

*ReportViewer Questions: Is it me, or is writing reports in the ReportViewer component really a pain in the ***?*

No, it's not you. The ReportViewer component takes some getting used to and in it's current state it is not too easy to create reports in. It is like a crippled version of the much better report creator that is installed with Reporting Services client tools.

It works the same but the biggest drawback is that you can not preview reports on the fly. You have to compile and build your application and then view the report in the application. Microsoft's logic behind this is that they had to take this functionality out in order to gain a higher level of abstraction. The higher level of abstraction being the ability to link to any type of dataset. Now my developer side agrees with this and thinks it's a cool feature but the part of me that has to create reports screams bloody murder.

So if you are a report writer, stick with the Reporting Services add in (if you have it) and let the developer deal with converting your file to work with the ReportViewer component.

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