Charts and affects only the HTML preview and export.

Typically, this property is set at the server level; to override the server-level setting for a specific Pro Chart report, set this property at the report level, and also specify a second property as shown:

```
net.sf.jasperreports.print.transfer.fusion=com.jaspersoft.jasperreports.fusion
```

This allows the reporting engine, JasperReports Library, to recognize the Fusion settings. If this property isn't set, the `com.jaspersoft.jasperreports.fusion.charts.render.type` property is ignored at the report level.

8.9.8 Configuring a JavaScript Engine for Graphical Report Rendering

Depending on the circumstances, a given graphical element (such as a chart, a map, or a widget) in a report can be rendered in two ways:

- When run directly in the web UI, the browser itself renders the chart.
- When scheduled to run later or run in the background, an internal engine renders the chart.

By default, JasperReports Server's internal JavaScript engine is [Rhino](#), which is an excellent solution for most cases; most JasperReports Server users can accept this default. However, you may want to investigate other engines if you encounter any of the following issues when scheduling chart-based reports or running them in the background:

- Poor performance when generating complex charts or charts that contain large volumes of data.
- Out of memory messages.
- Incorrect scaling when certain Pro Chart reports are printed.
- Results that don't match those generated when the report is run directly in the web UI. For example, text elements incorrectly sized or placed.

An alternative engine is provided in our installers; PhantomJS executes JavaScript when generating graphical reports that are run in the background or scheduled. PhantomJS is a headless WebKit with JavaScript API. To use PhantomJS when JasperReports Server is installed from the WAR file, download the correct version for your environment from [PhantomJS](#) and install it on the computer hosting JasperReports Server. For installation instructions, refer to the documentation provided with PhantomJS.

Once PhantomJS is installed, point JasperReports Server to its location. You can configure several processes to use PhantomJS: HighCharts generation, Pro Charts generation (including Pro Widgets and Pro Maps), and exporting dashboards.



These are a server-wide settings. In a given server, all charts of the same type (HighCharts or Fusion (Charts Pro, Maps Pro, or Widgets Pro) use the same JavaScript engine.

You can't use PhantomJS to render JFreeCharts. Such reports are always generated by Rhino when run in the background or scheduled.

To configure JasperReports Server to use PhantomJS for HighCharts and Pro Charts, including Pro Widgets and Pro Maps, edit the following properties:

JavaScript Engine Configuration for HighCharts and Pro Charts	
Configuration File	
.../WEB-INF/classes/jasperreports.properties	
Property	Description
<code>net.sf.jaspersoft.jasperreports.phantomjs.executable.path</code>	This property points to the engine the server should use to generate HighCharts-based and Pro Charts-based charts in reports run in the background or scheduled. For example, if you're using Windows and you expanded the PhantomJS 2.0 ZIP file into the root of your C: drive: <code>net.sf.jaspersoft.jasperreports.phantomjs.executable.path=C:\\phantomjs-2.0-windows\\phantomjs.exe</code>
<code>com.jaspersoft.jasperreports.components.customvisualization.phantomjs.executable.path</code>	This property points to the engine the server should use for exporting Jaspersoft Studio reports with custom visualization components. See the <i>Jaspersoft Studio User Guide</i> for more information.
<code>com.jaspersoft.jasperreports.phantomjs.tmpdir.path</code>	The temporary directory where PhantomJS stores its output. By default, JasperReports Server expects this output in the location defined by Java's <code>java.io.tmpdir</code> system property.
<code>com.jaspersoft.jasperreports.phantomjs.executable.timeout</code>	The maximum number of milliseconds to wait for output from PhantomJS before the chart times out. The default is 3000.

PhantomJS can also be used to render dashboards when exporting them to a PNG, PDF, ODT, or DOCX file. To support Japanese and Chinese fonts, as well as certain icons in dashboard output, Jaspersoft recommends using PhantomJS 2.0 or later.



If you are using JasperReports Server and PhantomJS on a Windows platform, exporting large Fusion reports may cause issues. In those cases, we recommend editing the properties as follows:

- Change `net.sf.jaspersoft.jasperreports.phantomjs.executable.path` to `com.jaspersoft.jasperreports.fusion.phantomjs.executable.path`.
- Set `com.jaspersoft.jasperreports.fusion.phantomjs.executable.timeout` to 600000 to increase the timeout period.

To configure JasperReports Server to use PhantomJS for exporting dashboards, edit the following property:

JavaScript Engine Configuration for Dashboards	
Configuration File	
.../WEB-INF/js.config.properties	
Property	Description
phantomjs.binary	<p>This property points to the engine the server should use to generate dashboards when exporting.</p> <p>For example, if you are using Windows and you expanded the PhantomJS 2.0 ZIP file into the root of your C: drive:</p> <pre>phantomjs.binary=C:\\phantomjs-2.0-windows\\phantomjs.exe</pre>

After setting this property, restart JasperReports Server to enable it.

8.9.9 Static Export Properties for High Charts

When you create interactive JasperReports that use Highcharts, and those reports are exported to HTML, the `<script>` elements in the HTML must reference the correct JavaScript libraries. The following JasperReports Library properties define the library paths:

Static Export Properties for Highcharts
Configuration File
.../WEB-INF/classes/jasperreports.properties
Property
<pre># Highcharts static export properties com.jaspersoft.jasperreports.highcharts.render.require.js\$context.url com.jaspersoft.jasperreports.highcharts.jquery.js\$context.url com.jaspersoft.jasperreports.highcharts.highcharts.js\$context.url com.jaspersoft.jasperreports.highcharts.highcharts.more.js\$context.url com.jaspersoft.jasperreports.highcharts.highcharts.heatmap.js\$context.url com.jaspersoft.jasperreports.highcharts.data.service.js\$context.url com.jaspersoft.jasperreports.highcharts.default.service.js\$context.url com.jaspersoft.jasperreports.highcharts.item.hyperlink.service.js\$context.url com.jaspersoft.jasperreports.highcharts.y.axis.service.js\$context.url com.jaspersoft.jasperreports.highcharts.dual.pie.service.js\$context.url com.jaspersoft.ji.adhoc.highcharts.setting.service.js\$context.url com.jaspersoft.jasperreports.highcharts.highcharts.chart.producer.js\$context.url</pre>

Each property that ends in `$context.url` may also have a similar property ending in `$url`. The `$context.url` property is used when a request object is available to resolve a context path for the HTML export, and the `$url` property is used as a fallback.

Not all library paths are defined in the `jasperreports.properties` file. Some are provided by the environment (such as `com.jasperreport.jasperreports.highcharts.jquery.ui.js`), and others are set programmatically by the bean `com.jasperreport.ji.adhoc.jr.AdhocHighchartsSetting-ServiceBundle` (in the `../WEB-INF/applicationContext-adhoc.xml` file).

8.9.10 Enabling PDF Accessibility Features in Tables

JasperReports Library supports properties and metadata that allow people to create accessible PDF documents that can be read by screen readers. These properties help meet the requirements specified in the Section 508c of the United States Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

In release 6.2, JasperReports Library now provides the ability to automatically add 508c metadata to table components. When this features is enabled, tables such as those in Ad Hoc reports and your own JasperReports contain the necessary metadata when exported to PDF.

Enabling PDF Accessibility Features in Tables	
Configuration File	
.../WEB-INF/classes/jasperreports.properties	
Property	Description
<code>net.sf.jasperreports.components.table.generate.pdf.tags</code>	When set to true, metadata for accessibility is automatically generated in JasperReports tables.

This property can also be set at the report level or table component level to control the automatically generated metadata.

8.10 Configuring Input Control Behavior

When defining text input controls, the default server behavior allows empty strings, even if you've configured a regular expression and made the input control mandatory. Use this setting to enforce the regular expression even on empty strings. This forces the user to provide a conforming value for the input control.

Input Control Behavior
Configuration File
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-cascade.xml

Input Control Behavior	
Bean	Description
applyRegexpToEmptyString	The default value of <code>false</code> gives the traditional behavior: even if a regular expression is defined, it is not applied to empty strings. If you want to strictly enforce the regular expression, even on empty input strings, set this property to <code>true</code> .

You can also configure the default value that appears in each type of input control. This is the value that is displayed when the input control is not given any value. By default, the display value is `~NULL~`.

Edit the file `.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-cascade.xml` to change the following entries. The examples in comments show how you can use the default value to suggest a pattern for the input. To make an input control appear blank when no value is given, set `value=""` (an empty string).

```
<util:map id="globalDefaultValues" value-type="java.lang.String" key-type="java.lang.Byte">
  <!-- if DataType isn't defined-->
  <entry key="-1" value="~NULL~"></entry>
  <!--TYPE_TEXT = 1-->
  <!--<entry key="1" value="Enter value"></entry>-->
  <entry key="1" value="~NULL~"></entry>
  <!--TYPE_NUMBER = 2-->
  <!--<entry key="2" value="0"></entry>-->
  <entry key="2" value="~NULL~"></entry>
  <!--TYPE_DATE = 3-->
  <!--<entry key="3" value="2020-03-12"></entry>-->
  <entry key="3" value="~NULL~"></entry>
  <!--TYPE_DATE_TIME = 4-->
  <!--<entry key="4" value="2015-09-22T05:26:16"></entry>-->
  <entry key="4" value="~NULL~"></entry>
  <!--TYPE_TIME = 5-->
  <!--<entry key="5" value="13:37:54"></entry>-->
  <entry key="5" value="~NULL~"></entry>
</util:map>
```

8.11 Configuring the Scheduler

The scheduler runs reports in the background according to a user-defined schedule (also called a job). You can configure the following aspects of the scheduler:

- [Configuring the Scheduler Misfire Policy](#)
- [Configuring Scheduler Failure Notifications](#)
- [Restricting File System Output](#)
- [Removing Report Scheduling Interval Options](#)
- [Adding a Holiday Exclusion Calendar](#)
- [Changing the Default Output Folder](#)

8.11.1 Configuring the Scheduler Misfire Policy

A scheduler misfire occurs when the scheduler cannot run a report at the designated time, for example because JasperReports Server is offline, its database is offline, or the number of threads is limited. In this case, you can configure the behavior of the scheduler to retry the report or skip the scheduled run.

You can set a different misfire policy for each kind of job schedule: single job, repeating job, and calendar job. Misfire policies are defined in the Quartz Scheduler documentation and other online resources:

<http://quartz-scheduler.org/documentation/quartz-2.x/tutorials/tutorial-lesson-05>

<http://quartz-scheduler.org/documentation/quartz-2.x/tutorials/tutorial-lesson-06>

<http://nurkiewicz.blogspot.com/2012/04/quartz-scheduler-misfire-instructions.html>

Configuring Scheduler Misfire Policy	
Configuration File	
.../WEB-INF/js.quartz.properties	
Property	Description
report.quartz.misfirepolicy.singlesimplejob	<p>Sets the misfire policy for single jobs to one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMART_POLICY MISFIRE_INSTRUCTION_FIRE_NOW MISFIRE_INSTRUCTION_IGNORE_MISFIRE_POLICY
report.quartz.misfirepolicy.repeatingsimplejob	<p>Sets the misfire policy for repeating jobs to one of the following values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMART_POLICY MISFIRE_INSTRUCTION_FIRE_NOW MISFIRE_INSTRUCTION_IGNORE_MISFIRE_POLICY MISFIRE_INSTRUCTION_RESCHEDULE_NEXT_WITH_EXISTING_COUNT MISFIRE_INSTRUCTION_RESCHEDULE_NOW_WITH_EXISTING_REPEAT_COUNT MISFIRE_INSTRUCTION_RESCHEDULE_NOW_WITH_REMAINING_REPEAT_COUNT
report.quartz.misfirepolicy.calendarjob	<p>Sets the misfire policy for jobs with calendar recursion to one of the following values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMART_POLICY MISFIRE_INSTRUCTION_IGNORE_MISFIRE_POLICY MISFIRE_INSTRUCTION_FIRE_ONCE_NOW MISFIRE_INSTRUCTION_DO_NOTHING

8.11.2 Configuring Scheduler Failure Notifications

By default, if a scheduled report runs but causes an error, the scheduler sends an email to the schedule owner and to all JasperReports Server administrators in the same organization. This is in addition to any failure notification addresses specified on the **Notifications** tab of the scheduler wizard. To receive these scheduler failure alerts, administrators must have valid email addresses defined in their user accounts.

You can also configure the scheduler to send failure notifications to different users based on roles, or turn off failure notifications.

Configuring Scheduler Failure Notifications		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-report-scheduling.xml		
Entry Key	Bean	Description
administrator Role	quartz Scheduler	This setting determines the role to which the scheduler failure notifications will be sent. All users in the organization with this role and a valid email address defined in their user profile will receive the email notification. By default, this setting is <code>ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR</code> .
disableSending AlertToAdmin	quartz Scheduler	Disables or allows failure notifications to be sent to the role in the previous setting. By default, this setting is <code>false</code> , meaning that notifications are sent. Set this value to <code>true</code> to disable scheduler failure notifications being sent to administrators (or the role defined above).
disableSending AlertToOwner	quartz Scheduler	Disables or allows failure notifications to be sent to the schedule owner. By default, this setting is <code>false</code> , meaning that notifications are sent. Set this value to <code>true</code> to disable scheduler failure notifications to the schedule owner.

8.11.3 Restricting File System Output

The scheduler outputs reports through several channels. Most reports are emailed, but reports can also be written to FTP folders. You can also configure the scheduler to write reports to the server's local file system. This option is disabled by default for security reasons.



If you turn on scheduler file system output, make sure you have configured user and folder access rights to make sure that malicious files cannot be written to your file system. The process that writes the files is the same user that runs the application server hosting JasperReports Server.

Scheduler File System Output	
Configuration File	
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext.xml	
Property to Update	Description
enableSaveToHostFS	<p>Set the value from "false" (the default) to "true".</p> <p>When true, the user interface for the scheduler displays active fields that allow the schedule creator to specify a folder in the server's file system. The scheduler will write files to this location every time it runs the schedule for this report.</p> <p>Output Destination</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Output To Repository /public/Samples/Reports</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Output To Host File System /Archives/reports/daily</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="button" value="Browse"/></p> <p>This property also determines the scheduler's overall access to the file system. When true, any schedule configured with a file system folder will write to the file system. When false, no scheduled reports will write output to the file system (FTP and email output are not affected). However, any file system output specified in a schedule remains defined and will again trigger file system output when this property is true again.</p>

8.11.4 Removing Report Scheduling Interval Options

Users can schedule reports to run at regular intervals. For simple recurrence, the default interval can be expressed in days, hours, or minutes. To prevent users from scheduling frequent reports, you can limit the intervals to days or hours by editing the following configuration file:

Scheduling Interval Options	
Configuration File	
.../WEB-INF/flows/reportJobBeans.xml	
Section to Update	Description
recurrenceIntervalUnits	Comment out the intervals you want to disable.

To remove a temporal interval, enclose the corresponding bean in comment characters. For example, to keep users from scheduling reports at minute intervals, comment out the bean containing the `INTERVAL_MINUTE` field:

```
<!--
```

```

<bean class="com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.war.dto.ByteEnum">
  <property name="code">
    <util:constant static-field="com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.api.engine.scheduling.
      domain.ReportJobSimpleTrigger.INTERVAL_MINUTE"/>
  </property>
  <property name="labelMessage">
    <value>job.interval.unit.minute.label</value>
  </property>
</bean>
-->

```

8.11.5 Adding a Holiday Exclusion Calendar

The scheduler supports exclusion calendars to specify days or times when no report should be run, even if scheduled. For example, you might not want a report to run on a bank holiday when the financial data would be meaningless.

The scheduler maintains a list of named calendars, and the user interface allows the schedule creator to select a calendar whose dates will be excluded from the schedule.

Currently, the only method to define a holiday calendar is through the REST API. You can use any browser plug-in that acts as a REST client and can send PUT requests to JasperReports Server. Using such a plug-in, compose and send the following REST request (header and body) to your server:

```

PUT http://<host>:<port>/jasperserver[-pro]/rest_v2/jobs/calendars/2014FrenchHolidays
Content-Type: application/xml

```

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<reportJobCalendar>
  <calendarType>holiday</calendarType>
  <description>2014 French Holidays</description>
  <excludeDays>
    <excludeDay>2014-01-01</excludeDay>
    <excludeDay>2014-04-18</excludeDay>
    <excludeDay>2014-04-21</excludeDay>
    <excludeDay>2014-05-01</excludeDay>
    <excludeDay>2014-05-08</excludeDay>
    <excludeDay>2014-05-29</excludeDay>
    <excludeDay>2014-06-09</excludeDay>
    <excludeDay>2014-07-14</excludeDay>
    <excludeDay>2014-08-15</excludeDay>
    <excludeDay>2014-11-01</excludeDay>
    <excludeDay>2014-11-11</excludeDay>
    <excludeDay>2014-12-24</excludeDay>
    <excludeDay>2014-12-25</excludeDay>
  </excludeDays>
  <timeZone>GMT+01:00</timeZone>
</reportJobCalendar>

```

For example, using the [Poster plug-in for Firefox](#), you can submit this request as shown in the following figure. The figure also shows the successful reply from the server.

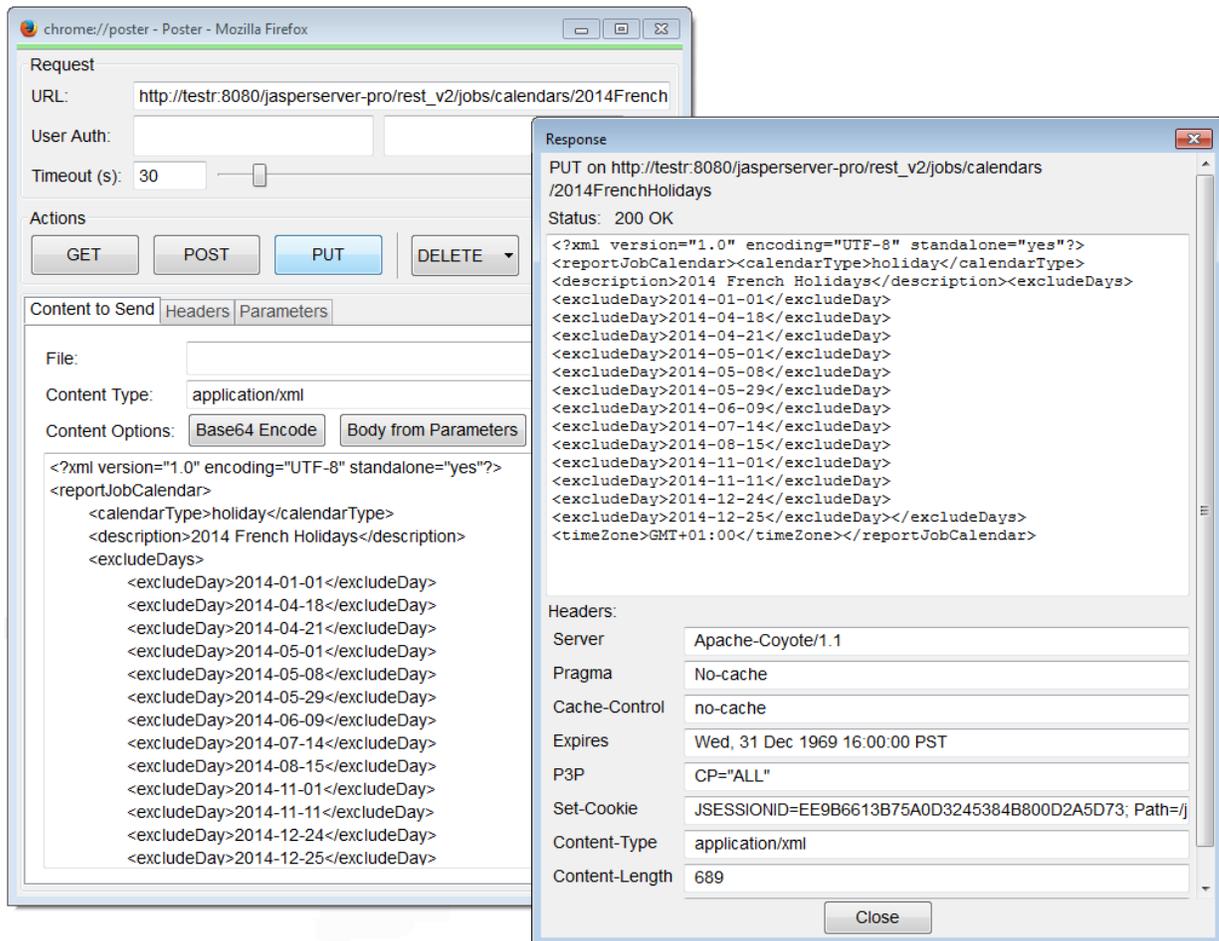


Figure 8-8 Creating a Holiday Calendar with REST Web Services

Then you should see your new calendar in the list of calendars in the Schedule tab.



Figure 8-9 Selecting a Custom Holiday Calendar in the Scheduler

The REST API supports other types of calendars, however, the user interface lists only calendars of type `holiday`. Using the REST API, you can create and manage any number of calendars and update any schedule to use them. For more information, see the *JasperReports Server REST API Reference*.

8.11.6 Changing the Default Output Folder

By default, the scheduler will save the output of scheduled reports to the `/public/Samples/Reports` folder in the repository and scheduled dashboard exports to the `/public/Samples/Dashboards` folder. You can change this default location to another folder in the repository by editing the `applicationContext-report-scheduling.xml` configuration file on the server.

To enable file data sources in the UI:

1. Open the file `<js-install>/WEB-INF/applicationContext-report-scheduling.xml` for editing.
2. Locate the element `<util:map id="reportJobDefaults">`.
3. Update `<entry key="scheduler.job.repositoryDestination.folderURI" value="/job_output" />` and replace `/job_output` with the URI for the new default folder in the repository.
4. Restart the server or redeploy the JasperReports Server web app. The new default folder appears on the Output Options tab when you try to schedule a report or dashboard.

8.12 Configuring Report Thumbnails

The JasperReports Server REST API has the ability to generate and export thumbnail images (small preview images) of reports and dashboards. The JasperMobile apps for Android and iOS use this feature to display small tiles with the report or dashboard image.

For more information about the REST API, see the *JasperReports Server REST API Reference*.

By default, report thumbnails are not active. If you use the JasperMobile apps with your server, you should turn on the report thumbnails:

Report Thumbnails	
Configuration File	
.../WEB-INF/js.spring.properties	
Property	Description
<code>property.reportThumbnailServiceEnabled=false</code>	When this property is set to <code>true</code> , JasperReports Server generates and sends report thumbnails in response to REST API requests. When it is set to <code>false</code> , report thumbnails are not generated. The default is <code>false</code> .

8.13 Configuring the Heartbeat

During installation (or the first time you log in as administrator), you're prompted once to participate in the Heartbeat program, which reports technical information to the JasperReports Server product team about your implementation, such as the operating system, JVM, application server, database (type and version), data source types, and server edition and version number.

If you change your mind, you can change the heartbeat behavior by editing the following configuration file:

Heartbeat Options	
Configuration File	
.../WEB-INF/js.config.properties	
Property	Description
heartbeat.enabled=true	When this property is set to <code>true</code> , JasperReports Server reports information about your environment to us once a week. When it is set to <code>false</code> , information is not sent.
heartbeat.askForPermission.enabled	Determines whether the administrator is prompted (the next time he logs into the web UI) about whether to allow heartbeat data to be sent. Typically, there is never cause to edit this property directly.
heartbeat.permissionGranted.enabled	Indicates whether a user has granted the server permission to send Heartbeat data. Setting this property to <code>false</code> prevents data from being sent.

All of these settings are properties that are substituted into the `heartbeatBean` in the `.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-heartbeat.xml` file.

8.14 Configuring the Online Help

JasperReports Server professional edition includes an online help system that describes the web interface. If your users don't have Internet connectivity, or if you don't want to provide access to this system, you can configure the server to hide the help links completely.

Online Help Configuration Options		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-webHelp.xml		
Property	Bean	Description
showHelp	webHelp	Determines whether the help links are displayed in the JasperReports Server web UI. Valid values are <code>true</code> and <code>false</code> . The Help link appears at the top right corner of the web UI's pages.
hostURL	webHelp	Indicates the name of the computer hosting the web server where the help is running. The value depends on the version of JasperReports Server. Do not change this value.

Online Help Configuration Options		
pagePrefix	webHelp	Defines the default page name to pass to the web server hosting the help system. The only valid value is <code>Default_CSH.htm</code> for this property.
helpContextMap	webHelp	Maps contexts in the application to topic identifiers in the help system. Many pages in the web application are configured for context-sensitivity. When a user clicks Help on such a page, JasperReports Server loads a specific topic in the help system. The topic that appears is determined by a map in the <code>applicationContext-webHelp.xml</code> file. The only valid values are the defaults.

CHAPTER 9 SERVER DIAGNOSTICS

JasperReports Server provides comprehensive diagnostics so administrators can monitor the health and performance of the running server. The following tools can help you troubleshoot issues and analyze performance:

- System logs capture any errors in the code running the server, but can be configured to capture more information for debugging. If you suspect a problem or cannot pinpoint an error, you can turn log collectors on and off to capture logs while you test your issue.
- Auditing stores key events of interest to system administrators, such as login time, logout time, user, report generated, report details, and object sizes. The audited events can be saved and moved to an archive automatically after a specified number of days.
- Monitoring is based on audit events and provides a multi-dimensional Domain to create Ad Hoc views. This helps you generate reports that contain key metrics such as which reports use the most resources. This allow you to find places to optimize your data sources and your reports.
- Diagnostics provide run-time data that shows the overall health of your server instance. For example, it includes values such as logged in users, currently running reports, scheduled reports, and memory use and performance in the Ad Hoc cache. The diagnostic data is exposed in a custom data source and can be easily viewed in a report or integrated with industry standard management consoles.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- **Configuring System Logs**
- **Using Log Collectors**
- **Auditing and Monitoring Events**
- **Configuring Auditing and Monitoring**
- **Using the Audit Data**
- **Using the Monitoring Data**
- **Importing and Exporting Event Data**
- **Real-Time Diagnostics**
- **Exposing Diagnostics Through Jaspersoft's JMX Agent**
- **Using the Diagnostic Data in Reports**
- **Excluding Diagnostic Attributes**
- **Disabling Real-Time Diagnostics**

9.1 Configuring System Logs

The log files contain important information about how the server is running. JasperReports Server uses the [Apache log4j](#) package to generate log files. Jaspersoft uses the [slf4j](#) facade to wrap log4j.

- The default log file is `.../WEB-INF/logs/jasperserver.log`.
- The default log configuration file is `.../WEB-INF/log4j.properties`.

To view the log file, you must have access to the file system where JasperReports Server is installed. This section describes the settings that control the information JasperReports Server writes to its logs.

9.1.1 Managing Log Settings

To set the current logging levels:

1. Log in as system administrator (`superuser` by default).
2. Select **Manage > Server Settings** and choose **Log Settings** in the left-panel.
3. In the Log Settings panel, use the drop-down selectors to change the log level for each class being logged.

Settings	Log Settings		
Log Settings	SQL generated for domain queries	<code>com.jaspersoft.commons.semantic.dsimpl.JdbcBaseDataSet</code>	ERROR ▼
Log Collectors			
Ad Hoc Settings	Ad Hoc cache activity	<code>com.jaspersoft.commons.datarator.CachedDataSet</code>	ERROR ▼
Ad Hoc Cache	Ad Hoc data policy logging	<code>com.jaspersoft.ji.adhoc.strategy</code>	ERROR ▼
OLAP Settings	Groovy code generation for memory datasets (including Ad Hoc dynamic filters)	<code>com.jaspersoft.commons.groovy.GroovyGenerator</code>	ERROR ▼
Cloud Settings			
Server Attributes	Timing for SQL queries run for reports	<code>com.jaspersoft.commons.util.JSControlledJdbcQueryExecutor</code>	ERROR ▼
Restore Defaults	Connection handling for domains	<code>com.jaspersoft.commons.semantic.impl.DataSourceResolverImpl</code>	ERROR ▼
Import			
Export	Hibernate SQL	<code>org.hibernate.SQL</code>	ERROR ▼
	CIC param resolution for domains	<code>com.jaspersoft.ji.war.action.cascade.DomainFilterResolver</code>	ERROR ▼
	Crosstab controller	<code>com.jaspersoft.ji.adhoc.action.AdhocCrosstabAjaxController</code>	ERROR ▼
	Ad Hoc WorkingDataSet	<code>com.jaspersoft.commons.datarator.WorkingDataSet</code>	ERROR ▼
	General controller	<code>com.jaspersoft.ji.adhoc.action.AdhocAjaxController</code>	ERROR ▼
	Cascading input control parameter resolution	<code>com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.war.cascade.token.FilterCore</code>	ERROR ▼
	Input control value queries	<code>valueQueryLog</code>	ERROR ▼
	Import and export activities	<code>com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.export.command</code>	ERROR ▼

Figure 9-1 System Log Settings

The page lists some of the currently-enabled loggers with their logging level. Any change to the logging levels takes effect immediately, without restarting JasperReports Server.



These logging levels override the levels in the `log4j.properties` file. As of JasperReports Server version 5.0, these settings persist even when the server is restarted. Therefore the values on the Log Settings page that are in effect on the server may differ from settings in the `log4j.properties` file. For details, see [8.1, “Configuration Settings in the User Interface,” on page 170](#).

The four logging levels indicate the type of event recorded by a logger:

Setting	Level of Information
ERROR	Writes minimal information to the log, only when describing serious program faults.
WARN	Writes error and warning messages to the log. Warning messages contain cautionary information to help you to decide whether the logged events require your attention.
INFO	Writes error, warning, and informational messages to the log describing significant events, such as those that affect application performance.
DEBUG	Writes error, warning, informational, and additional messages to the log. Debug messages are very detailed and often voluminous. Use this setting only to diagnose a problem. DEBUG can impact system performance and should not be used in production environments. If several loggers are set to DEBUG, the server may generate huge logs, and performance can suffer.

JasperReports Server's default root logger setting is ERROR, as configured in `log4j.properties`. A logger without an assigned value inherits the setting of its parent in `log4j.properties`.

The following table lists each logger name as it appears on the Log Settings page, the identifier used to find it in the log file, and a description of the logger.

Logger Name	Identifier in Log	Description
SQL query executer	JRJdbcQueryExecuter	Logs SQL text and parameter values for queries that are run by the SQL query executer.
Input control value queries	valueQueryLog	Logs SQL text and parameter values for queries associated with input controls.
Cascading input control parameter resolution	FilterCore	Logs activity associated with cascading input controls. Query-driven input controls can cascade when a query has a parameter whose value comes from another input control. When the parameter value is changed, the query is automatically rerun, possibly changing the list of values for its input control.
Cascading input control query result caching	TokenControlLogic	Logs use of the cache for results of cascading input control queries.
Profile attributes resolver	ProfileAttributesResolverImpl	Determines the values of attributes when they are referenced.

Logger Name	Identifier in Log	Description
Hibernate SQL	SQL	Logs SQL run by the Hibernate layer to access the JasperReports Server repository database. This logger generates a large volume of logging that could affect performance.
Ad Hoc data policy logging	CommonDomain-DataStrategy SubFilterInputControl-Generator Others	Logs various activities of the Ad Hoc data policy implementations, which use SQL queries or in-memory operations to get datasets for Ad Hoc views.
SQL generated for Domain queries	JdbcBaseDataSet	Logs SQL queries generated from queries using a Domain.
Connection handling for Domains	DataSourceResolverImpl	Logs use of JDBC connections used by Domains to run SQL queries.
Expression to JSON converter	ExpressionJSON Converter	Logs information about the conversion between DomEL and JSON, which is used by Ad Hoc filters.
Domain-based security tests	SemanticLayerSecurityResolverImpl	Logs activity related to Domain column- and row-level security.
Cascading input control resolution for Domains	DomainFilterResolver	Logs the same activity as the FilterCore logger (Cascading input control parameter resolution) above, but adds information specific to Domain queries.
Ad Hoc cache activity	CachedData	Logs information about the life cycle of datasets that are cached in memory when Ad Hoc views are accessed.
Timing for SQL queries run for reports	JsControlledJdbcQueryExecuter	Logs the time it takes a query run by the SQL query executer to return data to a report.
Ad Hoc WorkingDataSet	WorkingDataSet	Logs activity for the WorkingDataSet, used by the Ad Hoc Editor to perform in-memory dataset transformations of query results.
General controller	AdhocAjaxController	Logs activity of the Ad Hoc Editor.
Crosstab controller	AdhocCrosstabAjaxController	Logs additional activity of the Ad Hoc Editor specific to crosstab reports.

Logger Name	Identifier in Log	Description
Groovy code generation for memory datasets	GroovyGenerator	Logs Groovy classes generated from DomEL expressions used by the Ad Hoc Editor for filters and calculated fields.
Ad Hoc AJAX requests	adhocAjaxRequests	Logs information about AJAX requests made by Ad Hoc Editor and dashboard designer, including report parameters and response times. Enable this setting when you want to understand the Ad Hoc Editor and dashboard designer or if you've encountered an error or slow response times.
Ad Hoc cache activity	com.jaspersoft.commons.datarator.CachedData	Tracks the life cycle of datasets managed by the Ad Hoc cache as they transition between states. This log output includes information from the Ad Hoc cache in a format that lends itself to troubleshooting. Use this setting to understand how query response times contribute to the performance and responsiveness of the Ad Hoc Editor. Because it doesn't log the queries themselves, use it in conjunction with the SQL Query Executer log setting.

You can add other loggers to the Log Settings page if you know their classnames.

To add a logger to the page from the web interface:

1. Log in as system administrator (`superuser` by default).
2. Select **Manage > Server Settings** and choose **Log Settings** in the left panel.
3. Scroll to the bottom of the page.
4. Enter the logger's classname in the text field. See the other properties on the page for guidance, for example:
`com.jaspersoft.ji.adhoc.action.AdhocCrosstabAjaxController`
5. Use the drop-down to set the logging level.

The logger setting is persistent even when the server is restarted. However, the logger setting may not appear on the Log Settings page again. For information about adding loggers to this page permanently, see [9.1.3, “Adding a Logger to the Log Settings Page,” on page 226](#).

9.1.2 Log Configuration Files

You can edit the log configuration file to set loggers, logging levels, and log output, but you must restart the server for your changes to take effect.

If you've made modifications in the Log Settings UI, those settings are persistent in the repository, and take precedence over the configuration files. However, these changes are *not* written to the configuration files. Each setting is independent, so a value that's not modified in the Log Settings UI is taken from the corresponding file. For more information, see [8.1, “Configuration Settings in the User Interface,” on page 170](#).

Logger names are defined in the Java source. Loggers can have any name, but the Jaspersoft convention is to give them their full class names. In the `log4j.properties` file, the classname must be preceded by `log4j.logger`. For example, the classname `org.acegisecurity.intercept` is represented in the `log4j.properties` file as `log4j.logger.org.acegisecurity.intercept`. If you want to add a new logger, find its classname in the source.

The file you edit depends on whether you're configuring server logging or logging during import and export.

Functionality to Log	File Location
Import or Export	<js-install>/buildomatic/conf_source/iePro
JasperReports Server	.../WEB-INF/log4j.properties

If the logger is defined in the configuration file but commented out, simply remove the comment character (#) to add the logger. Otherwise, add the logger's classname and set the logging level.

The form of a logger definition should be:

```
log4j.logger.<logger-classname> = <log-level>, <output-type>
```

where:

- <logger-classname> is the name of the class you want to monitor.
- <log-level> is ERROR, WARN, INFO, or DEBUG
- <output-type> is a standard output type, such as stdout. For example:
`log4j.logger.org.springframework.webflow=DEBUG, stdout, fileout`

Restart the server for your changes to take effect.

9.1.3 Adding a Logger to the Log Settings Page

If you know of a log4j logger that JasperReports Server uses, you can add it to the Log Settings page available to the superuser. To add a logger, edit a configuration file.



Because editing text files can be error-prone, we recommend that you add loggers from the web interface by entering them into the text field on the Log Settings page. Edit the configuration file only if you need to permanently add the logger.

To edit the list of loggers to be displayed on the page:

1. Edit the file `.../WEB-INF/bundles/logger_descriptions_pro.properties`.
2. Add a new line and specify the logger's classname and a brief description of it.

Entries should be in the form `<logger-classname> = <description>`.

See the other properties in the file for guidance, for example:

```
com.jaspersoft.ji.adhoc.action.AdhocCrosstabAjaxController = Crosstab controller
```

3. Restart the server for your changes to take effect.



The `logger_descriptions_pro.properties` file controls the labels for the English locale. You can specify labels for other locales by editing the logger description property files for those locales. For example, to add the label in French, add an entry to the `logger_descriptions_pro_fr.properties` file. For more information on supporting other languages, refer to [Appendix B, "Localization," on page 265](#).

9.2 Using Log Collectors

Logs are useful for finding problems when the server is not behaving as expected. However, log files can be huge and it is difficult to find the log messages associated with the issue you noticed. In addition, viewing a log files require access to the server's file system.

Log collectors are a new feature introduced in JasperReports Server version 6.1. Log collectors simplify the diagnosis of server errors by recording logs from a specific user or report for a specific duration, and make this excerpt of the log files available through the server's UI for administrators.

To create and start a log collector:

1. Log in as system administrator (`superuser` in commercial editions, `jasperadmin` in community editions).
2. Set your logging levels and your loggers for the classes you wish to capture, as described in [9.1, “Configuring System Logs,” on page 222](#).
3. Select **Manage > Server Settings** and choose **Log Collectors** in the left-panel.

The page displays any current log collectors, either running or stopped and ready to be downloaded.

Settings		Log Collectors				
Log Settings	Create Log Collector	Stop All	Delete All			
• Log Collectors	Collector Name	User ID	Verbosity	Data Snapshot	Status	
Ad Hoc Settings	AccountsReport		Low	No	Running	
Ad Hoc Cache	CustomerReportWatcher		High	Yes	Running	
OLAP Settings	JoeUserLogs	joeuser organization_1	medium	No	Stopped	
Cloud Settings						
Server Attributes						
Restore Defaults						
Import						
Export						

Figure 9-2 Viewing Log Collectors

4. Click **Create Log Collector**.

The screenshot shows the 'New Log Collector' configuration page. On the left, a sidebar under 'Settings' has 'Log Collectors' selected. The main content area includes:

- Collector Name (required):** A text input field with a note: "Collector Name cannot contain spaces."
- User ID:** A text input field with a note: "Leave User ID empty to collect logs for all users. Format for multi-tenancy is user|tenant."
- Resource URI:** A text input field with a note: "Resource must be a report or Ad Hoc view." and a **Browse** button.
- Include data snapshot:** An unchecked checkbox.
- Verbosity Level:** A dropdown menu currently set to **Low**.

At the bottom of the form are **Save** and **Cancel** buttons.

Figure 9-3 Creating a New Log Collector

5. On the New Log Collector page, enter a name for the collector, and then the following optional information
 - A user ID, in the format `username|organizationID` for commercial editions. When a user ID is specified, only logs related to that user are collected. When empty, logs for all user are included.
 - The resource URI of a JasperReport or an Ad Hoc view. You can use the **Browse** button to select the report or Ad Hoc view in the repository. When specified, only the logs for that report or view will be collected. When empty, all logs are included.
 - If you specified a report or view, and you have data snapshots enabled, you can select the check box to include the data from the snapshot in your log file.
 - Set a verbosity level of low, medium or high. Low is the default.
6. Click **Save** to save your log collector and begin collecting the specified logs.
7. Perform the actions on the server for which you want to collect logs. If you specified a user ID, the user should log in or an administrator can log in as the user from the **Manage > Users** page. If you specified a report or view, run it and interact with it to collect logs about it.

To stop a log collector and view its contents:

1. Log in as system administrator (`superuser` in commercial editions, `jasperadmin` in community editions).
2. Select **Manage > Server Settings** and choose **Log Collectors** in the left-panel.

3. On the Log Collectors page, locate your log collector and click the stop icon . The status for the collector shows "Stopping..."
4. After the log collector has stopped, the logs are ready to download in a compressed ZIP file. Click the download icon  to save the collected logs on your computer.
5. After downloading the logs, the log collector can be kept in case you want to download the files again. When you no longer need the log collector, click the delete icon . If you want to run a collector again, you must delete it first and create it again.

9.3 Auditing and Monitoring Events

Whereas logs capture messages from the internal code of JasperReports Server, the auditing and monitoring systems capture user events. This gives an operational picture of how users interact with the server and what resources they use. Auditing and monitoring can help you see who is using the server, and what resources are the most in demand. This can help you locate bottlenecks and optimize your reports.

In broad terms, an audit event is any atomic operation that can be recorded by the audit system. Event properties and attributes are features of the event; they can be defined internally or in custom code. Auditing and monitoring rely on the same record of events, so the audit events are also available in monitoring data sources, Domains, and reports.

The following table lists the defined audit events and the information collected about them. For every recorded event, JasperReports Server logs the time it occurred and the user who initiated it. See the configuration file `applicationContext-audit.xml` for complete specification of the events.

Event	Information Collected
Log in or log out	Time and user ID (recorded for every event)
Log in as	User logged in as
Run report or run a subreport within any other report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report referenced • Data source referenced • Report parameters and values • Report queries (such as SQL, Domain, HQL, generated SQL) • Execution start, end • Query execution time (in milliseconds) • Report rendering time (in milliseconds) • Caching parameters • Errors that occurred
Report schedule created, deleted, or updated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report referenced • Scheduling parameters and values
Scheduled report run	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report output • Report delivery parameters (such as email) • Same parameters as when report is run

Event	Information Collected
Creating report in Ad Hoc Editor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field added as a column Field added as a group
Resource accessed for any reason (such as view, used in report, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource referenced Resource type
Resource added or updated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource referenced Resource type
Resource or folder deleted	Resource or folder referenced
Permissions added, updated, or deleted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource or folder referenced Previous permissions (before update)
User added, updated, or deleted, also user password change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> User ID User name Email Enabled flag External flag User attributes
Role added, updated, or deleted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role ID Role name Role organization
Organization added, updated, or deleted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organization ID Organization description

9.4 Configuring Auditing and Monitoring

The auditing and monitoring features both rely on the same subsystem in JasperReports Server. The settings are located in the `.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-audit.xml` file, but their values are set in the `.../WEB-INF/js.config.properties` file. The beans and properties of these files are used to enable auditing and monitoring, set the archive options, and select the events to be logged.

9.4.1 Enabling Auditing and Monitoring

Because auditing and monitoring share the same subsystem, there is a master configuration setting to turn on the subsystem, and individual settings for auditing and monitoring. This allows you to turn on each feature independently, or turn off the whole subsystem to avoid any overhead from an unused feature.

By default, the auditing and monitoring subsystem is off.

Enabling Auditing and Monitoring Options	
Configuration File	
.../WEB-INF/js.config.properties	
Property	Description
<code>feature.audit_monitoring.enabled</code>	Set this property to <code>true</code> to enable the auditing and monitoring subsystem. You must also turn on audit and/or monitoring records independently with the following two properties. If you do not need auditing or monitoring, set this property to <code>false</code> to avoid any performance overhead.
<code>audit.records.enabled</code>	Once <code>feature.audit_monitoring.enabled=true</code> , set this property to <code>true</code> to enable auditing. This setting controls the logging of events in the tables used by the audit reports.
<code>monitoring.records.enabled</code>	Once <code>feature.audit_monitoring.enabled=true</code> , set this property to <code>true</code> to enable monitoring. This setting controls the logging of events in the tables used by the monitoring Domain.
<code>audit.sizeof.enabled</code>	By default, the large print objects in memory are not measured because doing so can impact performance. If you want to temporarily enable auditing for the memory use of print objects in reports, set this value to <code>true</code> .

9.4.2 Auditing Archive Options

Archiving automatically moves audit data to separate database tables, called the audit archive, after a certain time. For example if you create reports for weekly server usage based on the audit Domain, you'll never see audit data older than a month by default. Because audit data can be quite large, the old data can increase the time needed to write new data and query data for your report. If you want to create reports on audit archive tables, there is a separate Domain to access the archived audit data. You can also configure the audit feature to delete old archive data if you no longer need it.

You should set the archiving interval to a level that balances your need to record and access audit data with your server's performance on large audit tables. Use the following configuration settings to change the archiving behavior.

Archiving and deleting (or purging) of audit data happens once per day, by default in the early morning hours. You can also set the time and frequency of these operations.

Auditing Archive Options		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-audit.xml		
Property	Bean	Description
maxAuditEventAgeToArchive	auditService	The number of days to keep audit data in the active audit tables. The default is 30. Older data is moved to the archive.
maxAuditEventAge	auditService	The total number of days to keep any audit data. Older data is deleted from either the active or the archive tables. If this value is non-zero but less than the maxAuditEventAgeToArchive, the audit data will be deleted before it is ever archived (this may be useful if you don't want to use the archive). The default is 0 (zero), meaning that old data is never deleted.
cronExpression	auditEventArchiverTrigger	Defines the frequency of the archiving job as a cron expression. The default 0 0 5 * * ? is every day at 5 A.M.
cronExpression	auditEventPurgerTrigger	Defines the frequency of the audit delete (purge) job as a cron expression. The default 0 0 3 * * ? is every day at 3 A.M.

The cronExpression properties use a [Quartz scheduler cron expression](#) that specifies the repeating trigger as seconds, minutes, hour, day of month, month, day of week, respectively.

9.4.3 Disabling Events and Properties

By default, all events and properties are logged. To enable or disable logging of a given event or property, use the applicationContext-audit.xml configuration file. Events that are logged are used by both the audit and monitoring subsystems, therefore disabling an event makes it unavailable for both auditing and monitoring.

In the file, event types and their properties are listed under <util:map id="enabledEventsMapping">. The map has three parts:

- WEB_SERVICES – Event types related to accessing JasperReports Server through a web service.
- GUI – Event types for access through the user interface.
- INTERNAL – Event types used by the server itself, such as when running a scheduled report.

To disable an event, comment it out. For example:

```
<!-- <entry key="createFolder" value="folderName, folderLabel, folderDescription" /> -->
```

To disable a property, use any of these measures:

- Delete the property. For example, remove folderDescription, resulting in:


```
<entry key="createFolder" value="folderName, folderLabel, exception" />
```
- Disable it with the | syntax. For example:

```
<entry key="createFolder" value="folderName, folderLabel, |folderDescription, exception" />
```

- Use the "all except" *| syntax to specify only the disabled property. All others are recorded. For example:

```
<entry key="createFolder" value="*|folderDescription" />
```

9.5 Using the Audit Data

JasperReports Server makes the audit data available to system admins through Domains and several prepared views and reports. These are located in the /Public/Audit folder of the repository.

Folders		Repository						
root		Sort By: Name Modified Date						
Organizations		Run	Edit	Open	Copy	Cut	Paste	Delete
Public		Name	Description	Type	Created	Modified		
Ad Hoc Components		Audit Report	All events report	Report	Today	May 3		
Audit		Audit Report Adhoc Data View	The AdhocDataView for Audit Report re	Ad Hoc View	Today	May 3		
Audit Datasources		Performance Crosstab Report	Audit crosstab report	Report	Today	May 3		
Audit Domains		Performance Crosstab Report	The AdhocDataView for Performance Cr	Ad Hoc View	Today	May 3		
Audit Reports		Performance Report	Performance Audit Report	Report	Today	May 3		
Archived Audit Reports		Performance Report Adhoc D	The AdhocDataView for Performance Re	Ad Hoc View	Today	May 3		
Diagnostic		Repository Resources Report	Audit Report	Report	Today	May 3		
Monitoring		Repository Resources Report	The AdhocDataView for Repository Resc	Ad Hoc View	Today	May 3		
Samples		Resource Execution Report	Audit Report	Report	Today	May 3		
System Properties		Resource Execution Report Ac	The AdhocDataView for Resource Execu	Ad Hoc View	Today	May 3		
Temp		User Activity Report	Audit Report	Report	Today	May 3		
Themes		User Activity Report Adhoc D	The AdhocDataView for User Activity Re	Ad Hoc View	Today	May 3		

Figure 9-4 Audit Reports in the Repository

There are two Domains and two sets of reports created for accessing audit data:

- Audit Domain and Audit Reports – Use these to view the current audit data; they run against the active audit database.
- Audit Archive Domain and Archived Audit Reports – Use these to run reports on archived data; they run against the archive database.

The contents of both Domains and reports are identical—they differ only in the database tables accessed in each case.

To create an Ad Hoc View based on the audit Domains, select **Create > Ad Hoc View**, select the **Domains** tab in the Data Chooser, and expand the folders to select one of the audit Domains.

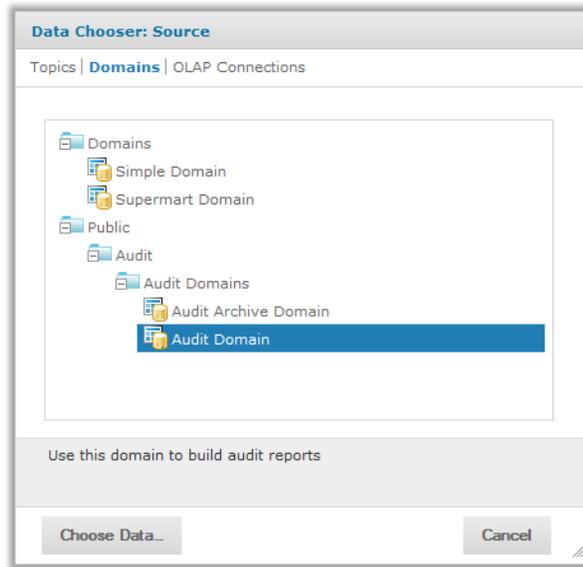


Figure 9-5 Selecting an Audit Domain to Create an Ad Hoc View

For instructions on using Domains in reports, see the Ad Hoc chapter in *JasperReports Server User Guide*. For documentation of Domains in general, see the Domains chapter in the same manual.

The following sections explain the contents of the Domains and the reports provided.

9.5.1 Audit Domain Items

The audit Domains expose the fields of the audit logging tables stored in the server's internal database. As with all Domains, the database tables are joined, and the fields are presented as items that can be used in Ad Hoc views.

The following tables describe the items in both audit Domains (Audit Domain and Audit Archive Domain). These items correspond to the information recorded for each event. When creating a view based on either Domain, choose the items that correspond to the type of event you want to report on.

These domain items are used in both general events and repository events:

Domain Item	Description
Date	Date event occurred.
Prop Long Value	clob value of event property, such as query.
Prop Type	Type of event property, such as destination folder, as per event map in configuration file.
Prop Value	string value of event property, such as folder name.

Domain Item	Description
Time	Time event occurred.
Event Type	Type of event, such as save resource, as per event map in configuration file.
Request Type	Repository request type of event.
Resource Type	Repository type of resource accessed in event.
Resource URI	URI of repository resource.

Domain items in the following table are recorded for user events:

Domain Item	Description
E-mail	E-mail address of event user (user at time of event).
Enabled	Whether event user is currently a user.
External	Whether event user was an external user.
Full Name	Full name of event user.
Password Changed	Whether event was a change of password
Organization	Organization of event user.
User Name	UserID of event user.

Domain items in the following table are recorded for role events:

Domain Item	Description
External	Whether role was defined in an external system.
Role Name	Name of the role in the event.
Organization	Organization of the role in the event.

Domain items in the following table are recorded when a report is generated:

Domain Item	Description
Date	Date the report is generated.
Time	Time the report is generated.

Domain Item	Description
Resource URI	URI of repository resource accessed for report.
Resource Type	Repository type of resource accessed for report.
Datasource URI	URI of data source accessed for report.
Query Execution Time	Time to execute the query in the database.
Report Rendering Time	Time to prepare query results for display.
Report Execution Time	Total time to execute the report (query execution + report rendering + overhead). Overhead includes tasks such as loading repository resources (report unit, data source, etc) and obtaining a DB connection from the data source.
Query	Specification of the report query.
User Name	UserID of event user.
Organization	Organization of event user.
Crosstab Group Field	Field name used in crosstab

9.5.2 Audit Reports and Ad Hoc Views



Auditing is disabled by default, so the audit reports and their views are initially blank. To view audit reports, enable auditing as described in [9.4, “Configuring Auditing and Monitoring,” on page 230](#), then wait for user activity to generate events.

A number of Ad Hoc views and reports based on the audit Domains are provided in the /Public/Audit/Audit Reports folder. The same views and reports are also provided in the Archived Audit Reports subfolder. These reports are identical, except they use the Audit Archive Domain and run against the archived audit data. These reports are visible only to administrators.

The reports are designed to cover common audit needs and can be used as-is. When auditing is enabled, audit events are recorded, the reports contain an up-to-the-minute record of events on your server. You can run the reports or schedule them as needed. When running the audit reports, you can also change the input controls to filter different sets of events or date ranges. By default, the input control for event types contains no selection which indicates that all are to be displayed. You can change this selection to display only the events you wish to observe.

The Ad Hoc views used to create each report are also included. You can open them in the Ad Hoc Editor to explore the audit data in real-time. You can also modify these views in the Ad Hoc Editor to generate new reports to suit your auditing requirements.

The following views and reports are provided:

- Audit Report – Generic example of a an audit report showing commonly audited events.
- Performance Crosstab Report – A crosstab that shows average performance of reports.

- Performance Report – Generates a list of reports, sorted by run-time to identify slow reports.
- Repository Resources Report – Shows repository resources and their associated events.
- Resource Execution Report – Generates a list of executed reports.
- User Activity Report – Generates a list of reports run by a specified user.

9.6 Using the Monitoring Data

JasperReports Server makes the monitoring data available to administrators through a Domain and several prepared views and reports. These are located in the /Public/Monitoring folder of the repository.

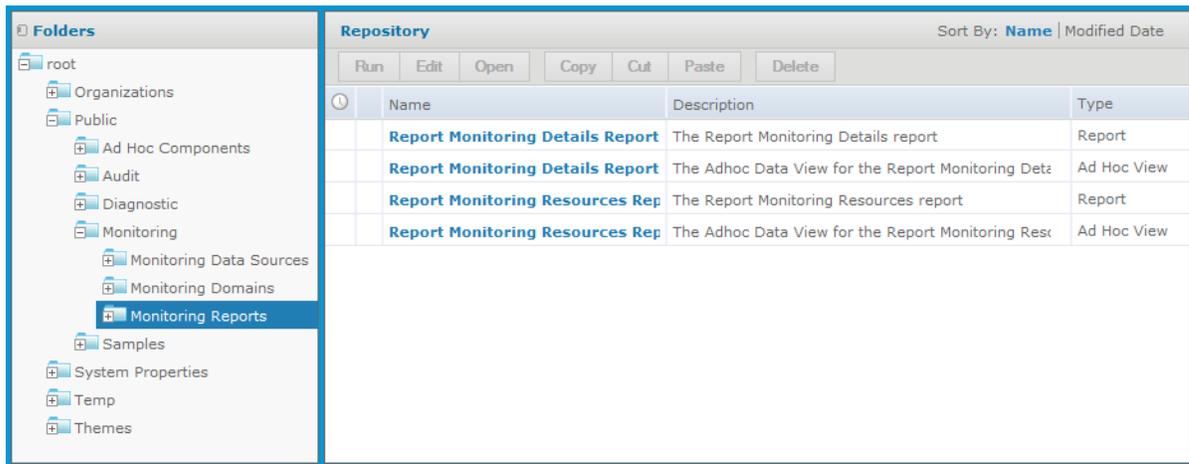


Figure 9-6 Monitoring Reports in the Repository

To create an Ad Hoc View based on the audit Domains, select **Create > Ad Hoc View**, select the **Domains** tab in the Data Chooser, and select the monitoring Domain. For instructions on using Domains in reports, see the Ad Hoc chapter in *JasperReports Server User Guide*. For documentation of Domains in general, see the Domains chapter in the same manual.

The following sections explain the contents of the Domains and the reports provided.

9.6.1 Monitoring Domain Items

The monitoring Domain exposes the fields of the monitoring tables stored in the server's internal database. As with all Domains, the database tables are joined, and the fields are presented as items that can be used in Ad Hoc views.

In this release of JasperReports Server, the monitoring fields are limited to those that record report execution events:

Domain Item	Description
Day	Day of the month the report finished running.

Domain Item	Description
Editing Action	The Ad Hoc editing step the user just performed (null for report execution): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>insertDimensionInAxisWithChild</code> – A dimension was added. • <code>addMeasure</code> – A measure was added. • <code>setProperty</code> – A property was set. • <code>moveDimension</code> – A dimension was moved.
Event Context	The context that triggered the report execution. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>ui</code> – The report ran interactively from the user interface. • <code>web_services</code> – The report was run via web services. • <code>internal</code> – The report ran from an internal process, usually the scheduler.
Event Type	The type of report that was executed. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>report execution</code> – A report that ran from the repository. • <code>ad hoc editing</code> – A report that ran from an Ad Hoc view being edited.
Hour	Hour the report finished running.
id	ID number of the monitoring event.
Minute	Minute the report finished running.
Month	Month report finished running.
Query Execution Time	The time spent executing the SQL query in the database.
Report Rendering Time	The time spent rendering the report after receiving the query results (dataset).
Report URI	Repository path of the report that was run.
Time Stamp	Full time and date when the report was finished running, including milliseconds.
Total Report Execution Time	The total time spent running the report. Typically this is a little more than the sum of the query execution and report rendering times, due to overhead, such as loading repository resources (report unit, data source, etc) and obtaining a DB connection from the data source.
User Name	The user who ran the report.
User Organization	The organization of the user who ran the report.
Year	Year the report finished running.

9.6.2 Monitoring Reports and Ad Hoc Views



The monitoring reports and their views are blank by default, because the audit subsystem that monitoring depends on is disabled by default and no audit data exists. To view these reports, first enable auditing as described in section 9.4, “Configuring Auditing and Monitoring,” on page 230, then wait for user activity to generate events.

A number of Ad Hoc views and reports based on the monitoring Domain are provided in the /Public/Monitoring/Monitoring Reports folder.

The reports are designed to cover common monitoring needs and can be used as-is. When monitoring is enabled, audit events are recorded, and the reports contain an up-to-the-minute record of events on your server. You can run the reports or schedule them as needed.

The Ad Hoc views used to create each report are also included. You can open them in the Ad Hoc Editor to explore the monitoring data in real-time. You can also modify these views in the Ad Hoc Editor to generate new reports to suit your monitoring requirements.

The following views and reports are provided:

- Report Monitoring Resources Report – Gives a list of all reports and shows their average and high-low execution times.
- Report Monitoring Details Report – A crosstab that shows report execution times on one axis and many dimensions such as a time hierarchy, user and organization, and event type on the other axis.

The screenshot shows the 'Report Monitoring Details Report Adhoc Data View' interface. On the left, the 'Fields' pane lists fields from 'jireportmonitoringfact' (Day, Editing Action, Event Context, Event Type, Hour, id, Minute, Month, Report URI, User Name, User Organization, Year) and measures (Query Execution Time, Report Rendering Time, Time Stamp, Total Report Execution Time). The main view is a crosstab with the following configuration:

- Columns:** # Query Execution Time (Average) * Report Rendering Time (Average) * Total Report Execution Time (Average) *
- Rows:** Year * Month * Day * Hour * Minute * Event Type * Event Context * User Organization * User Name * Report URI * Editing Action *

The resulting table is as follows:

Measures					Query Execution Time (Average)
Event Context	User Organization	User Name	Report URI	Editing Action	
Totals	Totals	Totals	Totals	Totals	0.00

Figure 9-7 Monitoring Ad Hoc View with Multidimensional Analysis

9.7 Importing and Exporting Event Data

Audit and monitoring data can be imported and exported with the utilities described in the chapter **Chapter 7, “Import and Export,”** on page 147.

- To export audit data, use the `--include-audit-events` option in the export command.
- To export monitoring data use the `--include-monitoring-events` option in the export command.
- To import audit data, import the catalog containing audit data with the `--include-audit-events` option.
- To import monitoring data, import the catalog containing audit data with the `--include-monitoring-events` option.



Data in temp folders is not exported.

9.8 Real-Time Diagnostics

With JasperReports Server 5.0, we introduced full instrumentation of the server so it can provide real-time diagnostic information such as memory use, concurrently running reports, cache statistics, and much more. Whereas auditing and monitoring provide a historical record of events on the server, diagnostics display the current status of the server and its Java Virtual Machine (JVM) environment.

For example, you can use the diagnostic information to adjust your JVM settings to optimize memory based on the size of typical datasets in your Ad Hoc cache. And because diagnostic data is available through a Topic, you can create Ad Hoc views that help you analyze your server performance and identify performance bottlenecks before they happen.

The diagnostic feature relies on the Java Management Extensions (JMX) industry standard to gather run-time data and expose it to other management interfaces. JasperReports Server implements several JMX elements:

- New JMX managed beans used to gather and hold diagnostic data such as the number of concurrent reports.
- Its own JMX agent, like a server, that responds to JMX requests and exposes the information from the managed beans.
- Connections to existing JMX managed beans in other components such as Ehcache to include their diagnostic data.
- Connections to other JMX agents such as JVM agent to gather system diagnostics.

For more information about JMX, see <http://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/jmx/>.

There are two ways to use diagnostic data from JasperReports Server:

- If you have an external management console that can connect to a JMX agent, you can use it to connect to the server's JMX agent. You'll probably also want to connect to the JVM's JMX agent. You can then view the real-time diagnostic data from JasperReports Server integrated with the data from your other servers in your management console. Management consoles often offer further functionality like thresholds and alarms you can set on data from any JMX managed bean.
- We provide a custom data source within the server that collects the same information from the managed beans in the server and in the JVM. You can then create JasperReports that access this data source and present this diagnostic data in a report that suits your needs. We also provide a report and an Ad Hoc Topic to demonstrate this.

9.9 Exposing Diagnostics Through Jaspersoft's JMX Agent

By default, the diagnostic feature is configured to allow access to the diagnostic data through a remote management console that supports JMX. This allows you to integrate JasperReports Server diagnostics with your overall IT management strategy. Alternatively, the Java Development Kit provides the jConsole tool that uses JMX and can be used to monitor your server remotely. All of these management consoles access the JMX agent provided with JasperReports Server, and access is secured by the same users, passwords, and roles used by the server's web interface.

9.9.1 Connecting to the JMX Agent

To connect your management console to the JasperReports Server's JMX agent, initiate a new connection from your console and specify the following connection string:

```
service:jmx:rmi://localhost/jndi/rmi://<host>:<port>/<connectionName>
```

where:

- <host> is the computer where JasperReports Server is running
- <port> is the JMX port, by default 10990
- <connectionName> is the name of the JMX agent, by default `jasperserver`

Therefore, the default connection string is:

```
service:jmx:rmi://localhost/jndi/rmi://<host>:10992/jasperserver
```



If you have a firewall implemented on the computer hosting JasperReports Server, you'll need to open the JMX port (10992 by default) before connecting.

When prompted to enter a username and password, give a user with the following roles:

Commercial editions: ROLE_SUPERUSER, thus by default the `superuser` user
 Community project: ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR, thus by default the `jasperadmin` user

The following sections explain how to modify the default connection values for:

- The connection name
- The JMX port
- The required roles

9.9.2 Configuring the Port and Connection Name

The connection name is the name registered for the JMX agent with the remote method invocation (RMI) service. If you have more than one JasperReports Server instance in a single app server, you need to change the registered connection name for all but the first one.

There are times you may want to change the port from default (10992) to another port, for example, if another service is configured to use the default port. For example, change the port if you have JasperReports Server running in a second app server on the same computer.

To change the port or connection name, edit one of following files:

- In the WAR file distribution before installation: `<js-install>/buildomatic/default_master.properties`
- In the installed WAR file before starting the server: `.../WEB-INF/js.diagnostic.properties`

Find the following lines and edit the values to the port number and connection name you want:

```
diagnostic.jmx.port = 10992
diagnostic.jmx.name = jasperserver
```

9.9.3 Configuring Roles for JMX Connections

If you want to allow other users to establish the JMX connection from a remote management console, configure JasperReports Server to allow other roles:

- For commercial editions, edit the `.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-diagnostic-pro.xml` file and modify the following setting:

```
<util:list id="diagnosticAllowedRolesPro">
  <value>ROLE_SUPERUSER</value>
</util:list>
```

- For community projects, edit the `.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-diagnostic.xml` file and modify the following setting:

```
<util:list id="diagnosticAllowedRolesCe" value-type="java.lang.String">
  <value>ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR</value>
</util:list>
```

In both cases, you can change the existing role or add additional lines containing alternate `<value>ROLE_name</value>`.

9.9.4 Disabling Remote Connections to the JMX Agent

By default, remote connections to the JMX Agent are enabled and configured as described in [9.9.1, “Connecting to the JMX Agent,” on page 241](#).

To disable remote connections, edit the `.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-diagnostic.xml` file and make the following changes:

- Comment out the entire `jMXAuthenticator` bean.
- Comment out the entire `jMXregistry` bean.
- Comment out the entire `jasperJMXServerConnector` bean.
- Comment out or remove the property `depends-on="jMXregistry"` in the `jasperJMXServer` bean.

To comment out a section of this XML file, surround it with `<!--` and `-->` tags.

9.9.5 Alternative Connection Through App Server JMX Service

Most app servers also have a JMX agent, and if configured properly, they can discover the JasperReports Server JMX agent and expose the diagnostic information. However, this connection has some significant security implications:

- When the app server discovers and connects to the JMX agent, it has full access to the diagnostic information.
- If the app server's JMX agent is configured for remote access, the remote manager also has access to the JasperReports Server JMX agent without needing to provide the JasperReports Server username and

password. In other words, by trusting the app server to access the diagnostic information, you're also allowing anyone the app server trusts to connect.

- The connection between the two JMX agents is reciprocal. If remote access is still enabled on the JasperReports Server JMX agent, a remote manager who connects to it also sees the contents of the app server JMX agent. In other words, the app server JMX agent is also trusting anyone who we trust to connect to our JMX agent (with our username and password).

To connect automatically to the app server's JMX agent, assuming one is available, edit the default `master.properties` file before you deploy the JasperReports Server web app, and add the following line:

```
diagnostic.jmx.usePlatformServer = true
```

If the app server is Apache Tomcat for example, a local JMX connection named Catalina appears to anyone accessing the JasperReports Server JMX agent.

9.10 Using the Diagnostic Data in Reports

In addition to remote JMX connections, JasperReports Server makes the diagnostic data available to administrators for internal reports. The following resources are visible to the system admin (`superuser` by default) in the repository:

- `/Public/Diagnostic/Diagnostic Data Source` – A custom data source that returns all of the diagnostic fields.
- `/Public/Diagnostic/Diagnostic Report` – A report that displays nearly every single diagnostic field.
- `/Public/Ad Hoc Components/Topics/Diagnostic Topic` – A JRXML resource that can be used as a Topic to create an Ad Hoc view using diagnostic fields.

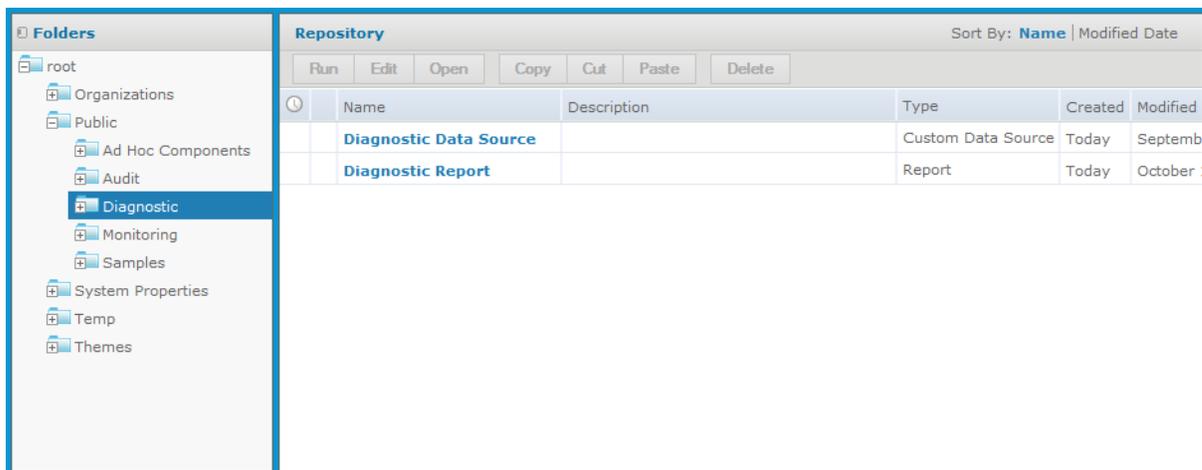


Figure 9-8 Diagnostic Report in the Repository

The diagnostic topic and report are based on the diagnostic data source. This is a custom data source that encapsulates the JMX information and makes it available as a data source for reports. In addition, there is an Internal Diagnostic Data Source type that can be used to create a new data source. If you accidentally delete the diagnostic data source, select **Create > Data Source**, set the type to Internal Diagnostic Data Source, and set the name and location to re-create it.

The following figure shows the beginning of the diagnostic report. This report displays nearly every field available through JMX and the diagnostic subsystem. This report serves as a reference for the diagnostic data. The report is also very useful when configuring your server, because it shows many server configuration settings as well as system information such as memory use. You can use this information to fine tune the performance of your JasperReports Server instance.

Section	Attribute	Value
Users	LoggedInUsersCount	2
	LoggedInUsersList	jasperadmin organization_1 = 1 superuser = 1
	TotalEnabledUsersCount	6
	TotalRolesCount	7
	TotalUsersCount	6
Reports	RunningAsyncReportsActiveTaskCount	1
	RunningAsyncReportsCountCuml	9
	RunningAsyncReportsPoolSize	1
	RunningReportsCount	1
	RunningReportsCountCuml	9
	RunningReportsErrorsCuml	0
	RunningReportsList	/public/diagnostic/JSDiagnosticReport=0

Figure 9-9 Contents of the Diagnostic Report

9.11 Excluding Diagnostic Attributes

The JasperReports Server diagnostic feature exposes a set of managed beans (MBeans), each with a number of JMX attributes. By default, all attributes of all MBeans are available. If you would like to limit what is exposed, you can exclude any of the attributes or entire beans through the following configuration file:

.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-diagnostic.xml

- To exclude an attribute, locate the MBean where it's defined and uncomment it from the `excludedDiagnosticAttributes` property. For example, if you want to hide sensitive information about your internal database, modify the `diagnosticRepositoryDatabaseInfoCe` MBean as follows:

```
<bean id="diagnosticRepositoryDatabaseInfoCe" class=
    "com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.api.logging.diagnostic.jmx.DiagnosticDynamicMBean">
  <property name="diagnosticServices">
    <set>
      <ref bean="repositoryDatabaseInfo"/>
    </set>
  </property>
  <property name="excludedDiagnosticAttributes">
    <set>
      <value>DatabaseProductName</value>
      <value>DatabaseProductVersion</value>
      <value>DriverName</value>
      <value>SQLKeywords</value>
      <value>URL</value>
      <value>UserName</value>
      <value>JDBCMinorVersion</value>
      <!--
      <value>MaxRowSize</value>
      <value>MaxStatementLength</value>
      <value>MaxConnections</value>
      <value>MaxCharLiteralLength</value>
      <value>MaxColumnsInTable</value>
      <value>MaxColumnsInSelect</value>
      <value>MaxColumnsInGroupBy</value>
      <value>MaxColumnNameLength</value>
      -->
    </set>
  </property>
</bean>
```

- To exclude an entire bean, comment it out or remove it from the list of beans in the `diagnosticExportingMBeansMap`. For example, instead of excluding selected attributes, you could remove the entire repository database MBean as follows:

```
<util:map id="diagnosticExportingMBeansMap" >
  <entry key="jasperserver:name=Users" value-ref="{bean.diagnosticUsers}"/>
  <entry key="jasperserver:name=Reports" value-ref="{bean.diagnosticReports}"/>
  <entry key="jasperserver:name=Scheduler" value-ref="{bean.diagnosticScheduler}"/>
  <entry key="jasperserver:name=Settings" value-ref="{bean.diagnosticSettings}"/>
  <entry key="jasperserver:name=Repository" value-ref="{bean.diagnosticRepository}"/>
  <entry key="jasperserver:name=About" value-ref="{bean.diagnosticJSAAbout}"/>
  <entry key="jasperserver:name=HibernateStatics"
    value-ref="{bean.diagnosticHibernate}"/>
  <entry key="jasperserver:name=EhCache"
    value-ref="{bean.diagnosticEhCache}"/>
  <entry key="jasperserver:name=ExternalInfo"
    value-ref="{bean.diagnosticExternalInfo}"/>
  <!--
  <entry key="jasperserver:name=RepositoryDatabase"
    value-ref="{bean.diagnosticRepositoryDatabaseInfo}"/>
  -->
</util:map>
```

9.12 Disabling Real-Time Diagnostics

By default the JMX diagnostic subsystem is always enabled, but external access is password-protected and requires opening the diagnostic port in your firewall as described in [9.9, “Exposing Diagnostics Through Jaspersoft’s JMX Agent,” on page 241](#). If you wish to disable all external access, see [9.9.4, “Disabling Remote Connections to the JMX Agent,” on page 242](#).

Internally, the diagnostics subsystem is passive and has no performance impact until it is accessed in a report through the diagnostic data source. However, if you wish to disable real-time diagnostics entirely, rename or remove the following files:

- `.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-diagnostic.xml`
- `.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-diagnostic-pro.xml`

In that case, the diagnostic data source, the sample report, and the sample Topic described in [9.10, “Using the Diagnostic Data in Reports,” on page 243](#) will not function either. They can be deleted from the repository.

APPENDIX A TROUBLESHOOTING



This section describes functionality that can be restricted by the software license for JasperReports Server. If you don't see some of the options described in this section, your license may prohibit you from using them. To find out what you're licensed to use, or to upgrade your license, contact Jaspersoft.

This appendix contains the following sections:

- **Number of Users Exceeded**
- **Running Out of Database Connections**
- **Fields Not Listed in Ad Hoc Editor**
- **Field Names Disappear in Ad Hoc Editor**
- **Ad Hoc Filter With All Values Causing Error**
- **Ad Hoc Dimensions Too Large**
- **Custom URLs Not Loading in Dashboards**
- **Print View Not Displaying in Dashboards**
- **Scheduler Sending Multiple Emails**
- **Scheduler Not Sending STARTTLS Emails**
- **Scheduler Running Deleted Jobs**
- **Scheduler Timezones in Excel Output**
- **Charts Not Appearing in Excel Export**
- **Working With Data Sources**
- **Special Characters in Database Schemas**
- **Hadoop-Hive Reports Not Running**
- **Cassandra Reports Not Running**
- **Reverting to the Old Home Page**

A.1 Number of Users Exceeded

When you have more users defined in the server than your license allows, the login page displays a warning; users can still log in. After a 24-hour grace period, an email is sent to the administrator and users can no longer log in. Most server functionality is disabled. To re-enable server functionality:

- Contact [Jaspersoft sales](#) to purchase additional user licenses. When you install the new license, the server becomes fully functional for all users.

- Delete user accounts until the number of user accounts on the server is in accord with your license. When server functionality is disabled, administrators can still log on and select **Manage > Users** to delete user accounts. For more information see [2.2, “Managing Users,” on page 28](#).

A.2 Running Out of Database Connections

JasperReports Server manages a pool of connections for each JDBC data source. The default number of connections is 20, but if you run many reports concurrently against the same data source you may reach the connection limit and see degraded performance. In particular, using the web service APIs, REST clients can easily launch many report executions at the same time and reach the limit.

The connection pool size is limited to avoid having too much memory permanently allocated to connections. But if you need more concurrent connections on a regular basis, you can increase the limit with the following configuration:

Reducing the Size Limit for Ad Hoc Dimensions		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext.xml		
Property	Bean	Description
<constructor-arg type="int" value="20"/>	dataSource ObjectPool Factory	Change the default value to match your concurrent connections. Make sure you have enough memory to handle the connections and the concurrent report executions.

If you are using JNDI data sources, you can configure the number of connections in your application server. For more information, see the sections on JNDI in [A.14, “Working With Data Sources,” on page 254](#).

A.3 Fields Not Listed in Ad Hoc Editor

The Ad Hoc Editor supports only certain datatypes. If a Topic contains a field with an unsupported type, the field does not appear when you open the Topic in the Ad Hoc Editor. These are the datatypes supported in the Ad Hoc Editor:

- java.lang.String
- java.lang.Byte
- java.lang.Short
- java.lang.Integer
- java.lang.Long
- java.lang.Float
- java.lang.Double
- java.lang.Number
- java.util.Date
- java.sql.Date
- java.sql.Time
- java.sql.Timestamp
- java.math.BigDecimal
- java.math.BigInteger
- java.lang.Boolean
- java.lang.Object

Unsupported datatypes may occur when editing Topics manually, and sometimes with data sources for big data, in particular MongoDB. The connector for MongoDB uses the datatype of a given value in the last document

containing that value, and errors in input files may cause unexpected types. For example, omitting the single quotes in the JSON format causes a string type to be interpreted as a numeric type.

If your Topic or Domain fields do not appear in the Ad Hoc Editor, you can enable logging on the following class to see details of fields with unsupported datatypes:

```
com.jaspersoft.ji.adhoc.metadata.AdhocTopicMetadata
```

For information about enabling logging, see [9.1, “Configuring System Logs,” on page 222](#).

A.4 Field Names Disappear in Ad Hoc Editor

Some fields with international characters in their display names disappear when the field is dragged into the canvas of the Ad Hoc Editor. This is caused by non-Unicode characters used in the field name in the JRXML underlying the selected Topic.

To make the international characters appear in Ad Hoc view field labels, use the resource bundle mechanism:

1. Create a resource bundle (*.properties) and associate each of your field labels with a unique key. Use Unicode escape sequences such as `\u0153` for the `œ` character to insert international characters in your label values.
2. Use the `$R` syntax in the Topic to specify the appropriate key for the label of each desired field.
3. Upload the resource bundle as a resource of the Topic.

When you open the Topic in the Ad Hoc Editor, the labels are displayed correctly from the resource bundle.

This method has the advantage that you can create a resource bundle for each language the Topic needs to support, and users see the labels for the locale they set in their browser.

For more information about localizing JasperReports Server, see [Appendix B, “Localization,” on page 265](#).

A.5 Ad Hoc Filter With All Values Causing Error

When using filters in the Ad Hoc Editor, your browser sends lists of values to the server with a POST operation. If you filter a field with tens or hundreds of thousands of distinct values, and then select all values, your browser will send megabytes of data in the POST operation. Some application servers are configured to reject such large input by default.

For example, if you select 100 000 values in an Ad Hoc filter on a default installation on Tomcat, Tomcat will log an error and redirect the user to the JasperReports Server home page. The Tomcat error log may contain the following entry:

```
2013-09-30 15:12:33,847 ERROR errorPage.jsp,http-8080-6:559 - stack trace of
exception that redirected to errorPage.jsp
java.lang.NullPointerException
```

If you apply filters to fields with large numbers of distinct values, make sure your app server is configured to accept large input. The following table shows how to configure Apache Tomcat. For other app servers, refer to your app server's documentation about POST operations.

Configure Apache Tomcat to Accept Large Filter Values	
Configuration File	
<tomcat>/conf/server.xml	
Property	Description
<pre><Connector port="8080" protocol="HTTP/1.1" connectionTimeout="20000" redirectPort="8443" URIEncoding="UTF-8" maxPostSize="0" /> or maxPostSize="-1" /></pre>	<p>Add the <code>maxPostSize</code> parameter to set the number of bytes accepted by the app server.</p> <p>For Tomcat 7, "0" indicates there is no limit (Tomcat 7 documentation).</p> <p>For Tomcat 8, "-1" indicates there is no limit (Tomcat 8 documentation).</p>

A.6 Ad Hoc Dimensions Too Large

A column or row dimension in an Ad Hoc crosstab is the equivalent of a row group in an Ad Hoc table. The members of a dimension or group are the unique values used to aggregate the data. Some dimensions and groups can have hundreds or thousands of members. Even if the dimensions are collapsed, the internal engine must calculate and store the values for all dimension members and all cells.

Some datasets contain fields that make huge dimensions on the order of tens of thousands or hundreds of thousands of members. These fields are usually meant to be filtered, but if they are inserted into the crosstab before filtering or by accident, they will trigger a large database operation and a large processing load in the Ad Hoc Editor. To limit this impact, you can configure a limit to the number of members in any dimension.

The internal process that calculates groups, dimensions, and members is called the *categorizer*. Change the following setting to reduce this limit and avoid performance issues with large cardinality dimensions.

Reducing the Size Limit for Ad Hoc Dimensions		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-catFactory.xml		
Property	Bean	Description
maxMembers	baseCategorizer	By default, the limit is set to 100,000 members per dimension. When the limit is reached, all other members are grouped in a member named "Other." Set this property to a lower value based on your typical data and reporting needs.

In addition, dimensions and groups may be nested on several levels, for example Country, Province, and City. If your row data has 100 countries, and each country has 10 provinces, and each province has 10 cities or towns, there will be $100 \times 10 \times 10 = 10,000$ rows in your full crosstab. If you also have two column dimension, each with 10 members, there will be 100 columns in your crosstab and one million cells when all dimensions are fully expanded. This scenario has several implications:

- Nested dimensions and high cardinality dimensions quickly create huge crosstabs.
- Huge crosstabs have a performance impact and take a long time to display and update.
- Consider whether it's possible for users to actually read and interpret such a large crosstab.
- Avoid dimensions with more than 10 members and avoid nesting many levels on each axis.
- Use filters as input controls instead of hiding and expanding dimensions in the crosstab.

For example, it's unlikely that a user can read the expanded data for more than one country at a time. The large report in this example can be replaced with two reports, one that has only the country dimension and allows the user to compare aggregate values from all countries, and another that displays all provinces and cities for a single country selected by a drop-down filter list. Both reports will run much faster than the single large report, and the user will not be blocked waiting for the report to refresh.

A.7 Custom URLs Not Loading in Dashboards

Dashboards allow you to specify frames that contain web pages loaded from custom URLs specified when designing the dashboard. These URLs can even include parameters from input controls. If the URL takes too long to load, JasperReports Server will display an error message instead of the content.

If you expect the custom URL to take longer than 10 seconds, you can change the default timeout as follows:

Configuring the Dashboard URL Loading Timeout	
Configuration File	
.../scripts/dashboard.designer.js	
Property	Description
CUSTOM_URL_IFRAME_TIMEOUT	Time in milliseconds that the server will allow a custom URL to load in a dashboard before displaying an error. The setting takes effect immediately when the file is saved, there is no need to restart the server.

A.8 Print View Not Displaying in Dashboards

If you cannot display the Print view for a dashboard, there might be an issue with the size of the input control values. Input control values are passed as URL parameters on this page, and the application server can limit the length of the URL that includes the parameters.

To avoid this limit and allow large numbers of input control values in dashboard print view, edit the following configuration file or the equivalent in your application server.

Configure Apache Tomcat to Accept Large Filter Values
Configuration File
<tomcat>/conf/server.xml

Configure Apache Tomcat to Accept Large Filter Values	
Property	Description
<pre><Connector port="8080" protocol="HTTP/1.1" connectionTimeout="20000" redirectPort="8443" URIEncoding="UTF-8" maxPostSize="0" maxHttpHeaderSize=65535 /></pre>	<p>Add the <code>maxHttpHeaderSize</code> parameter to set the number of bytes accepted in the URL by the app server; "65535" is equivalent to 64 KB. For more information, see the Tomcat documentation.</p>

A.9 Scheduler Sending Multiple Emails

In cases where you have a cluster of JasperReports Server instances accessing the same repository, the schedulers in each instance can sometimes conflict and send multiple emails. The behavior depends on the run-time of the scheduled reports, because a long report may cause the scheduler on another node to attempt to run the same report before the first node finishes.

To change this behavior, set the following parameter in `.../WEB-INF/js.quartz.base.properties`:

```
org.quartz.jobStore.clusterCheckinInterval = 900000
```

In case a job fails on the first node, the check-in interval is meant to ensure that the job runs on a second node after this delay. Because the schedulers do not communicate directly, the second scheduler cannot distinguish between a node that had a failure and a node that is still running a job. The default value corresponds to 15 minutes.

This parameter can be adjusted as follows:

- If you have scheduled reports that take a long time to run, longer than 15 minutes, you may see multiple emails. Increase this parameter to an interval longer than your longest report's expected run-time.
- On the other hand, if you have small reports that finish quickly, the default value means that any scheduler or node problem isn't detected by the other scheduler before 15 minutes. If you have time-critical reports scheduled, you can lower this parameter, but the value should still exceed your longest expected report run-time.

Restart all of your server instances after changing this parameter.

A.10 Scheduler Not Sending STARTTLS Emails

If you use OpenJDK 7 as your JVM, the scheduler may not be able to send emails if you have configured it to use secure email with STARTTLS. The reports run as scheduled, but the emails are not sent, and an error is recorded in the server log.

This error occurs with the following configuration in the file `.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-report-scheduling.xml`:

```
<props>
  <prop key="mail.smtp.auth">true</prop>
  <prop key="mail.smtp.starttls.enable">true</prop>
  <prop key="mail.smtp.sendpartial">true</prop>
  ...
</props>
```

To fix this behavior, do one of the following:

- Upgrade to OpenJDK 8.
- Or upgrade to the latest `nss` library. The error no longer occurs with the following version:

```
Name       : nss
Arch       : x86_64
Version    : 3.19.1
Release    : 3.e16_6
```

A.11 Scheduler Running Deleted Jobs

In some cases, old versions of JasperReports Server did not delete the scheduled jobs when deleting a report. These jobs cause errors when the scheduler tries to run them, but you can't remove the jobs through the user interface. The server no longer creates such *orphan* jobs, but they may appear again when you upgrade or import a catalog that contains them.

If you accidentally imported orphan jobs, make the configuration change shown below and restart your server.

Automatically Deleting Orphan Jobs		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-report-scheduling.xml		
Entry	Bean	Description
autoDeleteBroken UriReportJob	quartz Scheduler	Change this property from <code>false</code> (the default) to <code>true</code> . Orphan jobs are detected and deleted just before they run, so all orphan jobs will be deleted gradually over time.

A.12 Scheduler Timezones in Excel Output

When scheduling a report, you can specify the timezone that should be applied to the output instead of using the data source's timezone. This works for all outputs except Excel (XLS), both paginated and non-paginated. To overcome this limitation, you must explicitly enable timezone usage in XLS output.

Setting Timezones in Scheduled Excel (XLS) Reports		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/classes/jasperreports.properties		
Property	Value	Description
net.sf.jasperreports.export.xls.use.timezone	true	Define this property as <code>true</code> to apply timezones in scheduled Excel (XLS) reports.

This property can also be defined on individual elements in the report's JRXML if only certain fields should apply the timezone.

A.13 Charts Not Appearing in Excel Export

When exporting a report to Excel, JasperReports Server usually removes images that decorate the report and that do not fit in the Excel data-centric layout. However, JasperReports Server also converts any charts to images and uses the special property `net.sf.jasperreports.export.xls.ignore.graphics` set to `false` to make the image appear. If your report does not set this property explicitly, the chart images do not appear in your reports when exported to Excel.

If you have a lot of reports with this issue, you can set the property on the server:

Charts Images in Excel Export	
Configuration File	
.../WEB-INF/classes/jasperreports.properties	
Property	Description
<code>net.sf.jasperreports.export.xls.ignore.graphics</code>	By default, this property is set to <code>true</code> ; in this case, images and chart images from the report do not appear when exported to Excel. Set this property to <code>false</code> to make chart images appear in Excel exports.

A.14 Working With Data Sources

When adding a data source to JasperReports Server, several things can cause errors. Start by looking at the following general connectivity issues:

- Check that your database server is available and accepting TCP/IP connections from the host where JasperReports Server is installed.
- Check in your RDBMS that the username and password you're using are correct and have access to the selected database.
- Check for firewalls or network connectivity errors.

Many databases, including MySQL, also require the user grants to include the specific host from which connections are allowed. Otherwise, when testing the JDBC connection, a connection may not be allowed even though the username and password are correct. For more information, refer to the [MySQL documentation for setting up users](#).

An easy way to test connectivity from the server to the database with a particular user is to use a tool such as Squirrel or another DB query tool to connect to the database from the host of your JasperReports Server instance.

A.14.1 Logging JDBC Operations

You can enable additional logging to help you find the cause of the error. Set any or all of the following loggers in the server settings interface or in the `.../WEB-INF/log4j.properties` file:

- `log4j.logger.com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.api.engine.jasperreports.service.impl.JdbcDataSourceService`
- `log4j.logger.com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.api.engine.jasperreports.service.impl.JndiJdbcDataSourceService`
- `log4j.logger.com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.war.action.ReportDataSourceAction`
- `log4j.logger.com.jaspersoft.commons.datarator.JdbcDataSet`
- `log4j.logger.com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.war.common.JasperServerUtil`
- `log4j.logger.com.jaspersoft.commons.semantic.dsimpl.JdbcDataSetFactory`
- `log4j.logger.com.jaspersoft.commons.semantic.metaapi.impl.jdbc.BaseJdbcMetaDataFactoryImpl`
- `log4j.logger.com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.war.validation.ReportDataSourceValidator`

A.14.2 JDBC Drivers

As of JasperReports Server 5.1, JDBC driver management is automated and simplified. JasperReports Server ships with drivers for some databases, as listed in the dialog for creating data sources. If the JDBC driver for your database is not included, the system administrator can easily upload the driver and use it immediately in a data source.

For instructions on updating JDBC drivers without restarting the server, see [4.3, “Managing JDBC Drivers,”](#) on [page 74](#). For instructions on adding JDBC drivers when using JBoss, see the next section.

A.14.3 JDBC Drivers on JBoss

For modularity reasons, the JBoss application server does not allow web applications such as JasperReports Server to change executable files, such as JDBC drivers, on the fly. In order for JDBC drivers to appear in the list of available drivers and be selectable, you must configure JBoss before you use the drivers to create a JDBC data source.

To add JDBC drivers on JBoss:

1. Download or copy the JDBC driver JAR file to the `.../WEB-INF/lib/` directory.
2. Edit the `jboss-deployment-structure.xml` file as described in the following table:

Configuring JBoss for JDBC drivers	
Configuration File	
<code>.../META-INF/jboss-deployment-structure.xml</code>	
Property	Description
<code>resource-root path="<driver>.jar"</code>	Locate the resource root element for the JDBC driver you added and uncomment it. The name of the JAR file must match exactly the name of the JDBC driver that you upload. You can add a new resource root element if the JDBC driver of your choice is not given in the commented list.

3. Restart JBoss.

A.14.4 Database Permissions

When creating database users, you must ensure that they have the appropriate privileges to access data, as well as permission to connect from the server that JasperReports Server is running on.

- The database user that you specify in your data source definition needs the privileges to run SELECT queries on the tables used in your reports. The server blocks any DROP, INSERT, UPDATE, and DELETE SQL commands through its SQL injection protection. In some cases, additional permissions may be required to execute stored procedures, depending on your configuration and needs.
- If you accept the defaults during installation of JasperReports Server on Linux from an RPM using apt-get, rpm, or yum, the bundled PostgreSQL allows only the user who owns PostgreSQL to connect. Enter the following commands to connect:

```
su - postgres
psql -U postgres
```

- Many databases, including MySQL, also require that the user permissions name the specific host from which connections are allowed. Otherwise, when testing the JDBC connection, a connection may not be allowed even though the user name and password are correct. For example, see the [MySQL documentation for setting up users](#).

A fairly easy way to test permissions and connectivity is to use a tool such as SquirrelSQL or another DB query tool to connect to the database from the same host as JasperReports Server and to run typical queries against your database.

A.14.5 JDBC Database URLs

When you choose a JDBC driver, the data source creation wizard prompts you for the elements of the URL that are required for your database. In some cases, you may need to add certain arguments to the JDBC URL. Ensure that the database URL you entered when defining your JDBC data source is consistent with what is required for your specific database and database driver. The following table gives the default URLs and port numbers and examples of optional arguments supported by the most common databases:

Database	Default JDBC Database URL
PostgreSQL	jdbc:postgresql://<host>:5432/<db-name>
MySQL and MariaDB	jdbc:mysql://<host>:3306/<db-name>?tinyInt1isBit=false
Oracle	jdbc:ticbosoftware:oracle://<host>:1521;SID=ORCL
SQL Server	jdbc:ticbosoftware:sqlserver://<host>:1433;databaseName=<db-name>

Database	Default JDBC Database URL
IBM DB2	jdbc:tibcosoftware:db2://<host>:50000;databaseName=<db-name>
Cassandra	jdbc:cassandra://<host>:9042;DefaultKeyspace=
Hive	jdbc:tibcosoftware:hive://<host>:10001;TransactionMode=ignore
Impala	jdbc:impala://<host>:21050/default
Redshift	jdbc:tibcosoftware:redshift://<host>:5439;databaseName=<db-name>;TransactionMode=ignore
SparkSQL	jdbc:tibcosoftware:sparksql://<host>:10000;TransactionMode=ignore
Salesforce	jdb- c-t- ibcosoftware:sforce://;SecurityToken=;TransactionMode=ignore;StmntCallLimit=1000;databaseName= [TMPDIR]/Salesforce

A.14.6 SQL Functions with TIBCO JDBC Drivers

As of JasperReports Server 5.6.1, TIBCO provides a set of JDBC drivers in the installed server. The TIBCO JDBC drivers are based on the Progress DataDirect Connect drivers and support a slightly different SQL syntax than the vendors' drivers. If you see errors like the one below when running reports or creating domains that use scalar functions, you'll need to modify your queries.

```
com.jaspersoft.commons.semantic.metaapi.MetadataException: Cannot execute JDBC Query.
java.sql.SQLException: [TIBCO][SQLServer JDBC Driver][SQLServer]Conversion failed
when converting the varchar value 'Assets' to data type int.
```

For example, the following query does not work with the TIBCO JDBC drivers:

```
SELECT account_id+account_description AS account_concat from account
```

The correct syntax for the TIBCO JDBC drivers is as follows:

```
SELECT {fn CONCAT(account_id,account_description)} AS account_concat from account
```

For more information, see the Progress DataDirect page on [scalar functions](#).

A.14.7 Enabling the TIBCO JDBC Drivers for Impala and Cassandra Data Sources

Starting in JasperReports Server 6.4, only one JDBC driver is enabled for each data source type by default. JasperReports Server uses the Simba JDBC drivers for Impala and Cassandra data sources by default. If you want to use the TIBCO JDBC drivers for Impala (`tibcosoftware.jdbc.impala.ImpalaDriver`) or Cassandra (`tibcosoftware.jdbc.cassandra.CassandraDriver`) data sources, you can modify the `.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-webapp.xml` file to make the drivers active.

To enable the TIBCO JDBC drivers for Impala and Cassandra data sources:

1. Open the file `../WEB-INF/applicationContext-webapp.xml` for editing.
2. Locate the `jdbctibcoConnectionMap` bean and find the following lines for the inactive Impala and Cassandra JDBC drivers:

```
<!-- entry key="impala">
  ...
</entry -->
...
<!-- entry key="impala">
  ...
</entry -->
```

3. Modify the lines as follows to enable the JDBC drivers in JasperReports Server:

```
<entry key="impala">
  ...
</entry>
...
<entry key="impala">
  ...
</entry>
```

4. Save the file and restart JasperReports Server.

A.14.8 JNDI Services on Apache Tomcat

If you have trouble with a JNDI connection, you need to look at the JNDI definition for your database on your application server. This section gives common issues with JNDI definitions on Apache Tomcat connecting to MySQL. If you use a different application server or database server, refer to its documentation.

A JNDI connection on Tomcat is defined in two different files. Make sure both have the following information:

- `<tomcat>/webapps/jasperserver[-pro]/META-INF/context.xml`

```
<Resource name="jdbc/<db-name>" auth="Container" type="javax.sql.DataSource"
maxActive="100" maxIdle="30" maxWait="10000"
username="<db-user>" password="<db-user-password>"
driverClassName="org.postgresql.Driver"
validationQuery="SELECT 1" testOnBorrow="true"
url="jdbc:mysql://<host>:3306/<database>?autoReconnect=true&autoReconnect
ForPools=true"/>
```

- `<tomcat>/webapps/jasperserver-pro/WEB-INF/web.xml`

```
<resource-ref>
<description>JNDI Example</description>
<res-ref-name>jdbc/<db-name></res-ref-name>
<res-type>javax.sql.DataSource</res-type>
<res-auth>Container</res-auth>
</resource-ref>
```

Also check the following points:

- Ensure the driver for your database connection is in the `<tomcat>/lib` folder.

- Ensure the database user has the privileges to run SELECT queries on the tables used in your reports. In some cases, additional permissions may be required to execute stored procedures, depending on your configuration and needs. For more information, see [A.14.4, “Database Permissions,” on page 256](#).
- If you installed JasperReports Server from a WAR file, Tomcat may have created a separate copy of context.xml in <tomcat>/conf/Catalina/Localhost/jasperserver-pro.xml. See the corresponding section in the troubleshooting appendix of the *JasperReports Server Installation Guide*.
- See the [Apache Tomcat documentation for JNDI data sources](#).
- For Oracle databases, you may need to specify additional parameters in the context.xml file. For example, in order to support in Oracle, add the following line:

```
driverClassName="oracle.jdbc.OracleDriver"
validationQuery="SELECT 1 FROM dual"
accessToUnderlyingConnectionAllowed="true"
```

A.14.9 JNDI Services on JBoss

After defining JNDI Services on the JBoss application server, JasperReports Server does not automatically detect the new services. To use the new JNDI services as data sources in the server, follow these steps:

1. Define and deploy a JNDI data source in the JBoss administrator console.
Ensure the database user in your JNDI definition has the privileges to run SELECT queries on the tables used in your reports. In some cases, additional permissions may be required to execute stored procedures, depending on your configuration and needs. For more information, see [A.14.4, “Database Permissions,” on page 256](#).
2. Modify the file <jboss>/webapps/jasperserver-pro/WEB-INF/web.xml to include a data source reference to this new JNDI service.
3. Modify jboss-web.xml to include a reference to this data source.
4. Because the deployment configuration files such as web.xml were modified, redeploy the JasperReports Server application.

Now you can define JNDI data source in the repository, as described in [4.4, “JNDI Data Sources,” on page 77](#).

A.14.10 JNDI Services on WebLogic

Follow these steps to configure JasperReports Server to use JNDI data sources with WebLogic:

1. Append the following definition to the <reference-descriptor> node of ../WEB-INF/weblogic.xml:

```
<resource-description>
  <res-ref-name>TestDatabase</res-ref-name>
  <jndi-name>jdbc/testDatabase</jndi-name>
</resource-description>
```

2. Append the following definition to ../WEB-INF/web.xml:

```
<resource-ref>
  <description>TestDatabase database</description>
  <res-ref-name>TestDatabase</res-ref-name>
  <res-type>javax.sql.DataSource</res-type>
  <res-auth>Container</res-auth>
</resource-ref>
```

3. In the WebLogic Admin Console, create a JNDI data source, in this example its JNDI name would be `TestDatabase`.
Ensure the database user in your JNDI definition has the privileges to run SELECT queries on the tables used in your reports. In some cases, additional permissions may be required to execute stored procedures, depending on your configuration and needs. For more information, see [A.14.4, “Database Permissions,” on page 256](#).
4. Restart the `jasperserver-pro` instance using the WebLogic Admin Console.

A.14.11 Creating a Data Source on SQL Server Using Windows Authentication

If your database is Microsoft SQL Server and you use Windows Authentication (also called Integrated Security), use the following procedure to create a data source.

1. Go to the [download page for Microsoft SQL Server JDBC Driver 3.0](#).
Do not use version 4.0 of this driver; it will not work.
2. Download and run the self-extracting executable: `1033\sqljdbc_3.0.1301.101_enu.exe`
3. Open the extracted folder `sqljdbc_3.0\enu\auth`, and then either the `x64` or the `x86` subfolder, depending on whether your version of Windows is 64-bit or 32-bit, respectively.
4. Copy the file `sqljdbc_auth.dll` to the folder your app server automatically searches for DLLs.
For Tomcat, this is the `<tomcat>\bin` folder.
5. Restart your app server.
6. Log into JasperReports Server as an administrator.
7. Select **Create > Data Source** from the main menu.
8. In the Type field, select **JDBC Data Source**. The page refreshes to show the fields necessary for a JDBC data source.
9. Enter a name and optional description for your data source.
10. From the dropdown field, select `com.microsoft.sqlserver.jdbc.SQLServerDriver`.
11. Enter the database hostname and database name of your SQL Server instance.
12. In the URL field, add the following string to the end of the generated URL:
`;integratedSecurity=true`
13. In the User Name field, enter any non-blank string you want, for example `none`.
14. In the Password field, enter any non-blank string you want, for example `none`.
15. Set the Time Zone and Save Location fields if necessary.
16. Click **Test Connection** and verify that the connection works.
17. Click **Save** to save the data source in the repository.

A.14.12 Upgrading Bean Data Sources

There was a change in the Spring configuration for JasperReports Server 6.0 which changes how some of the existing Spring beans are made accessible for use by other beans. This can break existing custom data sources. This change specifically affects beans which implement the interface `ReportDataSourceServiceFactory`.

Prior to release 6.0, if code in JasperReports Server accessed a bean of this type, it would get the actual instance of the Spring bean as configured in the Spring XML file, and it could be cast to the concrete class. In 6.0 and later, these beans were intercepted in order to implement the profile attributes feature, and instead of seeing the actual instance, other code would see a dynamic proxy instead of the actual bean.

Dynamic proxies are a Java feature which allows classes to be generated at run time that implement any interface that can be loaded on the classpath. The resulting object can be cast to any of those interfaces, but doesn't correspond to any concrete class. For more information:

<http://www.javaworld.com/article/2076233/java-se/explore-the-dynamic-proxy-api.html>

Since proxies can only represent interfaces, existing code that tries to cast the bean to a concrete class will break. Casting is usually done to get access to methods on a more specific class or interface. As long as the code is not casting the bean to a concrete class, it will work, so there are two ways to get around this problem:

- If the code needs to access methods on an existing interface, just do a cast to that interface, or inject the property using the existing interface, so no cast is needed.
- If the code needs to access methods that are not on an existing interface, simply create an interface with the methods needed, and have the target object implement that interface.

For example, let's say you have a bean with id `myBean` that needs to access the `JdbcDataSourceServiceFactory`, configured as follows:

```
<bean id="jdbcDataSourceServiceFactory" class="com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.
api.engine.jasperreports.service.impl.JdbcReportDataSourceServiceFactory">
...
</bean>
```

Where `myBean` has the following Spring configuration:

```
<bean id="myBean" class="example.MyBean">
  <property name="jdbcDSSF" ref="jdbcDataSourceServiceFactory"/>
</bean>
```

The following code worked before but will now cause an error:

```
public class MyBean {
    private ReportDataSourceServiceFactory jdbcDSSF;

    public ReportDataSourceServiceFactory getJdbcDSSF() {
        return jdbcDSSF;
    }

    // before 6.0, was called by Spring with the actual bean
    // 6.0 and after, is called with a dynamic proxy
    public void setJdbcDSSF(ReportDataSourceServiceFactory jdbcDSSF) {
        this.jdbcDSSF = jdbcDSSF;
    }

    public void doSomething() {
        // this code used to work, but now it will break
        ((JdbcReportDataSourceServiceFactory) jdbcDSSF).createService();
        ((JdbcReportDataSourceServiceFactory) jdbcDSSF).doSomethingElse();
    }
}
```

Because the first call is a method which is part of the `ReportDataSourceServiceFactory`, the cast is unnecessary; to fix it, just leave it out:

```
jdbcDSSF.createService();
```

In this example, `JdbcReportDataSourceServiceFactory` has a method called `doSomethingElse()`. This method is not part of any interface, but you can create an interface that includes it:

```
public interface MyDSSF extends ReportDataSourceServiceFactory {
    public void doSomethingElse();
}
```

`JdbcReportDataSourceServiceFactory` would need modification so that it implements this new interface:

```
public JdbcReportDataSourceServiceFactory implements MyDSSF {
    ....
}
```

You don't have to change the declaration in `MyBean` because Spring will generate a dynamic proxy implementing `MyDSSF`, but if you change the declaration, the code will be easier to understand because no casts will be necessary:

```
public class MyBean {
    private MyDSSF jdbcDSSF;

    public MyDSSF getJdbcDSSF() {
        return jdbcDSSF;
    }

    // called with a dynamic proxy which implements all needed interfaces
    public void setJdbcDSSF(MyDSSF jdbcDSSF) {
        this.jdbcDSSF = jdbcDSSF;
    }

    public void doSomething() {
        // no need to cast
        jdbcDSSF.createService();
        jdbcDSSF.doSomethingElse();
    }
}
```

A.14.13 SQLFeatureNotSupportedException Using TIBCO Drivers

When you use the TIBCO driver to connect to any database on WebSphere 7 or 8.5, you may see errors such as the following after a query, for example in the Ad Hoc editor. The query still performs correctly:

```
Stack Dump = java.sql.SQLFeatureNotSupportedException:
[DataDirect][Oracle JDBC Driver]Unsupported method:
Statement.setCursorName
```

This is a known error with the WebSphere Adapter(RRA) component. The error message appears in the log file, but it has no impact on functionality. The fix is currently targeted for inclusion in WAS fix pack 8.5.5.1. Please refer to IBM's Recommended Fixes for WebSphere Application Server page for delivery information.

A.15 Special Characters in Database Schemas

Some databases allow you to use spaces and special characters in their database schema. These spaces and symbols can thus appear in table names and column names. However, in order to define Domains, JasperReports Server relies on a restricted set of symbols. Databases having table names and column names with forbidden symbols will cause Domain errors and be unusable with Domains.

As of JasperReports Server 6.0, Domains allow the following symbols:

Symbols Allowed in Table Names	Symbols Allowed in Column Names
<space> @ # \$ % & _ /	<space> @ # \$ % & () _ [] : , + - /

These symbols have been tested with the following databases:

- SQL Server
- DB2
- PostgreSQL

A.16 Hadoop-Hive Reports Not Running

If you created a Hadoop-Hive data source in JasperReports Server 5.6 or earlier, it may not run when imported to a more recent version of the server, for example after an upgrade. The reason is the changes to the Hadoop-Hive connectors.

To update Hadoop-Hive data sources:

1. Create a new Hive data source using the same URL as the old Hadoop-Hive data source used by your reports. If you're using Cloudera 5, create a CDH 5 Hive-Impala data source. For all other hive servers, create a JDBC data source that uses the Hive JDBC driver. For instructions, see [4.8, “Hadoop-Hive Data Sources,” on page 87](#).
2. Update your Hadoop-Hive-based reports to use the new data source.
3. Delete the old, imported data source.

A.17 Cassandra Reports Not Running

The Cassandra architecture introduces some restrictions that other databases do not have. Certain filters such as is-one-of (IN), <, and > cannot be used with all fields. For example, you may see the following error:

```
Caused by: com.datastax.driver.core.exceptions.InvalidQueryException: Cannot use IN operator
on column not part of the partition key
```

Cassandra clusters use partition keys to split data between nodes, but this imposes a certain segmentation of the data. This segmentation is not compatible with all filtering, because it would be very inefficient. Therefore, the definition of the partition keys in your Cassandra schema limits you to certain comparison operations on certain fields.

In general you should avoid comparison operators other than strict equality in filters on Cassandra data sources. The Cassandra reference documentation recommends *not* using the IN comparison "under most conditions."

For more details, see the [Cassandra documentation of the SELECT WHERE clause](#) in CQL (Cassandra Query Language).

A.18 Reverting to the Old Home Page

JasperReports Server 5.5 introduced a new home page with more functionality and access to more features in the server. If your installation or customizations require the old home page with the large buttons, you can specify that the server use the old home page.

1. Open the `.../WEB-INF/flows/homeFlow.xml` file.
2. Locate the following line:

```
<view-state id="homeView" view="modules/home/home">
```

3. Replace the view value as shown in the following sample:

```
<view-state id="homeView" view="modules/old_home/home">
```

4. Restart the server or redeploy the JasperReports Server web app.

APPENDIX B LOCALIZATION

By default, JasperReports Server is presented in the English language (US version), but it supports other languages with translations that include data formats and resource bundles. Supported languages are Brazilian Portuguese, Chinese (Simplified), French, German, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish. The translations are included in your JasperReports Server instance by default; to view the application in a specific locale, select it on the login page.

If you need to support a language other than the supported ones, you can localize JasperReports Server, including translating it into a different language by providing labels and messages in the preferred language. For other locales, you may also need to change the default locale and time zone. This chapter describes the procedures and gives a few examples.

For information about localizing Topics, Domains, and reports, refer to the *JasperReports Server User Guide*.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- **Configuring JasperReports Server for Multibyte Fonts**
- **UTF-8 Configuration**
- **Changing Character Encoding**
- **Creating a Locale**
- **Configuring JasperReports Server to Offer a Locale**

B.1 Configuring JasperReports Server for Multibyte Fonts

Although translation packs for Chinese and Japanese ship with JasperReports Server, the fonts that it uses by default do not support those languages. Therefore, if your organization requires those fonts, you need to configure JasperReports Server for them.

While the fonts JasperReports Server uses are generally dictated by the JRXML files that define your reports, some font configuration is required for special circumstances. For example, you can configure Jaspersoft OLAP to offer different options in the **Chart Default Font** field in the Chart Options dialog. But note that, in order to use a font, the font must be available to the host's operating system. This section describes steps you may need to take, depending on the functionality you use and the locales you support.

The tasks in this section require you to edit these files:

File Name	Location	Purpose of Edits
jpivot_internal_messages.properties	.../WEB-INF/internal	Specifying chart fonts for Jaspersoft OLAP Community
Ja_pro_internal_messages.properties	.../WEB-INF/internal	Specifying chart fonts for Jaspersoft OLAP Professional and Enterprise
userConfig.xml	.../WEB-INF/jpivot/print	Embedding fonts in PDF

B.1.1 Enabling East Asian Fonts

The default configuration of the Java Runtime Environment (JRE) does not support East Asian fonts. If your locale requires such a font, you need to configure your users' computers for the fonts and update their JRE.

To configure a Microsoft Windows computer (XP and later) for East Asian fonts:



Details of this procedure vary, depending on your version of Windows.

1. In the Control Panel, click **Region and Language**.
2. In the Region and Language dialog, select the **Keyboards and Languages** tab.
3. On the tab, install the language(s) that you need.
4. If necessary, install the related keyboard modifications.
5. Close the control panel.
6. Locate the fontconfig.properties.src file in the C:\Program Files\- 7. In the file, locate the following line:


```
sequence.allfonts=alphabetic/default,dingbats,symbol
```
- 8. Change the line to include the East Asian fonts that you need, such as the following:


```
sequence.allfonts=alphabetic/default,dingbats,symbol,korean,japanese,chinese-  
ms936,chinese-ms950
```
- 9. At the end of the file, check to be sure that the fonts you selected are listed, as in the following:


```
filename.Gulim=gulim.TTC
```

If the fonts are not listed, add them.
- 10. Save and close the file.
- 11. Rename the file to fontconfig.properties in the file system.

B.1.2 Configuring Ad Hoc Charts for Asian Fonts

The default font for the legend of an Ad Hoc chart does not support some Asian characters, such as Japanese kana glyphs. Default fonts for Ad Hoc reports are defined in the following file:

Changing Ad Hoc Chart Legend Fonts		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/adhoc/themes/default.new.jrxml		
Property	Value	Description
style name= "ChartLegend" fontName=	"DejaVu Sans" <default> "SansSerif"	The default value, DejaVu Sans, does not include kana glyphs, and thus the legend contains blank symbols. If the server machine has system Japanese fonts available, setting the value to SansSerif should work in most Java font configurations.



After making changes to the default.new.jrxml file, you must rerun all Ad Hoc reports that contain Japanese characters for them to appear.

If Japanese fonts are not installed in the server machine, you can add it in the following manner:

1. Package a Japanese font as a font extension JAR.
2. Add the new JAR to the .../WEB-INF/lib folder of the JasperReports Server WAR file.
3. Edit the default.new.jrxml file as described above to specify the new font name.
4. Redeploy JasperReports Server or restart its app server.
5. Rerun the affected reports. Reports saved from Ad Hoc should now display correctly in the Report Viewer, but the corresponding view may not display chart legends correctly within the Ad Hoc Editor.

B.1.3 Configuring OLAP Options for Chart Default Fonts

If you implement Jaspersoft OLAP and support a locale with special font requirements, you can configure Jaspersoft OLAP to offer different options in the **Chart Default Font** field in the Chart Options dialog of the OLAP view. This may be necessary if you implement locales that Latin 1 doesn't support.

An OLAP view's Chart Options dialog includes the **Chart Default Font** field, which allows users to select the font to use in charts. The default options are SansSerif, Serif, and MonoSpaced. JasperReports Server reads these values from a properties file and attempts to map them to fonts available in the server host's operating system. You can configure the server to offer different fonts if these fonts don't support the locales you implement.

To change the Chart Default Font field's options:

1. Save the jpivot_internal_messages.properties file with a new name that reflects the new locale. For example, for Japanese, the new file would be called jpivot_internal_messages_ja.properties.

2. Open the new file and locate the following keys:

```
JAJ_000_jsp.jpivot.chartpropertiesform.sansSerif=SansSerif
JAJ_000_jsp.jpivot.chartpropertiesform.serif=Serif
JAJ_000_jsp.jpivot.chartpropertiesform.monospaced=Monospaced
```



If you are using Jaspersoft OLAP Community Edition, the name of the file and the keys that you edit are different. For the Community Edition, open the `jpivot_internal_message.properties` file and edit these keys:

```
jsp.wcf.chart.sansserif=SansSerif
jsp.wcf.chart.serif=Serif
jsp.wcf.chart.monospaced=Monospaced
```

3. Change one or more of the strings to the name of a font available in the host's operating system. For example, if you wanted to change the SansSerif font to the SimHei font, edit the value specified by `jsp.wcf.chart.sansserif`. For example:

```
jsp.wcf.chart.sansserif=SimHei
```

4. Save the file.
5. Restart JasperReports Server.

B.1.4 Embedding Fonts in PDF Output



By default, JasperReports Server can create PDF (Portable Document Format) files with many different fonts. However, if you experience font problems in the PDF output, you may need to take the steps described in this section to make the fonts available to JasperReports Server's XSL Formatting Object (XSL-FO) processor.

You must have distribution rights to a font in order to embed it in a PDF file.

When users save reports in PDF format, JasperReports Server generates the PDF output using Apache FOP (Formatting Objects Processor). In order for FOP to render fonts properly, you must install the font itself (for example, a TTF file) on the server host, create a font metrics file (using Apache's `org.apache.fop.fonts.apps.TTFReader` utility), and update the `userConfig.xml` file to associate the font with its metrics. For more information, refer to the [Apache FOP documentation](#).

You can embed any Unicode font using this procedure, though larger font files may have significantly larger memory footprints. To keep memory requirements small, we recommend you use the smallest font file you can, such as SimHei to support Chinese, Japanese, and Korean.

B.2 UTF-8 Configuration

JasperReports Server uses UTF-8 (8-bit Unicode Transformation Format) character encoding. If your database server or application server uses a different character encoding form, you may have to configure them to support UTF-8. This section provides information for configuring the character encoding for several application servers and database servers. If you use a different application server or database, and its default character encoding isn't UTF-8, you may need to make similar updates to support certain locales. For more information, refer to the documentation for your application server or database.

B.2.1 Tomcat

By default, Tomcat uses ISO-8859-1 (ISO Latin 1) character encoding for URIs, which is sufficient for Western European locales, but does not support many locales in other parts of the world.

If you plan to support locales that Latin 1 does not support, you must change Tomcat's URI encoding format.



If you chose the instance of Tomcat that is bundled with the installer, you don't need to make this change. The bundled Tomcat is preconfigured to support UTF-8. If you installed the WAR file distribution with your own instance of Tomcat and want to support UTF-8, follow this procedure.

To configure Tomcat to support UTF-8:

1. Open the `conf/server.xml` file and locate the following code:

```
<!-- Define a non-SSL HTTP/1.1 Connector on port 8080 -->
<Connector>
  port="8080" maxHttpHeaderSize="8192"
  maxThreads="150" minSpareThreads="25" maxSpareThreads="75"
  enableLookups="false" redirectPort="8443" acceptCount="100"
  connectionTimeout="20000" disableUploadTimeout="true"
</Connector>
```

2. At the end of this section, insert the following line before the closing tag:

```
URIEncoding="UTF-8"
```

3. For example, after your changes, the section might read:

```
<!-- Define a non-SSL HTTP/1.1 Connector on port 8080 -->
<Connector>
  port="8080" maxHttpHeaderSize="8192"
  maxThreads="150" minSpareThreads="25" maxSpareThreads="75"
  enableLookups="false" redirectPort="8443" acceptCount="100"
  connectionTimeout="20000" disableUploadTimeout="true"
  URIEncoding="UTF-8"
</Connector>
```

4. Save the file.
5. Restart Tomcat.

B.2.2 JBoss

Because JBoss uses Tomcat as its web connector, the configuration changes in [B.2.1, “Tomcat,” on page 269](#)) also have to be made for JBoss. The only difference is that the `server.xml` file is located in the Tomcat deployment directory, typically `server/default/deploy/jbossweb-tomcat55.sar`. Make the same configuration changes, then restart JBoss.

B.2.3 PostgreSQL

JasperReports Server requires PostgreSQL to use UTF-8 character encoding for the database that stores its repository as well as for data sources. A simple way to meet the requirement is to create the database with a

UTF-8 character set. For example, enter the following command:

```
create database jasperserver encoding='utf8';
```

B.2.4 MySQL

By default, MySQL uses ISO-8859-1 (ISO Latin 1) character encoding. However, JasperReports Server requires MySQL to use UTF-8 character encoding for the database that stores its repository as well as for data sources. The simplest way to meet the requirement is to create the database with a UTF-8 character set. For example, enter the following command:

```
create database jasperserver character set utf8;
```

To support UTF-8, the MySQL JDBC driver also requires that the `useUnicode` and `characterEncoding` parameters be set as in this startup URL:

```
url="jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/jasperserver?useUnicode=true&characterEncoding=UTF-8"
```

If the MySQL database is a JNDI data source managed by Tomcat, such as the JasperReports Server repository database, the parameters can be added to the JDBC URL in `.../WEB-INF/context.xml`. The following is a sample resource definition from that file:

```
<Resource name="jdbc/jasperserver" auth="Container" type="javax.sql.DataSource"
  maxActive="100" maxIdle="30" maxWait="10000"
  username="root" password="password" driverClassName="com.mysql.jdbc.Driver"
  url="jdbc:mysql://localhost/jasperserver?useUnicode=true&characterEncoding=UTF-8" />
```

JBoss ignores the `context.xml` file, instead requiring an XML file to define JNDI data sources in the deployment directory, which is typically `server/default/deploy`. The following is an example of a resource definition in one of those XML files:

```
<local-tx-datasource>
  <jndi-name jdbc/jasperserver />
  <connection-url>
    jdbc:mysql://localhost/jasperserver?useUnicode=true&characterEncoding=UTF-8
  </connection-url>
  <driver-class com.mysql.jdbc.Driver />
  <user-name jasperadmin />
  <password jasperadmin />
  <min-pool-size 5 />
  <max-pool-size 20 />
  <idle-timeout-minutes 0 />
  <metadata>
    <type-mapping MySQL />
  </metadata>
</local-tx-datasource>
```

If the database is a JDBC data source configured in the repository, change the JDBC URL by editing the data source in the JasperReports Server repository. The following is an example of the JDBC URL (note that the ampersand isn't escaped):

```
jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/foodmart_ja?useUnicode=true&characterEncoding=UTF-8
```

B.2.5 Oracle

Oracle databases have both a default character set and a national character set that supports Unicode characters. Text types beginning with N (NCHAR, NVARCHAR2, and NCLOB) use the national character set. All the text data used by the JasperReports Server repository (when stored in Oracle) is stored in NVARCHAR2 columns, so that JasperReports Server metadata can use the full Unicode character set. For more information about Unicode text support, refer to the [Oracle white paper \(PDF\)](#).

To work properly with Unicode data, the Oracle JDBC driver requires you to set a Java system property by passing the following argument to the JVM:

```
-Doracle.jdbc.defaultNChar=true
```

In Tomcat, add the variable to `JAVA_OPTS` in `bin/setclasspath.sh` (Linux) or `bin/setclasspath.bat` (Windows):

1. Locate the following line in the script:

```
Linux      # Set the default -Djava.endorsed.dirs argument
Windows    rem Set the default -Djava.endorsed.dirs argument
```

2. Add the following line before it:

```
Linux      JAVA_OPTS="$JAVA_OPTS "-Doracle.jdbc.defaultNChar=true
Windows    set JAVA_OPTS=%JAVA_OPTS% -Doracle.jdbc.defaultNChar=true
```

Because JBoss also uses `JAVA_OPTS` to pass options to the JVM, you can add the same line to `bin/run.sh` (Linux) and `bin/run.bat` (Windows). Add it before this line:

```
Linux      # Setup the java endorsed dirs
Windows    rem Setup the java endorsed dirs
```

B.3 Changing Character Encoding

Depending on the third-party software you use and the locales you support, you may also have to configure JasperReports Server and its host. The steps described in this section are necessary only under certain circumstances, such as if you plan to use a character encoding form that UTF-8 cannot handle.

To use a character encoding form other than UTF-8, you must configure JasperReports Server, your application server, and your database server.

B.3.1 Configuring JasperReports Server

To specify a different character encoding:

1. Open the `.../WEB-INF/applicationContext.xml` file and locate the following bean. It's configured for UTF-8:

```
<bean id="encodingProvider"
      class="com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.api.common.util.
      StaticCharacterEncodingProvider">
  <constructor-arg value="UTF-8" />
</bean>
```

2. Change "UTF-8" to the encoding type your database server and application server use. For example:

```
<bean id="encodingProvider"
      class="com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.api.common.util.
      StaticCharacterEncodingProvider">
  <constructor-arg value="UTF-16" />
</bean>
```

3. Save the file.
4. Restart JasperReports Server.

B.3.2 Configuring the Application Server and Database Server

If you want to use a character encoding other than UTF-8, you may need to configure the third party software that JasperReports Server relies on. For more information, refer to the documentation for your application server and database server. For Tomcat, you can specify a different character encoding by following steps similar to those described in [B.2.1, “Tomcat,” on page 269](#) and [B.2, “UTF-8 Configuration,” on page 268](#).

B.3.3 Configuration for Localized Analysis Schemas

If you plan to use localized OLAP views, you must take additional steps to configure JasperReports Server.

To configure JasperReports Server for localized OLAP views:

1. Every Unicode database that JasperReports Server interacts with (whether it's the repository database or a database accessed through a data source defined in JasperReports Server) must be created to support UTF-8. For example, to create the Foodmart database in PostgreSQL, you might give a command similar to the following:

```
create database foodmart_ja encoding='utf8';
```

2. The URL of any OLAP data source that JasperReports Server accesses must be properly configured in the `.../META-INF/context.xml` file. For example, the URL definition for the Foodmart sample database might be similar to the following:

```
<Resource name="jdbc/MondrianFoodMart_ja"
  auth="Container" type="javax.sql.DataSource"
  maxActive="100" maxIdle="30" maxWait="10000"
  username="postgres" password="postgres" driverClassName="org.postgresql.Driver"
  url="jdbc:postgresql://localhost:5432/foodmart_ja" />
```

3. Encoding options must be added to the JDBC connection string for any data source that points to an OLAP database. For example, when creating a data source in JasperReports Server that points to an OLAP database, use the following connection string:

```
jdbc:postgresql://localhost:5432/foodmart_ja
```

B.4 Creating a Locale

When you want to create other locales for JasperReports Server, translation is only one aspect of localization. Creating a locale includes these tasks:

- Translating labels and messages

- [B.4.2, “Creating a Resource Bundle,” on page 276](#)
- [B.4.3, “Setting Date and Datetime Formats,” on page 277](#)
- [B.4.4, “Setting Data Format Masks,” on page 277](#)

The tasks in this section require you to edit these files:

File	Location	Purpose of Edits
*.properties files	.../WEB-INF/bundles <js-install>/buildomatic/conf_ source/iePro/bundles	Translating labels and messages
jasperserver_ config.properties	.../WEB-INF/bundles	Changing date formats
adhoc_masks	.../WEB-INF/bundles	Changing format masks

B.4.1 About Properties Files

Resource bundles for JasperReports Server and Jaspersoft OLAP are Java properties files found in the .../WEB-INF/bundles directory. The properties files contain all the labels and messages used in JasperReports Server and Jaspersoft OLAP.

A bundle includes a default locale (for example, jasperserver_messages.properties), which is written in U.S. English. Then it consists of all the properties files with the same base name, but different locale (such as jasperserver_messages_fr.properties). Each file translates all of the strings of the default file into the language given by the locale. The Java programming language has rules for specifying locales and alternate locales and determining which locale in the bundle to use.

Default Resource Bundles in JasperReports Server	
File in .../WEB-INF/bundles	Description
accessibility_messages.properties	Text spoken in accessibility software such as screen readers.
AdHocFiltersBundle.properties	Labels and messages for the Ad Hoc Filters panel.
adhoc_masks.properties	Masks (data formats) for values appearing in the Ad Hoc Editor.
adhoc_messages.properties	Labels and messages for the Ad Hoc Editor.
AttributeBundle.properties	Messages for attribute validation.
AttributeBundles.properties	Messages for attribute dialogs.
calendar.properties	Labels and messages used by the pop-up calendar dialog.
.properties	.

Default Resource Bundles in JasperReports Server	
File in .../WEB-INF/bundles	Description
CommonBundle.properties	Bundle for tests.
createsldatasource_messages.properties	Labels and messages for the Create Domain dialog.
domain_designer_messages.properties	Labels and messages for the Domain Designer UI.
HomeBundle.properties	Labels for the new home page introduced in version 5.5.
image_descriptions_messages.properties	Labels and messages for the AWS (Amazon Web Services) machine images.
jasperreports_highcharts_messages.properties	Messages for charts in the report viewer.
jasperreports_messages.properties	Labels and messages for the report viewer.
jasperserver_config.properties	Configuration properties for dates and date-times.
jasperserver_messages.properties	Labels and messages used in the main JasperReports Server user interface.
jsexceptions_messages.properties	Messages used in errors and exceptions, both in the UI and in the log messages.
LicenseMessages.properties	Labels and messages used when validating licenses.
logger_descriptions.properties logger_descriptions_pro.properties	Internal log messages.
pro_nav_messages.properties	Labels and messages for the menu bar and old Home page.
querybuilder_messages.properties	Labels and messages for the Choose Data dialog (for creating a Domain Topic before using Ad Hoc Editor).
report_option_messages.properties	Labels and messages for the report options dialog.
ScalableInputControlsBundle.properties	Labels for lists of values in input controls.
scheduling_ws.properties	Validation messages for the report scheduler.

Default Resource Bundles in JasperReports Server	
File in .../WEB-INF/bundles	Description
security.properties	Messages used by input validation.
semanticLayer.properties	Labels and messages for the Domain designer and Ad Hoc data policies.
ValidationBundle.properties	Messages for dashboard dialogs.

Default Resource Bundles in Jaspersoft OLAP	
File in .../WEB-INF/bundles	Description
ja_mondrian.properties	Labels and messages in the OLAP settings UI.
ja-pro_messages.properties	Labels and messages in the commercial edition OLAP viewer.
jpivot_messages.properties	Labels and messages in the community edition OLAP viewer.
mondrian_exception_messages.properties	MDX validation error messages specific to the internal analysis engine.

The standalone import and export tools have their own bundles located outside of the web app. The following bundles are located in the WAR file distribution package, under the buildomatic folder.

Default Resource Bundles for js-export.sh and js-import.sh	
File in buildomatic/conf_source/iePro/bundles	Description
ji-export-messages.properties	Labels and messages for <code>js-export --help</code> .
multi-tenancy-export-messages.properties	Labels and messages for export in commercial editions.
multi-tenancy-import-messages.properties	Labels and messages export in commercial editions.
jsexceptions_messages.properties	Messages used in errors and exceptions, both in the UI and in the log messages.

If you use the JasperReports Server portlet to display JasperReports Server content in a portal (such as Liferay), the deployed portlet includes properties files, as well:

File	Location	Description
jaspersoft_portlet_message.properties	.../WEB-INF/bundles under the location where the portlet is deployed. For example: C:\liferay\webapps\<portlet_context_name>\WEB-INF\bundles (where <portlet_context_name> is the name specified when the JasperReports Server portlet was deployed).	Labels and messages that appear in the portlet, including the help text. Note that this does not include text in specific reports; to localize the report's content, you must upload its resource bundle to the repository.

B.4.2 Creating a Resource Bundle

Create a resource bundle by making a copy of each *.properties file, using the following syntax for the copy's file name:

```
<default_file_name>_<locale>.properties
```

where

<default_file_name> is the name of the default version of the properties file, and

<locale> is a Java-compliant locale identifier.

For example, consider the core JasperReports Server resource bundle. For various locales, it might be named as follows:

Language	File Name
Default (English)	jasperserver_messages.properties
French	jasperserver_messages_fr.properties
French in Switzerland	jasperserver_messages_fr_CH.properties

For a list of Java-compliant locales, please refer to the Java documentation.



The resource bundles described in this document consist of locale-specific Java properties files. Java properties files use the [ISO-8859-1](#) (Latin-1) encoding that is the same as ASCII for all English non-accented characters. For international characters that are not in ISO-8859-1, use Unicode escape sequences (for example \u00e9 is é).

To create a new JasperReports Server resource bundle:

1. Copy each of the properties files (keeping them in the same directory as the originals) and rename them according to your locale.
2. Translate each *.properties file's labels and messages into the new language.
Some of the strings in the properties files are date formats and format masks that may need to be edited for the new locale. For more information, refer to **B.4.3, “Setting Date and Datetime Formats,” on page 277.**
3. Save the files.

4. If the new locale requires specific character encoding or fonts, ensure that JasperReports Server and the third party software it relies on are configured to support them. For more information, refer to **B.1, “Configuring JasperReports Server for Multibyte Fonts,” on page 265.**



The new locale is not available in JasperReports Server until you follow the steps described in **B.5.1, “Specifying Additional Locales,” on page 279.**

B.4.3 Setting Date and Datetime Formats

Each locale may have its own rules for displaying dates and datetime values. System date and datetime formatting is controlled by four patterns that are specified in the `jasperserver_config_<locale>.properties` file associated with a particular locale.

For example in the English resource bundle, the four entries are:

```
date.format=dd-MM-yyyy
datetime.format=dd-MM-yyyy HH:mm
calendar.date.format=%d-%m-%Y
calendar.datetime.format=%d-%m-%Y %H:%M
```

The first two keys are used to parse and format dates and datetime values using an internal `java.util.DateFormat` object across the whole application. These patterns should be non-localized date patterns, in accordance with the Java Development Kit (JDK) syntax.

The other two keys are used by the calendar control, which formats the user-selected date and datetime values in accordance with its own pattern syntax.

To change the system date and datetime formatting for a new locale, edit the strings specified by these keys.

B.4.4 Setting Data Format Masks

Each locale may have its own format masks that determine how numbers appear in the Ad Hoc Editor. To make the data format masks vary by locale, you must create an `adhoc_masks` file for the new locale. To do so, copy the file `adhoc_masks.properties` to a new name that specifies the new locale and change the masks defined in the new file. For example, the French file would be named `adhoc_masks_fr.properties`.



The data format masks described in this section are used in the Domains and in the Ad Hoc Editor; they appear in Ad Hoc views as well as JRXML reports based on Domains. They're not applicable to Jaspersoft OLAP.

Customize the available data format masks for dates, integers, and decimals by editing the existing masking entries or adding new ones. The default entries are given in the following table:

Data Format Mask Properties	Appearance in en_US Locale
ADH_100_MASK_date_0 = short,hide ADH_100_MASK_date_1 = long,hide ADH_100_MASK_date_2 = short,medium ADH_100_MASK_date_3 = medium,medium	3/31/09 Mar 31, 2009 March 31, 2009 Mar 31, 2009 23:59:59
ADH_100_MASK_int_0 = #,##0 ADH_100_MASK_int_1 = 0 ADH_100_MASK_int_2 = \$#,##0; (\$#,##0) ADH_100_MASK_int_3 = #,##0; (#,##0)	-1,234 -1234 (\$1,234) (1234)
ADH_100_MASK_dec_0 = #,##0.00 ADH_100_MASK_dec_1 = 0 ADH_100_MASK_dec_2 = \$#,##0.00; (\$#,##0.00) ADH_100_MASK_dec_3 = \$#,##0; (\$#,##0)	-1,234.56 -1234 (\$1,234.56) (\$1,234)

The data format masks for each type are numbered consecutively from zero; create new masks by adding new entries. The keys of the new entries must follow the convention established in the default entries. For example, a new decimal data format mask might have this ID:

```
ADH_100_MASK_dec_4
```

Date format masks are implemented using `java.text.SimpleDateFormat` and JasperReports extensions that provide access to predefined localized data format masks. New datetime masks must be specified in one of the following formats:

- A style for the date part of the value and a style for the time part (separated by comma) or a single style for both parts. A style is one of Short, Medium, Long, Full, Default (which correspond to `java.text.DateFormat` styles) and Hide.
- A pattern that can be supplied to `java.text.SimpleDateFormat`. In this case, internationalization support is limited.

Both integer and decimal data format masks are implemented with `java.text.DecimalFormat`, which localizes characters in the format specification. For example, consider the case of the digit grouping symbol (thousands separator): in French, it is a space; in U.S. English, it is a comma. `DecimalFormat` handles both cases: if the number pattern `#,##0` is used, the number 6000 appears as 6 000 in the French locale and as 6,000 in the U.S. English locale.

For more information about Java's handling of decimal and date format masks, see:

- <http://download.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/java/text/DecimalFormat.html>
- <http://download.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/java/text/DateFormat.html>



By default, monetary values in Ad Hoc views are masked as USD (United States Dollars). Depending on your data, you may need to support a different currency, support more than one currency, or support currency conversion. These are three very different cases:

- Supporting a different currency than USD involves changing the monetary masks to use the correct symbol for your currency (for example, replace the \$ symbol in the `ADH_100_MASK_dec_2` and `ADH_100_MASK_dec_3` masks). However, changing this symbol does not actually convert currencies in your reports.
- Supporting other currencies in addition to USD involves adding new masks. However, adding data formats does not actually convert currencies in your reports.
- Supporting currency conversion is more complicated; you must consider such issues as fluctuations in conversion rates. Oftentimes, a third-party service can be used to perform currency conversion

B.5 Configuring JasperReports Server to Offer a Locale

After creating a locale, you must configure JasperReports Server to offer it to your users, along with any new time zones.

The tasks in this section require you to edit these files:

File Name	Location	Purpose of Edits
<code>applicationContext-security.xml</code>	WEB-INF	Specifying additional locales
<code>jasperserver-servlet.xml</code>	WEB-INF	Specifying additional time zones

B.5.1 Specifying Additional Locales

By default, JasperReports Server appears in the locale selected in the end user's browser. The Login page allows users to specify the locale they want to use. The list of available locales is defined in `applicationContext-security.xml`. Edit this file to add a new locale.

To add a new locale:

1. Edit the `applicationContext-security.xml` file and locate the bean named `userLocalesList`. For example:

```
<bean id="userLocalesList"
  class="com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.war.common.LocalesListImpl">
  <property name="locales">
    <list>
      <value type="java.util.Locale">en</value>
      <value type="java.util.Locale">fr</value>
      <value type="java.util.Locale">it</value>
      <value type="java.util.Locale">de</value>
      <value type="java.util.Locale">ro</value>
      <value type="java.util.Locale">ja</value>
      <value type="java.util.Locale">zh_TW</value>
    </list>
  </property>
</bean>
```

2. Add the new locale to the end of the list. For example, add the following line for Dutch (Java's nl_NL locale):

```
<value type="java.util.Locale">nl_NL</value>
```

3. Save the file.
4. Restart JasperReports Server, and log into the web application to test your translation. Reviewing the translated strings in context can help you improve your word choices.

For a list of Java-compliant locales, please refer to the Java documentation.

B.5.2 Specifying Additional Time Zones

By default, JasperReports Server assumes the user's time zone is that of the JasperReports Server host. The Login page allows users to choose a different time zone. The available list is defined in applicationContext.xml file.

To add a time zone:

1. Open the applicationContext.xml file and locate the `userTimeZonesList` bean. For example:

```
<bean id="userTimeZonesList"
      class="com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.war.common.JdkTimeZonesList">
  <property name="timeZonesIds">
    <list>
      <value>America/Los_Angeles</value>
      <value>America/Denver</value>
      <value>America/Chicago</value>
      <value>America/New_York</value>
      <value>Europe/London</value>
      <value>Europe/Berlin</value>
      <value>Europe/Bucharest</value>
    </list>
  </property>
</bean>
```

2. Add the new time zone to the bottom of the list. Specify each time zone as the standard Java time zone values so that JasperReports Server adjusts for daylight savings time when appropriate. For example, add the following line for Tokyo:

```
<value>Asia/Tokyo</value>
```

3. Save the file.
4. Restart JasperReports Server.

For more information about Java-complaint time zones, please refer to the Java documentation.

B.5.3 Setting a Default Time Zone

If you want JasperReports Server to use a time zone other than the host computer's, you can set a specific time zone in Java. It becomes the default time zone for all users, but they can still select a different time zone when they log in.

To set a default time zone, set the `user.timezone` property in the JVM as shown in the tables below. Locate the file containing JVM settings for your platform and application server. The value for the property must be a Java-compliant time zone, for example, `Europe/Bucharest`.

You must restart your application server for this setting to take effect. The time zone is set for all applications in your application server, including JasperReports Server.

JVM Settings for Default Time Zone			
Operating System	App Server	File	Setting
Windows	Tomcat	<apache-tomcat>\bin\setenv.bat	Add this line of code: <pre>set JAVA_OPTS=%JAVA_OPTS% - Duser.timezone=<timezone></pre>
	JBoss	<jboss>\bin\run.bat	
Linux	Tomcat	<apache-tomcat>/bin/setenv.sh	Add this line of code: <pre>export JAVA_OPTS="\$JAVA_OPTS - Duser.timezone=<timezone>"</pre>
	JBoss	<jboss>/bin/run.sh	
Both	GlassFish	<glassfish>/domains/domain1/config/domain.xml	Add this line of code to the <jvm-options> section: <pre>- Duser.timezone=<timezone></pre>

GLOSSARY

Ad Hoc Editor

The interactive data explorer in JasperReports Server Professional and Enterprise editions. Starting from a predefined collection of fields, the Ad Hoc Editor lets you drag and drop fields, dimensions, and measures to explore data and create tables, charts, and crosstabs. These Ad Hoc views can be saved as reports.

Ad Hoc Report

In previous versions of JasperReports Server, a report created through the Ad Hoc Editor. Such reports could be added to dashboards and be scheduled, but when edited in Jaspersoft Studio, lost their grouping and sorting. In the current version, the Ad Hoc Editor is used to explore views which in turn can be saved as reports. Such reports can be edited in Jaspersoft Studio without loss, and can be scheduled and added to dashboards.

Ad Hoc View

A view of data that is based on a Domain, Topic, or OLAP client connection. An Ad Hoc view can be a table, chart, or crosstab and is the entry point to analysis operations such as slice and dice, drill down, and drill through. [Compare OLAP View](#). You can save an Ad Hoc view as a report in order to edit it in the interactive viewer, schedule it, or add it to a dashboard.

Aggregate Function

An aggregate function is one that is computed using a group of values; for example, Sum or Average. Aggregate functions can be used to create calculated fields in Ad Hoc views. Calculated fields containing aggregate functions cannot be used as fields or added to groups in an Ad Hoc view and should not be used as filters. Aggregate functions allow you to set a level, which specifies the scope of the calculation; level values include Current (not available for PercentOf), ColumnGroup, ColumnTotal, RowGroup, RowTotal, Total

Analysis View

See [OLAP View](#).

Audit Archiving

To prevent audit logs from growing too large to be easily accessed, the installer configures JasperReports Server to move current audit logs to an archive after a certain number of days, and to delete logs in the archive after a certain age. The archive is another table in the JasperReports Server's repository database.

Audit Domains

A Domain that accesses audit data in the repository and lets administrators create Ad Hoc reports of server activity. There is one Domain for current audit logs and one for archived logs.

Audit Logging

When auditing is enabled, audit logging is the active recording of who used JasperReports Server to do what when. The system installer can configure what activities to log, the amount of detail gathered, and when to archive the data. Audit logs are stored in the same private database that JasperReports Server uses to store the repository, but the data is only accessible through the audit Domains.

Auditing

A feature of JasperReports Server Enterprise edition that records all server activity and allows administrators to view the data.

Calculated Field

In an Ad Hoc view or a Domain, a field whose value is calculated from a user-defined formula that may include any number of fields, operators, and constants. For Domains, a calculated field becomes one of the items to which the Domain's security file and locale bundles can apply. There are more functions available for Ad Hoc view calculations than for Domains.

CRM

Customer Relationship Management. The practice of managing every facet of a company's interactions with its clientele. CRM applications help businesses track and support their customers.

CrossJoin

An MDX function that combines two or more dimensions into a single axis (column or row).

Cube

The basis of most OLAP applications, a cube is a data structure that contains three or more dimensions that categorize the cube's quantitative data. When you navigate the data displayed in an OLAP view, you are exploring a cube.

Custom Field

In the Ad Hoc Editor, a field that is created through menu items as a simple function of one or two available fields, including other custom fields. When a custom field becomes too complex or needs to be used in many reports, it is best to define it as a calculated field in a Domain.

Dashboard

A collection of reports, input controls, graphics, labels, and web content displayed in a single, integrated view. Dashboards often present a high level view of your data, but input controls can parametrize the data to display. For example, you can narrow down the data to a specific date range. Embedded web content, such as other web-based applications or maps, make dashboards more interactive and functional.

Dashlet

An element in a dashboard. Dashlets are defined by editable properties that vary depending on the dashlet type. Types of dashlet include reports, text elements, filters, and external web content.

Data Island

A single join tree or a table without joins in a Domain. A Domain may contain several data islands, but when creating an Ad Hoc view from a Domain, you can only select one of them to be available in the view.

Data Policy

In JasperReports Server, a setting that determines how the server processes and caches data used by Ad Hoc reports. Select your data policies by clicking **Manage > Server > Settings Ad Hoc Settings**. By default, this setting is only available to the superuser account.

Data Source

Defines the connection properties that JasperReports Server needs to access data. The server transmits queries to data sources and obtains datasets in return for use in filling reports and previewing Ad Hoc reports. JasperReports Server supports JDBC, JNDI, and Bean data sources; custom data sources can be defined as well.

Dataset

A collection of data arranged in columns and rows. Datasets are equivalent to relational results sets and the `JRDataSource` type in the JasperReports Library.

Datatype

In JasperReports Server, a datatype is used to characterize a value entered through an input control. A datatype must be of type text, number, date, or date-time. It can include constraints on the value of the input, for example maximum and minimum values. As such, a datatype in JasperReports Server is more structured than a datatype in most programming languages.

Denormalize

A process for creating table joins that speeds up data retrieval at the cost of having duplicate row values between some columns.

Derived Table

In a Domain, a derived table is defined by an additional query whose result becomes another set of items available in the Domain. For example, with a JDBC data source, you can write an SQL query that includes complex functions for selecting data. You can use the items in a derived table for other operations on the Domain, such as joining tables, defining a calculated field, or filtering. The items in a derived table can also be referenced in the Domain's security file and locale bundles.

Dice

An OLAP operation to select columns.

Dimension

A categorization of the data in a cube. For example, a cube that stores data about sales figures might include dimensions such as time, product, region, and customer's industry.

Domain

A virtual view of a data source that presents the data in business terms, allows for localization, and provides data-level security. A Domain is not a view of the database in relational terms, but it implements the same functionality within JasperReports Server. The design of a Domain specifies tables in the database, join clauses, calculated fields, display names, and default properties, all of which define items and sets of items for creating Ad Hoc reports.

Domain Topic

A Topic that is created from a Domain by the Data Chooser. A Domain Topic is based on the data source and items in a Domain, but it allows further filtering, user input, and selection of items. Unlike a JRXML-based Topic, a Domain Topic can be edited in JasperReports Server by users with the appropriate permissions.

Drill

To click on an element of an OLAP view to change the data that is displayed:

- Drill down. An OLAP operation that exposes more detailed information down the hierarchy levels by delving deeper into the hierarchy and updating the contents of the navigation table.

- Drill through. An OLAP operation that displays detailed transactional data for a given aggregate measure. Click a fact to open a new table beneath the main navigation table; the new table displays the low-level data that constitutes the data that was clicked.
- Drill up. An OLAP operation for returning the parent hierarchy level to view to summary information.

Eclipse

An open source Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for Java and other programming languages, such as C/C++.

ETL

Extract, Transform, Load. A process that retrieves data from transactional systems, and filters and aggregates the data to create a multidimensional database. Generally, ETL prepares the database that your reports will access. The Jaspersoft ETL product lets you define and schedule ETL processes.

Fact

The specific value or aggregate value of a measure for a particular member of a dimension. Facts are typically numeric.

Field

A field is equivalent to a column in the relational database model. Fields originate in the structure of the data source, but you may define calculated fields in a Domain or custom fields in the Ad Hoc Editor. Any type of field, along with its display name and default formatting properties, is called an item and may be used in the Ad Hoc Editor.

Frame

In Jaspersoft Studio, a frame is a rectangular element that can contain other elements and optionally draw a border around them. Elements inside a frame are positioned relative to the frame, not to the band, and when you move a frame, all the elements contained in the frame move together. A frame automatically stretches to fit its contents.

Frame can also refer to an element in a legacy dashboard; it's the equivalent of a dashlet.

Group

In a report, a group is a set of data rows that have an identical value in a designated field.

- In a table, the value appears in a header and footer around the rows of the group, while the other fields appear as columns.
- In a chart, the field chosen to define the group becomes the independent variable on the X axis, while the other fields of each group are used to compute the dependent value on the Y axis.

Hierarchy Level

In an OLAP cube, a member of a dimension containing a group of members.

Input Control

A button, check box, drop-down list, text field, or calendar icon that allows users to enter a value when running a report or viewing a dashboard that accepts input parameters. For JRXML reports, input controls and their associated datatypes must be defined as repository objects and explicitly associated with the report. For Domain-based reports that prompt for filter values, the input controls are defined internally. When either type of report is used in a dashboard, its input controls are available to be added as special content.

Item

When designing a Domain or creating a Topic based on a Domain, an item is the representation of a database field or a calculated field along with its display name and formatting properties defined in the Domain. Items can be grouped in sets and are available for use in the creation of Ad Hoc reports.

JasperReport

A combination of a report template and data that produces a complex document for viewing, printing, or archiving information. In the server, a JasperReport references other resources in the repository:

- The report template (in the form of a JRXML file)
- Information about the data source that supplies data for the report
- Any additional resources, such as images, fonts, and resource bundles referenced by the report template.

The collection of all the resources that are referenced in a JasperReport is sometimes called a report unit. End users usually see and interact with a JasperReport as a single resource in the repository, but report creators must define all of the components in the report unit.

Jaspersoft Studio

A commercial open source tool for graphically designing reports that leverage all features of the JasperReports Library. Jaspersoft Studio lets you drag and drop fields, charts, and sub-reports onto a canvas, and also define parameters or expressions for each object to create pixel-perfect reports. You can generate the JRXML of the report directly in Jaspersoft Studio, or upload it to JasperReports Server. Jaspersoft Studio is implemented in Eclipse.

JasperReports Library

An embeddable, open source, Java API for generating a report, filling it with current data, drawing charts and tables, and exporting to any standard format (HTML, PDF, Excel, CSV, and others). JasperReports processes reports defined in JRXML, an open XML format that allows the report to contain expressions and logic to control report output based on run-time data.

JasperReports Server

A commercial open source, server-based application that calls the JasperReports Library to generate and share reports securely. JasperReports Server authenticates users and lets them upload, run, view, schedule, and send reports from a web browser. Commercial versions provide metadata layers, interactive report and dashboard creation, and enterprise features such as organizations and auditing.

Jaspersoft ETL

A graphical tool for designing and implementing your data extraction, transforming, and loading (ETL) tasks. It provides hundreds of data source connectors to extract data from many relational and non-relational systems. Then, it schedules and performs data aggregation and integration into data marts or data warehouses that you use for reporting.

Jaspersoft OLAP

A relational OLAP server integrated into JasperReports Server that performs data analysis with MDX queries. The product includes query builders and visualization clients that help users explore and make sense of multidimensional data. Jaspersoft OLAP also supports XML/A connections to remote servers.

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JavaBean

A reusable Java component that can be dropped into an application container to provide standard functionality.

JDBC

Java Database Connectivity. A standard interface that Java applications use to access databases.

JNDI

Java Naming and Directory Interface. A standard interface that Java applications use to access naming and directory services.

Join Tree

In Domains, a collection of joined tables from the actual data source. A join is the relational operation that associates the rows of one table with the rows of another table based on a common value in given field of each table. Only the fields in a same join tree or calculated from the fields in a same join tree may appear together in a report.

JPivot

An open source graphical user interface for OLAP operations. For more information, visit <http://jpivot.sourceforge.net/>.

JRXML

An XML file format for saving and sharing reports created for the JasperReports Library and the applications that use it, such as Jaspersoft Studio and JasperReports Server. JRXML is an open format that uses the XML standard to define precisely all the structure and configuration of a report.

Level

Specifies the scope of an aggregate function in an Ad Hoc view. Level values include Current (not available for PercentOf), ColumnGroup, ColumnTotal, RowGroup, RowTotal, Total.

MDX

Multidimensional Expression Language. A language for querying multidimensional objects, such as OLAP (On Line Analytical Processing) cubes, and returning cube data for analytical processing. An MDX query is the query that determines the data displayed in an OLAP view.

Measure

Depending on the context:

- In a report, a formula that calculates the values displayed in a table's columns, a crosstab's data values, or a chart's dependent variable (such as the slices in a pie).
- In an OLAP view, a formula that calculates the facts that constitute the quantitative data in a cube.

Mondrian

A Java-based, open source multidimensional database application.

Mondrian Connection

An OLAP client connection that consists of an OLAP schema and a data source. OLAP client connections populate OLAP views.

Mondrian Schema Editor

An open source Eclipse plug-in for creating Mondrian OLAP schemas.

Mondrian XML/A Source

A server-side XML/A source definition of a remote client-side XML/A connection used to populate an OLAP view using the XML/A standard.

MySQL

An open source relational database management system. For information, visit <http://www.mysql.com/>.

Navigation Table

The main table in an OLAP view that displays measures and dimensions as columns and rows.

ODBO Connect

Jaspersoft ODBO Connect enables Microsoft Excel 2003 and 2007 Pivot Tables to work with Jaspersoft OLAP and other OLAP servers that support the XML/A protocol. After setting up the Jaspersoft ODBO data source, business analysts can use Excel Pivot Tables as a front-end for OLAP analysis.

OLAP

On Line Analytical Processing. Provides multidimensional views of data that help users analyze current and past performance and model future scenarios.

OLAP Client Connection

A definition for retrieving data to populate an OLAP view. An OLAP client connection is either a direct Java connection (Mondrian connection) or an XML-based API connection (XML/A connection).

OLAP Schema

A metadata definition of a multidimensional database. In Jaspersoft OLAP, schemas are stored in the repository as XML file resources.

OLAP View

Also called an analysis view. A view of multidimensional data that is based on an OLAP client connection and an MDX query. Unlike Ad Hoc views, you can directly edit an OLAP view's MDX query to change the data and the way they are displayed. An OLAP view is the entry point for advanced analysis users who want to write their own queries. [Compare Ad Hoc View.](#)

Organization

A set of users that share folders and resources in the repository. An organization has its own user accounts, roles, and root folder in the repository to securely isolate it from other organizations that may be hosted on the same instance of JasperReports Server.

Organization Admin

Also called the organization administrator. A user in an organization with the privileges to manage the organization's user accounts and roles, repository permissions, and repository content. An organization admin can also create suborganizations and manage all of their accounts, roles, and repository objects. The default organization admin in each organization is the `jasperadmin` account.

Outlier

A fact that seems incongruous when compared to other member's facts. For example, a very low sales figure or a very high number of help desk tickets. Such outliers may indicate a problem (or an important achievement) in your business. The analysis features of Jaspersoft OLAP excel at revealing outliers.

Parameter

Named values that are passed to the engine at report-filling time to control the data returned or the appearance and formatting of the report. A report parameter is defined by its name and type. In JasperReports Server, parameters can be mapped to input controls that users can interact with.

Pivot

To rotate a crosstab such that its row groups become column groups and its column groups become rows. In the Ad Hoc Editor, pivot a crosstab by clicking .

Pivot Table

A table with two physical dimensions (for example, X and Y axis) for organizing information containing more than two logical dimensions (for example, PRODUCT, CUSTOMER, TIME, and LOCATION), such that each physical dimension is capable of representing one or more logical dimensions, where the values described by the dimensions are aggregated using a function such as SUM. Pivot tables are used in Jaspersoft OLAP.

Properties

Settings associated with an object. The settings determine certain features of the object, such as its color and label. Properties are normally editable. In Java, properties can be set in files listing objects and their settings.

Report

In casual usage, *report* may refer to:

- A JasperReport. [See JasperReport.](#)
- The main JRXML in a JasperReport.
- The file generated when a JasperReport is scheduled. Such files are also called content resources or output files.
- The file generated when a JasperReport is run and then exported.
- In previous JasperReports Server versions, a report created in the Ad Hoc Editor. [See Ad Hoc Report.](#)

Report Run

An execution of a report, Ad Hoc view, or dashboard, or a view or dashboard designer session, it measures and limits usage of Freemium instances of JasperReports Server. The executions apply to resources no matter how they are run (either in the web interface or through the various APIs, such as REST web services). Users of our Community Project and our full-use commercial licenses are not affected by the limit. For more information, please contact sales@jaspersoft.com.

Repository

The tree structure of folders that contain all saved reports, dashboards, OLAP views, and resources. Users access the repository through the JasperReports Server web interface or through Jaspersoft Studio. Applications can access the repository through the web service API. Administrators use the import and export utilities to back up the repository contents.

Resource

In JasperReports Server, anything residing in the repository, such as an image, file, font, data source, Topic, Domain, report element, saved report, report output, dashboard, or OLAP view. Resources also include the folders in the repository. Administrators set user and role-based access permissions on repository resources to establish a security policy.

Role

A security feature of JasperReports Server. Administrators create named roles, assign them to user accounts, and then set access permissions to repository objects based on those roles. Certain roles also determine what functionality and menu options are displayed to users in the JasperReports Server interface.

Schema

A logical model that determines how data is stored. For example, the schema in a relational database is a description of the relationships between tables, views, and indexes. In Jaspersoft OLAP, an OLAP schema is the logical model of the data that appears in an OLAP view; they are uploaded to the repository as resources. For Domains, schemas are represented in XML design files.

Schema Workbench

A graphical tool for easily designing OLAP schemas, data security schemas, and MDX queries. The resulting cube and query definitions can then be used in Jaspersoft OLAP to perform simple but powerful analysis of large quantities of multi-dimensional data stored in standard RDBMS systems.

Set

In Domains and Domain Topics, a named collection of items grouped together for ease of use in the Ad Hoc Editor. A set can be based on the fields in a table or entirely defined by the Domain creator, but all items in a set must originate in the same join tree. The order of items in a set is preserved.

Slice

An OLAP operation for filtering data rows.

SQL

Structured Query Language. A standard language used to access and manipulate data and schemas in a relational database.

System Admin

Also called the system administrator. A user who has unlimited access to manage all organizations, users, roles, repository permissions, and repository objects across the entire JasperReports Server instance. The system admin can create root-level organizations and manage all server settings. The default system admin is the `superuser` account.

Topic

A JRXML file created externally and uploaded to JasperReports Server as a basis for Ad Hoc reports. Topics are created by business analysts to specify a data source and a list of fields with which business users can create reports in the Ad Hoc Editor. Topics are stored in the Ad Hoc Components folder of the repository and displayed when a user launches the Ad Hoc Editor.

Transactional Data

Data that describe measurable aspects of an event, such as a retail transaction, relevant to your business. Transactional data are often stored in relational databases, with one row for each event and a table column or field for each measure.

User

Depending on the context:

- A person who interacts with JasperReports Server through the web interface. There are generally three categories of users: administrators who install and configure JasperReports Server, database experts or business analysts who create data sources and Domains, and business users who create and view reports and dashboards.

- A user account that has an ID and password to enforce authentication. Both people and API calls accessing the server must provide the ID and password of a valid user account. Roles are assigned to user accounts to determine access to objects in the repository.

View

Several meanings pertain to JasperReports Server:

- An Ad Hoc view. [See Ad Hoc View.](#)
- An OLAP view. [See OLAP View.](#)
- A database view. See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/View_%28database%29.

Virtual Data Source

A virtual data source allows you to combine data residing in multiple JDBC and/or JNDI data sources into a single data source that can query the combined data. Once you have created a virtual data source, you create Domains that join tables across the data sources to define the relationships between the data sources.

WCF

Web Component Framework. A low-level GUI component of JPivot. For more information, see <http://jpivot.sourceforge.net/wcf/index.html>.

Web Services

A SOAP (Simple Object Access Protocol) API that enables applications to access certain features of JasperReports Server. The features include repository, scheduling and user administration tasks.

XML

eXtensible Markup language. A standard for defining, transferring, and interpreting data for use across any number of XML-enabled applications.

XML/A

XML for Analysis. An XML standard that uses Simple Object Access protocol (SOAP) to access remote data sources. For more information, see <http://www.xmla.org/>.

XML/A Connection

A type of OLAP client connection that consists of Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) definitions used to access data on a remote server. OLAP client connections populate OLAP views.

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