SAP Report Painter

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INTRODUCTION

Report painter is the main tool for defining reports in the information system in controlling module.

All of the controlling reports (Cost center accounting, internal orders and profit center accounting) are created using report painter. You can also create reports in FI.

With Report Painter you can define reports quickly and easily across rows and columns.

You can use standard reports delivered by SAP as a base, copy them and do minor modifications, so as to suit your requirement.

Very often it is felt that the standard reports delivered by SAP do not meet the user's requirement. Therefore you need to create new reports.

Scenario:

A Ltd. is allocating cost using distribution cycle for allocating cost between cost centers. If you recollect from what we learnt in the Cost center accounting configuration book distribution is a method of allocation which uses the original cost element for allocation between cost center.

The canteen cost center (1000) incurs various cost which are shown below under debit. This cost is allocated to the Admin cost center (1001) 40%, Engineering cost center (1002) 60%.

Canteen cost center 1000

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Engineering cost center incurs costs on Salaries and wages 200,000, spare parts etc (300,000). Further it receives cost from allocation from the Canteen cost center (60% broken down into Salaries & Wages 60,000 Groceries 240,000

• Engineering cost center 1002

Debit	\$	Credit	\$
450001 Salarias & Wa	gas 260 000		
450001 Salaries & Wa (200,000 +60,000			
460100 Groceries	240,000		
470100 Spare parts	300,000		
	800,000		

If you see above in the engineering cost center (which is the receiver cost center) the salaries costs have got merged 260,000 (Cost incurred by it 200,000 which is a primary cost and cost received from the engineering cost center 60,000 which is a secondary cost center)

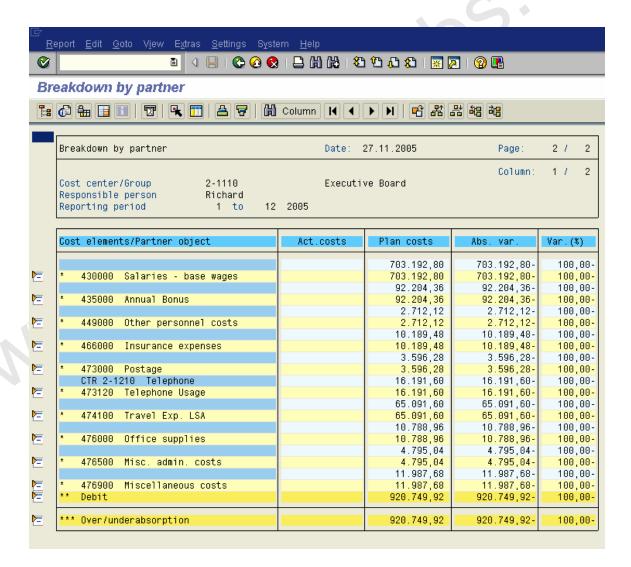
You are not able to see the above break up.

In SAP, a standard report is available which tries to give a break up.

The name of the transaction code is:

S_ALR_87013615 - Cost Centers: Breakdown by Partner

The output of the report looks like this:-



The above report shows cost on the receiver cost center.

It shows its own cost and cost center received from other cost center.

If you notice all the cost elements are just showing blank blue lines. Whereas under Telephone you find CTR 2-1210 which is the sending cost center.

If you notice the report is very difficult to distinguish the primary and secondary costs.

The user wants to see them in columnar form primary and secondary costs.

Therefore we develop a new report for the user.

We will see how to go about creating the new report

1. Libraries

Libraries is a base (or transfer structure) for Report Painter. In a Library you use a report table, which is defaulted by SAP and cannot be maintained. The Library provides a logical view of various database tables and includes all characteristics, key figures, and predefined columns.

In Cost Center Accounting, table **CCSS** is used as the transfer structure.

In a library, you collect the characteristics, key figures, and predefined columns from the report table, which you need for your Report Painter reports. The table name is stored in the header of each library.

The fields from these libraries are used in creation of a report.

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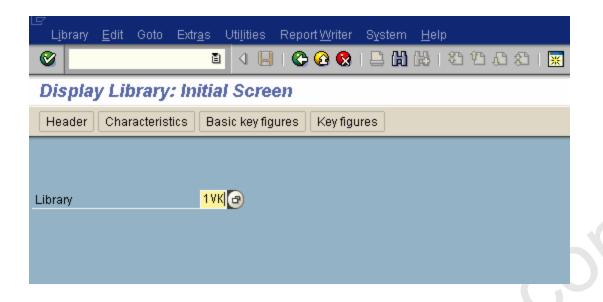
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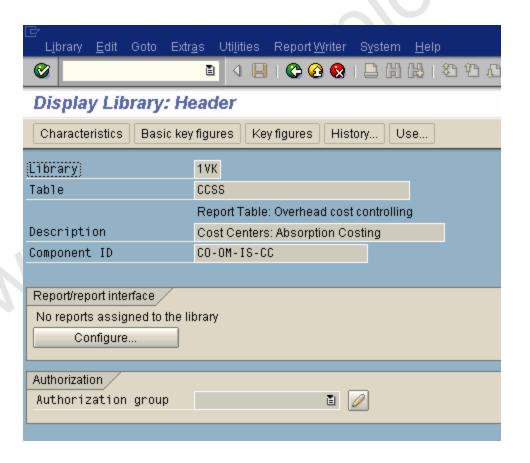
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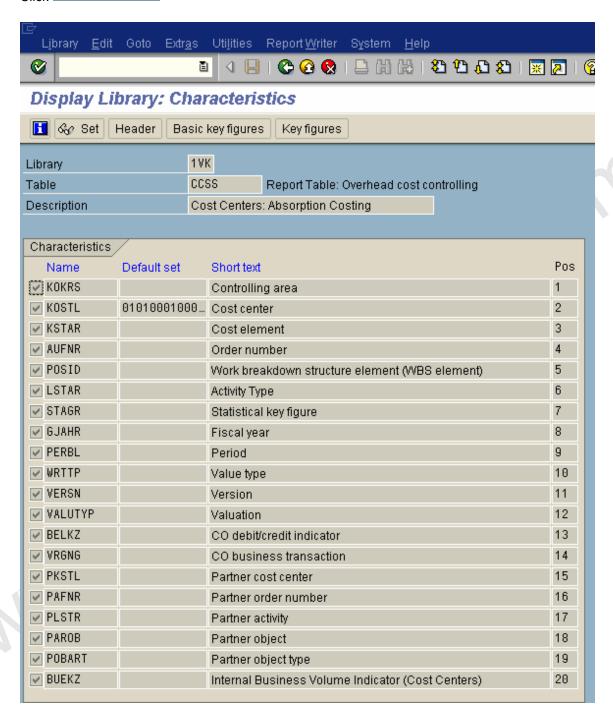
Let us see the Library 1VK which we are going to use for creating a report:-

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Characteristics are non-numerical fields. They represent criteria, by which you can select data records. Examples of characteristics are the controlling area and fiscal year.

Important Characteristics:

Controlling Area (KOKRS)

Fiscal Year (GJAHR)

Period (PERBL)

Cost Element (KSTAR)

Cost Center (KOSTL)

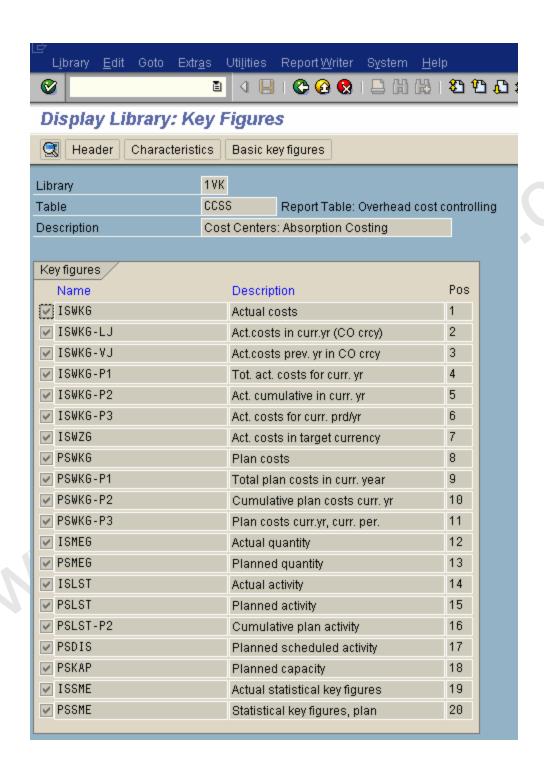
Activity Type (LSTAR)

Statistical Key Figure (STAGR)

Value Type (WTTP): Indicator for distinguishing different value categories (such as actual costs, plan costs, target costs and so on) in database tables.

Version (VRSN): year-dependent indicators for plan data

Debit/Credit Indicator (CO): Indicator used to distinguish debit and credit postings in CO.



What are Key figures?

Key figures are numeric fields, which can be evaluated in a report. Examples include overall costs and activity quantities.

Key Figures:

Costs (SWKG): The controlling area currency is the currency used for cost accounting in CO.

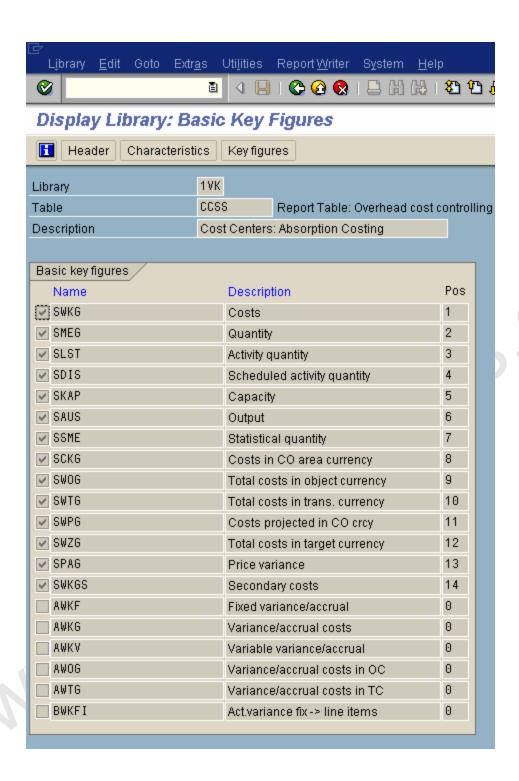
Costs in Object Currency (SWOG): The object currency is the currency defined in the master record of a Controlling object

Costs in Transaction Currency (SWTG): The transaction currency is the currency in which the given documents are posted.

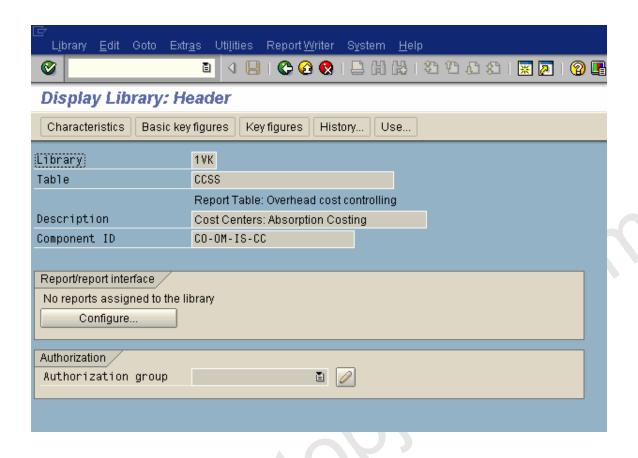
Activity Quantity (SLST): Posted quantities for activity types

Statistical Quantity (SSME): Posted quantities for statistical key figures

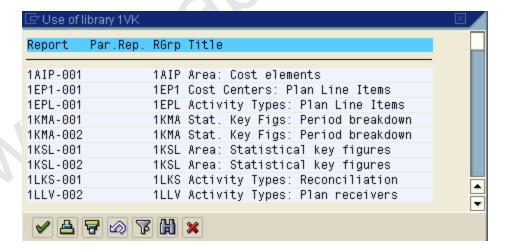
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Predefined columns consist of a key figure and one or more characteristics. They are used for the fast definition of frequently-used columns. Examples include total actual costs for the current fiscal year or plan fixed costs for the previous fiscal year.

The standard reports delivered with Cost Center Accounting are summarized in the following libraries:-

1VK library - Full cost methods

1GK library - Marginal cost

1AB library - Variance analyses

Standard Naming Procedure of Library:-

0	For SAP internal use only
1	Cost Center Accounting
2	LIS
3	LIS
4	FI-LC
5	Reconciliation Ledger
6	Overhead Orders and Project Mgmt
7	Product cost controlling
8	Profit center accounting
9	Activity Based costing

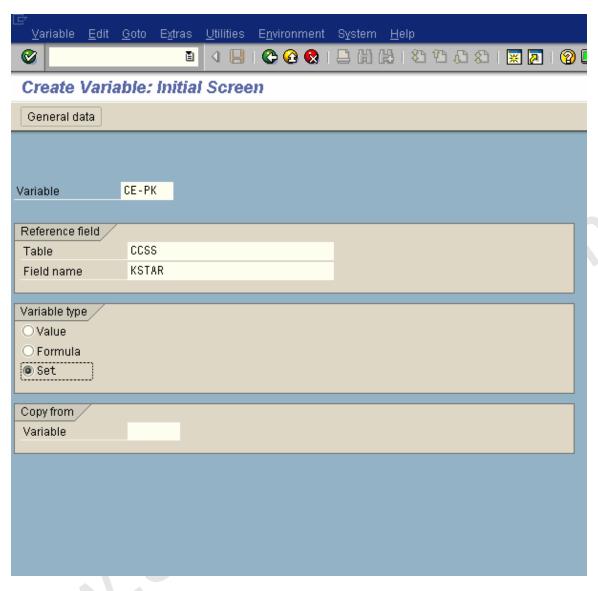
You can establish your own naming conventions for object names that do not begin with a numeral to create a Library.

2. Create Variable

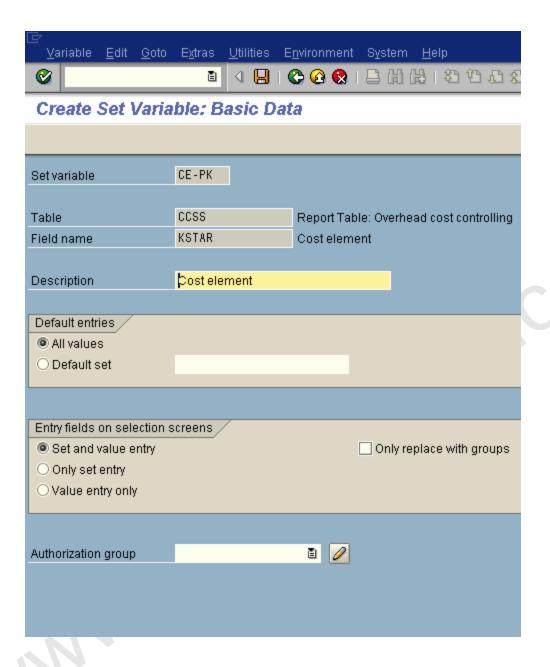
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We will create a variable for cost element group group CL. Cost element group CL is a grouping of all cost elements grouped according to logical grouping. Revenues, Salaries & Wages, Logistical costs, Admin costs.

This cost element grouping will be in used in the report so as to show the grouping of costs. If you do not require any grouping of cost elements you need not create any variable.



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3. Create Report

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Report Painter functions similar to Report Writer, but is easier to use. Most of the functions found in Report Writer have been built into Report Painter; however, you do not need to be familiar with all Report Writer concepts such as Sets in order to use Report Painter.

Report Painter uses a graphical report structure, which forms the basis for your report definition and displays the rows and columns as they appear in the final report output.

Advantages of Report Painter are:-

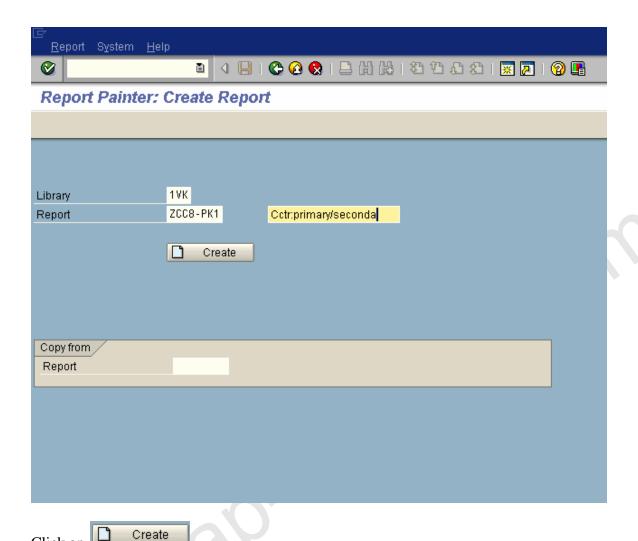
Flexible and simple report definition

Report definition without using sets

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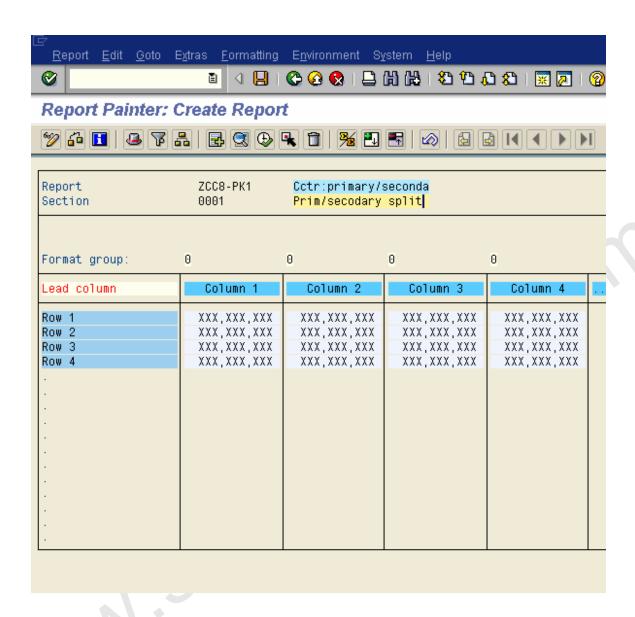
Direct layout control: The report rows and columns are displayed for your report definition just as they appear in the final report output. This makes test runs unnecessary.

Let us now create a report in the report painter.

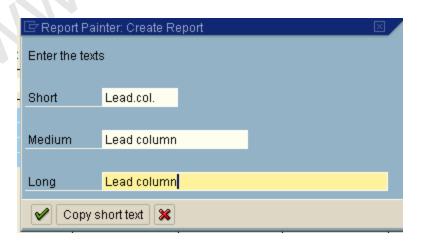


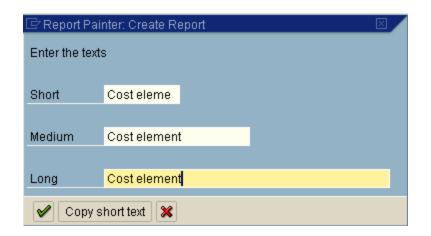
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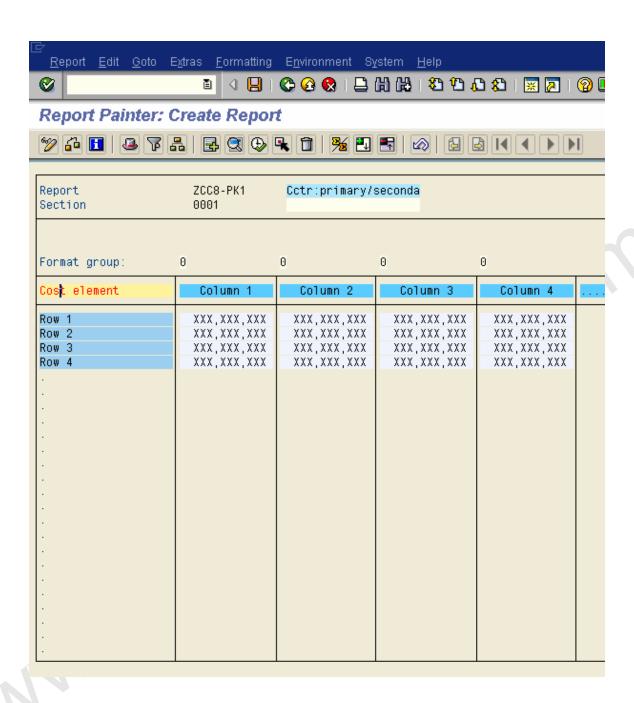
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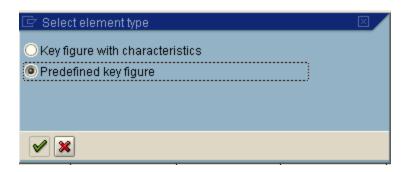


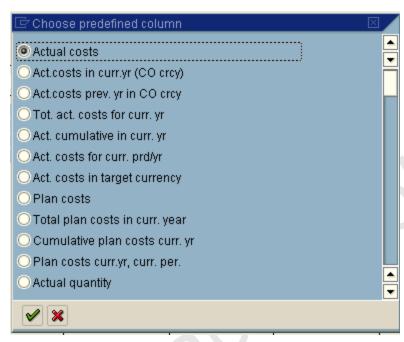


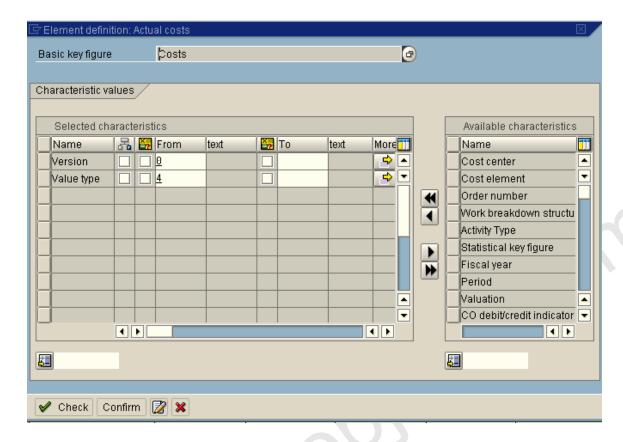


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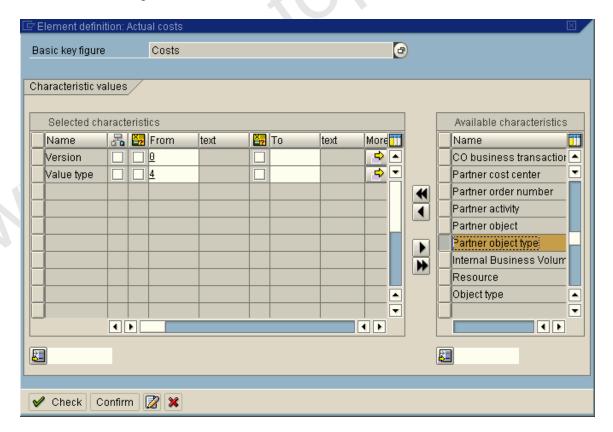
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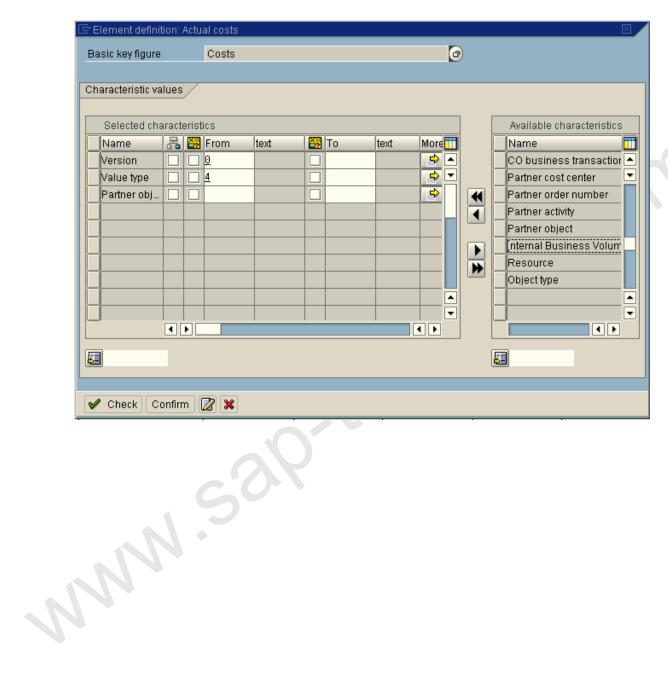




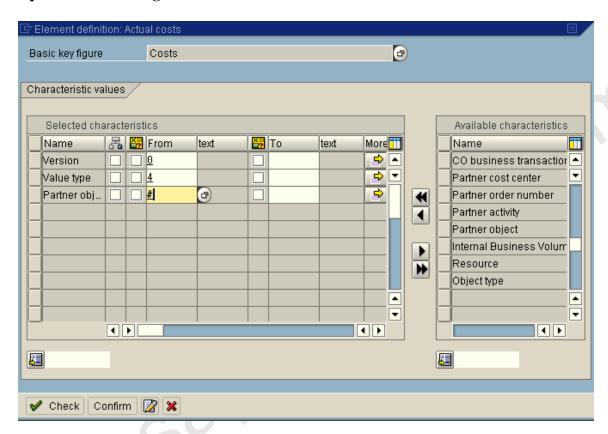
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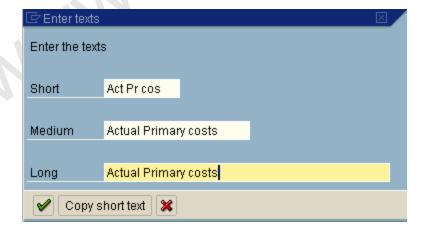




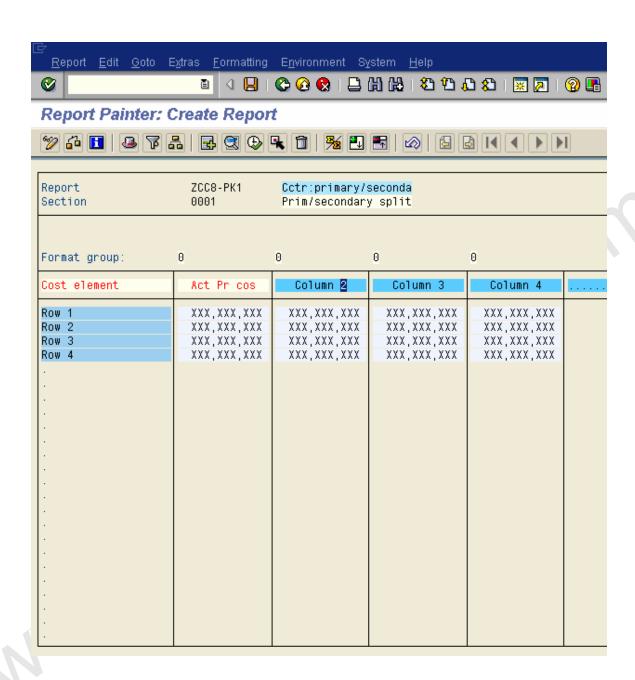
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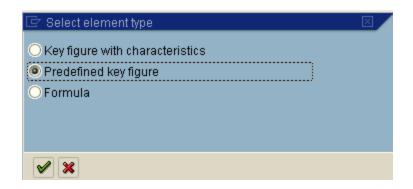


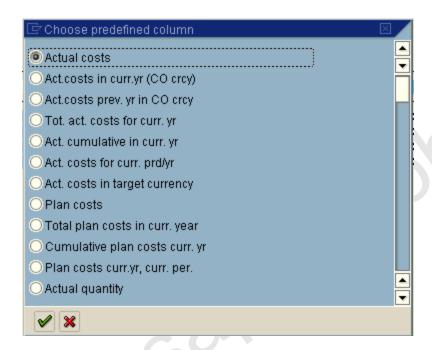
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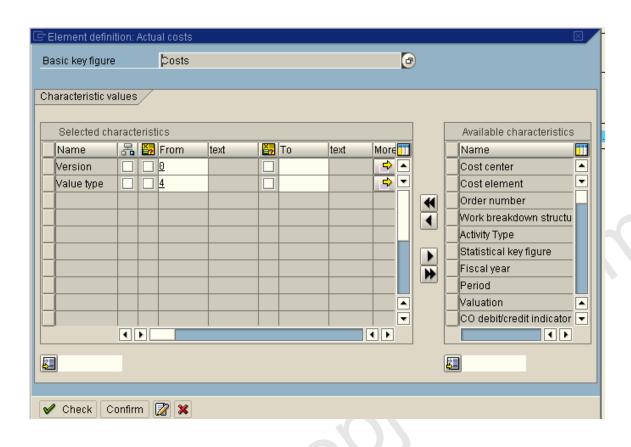
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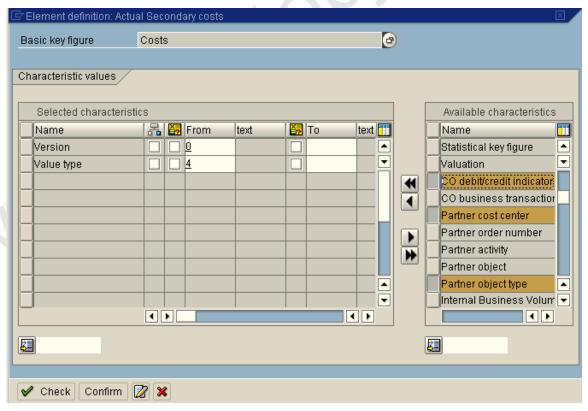
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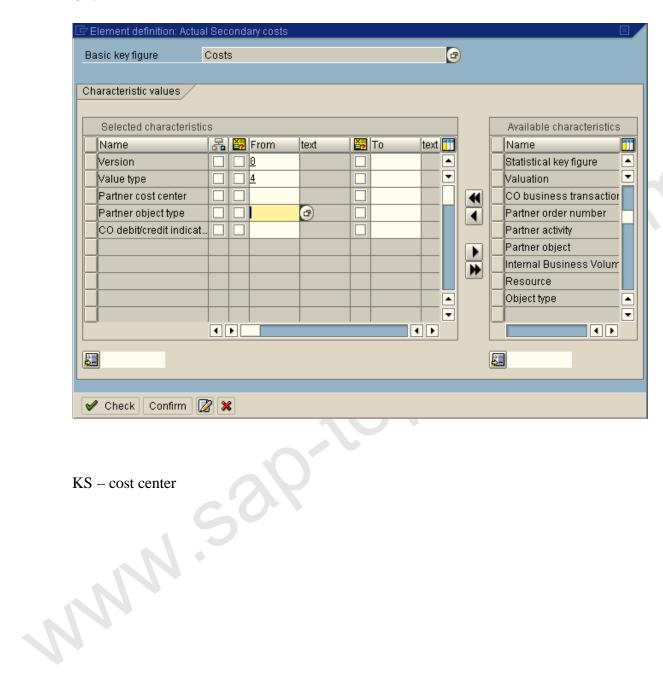


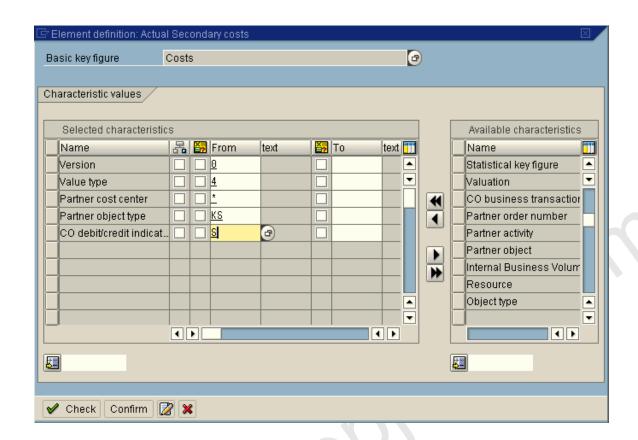


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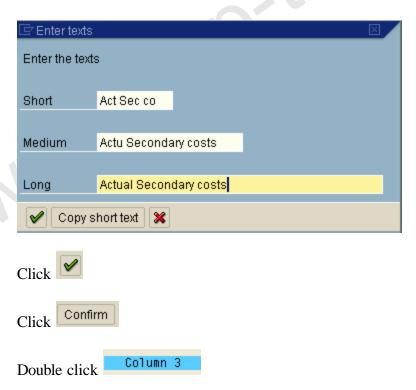


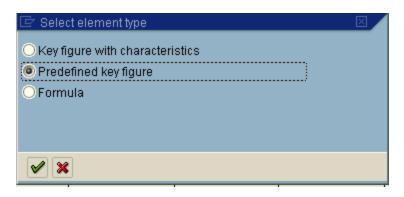


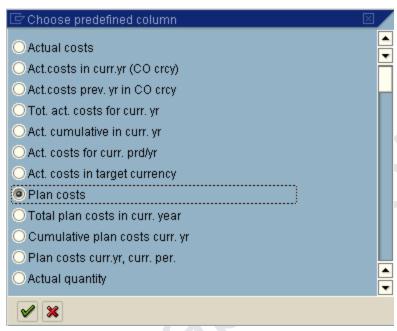


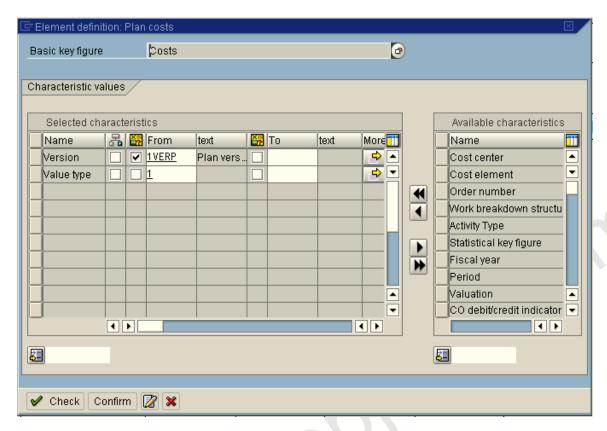








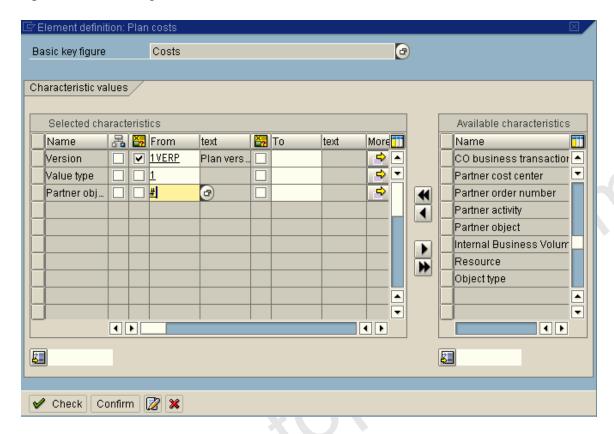




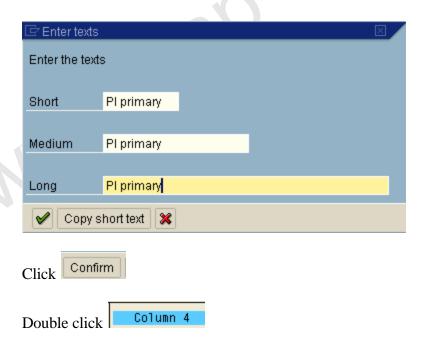
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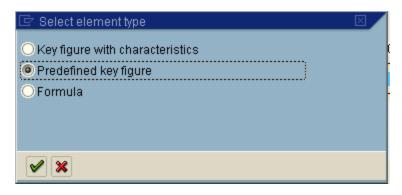
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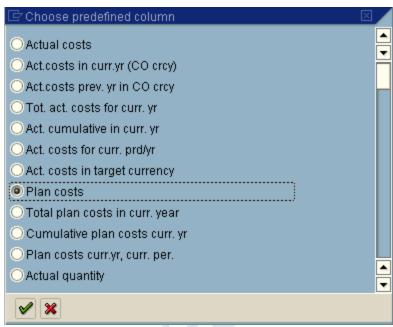
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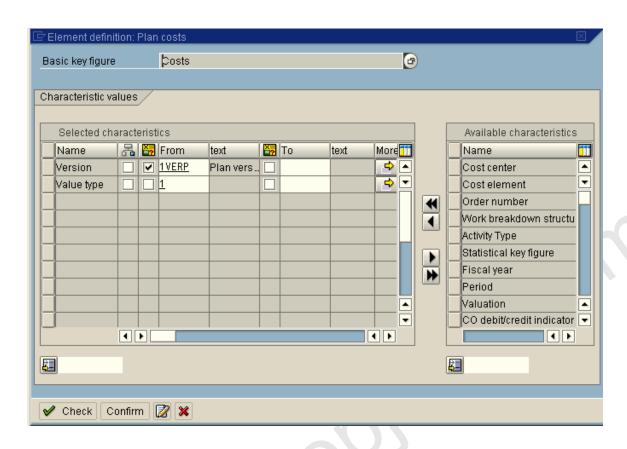


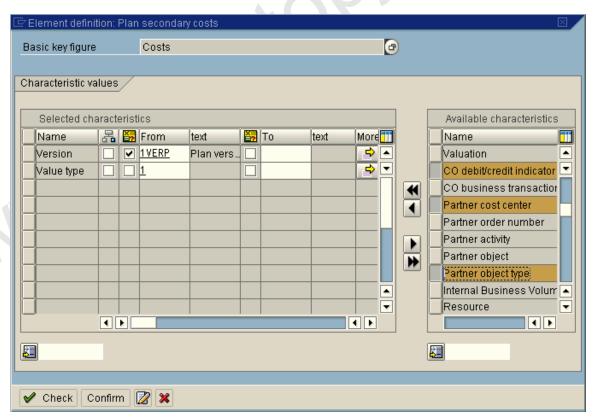
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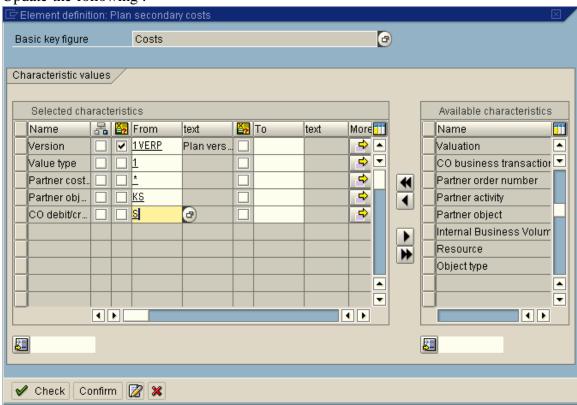




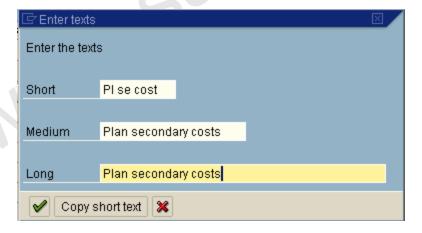




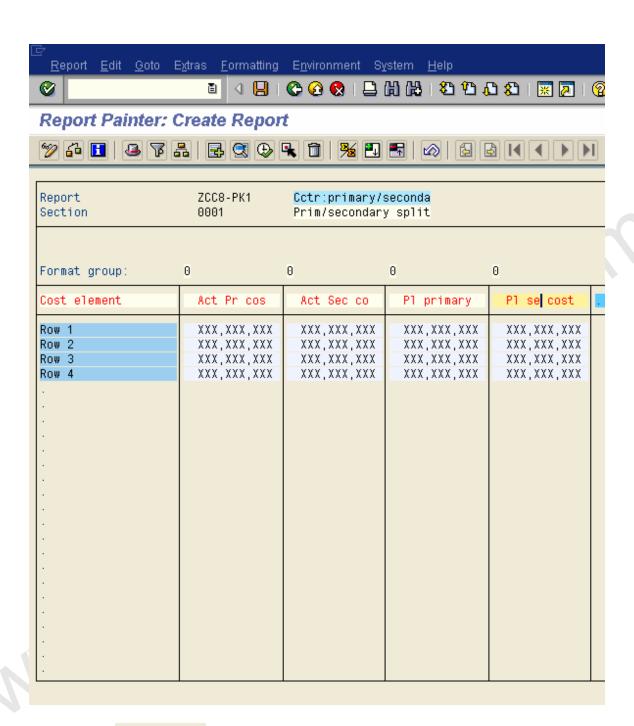
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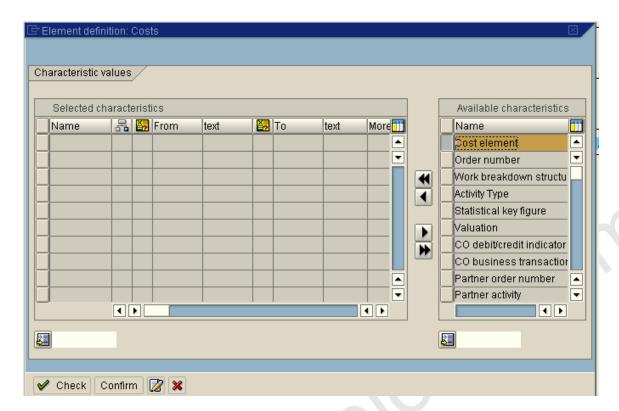
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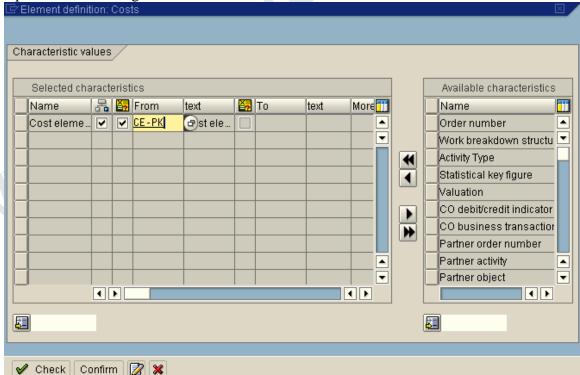


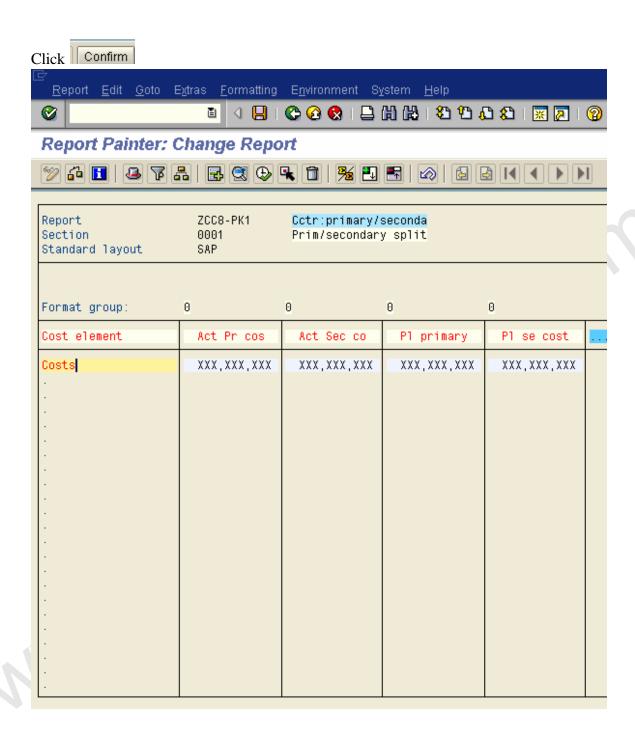
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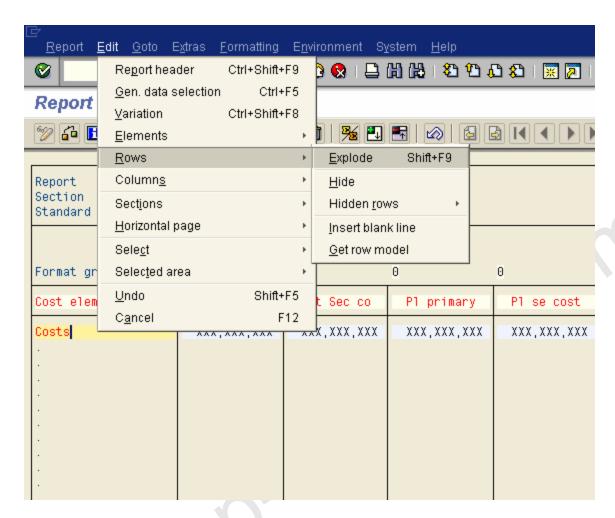
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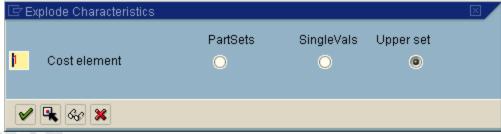
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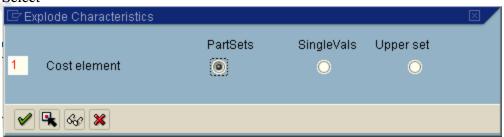


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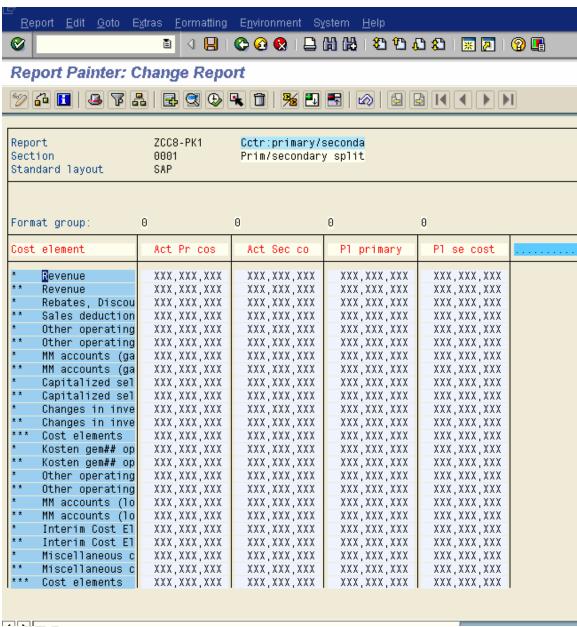




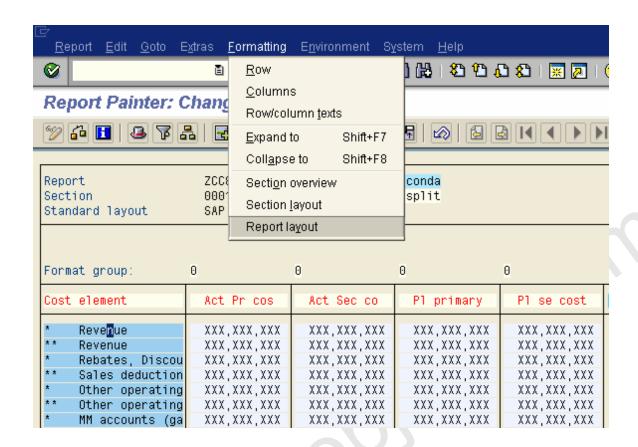
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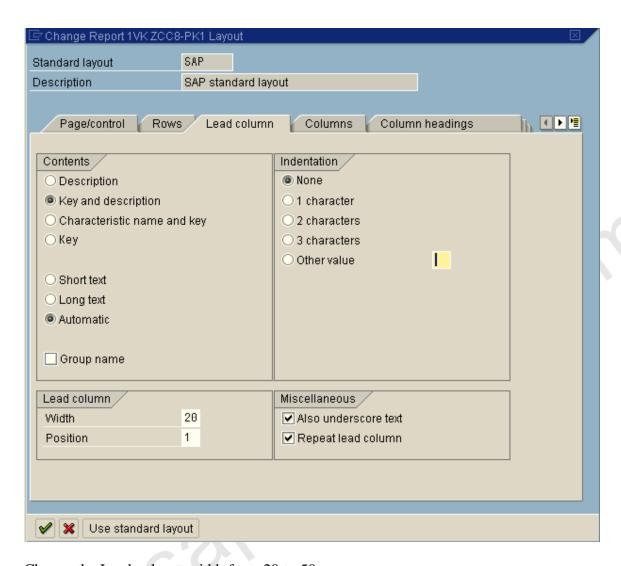




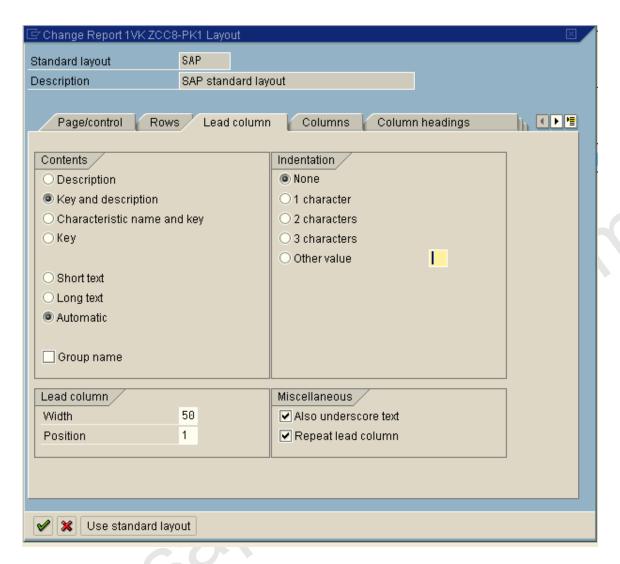


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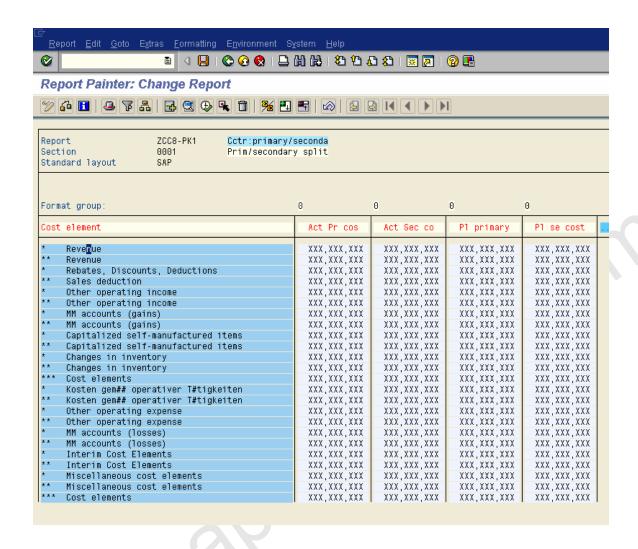




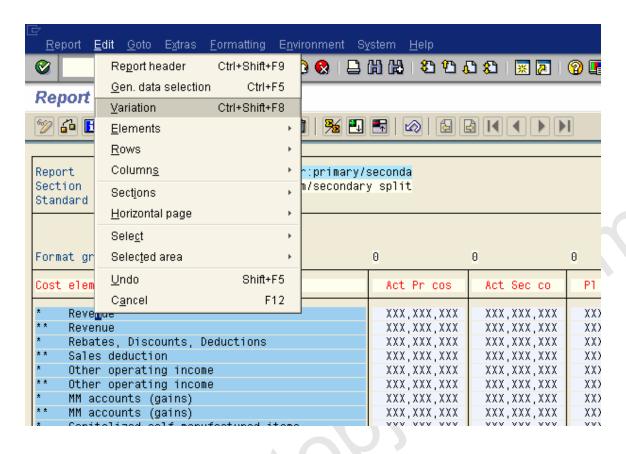
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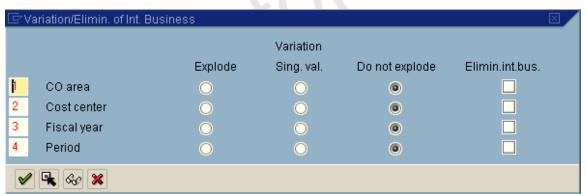


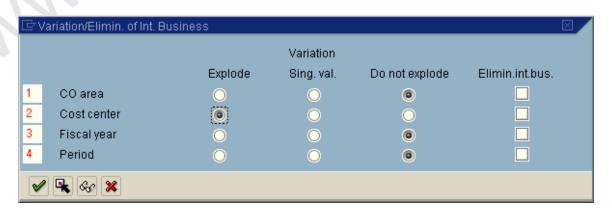
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Further we want to see individual cost centers rather than as a group



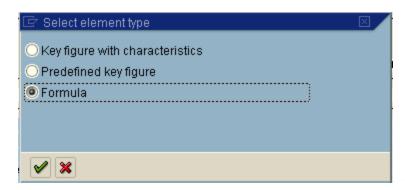


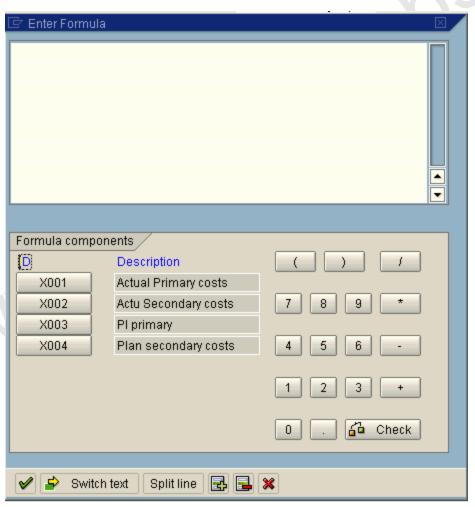


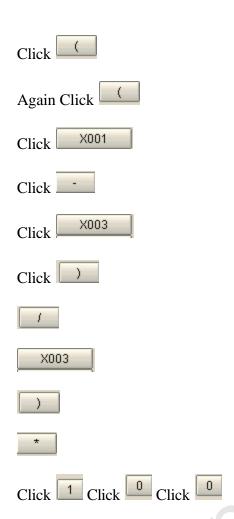


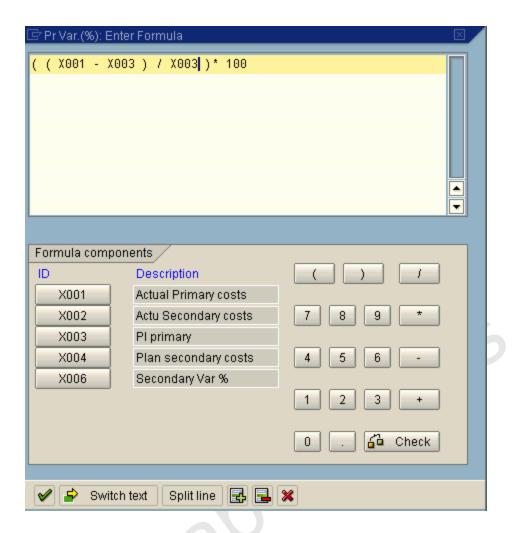
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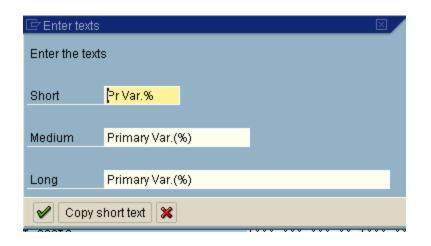


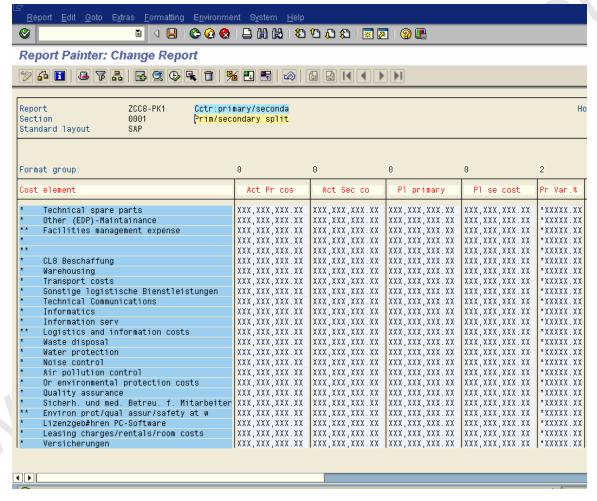


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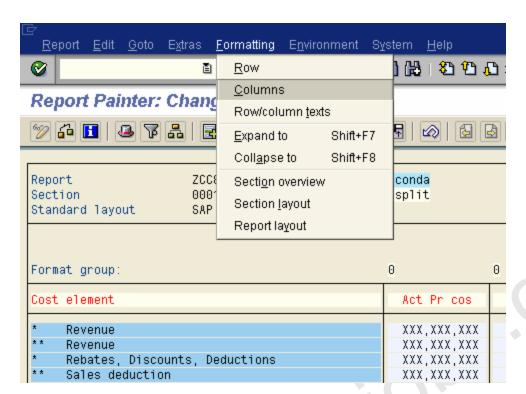
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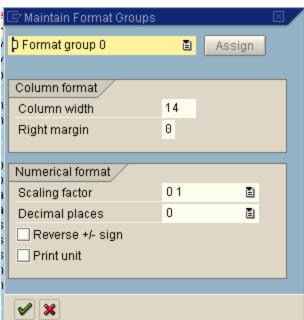




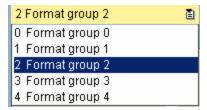
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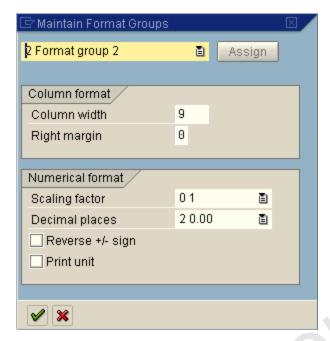


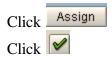


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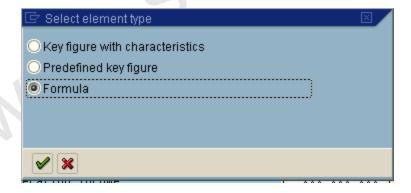


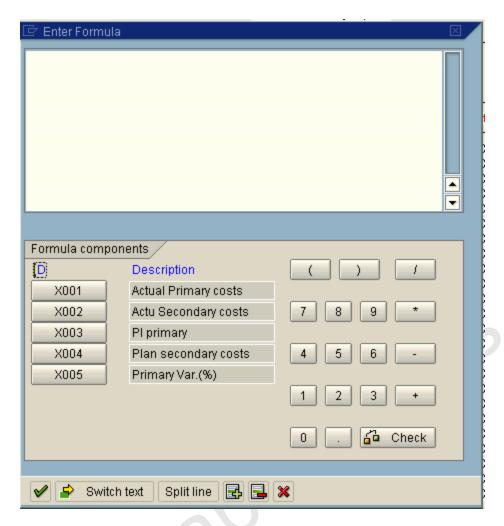




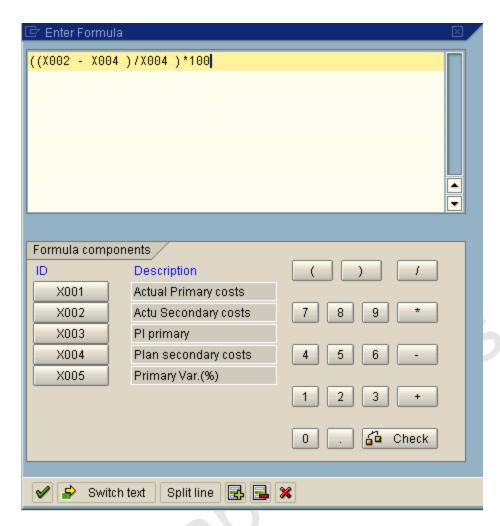


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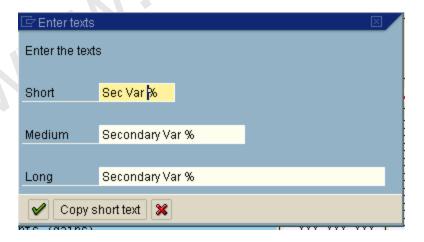


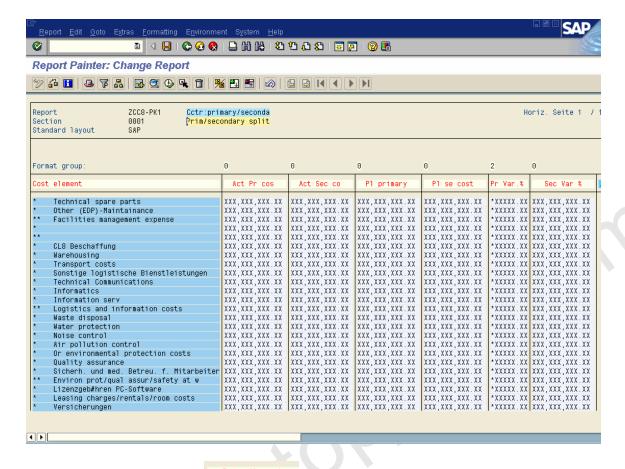
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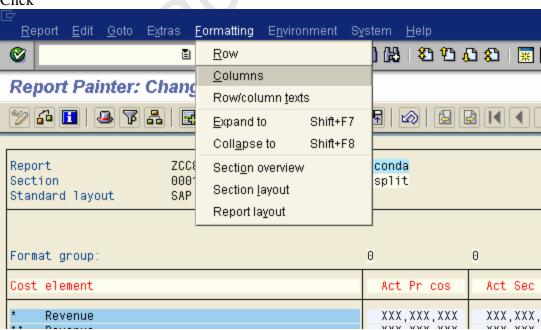


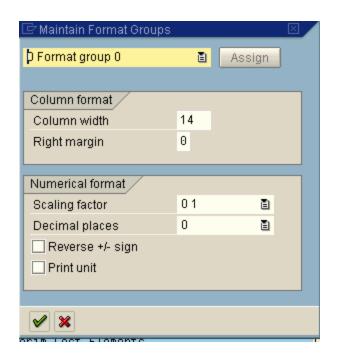


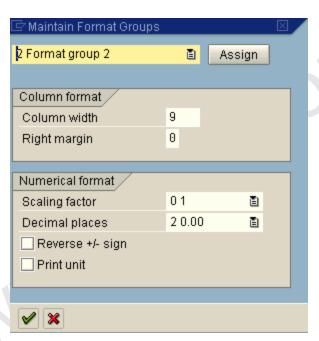
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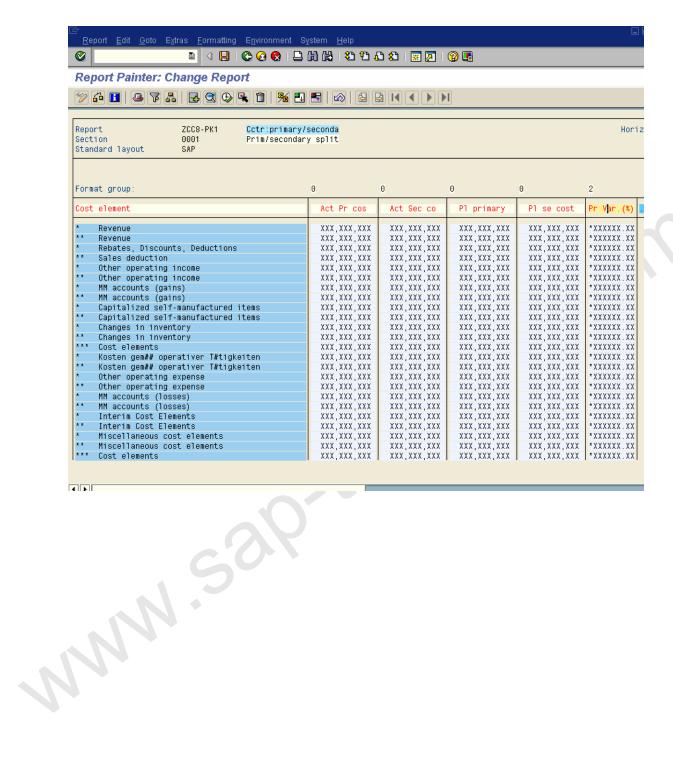


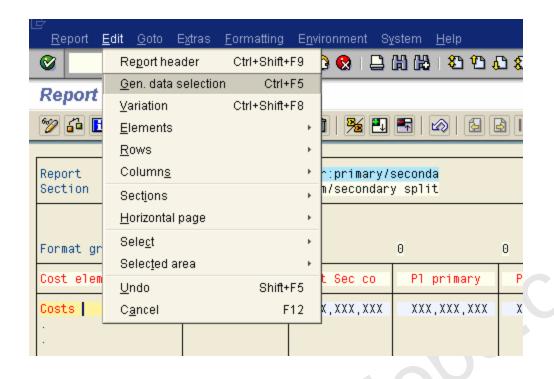


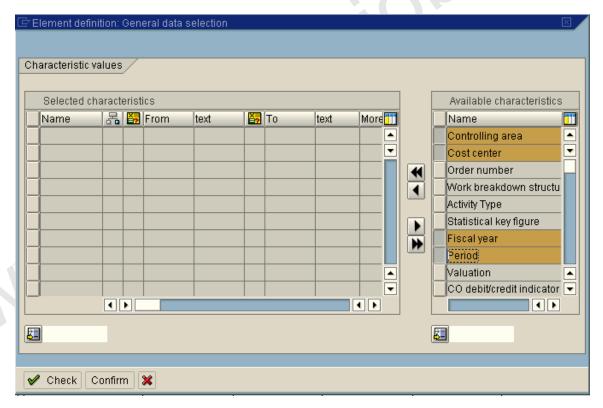


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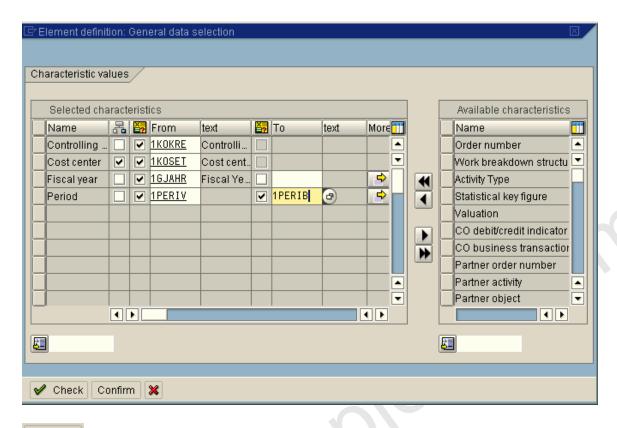
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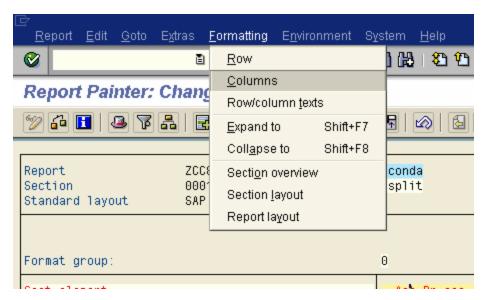
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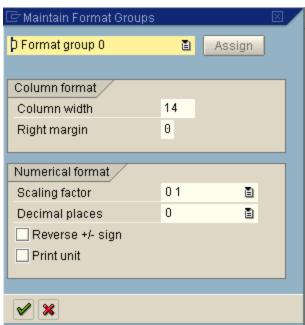
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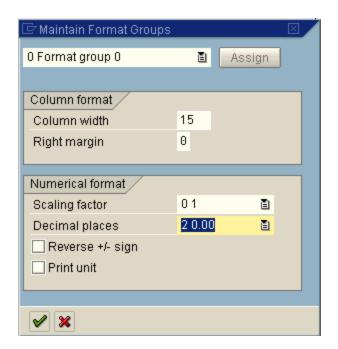
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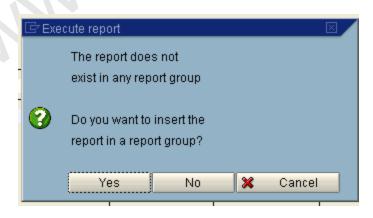
The report created need to be inserted in a report group:-You can create a report group through transaction code GR51 – Create or you can directly create from here

Report group incorporate all the reports within a library that access similar data but format these data differently.

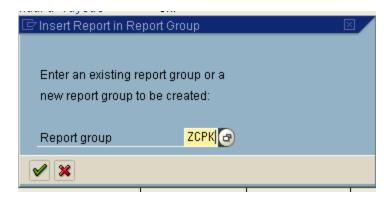
All reports within a report group are executed at the same time, thus giving you opportunity to jump between individual reports within the report display screen.

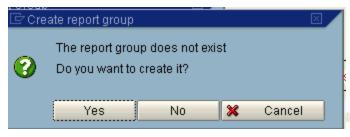
Generally there is one to one co-relation between report and report group.





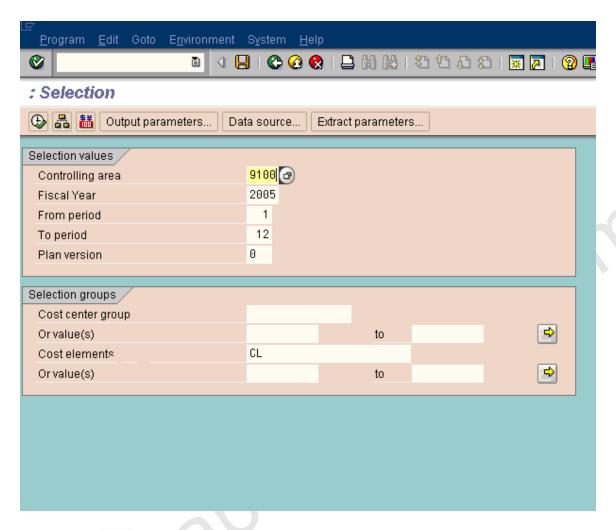




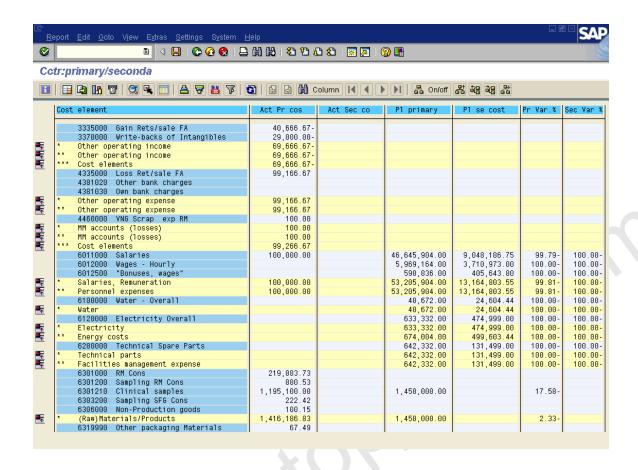




The report group is generated. It will take you to the following screen:-

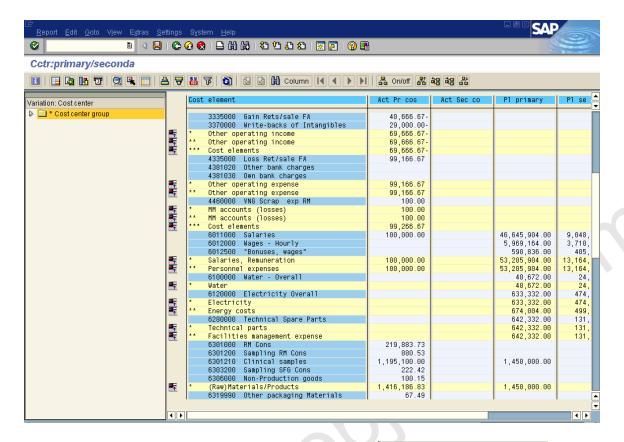


Click on the to execute

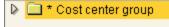


Clicking on will open the cost center group screen on the left like this

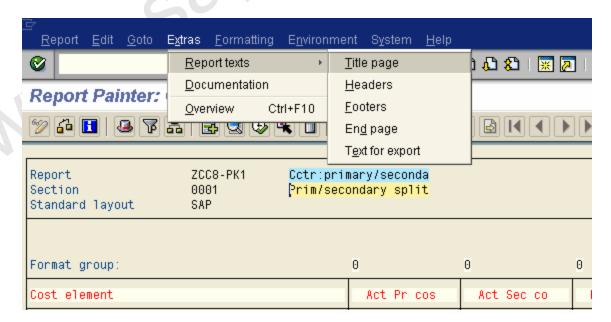
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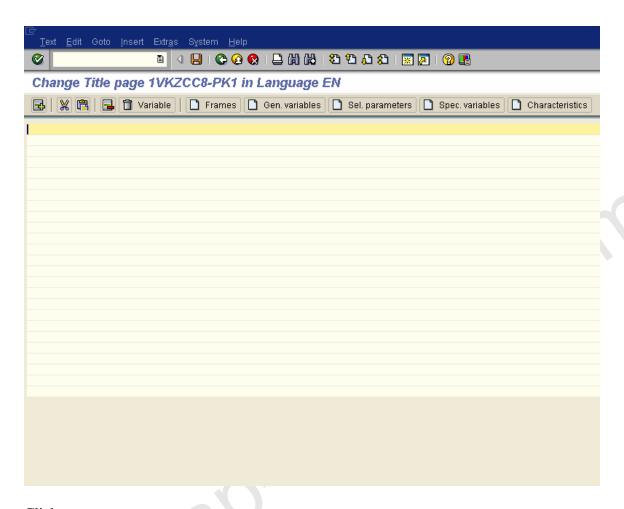


You can open the cost center group by double clicking

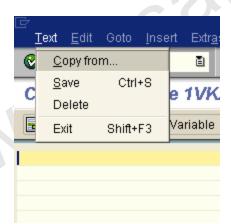


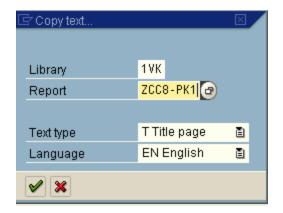
Let us now do some formatting for the report such as title header etc.





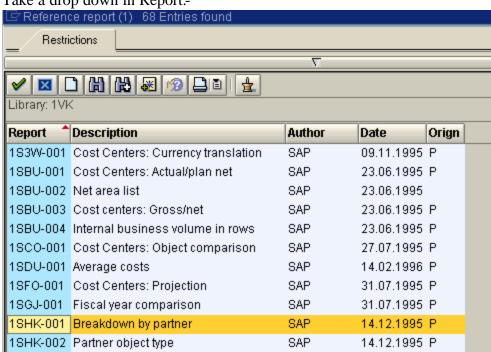
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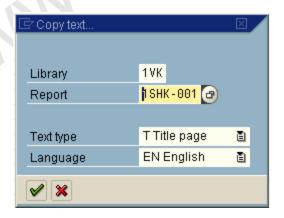


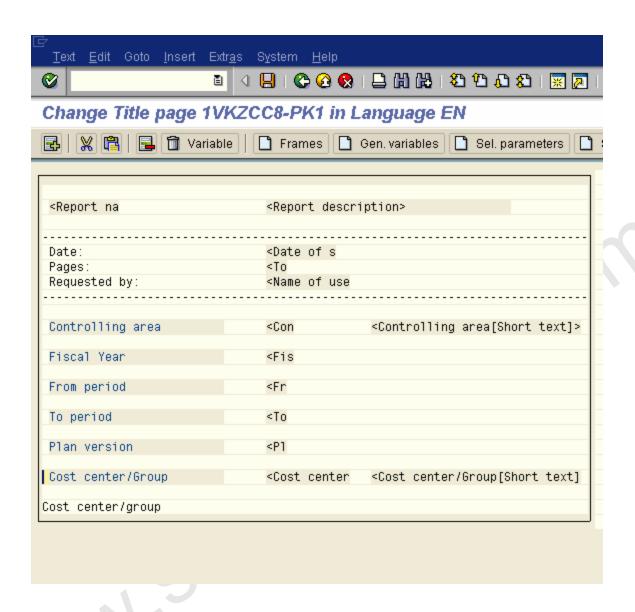


Update the following:-

Take a drop down in Report:-

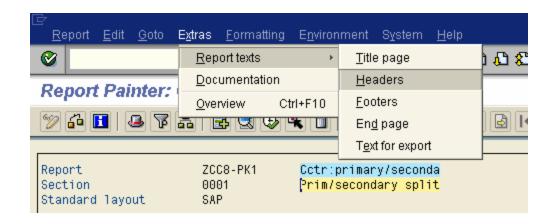








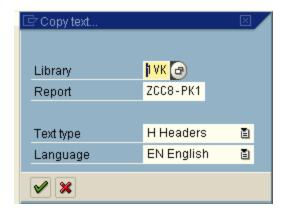
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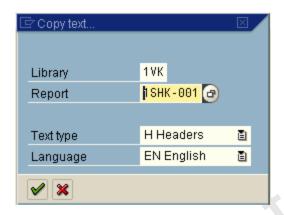


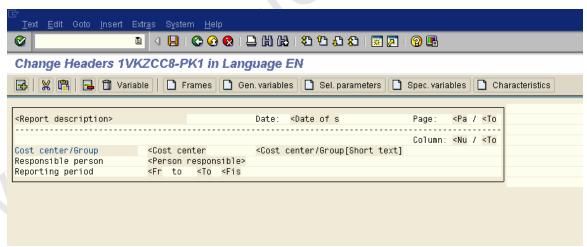
Click on New entries





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The Report is ready

4. Report Group

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Report groups incorporate all the reports within a library that access similar data but format these data differently.

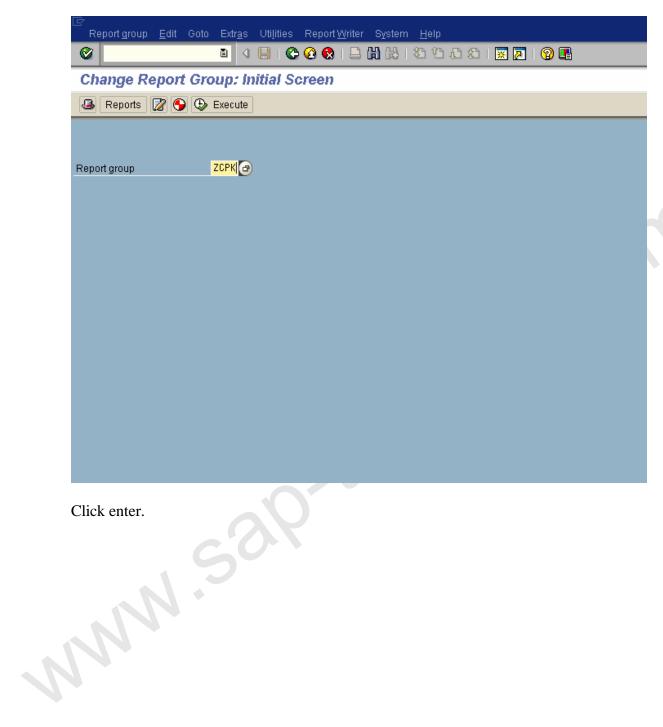
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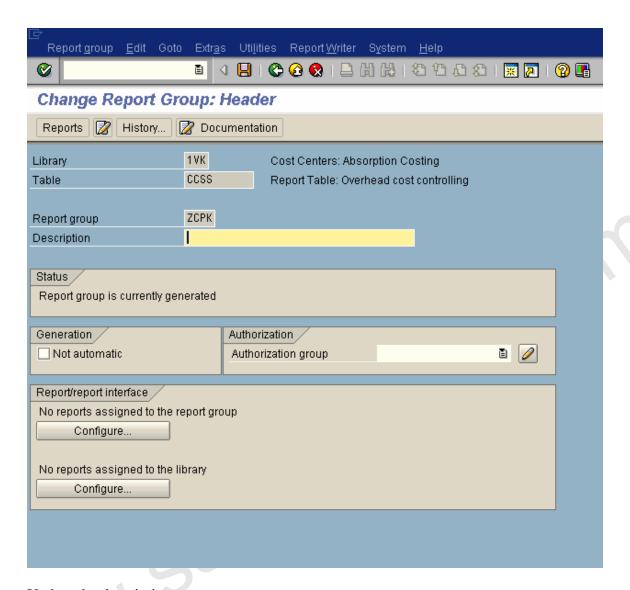
In this step we will also assign some additional reports and transaction codes, so that the user can drill down to these additional transaction or reports:-

We will assign:-

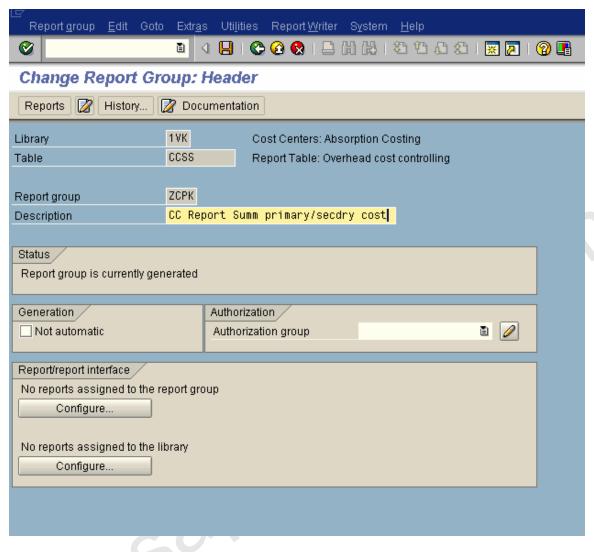
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- 1) Transaction code KSBP (Plan line items)
- 2) Transaction code KSB1 (Actual line items)
- 3) Report group 1SIP (actual/plan/variance)





Update the description:-



Report/report interface

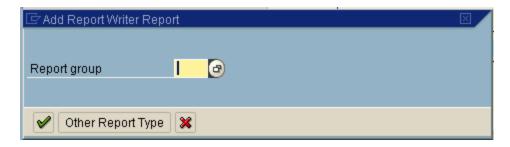
No reports assigned to the report group

Configure...

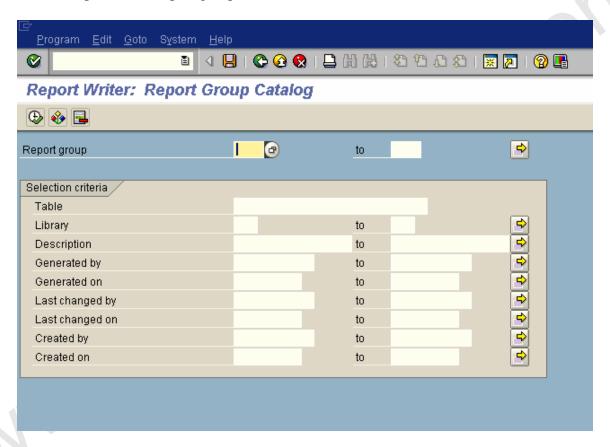
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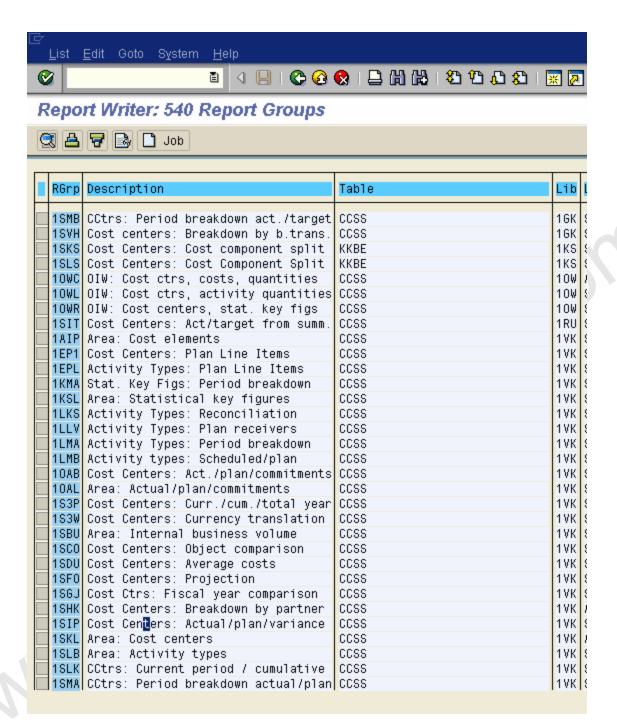




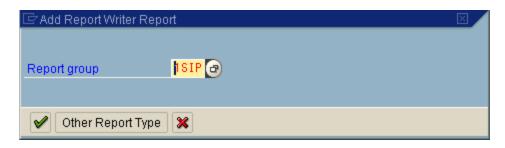
Take a drop down in Report group

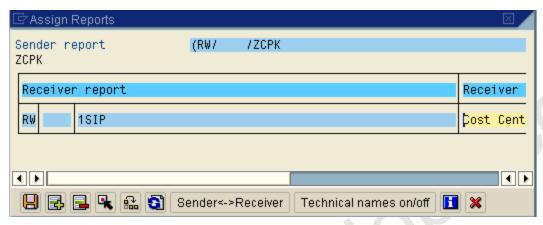


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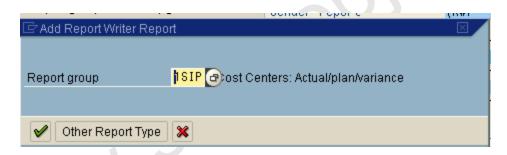


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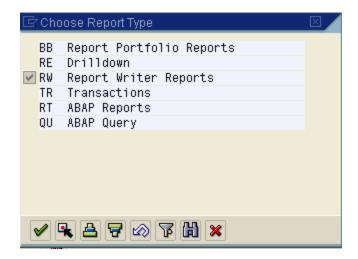




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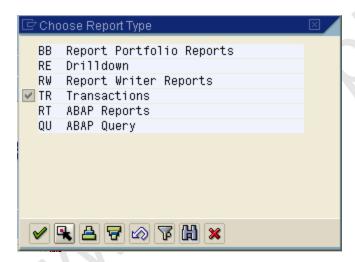


Click Other Report Type



Click TR Transactions

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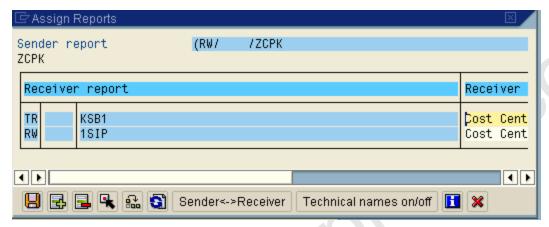


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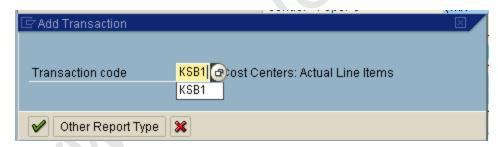


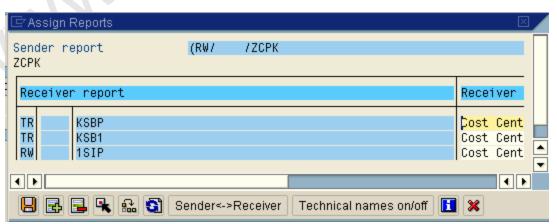
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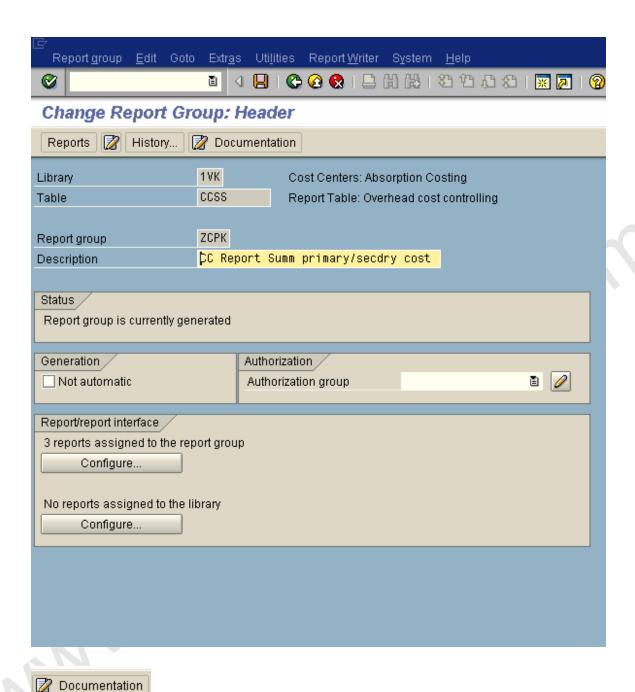


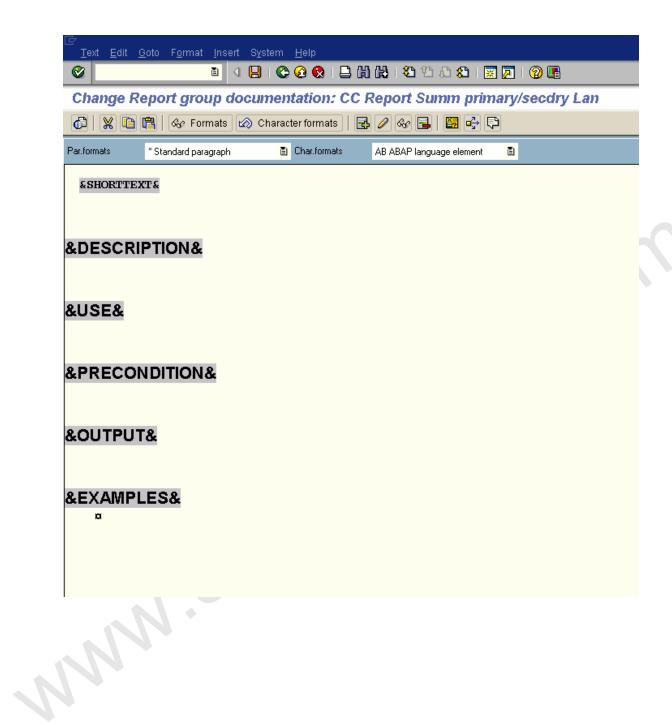


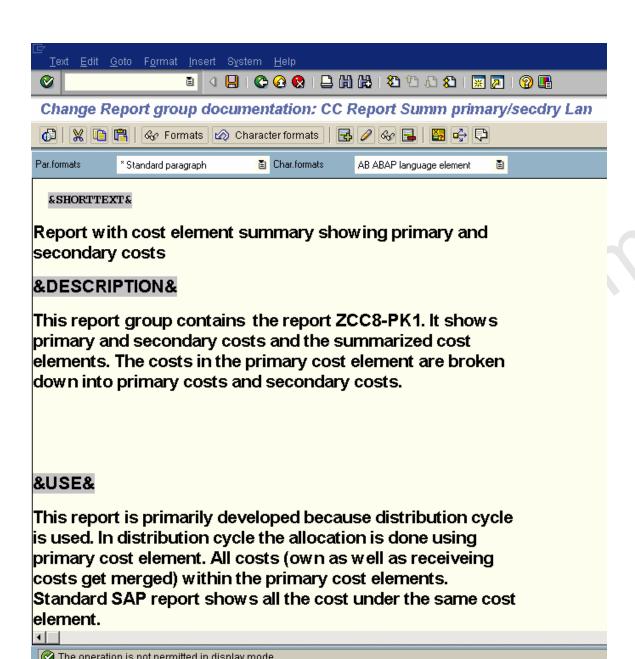


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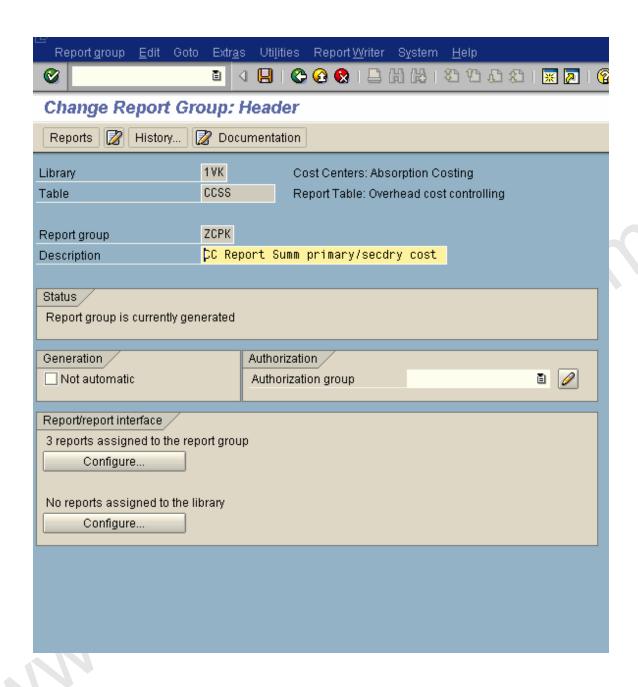
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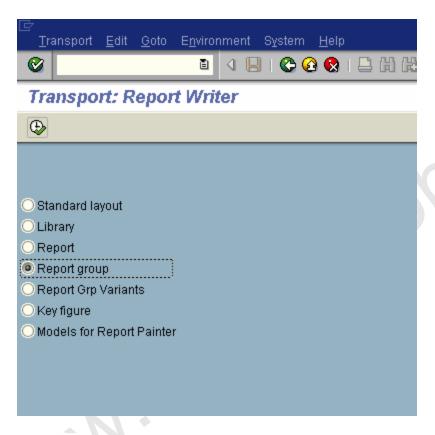


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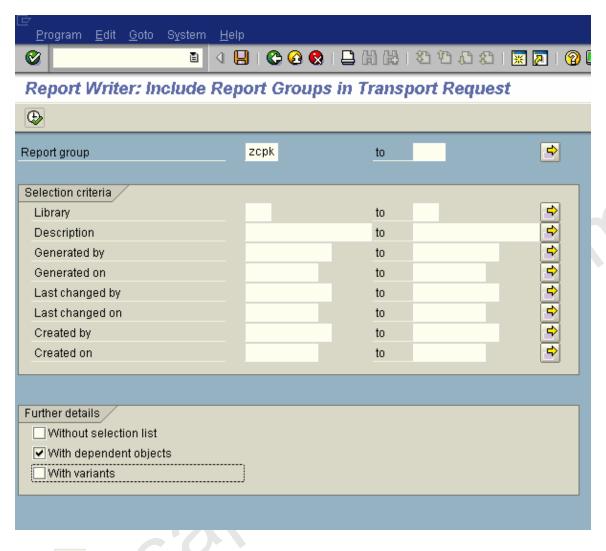
5. Transporting Reports

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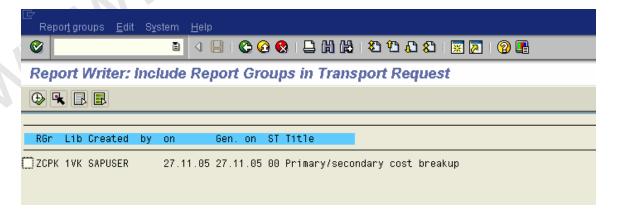
A report can be transported from one system to another (i.e. Development to Quality system) using this transaction code.







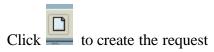




Select the report







That brings us to an end to report painter creation.

Let us summarize how we went about creating the report painter report:-

- 1) We first identified the Library which has the relevant characteristics and key figures -1VK
- 2) We created a variable which was required to be used in the report painter
- 3) We created a report ZCC8-PK1 (a form) using the library 1VK. While saving the report we added the report to a report group ZCPK.
- 4) In the final steps we assigned some additional reports, transactions (KSBP, KSB1 and report group 1SIP) in the Report group ZCPK which can be used as drill down report in this report.

You can likewise create various reports on your own, based on the user's requirement.

It is easier to copy standard reports and modify them, rather then create a report through scratch the way we did above.

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