# Report Definition Language Specification

THIRD DRAFT DECEMBER 2003

© 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. Any use, distribution or public discussion of, and any feedback to, these materials is subject to the terms of the attached license. By providing any feedback on these materials to Microsoft, you agree to the terms of that license.

#### **Technical Documentation License Agreement**

**READ THIS!** THIS IS A LEGAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN MICROSOFT CORPORATION ("MICROSOFT") AND THE RECIPIENT OF THESE MATERIALS, WHETHER AN INDIVIDUAL OR AN ENTITY ("YOU"). IF YOU HAVE ACCESSED THIS AGREEMENT IN THE PROCESS OF DOWNLOADING MATERIALS ("MATERIALS") FROM A WEB SITE, BY CLICKING "I ACCEPT", DOWNLOADING, USING OR PROVIDING FEEDBACK ON THE MATERIALS, YOU AGREE TO THESE TERMS. IF THIS AGREEMENT IS ATTACHED TO MATERIALS, BY ACCESSING, USING OR PROVIDING FEEDBACK ON THE ATTACHED MATERIALS, YOU AGREE TO THESE TERMS.

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged, You and Microsoft agree as follows:

- 1. You may review these Materials only (a) as a reference to assist You in planning and designing Your product, service or technology ("Product") as described in these Materials; and (b) to provide feedback on these Materials to Microsoft. All other rights are retained by Microsoft; this agreement does not give You rights under any Microsoft patents. You may not (i) duplicate any part of these Materials, (ii) remove this agreement or any notices from these Materials, or (iii) give any part of these Materials, or assign or otherwise provide Your rights under this agreement, to anyone else.
- 2. These Materials may contain preliminary information or inaccuracies, and may not correctly represent any associated Product as commercially released. All Materials are provided entirely "AS IS." To the extent permitted by law, MICROSOFT MAKES NO WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, DISCLAIMS ALL EXPRESS, IMPLIED AND STATUTORY WARRANTIES, AND ASSUMES NO LIABILITY TO YOU FOR ANY DAMAGES OF ANY TYPE IN CONNECTION WITH THESE MATERIALS OR ANY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IN THEM.
- 3. If You are an entity and (a) merge into another entity or (b) a controlling ownership interest in You changes, Your right to use these Materials automatically terminates and You must destroy them.
- 4. You have no obligation to give Microsoft any suggestions, comments or other feedback ("Feedback") relating to these Materials. However, any Feedback you voluntarily provide may be used in Microsoft's Products and related specifications or other documentation (collectively, "Microsoft Offerings") which in turn may be relied upon by other third parties to develop their own Products. Accordingly, if You do give Microsoft Feedback on any version of these Materials or the Microsoft Offerings to which they apply, You agree: (a) Microsoft may freely use, reproduce, license, distribute, and otherwise commercialize Your Feedback in any Microsoft Offering; (b) You also grant third parties, without charge, only those patent rights necessary to enable other Products to use or interface with any specific parts of an Microsoft Product that incorporate Your Feedback; and (c) You will not give Microsoft any Feedback (i) that You have reason to believe is subject to any patent, copyright or other intellectual property claim or right of any third party; or (ii) subject to license terms which seek to require any Microsoft Offering incorporating or derived from such Feedback, or other Microsoft intellectual property, to be licensed to or otherwise shared with any third party.
- 5. This agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Washington. Any dispute involving it must be brought in the federal or state superior courts located in King County, Washington, and You waive any defenses allowing the

dispute to be litigated elsewhere. If there is litigation, the losing party must pay the other party's reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and other expenses. If any part of this agreement is unenforceable, it will be considered modified to the extent necessary to make it enforceable, and the remainder shall continue in effect. This agreement is the entire agreement between You and Microsoft concerning these Materials; it may be changed only by a written document signed by both You and Microsoft.

# Contents

About this Document	
Audience	1
Introduction	2
Goals of Report Definition Language	2
What is a Report?	2
Report Definition Diagrams	3
Report Definition XML	9
XML Namespace and Versioning.	9
Extending RDL	9
Element Definition Conventions	9
Element Definitions	11
Style Properties and ReportItem Types	
Expressions	80
Expression Syntax	80
Custom Code References	80
Data Types	80
Global Collections	
Aggregate Functions	85
Compliance Levels	95
Generation Compliance	95
Consumption Compliance	95
Levels/Feature Areas	96
Questions & Answers	103
Index	109

# About this Document

This document specifies the structure, the semantics and the interpretation of the Report Definition Language (RDL), an XML schema for representing reports.

# Audience

This specification assumes:

- Working knowledge of XML.
- General knowledge of database concepts and query languages.

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

# Introduction

In today's database reporting market, most vendor applications use a proprietary format for representing the definition of a report. In addition, vendors that provide a report execution environment usually only support their own design tools. For customers, this means that reports cannot be easily moved between different reporting implementations and that there are few options for choosing new tools that work with their existing execution environments.

# Goals of Report Definition Language

The goal of Report Definition Language (RDL) is to promote the interoperability of commercial reporting products by defining a common schema that allows interchange of report definitions. To encourage interoperability, RDL includes the notion of compliance levels that products may choose to support. This is discussed in the appendix to this specification.

An important aspect to understand is that RDL is a schema definition, not a programmatic interface or protocol like HTTP or ODBC. RDL does not specify how report definitions are passed between applications or how reports are processed. Also, RDL is meant to be fully encapsulated; meaning that successfully interpreting an RDL document should not require any understanding of the source application.

RDL is designed to be output format neutral. This means that reports defined using RDL should be able to be output to a variety of formats including web and print-ready formats or data-focused formats like XML. It is expected that the in process of generating different output formats, products may represent RDL constructs slightly differently or ignore certain constructs entirely. For example, a product generating a textual format may choose to ignore images in the report.

# What is a Report?

A report is a combination of three kinds of information:

- **Data** or information on how to obtain the data (queries) as well as the structure of the data.
- **Layout** or formatting information that describes how the data is presented.
- **Properties** that the report such as author, parameters, images within the report, etc.

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

# Report Definition Diagrams

This chapter presents diagrams that illustrate the schema of the Report Definition Language.

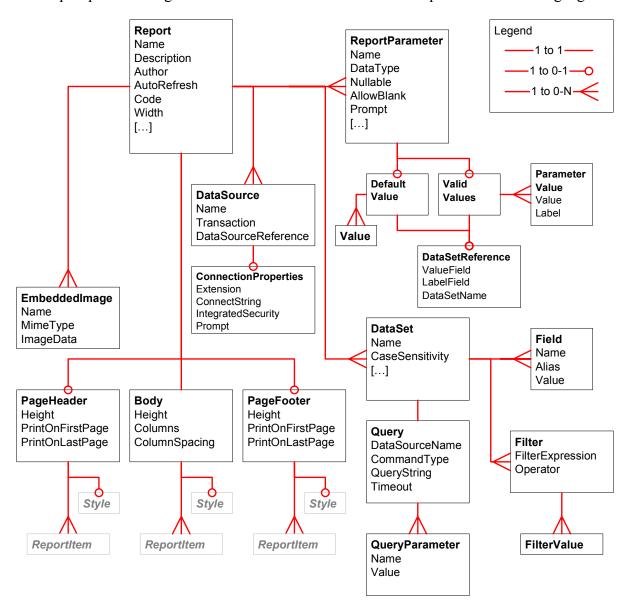


Figure 1 - Report

<sup>© 2003</sup> Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

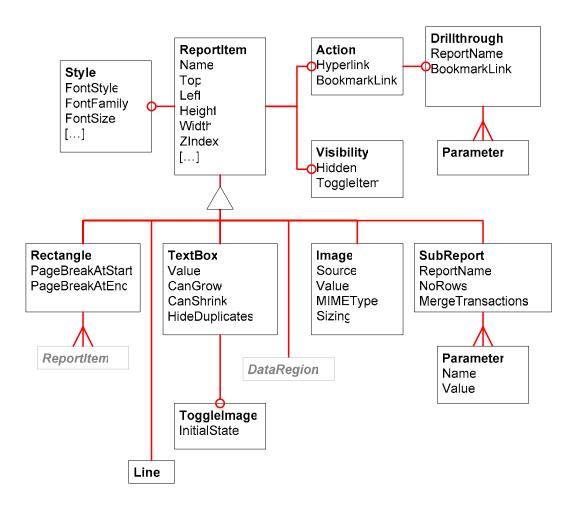


Figure 2 - Report Items

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

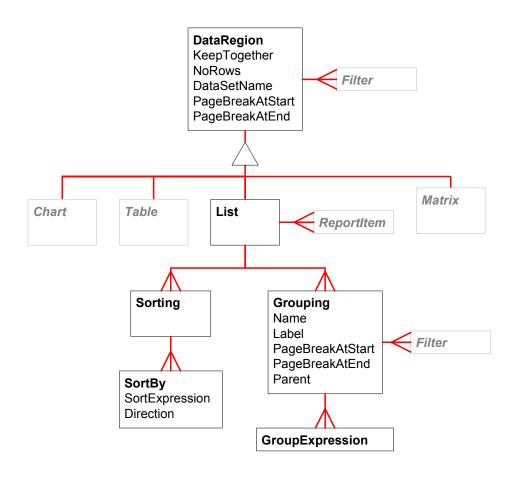


Figure 3 - Data Regions

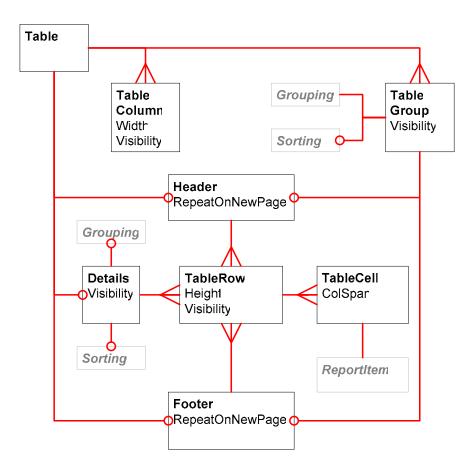


Figure 4 - Table

 $<sup>\</sup>odot$  2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

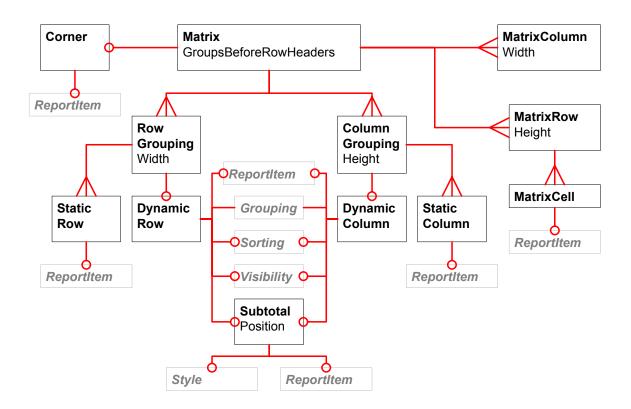


Figure 5 - Matrix

 $<sup>\</sup>odot$  2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

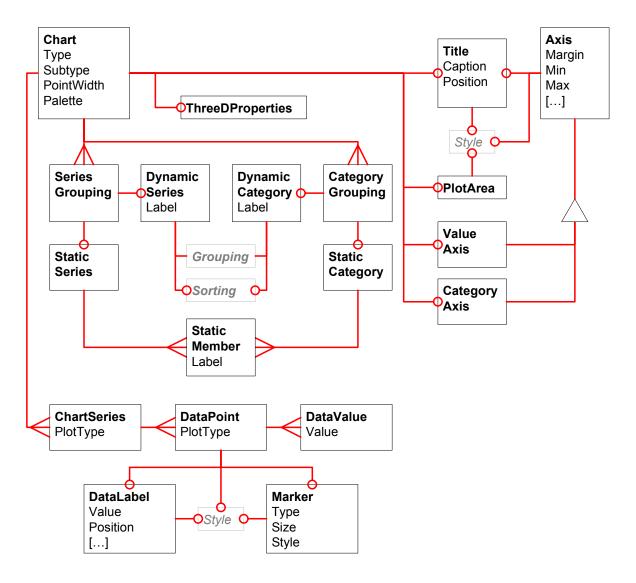


Figure 6 - Chart

# Report Definition XML

This section defines the XML elements contained in RDL.

# XML Namespace and Versioning

The namespace URI for RDL is

http://schemas.microsoft.com/SQLServer/reporting/yyyy/mm/reportdefinition

This date format is used for versioning. As it will be unusual to update the namespace URI more than once in the same month, the RDL URI will use yyyy/mm.

# Extending RDL

RDL is an open schema. It is expected that third parties will extend/annotate RDL with their own attributes and subelements (in their own namespace). Note, however, that tools using RDL are not required to preserve unrecognized elements when loading and persisting (other than the contents of the Custom and CustomReportItem elements).

# **Element Definition Conventions**

The following convention is used for types of attributes/elements in the element definitions in this document:

- Name An attribute or subelement with a string text value that uniquely identifies the object within its element type. This is an attribute if the name of the property is name and a subelement otherwise. Must be a case-insensitive CLS-compliant identifier (see <a href="http://www.unicode.org/unicode/reports/tr15/tr15-18.html">http://www.unicode.org/unicode/reports/tr15/tr15-18.html</a>)
- Element A subelement (structure to be defined elsewhere in the document)
- String A subelement or attribute with a string text value.
- This is an attribute if the name of the property is name and a subelement otherwise.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All ReportItems elements are considered to be in the same namespace.

<sup>© 2003</sup> Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

- Integer A subelement with an integer (int32) value.
- Boolean A subelement with true/false as the value of the element
- Unless otherwise specified, the value of an omitted optional Boolean element is taken to be false.
- Size A subelement with a size value. A size value is a floating-point number (with "." Used as the optional decimal separator) followed by an optional space and an absolute physical units designator (cm, mm, in, pt, pc). For more information about the supported length units, see <u>CSS Length Units</u>. Unless otherwise specified on the property, the maximum size is 160 in and the minimum size is 0.
- Negative (absolute) sizes are only allowed where explicitly stated in the spec.
- Color A subelement with a color value. A color value is a either a color name or a hex HTML color string of the form #HHHHHH. See <a href="http://msdn.microsoft.com/workshop/author/dhtml/reference/colors/colors.asp">http://msdn.microsoft.com/workshop/author/dhtml/reference/colors/colors.asp</a>.
- Expression See the Expressions section below. Expected return type is listed below each expression.
- URL A subelement with a string value that is a valid URL. The supported URL protocols are: http://, https://, file://, ftp://, mailto: and news:.
- Enum A subelement with a string text value that must be among the designated list of values
- Language A Subelement with a text value of XML type language that contains a language code such as "en-us" for US English. The value must either be a specific language or a neutral language for which a default specific language is defined in the .NET framework.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> IDs follow the RFC 1766 standard in the format "<languagecode2>-<country/regioncode2>", where <languagecode2> is a lowercase two-letter code derived from ISO 639-1 and <country/regioncode2> is an uppercase two-letter code derived from ISO 3166. For example, U.S. English is "en-US". Some culture names have prefixes that specify the script; for example, "Cy-" specifies the Cyrillic script, "Lt-" specifies the Latin script. See <a href="http://www.w3.org/TR/REC-html40/struct/dirlang.html#langcodes">http://www.w3.org/TR/REC-html40/struct/dirlang.html#langcodes</a>.

<sup>© 2003</sup> Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

# **Element Definitions**

## Report

The Report element contains property, data and layout information about the report (the top-level element).

Name	Card	Type	Description
Description	0-1	String	Description of the report
Author	0-1	String	Author of the report
AutoRefresh	0-1	Integer	Rate at which the report page automatically refreshes, in seconds. Must be nonnegative.
			If omitted or zero, the report page should not automatically refresh.
			Max: 2147483647
DataSources	0-1	Element	Describes the data sources from which data sets are taken for this report.
DataSets	0-1	Element	Describes the data that is displayed as part of the report
Body	1	Element	Describes how the body of the report is structured
ReportParameters	0-1	Element	Parameters for the report
Custom	0-1	Element	Custom information to be handed to the report engine
Width	1	Size	Width of the report
PageHeader	0-1	Element	The header that is output at the top of each page of the report.
PageFooter	0-1	Element	The footer that is output at the bottom of each page of the report.
PageHeight	0-1	Size	Default height for the report

			Default: 11 in
PageWidth	0-1	Size	Default width for the report. Default is 8.5 in.
LeftMargin	0-1	Size	Width of the left margin. Default: 0 in
RightMargin	0-1	Size	Width of the right margin. Default: 0 in
TopMargin	0-1	Size	Width of the top margin. Default: 0 in
BottomMargin	0-1	Size	Width of the bottom margin. Default: 0 in
EmbeddedImages	0-1	Element	Images embedded within the report
Language	0-1	Expression (Language)	The primary language of the text. Default is server language.
CodeModules	0-1	Element	Code modules to make available to the report for use in expressions.
Classes	0-1	Element	Classes to instantiate during report initialization
DataTransform	0-1	String	The location to a transformation to apply to a report data rendering. This can be a full folder path (e.g. "/xsl/xfrm.xsl"), relative path (e.g. "xfrm.xsl").
DataSchema	0-1	String	The schema or namespace to use for a report data rendering.
DataElementName	0-1	String	Name of a top level element that represents the report data. Default: Report.
DataElementStyle	0-1	Enum	Indicates whether textboxes should render as elements or attributes. AttributeNormal (Default)  ElementNormal

## ReportParameters

The ReportParameters element contains an ordered list of parameters for the report. It is expected that a report execution engine would provide some sort of user interface that prompted the user for the set of necessary values before processing the report.

### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
ReportParameter	1-N	Element	Definition of a parameter for the report

# ReportParameter

The ReportParameter element contains information about a parameter to the report.

Name	Card	Type	Description
Name	1	Name	Name of the parameter (This is the name used when expressions refer to the parameter)
			Note: Parameter names need only be unique within the containing Parameters collection
DataType	1	Enum	The data type of the parameter
			Boolean   DateTime   Integer   Float   String
Nullable	0-1	Boolean	Indicates the value for this parameter is allowed to be Null.
DefaultValue	0-1	Element	Default value to use for the parameter (if not provided by the user)
			If no value is provided as a part of the definition or by the user, the value is null. Required if there is no Prompt and either Nullable is False or a ValidValues list is provided that does not contain Null (an omitted Value).
AllowBlank	0-1	Boolean	Indicates the value for this parameter is allowed to be the empty string. Ignored if DataType is not String.
Prompt	0-1	String	The user prompt to display when asking for parameter values
			If omitted, the user should not be prompted for a value for this parameter.

ValidValues	0-1	Element	Possible values for the parameter (for an end-user prompting interface)
UsedInQuery	0-1	Enum	True   False   Auto (default)  Indicates whether or not the parameter is used in a query in the report. This is needed to determine if the queries need to be re-executed if the parameter changes. Auto indicates the UsedInQuery setting should be autodetected as follows: True if the parameter is referenced in any query value expression.

#### **ValidValues**

The possible values for this parameter, for populating UI selection lists for users to select a parameter value

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Type	Description
DataSetReference	0-1	Element	The query to execute to obtain a list of possible values for the parameter.
ParameterValues	0-1	Element	Hardcoded values for the parameter

Values must have one and only one of the following: DataSetReference or ParameterValues.

#### **DataSetReference**

The query to execute to obtain a list of values or default values for a parameter

Name	Card	Туре	Description
DataSetName	1	String	Name of the data set to use.
ValueField	1	String	Name of the field to use for the values/defaults for the parameter
LabelField	0-1	String	Name of the field to use for the value to display to the

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

user for the selection. If not supplied or the returned value is null, the value in the ValueField is used.
Not used for DefaultValue.

#### **ParameterValues**

The ordered list of possible values for a parameter, used for populating UI selection lists for users to select a parameter value

### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Type	Description
ParameterValue	1-N	Element	Possible value for the parameter

#### **ParameterValue**

A possible value for a parameter

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Type	Description
Value	0-1	Expression	Possible value for the parameter
		(Variant)	For Boolean parameters, use "true" and "false"
			For DateTime parameters, use ISO 8601
			For Float parameters, use "." As the optional decimal separator.
Label	0-1	Expression	Label for the value to display in the UI
		(String)	If not supplied, the Value is used as the label. If Value is not supplied, Label is the empty string.

#### **DefaultValue**

The default value for this parameter

Name	Card	Туре	Description
DataSetReference	0-1	Element	The query to execute to obtain the default value(s) for the parameter. The default is the first value of the ValueField.

Values 0-1 Element The default val	alues for the parameter
------------------------------------	-------------------------

DefaultValue must have one and only one of the following: Values or DataSetReference

#### **Values**

An ordered list of values (used as defaults for a parameter)

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Value	1-N	Expression (Variant)	A value used as a default for a parameter.
			Cannot refer to Fields or ReportItems or any
			parameters that occur after the current parameter

Note: Only one default value is allowed for Boolean parameters

#### **DataSets**

The DataSets element contains information about the sets of data retrieved as a part of the report.

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
DataSet	1-N	Element	The sets of data for the report

#### **DataSet**

The DataSet element contains information about a set of data retrieved as a part of the report.

Name	Card	Type	Description
Name	1	Name	Name of the data set
			Cannot be the same name as any data region or grouping
Fields	0-1	Element	The fields in the data set
Query	1	Element	Information about the data source, including connection information, query, etc. required to get the data from the data source.
CaseSensitivity	0-1	Enum	Indicates if the data is case sensitive

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

	1		
			True   False   Auto (Default)
			If Auto is specified, the application should attempt to derive the case sensitivity setting by querying the data provider. Defaults to False if the data provider does not support that method.
Collation	0-1	String	The locale to use for the collation sequence for sorting data.
			Uses the standard Microsoft SQL Server collation codes (see <a href="http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/en-us/tsqlref/ts_ca-co_2e95.asp">http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/en-us/tsqlref/ts_ca-co_2e95.asp</a> ).
			If no Collation is specified, the application should attempt to derive the collation setting by querying the data provider.
			Defaults to the application's locale settings if the data provider does not support that method or returns an unsupported or invalid value
AccentSensitivit	0-1	Enum	Indicates whether the data is accent sensitive
У			True   False   Auto (Default)
			If Auto is specified, the application should attempt to derive the accent sensitivity setting by querying the data provider. Defaults to False if the data provider does not support that method.
KanatypeSensiti	0-1	Enum	Indicates if the data is kanatype sensitive
vity			True   False   Auto (Default)
			If Auto is specified, the Application should attempt to derive the kanatype sensitivity setting by querying the data provider. Defaults to False if the data provider does not support that method.
WidthSensitivity	0-1	Enum	Indicates if the data is width sensitive
			True   False   Auto (Default)
			If Auto is specified, the Application should attempt to derive the width sensitivity setting by

			querying the data provider. Defaults to False if the data provider does not support that method.
Filters	0-1	Element	Filters to apply to each row of data in the data set.

#### **Fields**

The Fields element defines the fields in the data model.

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Type	Description
Field	1-N	Element	Field within the data model

The data model maps to the fields in SQL and OLE DB queries based on name. Each field in the data model corresponds to the field in the OLE DB rowset of the same name.

Multi-dimensional data rowsets (OLAP) also map to the data model based on name. Each level and measure in the multi-dimensional cube corresponds to a field in the data model.

#### Example

#### Consider the following MDX query:

```
SELECT CROSSJOIN([Time].[Quarter].members, Measures.[Store Sales]) ON COLUMNS, CROSSJOIN([Store].[Store State].members, [Product].[Product Category].members) ON ROWS
FROM [Sales]
```

#### To map this to a data set:

#### Field

The Field element contains information about a field within the data model of the report

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Name	1	Name	Name to use for the field within the report
			Note: Field names need only be unique within the containing Fields collection
DataField	0-1	String	Name of the field in the query
			Note: DataField names do not need to be unique. Multiple fields can refer to the same data field.
Value	0-1	Expression (Variant)	An expression that evaluates to the value of this field.
			For example, =Fields!Price.Value+Fields!Tax.Value
			The expression cannot contain aggregates or references to report items. Expressions are fully described in later in the specification.

Field must have exactly one of the following: DataField or Value.

# Query

The Query element contains the description of the query to execute to retrieve the data for the report.

Name	Card	Туре	Description
DataSourceName	1	String	Name of the data source to execute the query against
CommandType	0-1	Enum	Indicates what type of query is contained in the CommandText  Text (Default)   StoredProcedure   TableDirect
CommandText	1	Expression (String)	The query to execute to obtain the data for the report
QueryParameters	0-1	Element	A list of parameters that are passed to the data source as part of the query.

Timeout	0-1	Integer	Number of seconds to allow the query to run before timing out. Must be nonnegative. If omitted or zero, the query should not time out.
			Max: 2147483647

#### **DataSources**

The DataSources element contains information about how to connect to the sources of data for the various DataSets

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
DataSource	1-N	Element	A source of data for the report

#### **DataSource**

The DataSource element contains information about a data source

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Name	1	String	The name of the data source
			Must be unique within the report
Transaction	0-1	Boolean	Indicates the data sets that use this data source should be executed in a single transaction.
ConnectionProperties	0-1	Element	Information about how to connect to the data source
DataSourceReference	0-1	String	The full path (e.g. "/salesreports/salesdatabase") or relative path (e.g. "salesdatabase") to a data source reference. Relative paths start in the same location as the report.

DataSource must have one and only one of the following: DataSourceReference or ConnectionProperties.

## **ConnectionProperties**

 $\odot$  2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

The ConnectionProperties element contains information about how to connect to a data source.

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
DataProvider	1	String	The type of the data source. This will determine the syntax of the ConnectString and CommandText. Supported types are listed below.
ConnectString	1	String	The connection string for the data source
IntegratedSecurity	0-1	Boolean	Indicates that this data source should connected to using integrated security
Prompt	0-1	String	The prompt displayed to the user when prompting for database credentials for this data source

#### **Supported Data Source Extensions**

The following table lists the public set of data source extensions. Vendors may contribute additional extension names to be added to RDL or use custom extension names. RDL consumers must warn users when loading a report definition with an unknown or unsupported extension.

Extension	Description
SQL	Microsoft SQL Server
OLEDB	Microsoft OLE DB Provider
ODBC	Microsoft Open Database Connectivity Driver
Oracle	Oracle

# QueryParameters

The QueryParameters element contains parameters that are passed to the data source as part of the query.

Name	Card	Туре	Description
QueryParameter	1-N	Element	A parameter to pass to the data source with the query

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

## QueryParameter

The QueryParameter element contains information about a parameter that is passed to the data source as part of the query.

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Name	1	String	Name of the parameter
Value	1	Expression (Variant or Variant Array)	An expression that evaluates to the value to hand to the data source. The expression can refer to report parameters but cannot contain references to report elements, fields in the data model or aggregate functions.
			In the case of a parameter to a Values or DefaultValue query, the expression can only refer to report parameters that occur earlier in the parameters list. The value for this query parameter is then taken from the user selection for that earlier report parameter.

#### CodeModules

The CodeModules element contains the names of code modules to load for use in Code and expressions.

#### Attributes/Elements

Name	Card	Туре	Description
CodeModule	1-N	String	Name of the code module to load

#### **Classes**

The Classes element contains information about classes to instantiate during report initialization. These class instances can be used in expressions throughout the report.

Name	Card	Type	Description
Class	1-N	Element	The classes to instantiate

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

#### Class

The Class element contains information about a class to instantiate during report initialization. This class instance can be used in expressions throughout the report.

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
ClassName	1	String	The name of the class
InstanceName	1	Name	The name of the variable to assign the class to. This variable can be used in expressions throughout the report.

## **Body**

The Body element is the top-level container for all report items and defines the visual elements of the report, how the data is structured/grouped, and binds the visual elements to the data sets for the report.

Name	Card	Туре	Description
ReportItems	0-1	Element	The region that contains the elements of the report body
Height	1	Size	Height of the body
Columns	0-1	Integer	Number of columns for the report
			Default: 1. Min: 1. Max: 1000
ColumnSpacing	0-1	Size	Spacing between each column in multi-column output
			Default: 0.5 in
Style	0-1	Element	Default style information for the body <sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Body is generally treated as a rectangular ReportItem for the purposes of which Style properties apply, except for, for example, Direction, which controls overall alignment/scrollbar/etc.

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

# **PageHeader**

The PageHeader element defines the layout of report items to appear at the top of every page of the report.

### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Height	1	Size	Height of the page header
PrintOnFirstPage	0-1	Boolean	Indicates if the page header should be shown on the first page of the report
PrintOnLastPage	0-1	Boolean	Indicates if the page header should be shown on the last page of the report. Not used in single-page reports.
ReportItems	0-1	Element	The region that contains the elements of the header layout  No data regions or subreports are allowed in the page header
Style	0-1	Element	Style information for the page header

## **PageFooter**

The PageFooter element defines the layout of report items to appear at the bottom of every page of the report.

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Height	1	Size	Height of the page footer
PrintOnFirstPage	0-1	Boolean	Indicates if the page footer should be shown on the first page of the report. Not used in single-page reports.
PrintOnLastPage	0-1	Boolean	Indicates if the page footer should be shown on the last page of the report.
ReportItems	0-1	Element	The region that contains the elements of the footer layout
			No data regions or subreports are allowed in the page footer

 $<sup>\</sup>odot$  2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

Style 0-1 Element Style information for the	e page footer <sup>1</sup>
---	----------------------------

#### Custom

The Custom element allows report design tools to pass information to report output components. This element may contain any valid XML. The engine will simply pass the contents of Custom unchanged. Client applications using the Custom element are recommended to place their custom properties under their own single subelement of Custom, defining a namespace for that node.

## **EmbeddedImages**

The EmbeddedImages element is a collection of images embedded within the report definition. Once define, embedded images can be referenced by the Image report item.

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description				
EmbeddedImage	1-N	Element	An image embedded within the report.				

### **EmbeddedImage**

The EmbeddedImage element is an image embedded within the report definition.

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Name	1	Name	Name of the image.
MIMEType	1	String	The MIMEType for the image. Valid values are: image/bmp, image/jpeg, image/gif, image/png, image/x-png.
ImageData	1	String	Base-64 encoded image data.

# Filters

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The PageHeader and PageFooter are treated as rectangle ReportItems for the purposes of which Style properties apply.

 $<sup>\</sup>odot$  2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

The Filters element is a collection of filters to apply to a data set, data region or grouping.

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Filter	1-N	Element	An ordered list of filters used to restrict the rows in a data set or data region or to restrict the group instances in a grouping. Filters are applied in sequence (this allows Top/Bottom filters to be applied to a data set that has already had some filters applied)

### **Filter**

The Filter element describes a filter to apply to rows of data in a data set or data region or to apply to group instances.

Name	Card	Туре	Description				
FilterExpression	1	Expression (Variant)	An expression that is evaluated for each instance within the group or each row of the data set or data region and compared (via the Operator) to the FilterValues. Failed comparisons result in the row/instance being filtered out of the data set, data region or grouping. See Filter Expression Restrictions below.				
Operator	1	Enum	Equal   Like   NotEqual   GreaterThan   GreaterThanOrEqual   LessThan   LessThanOrEqual   TopN   BottomN   TopPercent   BottomPercent   In   Between Notes: Top and Bottom operators include ties in the resulting data. String comparisons are locale-dependent. Null equals Null.				
FilterValues	1	Element	The values to compare to the FilterExpression.  For Equal, Like, NotEqual, GreaterThan, GreaterThanOrEqual, LessThan, LessThanOrEqual, TopN, BottomN, TopPercent and BottomPercent, there must be exactly one FilterValue.				

 $<sup>\</sup>odot$  2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

,
For TopN and BottomN, the FilterValue expression must evaluate to an integer.
For TopPercent and BottomPercent, the FilterValue expression must evaluate to an integer or float. <sup>1</sup>
For Between, there must be exactly two FilterValue elements.
For In, the FilterValues are treated as a set (if the FilterExpression value appears anywhere in the set of FilterValues, the instance is not filtered out.)
Like uses the same special characters as the Visual Basic LIKE operator (e.g. "?" to represent a single character and "*" to
represent any series of characers). See <a href="http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/en-us/vblr7/html/vaoprlike.asp">http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/en-us/vblr7/html/vaoprlike.asp</a> .

#### **FilterValues**

The FilterValues element is a collection of values to compare against in a filter.

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
FilterValue	1-N	Expression	A value to use for comparison (via the
		(Variant or Variant	Operation) to the value of the
		Array)	FilterExpression. See Filter Expression
		,	Restrictions below.

#### **Filter Expression Restrictions**

• Filter expressions/values cannot contain references to report items.

\_\_\_\_\_

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For TopN, BottomN, TopPercent and BottomPercent, the FilterValue expression is evaluated only once: For the first row (after all earlier filters have been applied) in the case of data set or data region a filter, for the first group instance (after all earlier filters have been applied) in the case of a group filter.

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

- Data Set and Data Region filter expressions/values cannot contain aggregate functions.
- Grouping filter expressions/values cannot contain RunningValue or RowNumber.
- Grouping filter expressions/values cannot use the First or Last aggregate with anything but the default (current) scope.
- Failure when evaluating any filter expression or filter value causes a report to immediately return an error.

### ReportItems

The ReportItems element is a collection of report items (used to define the contents of a region of a report).

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
ReportItem	1-N	Element	An element of the report layout (e.g. List, Textbox, Line)

#### ReportItem

A report item is one of the following types of objects: Line, Rectangle, Textbox, Image, Subreport, CustomReportItem or DataRegion. DataRegions are: List, Table, Matrix, and Chart. The ReportItem element itself is not used. Instead, specific report item element is used wherever ReportItem is allowed.

#### **Common Attributes/Elements**

The following attributes and elements are shared among all types of ReportItem elements (Note, however, that not all attributes/elements of ReportItem are necessarily meaningful for all types of report items).

Name	Card	Type	Description					
Name	1	Name	Name of the report item					
Style	0-1	Element	Style information for the element					
Action	0-1	Element	An action (e.g. a hyperlink) associated with					

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

			the ReportItem
Тор	0-1	Size	The distance of the item from the top of the containing object. <sup>1</sup>
			Defaults to 0 if omitted.
Left	0-1	Size	The distance of the item from the left of the containing object. <sup>1</sup>
			Defaults to 0 if omitted.
Height	0-1	Size	Height of the item. Negative sizes allowed only for lines (The height/width gives the offset of the endpoint of the line from the start point). <sup>1</sup>
			Defaults to the height of the containing object minus Top if omitted.
Width	0-1	Size	Width of the item. Negative sizes allowed only for lines. <sup>1</sup>
			Defaults to the width of the containing object minus Left if omitted. <sup>2</sup>
ZIndex	0-1	Integer	Drawing order of the report item within the containing object. Items with lower indices are drawn first (appearing behind items with higher indices). Items with equal indices have an unspecified order.
			Default: 0 Min: 0 Max: 2147483647
Visibility	0-1	Element	Indicates if the item should be hidden.
ToolTip	0-1	Expression (String)	A textual label for the report item. Used for such things as including TITLE and ALT attributes in HTML reports.
Label	0-1	Expression	A label to identify an instance of a report item

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See "Automatic Position and Size Behavior".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For Table and Matrix, the default Height and Width are instead derived from the sizes of the component parts (columns, rows, matrix cells).

		(Variant)	within the client UI (to provide a user-friendly label for searching)
			Hierarchical listing of report item and group labels within the UI (the Document Map) should reflect the object containment hierarchy in the report definition. Peer items should be listed in left-to-right top-to-bottom order.
			If the expression returns null, no item is added to the Document Map. Not used for report items in the page header or footer.
LinkToChild	0-1	String	The name of a report item contained directly within this report item that is the target location for the Document Map label (if any).
			Ignored if Label is not present. Used only for Rectangle.
Bookmark	0-1	Expression (String)	A bookmark that can be linked to via a Bookmark action
RepeatWith	0-1	String	The name of a data region that this report item should be repeated with if that data region spans multiple pages.
			The data region must be in the same ReportItems collection as this ReportItem (Since data regions are not allowed in page headers/footers, this means RepeatWith will be unusable in page headers/footers).
			Not allowed if this report item is a data region, subreport or rectangle that contains a data region or subreport.
Custom	0-1	Element	Custom information to be handed to a report output component.
DataElement Name	0-1	String	The name to use for the data element/attribute for this report item.
			Default: Name of the report item
DataElement Output	0-1	Enum	Indicates whether the item should appear in a data rendering.

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

Output: Indicates the item should appear in the output
NoOutput: Indicates the item should not appear in the output
ContentsOnly: Indicates the item should not appear in the XML, but its contents should be rendered as if they were in this item's container. Only applies to Lists.
Auto (Default): Will behave as NoOutput for Textboxes with constant values, ContentsOnly for Rectangles and Output for all other items.

Attributes and elements specific to each ReportItem element type are described below.

#### **Automatic Position and Size Behavior**

Items in a report may grow vertically or horizontally due to repeated sections, variable-size contents or other reasons.

When an item in a report grows, it pushes peer items (items within the same parent container) out of the way as follows:

- Each item moves down to maintain a minimum spacing between itself and all items that end above it. This spacing is the minimum of the original distances between the item and all items that end above it
- Each item moves right to maintain a minimum spacing between itself and all items that end left of it. This spacing is the minimum of the original distances between the item and all items that end to the left of it.

When an item in the report grows, if it would extend beyond the bounds of the containing item, its container grows large enough to accommodate the contained item.

#### Which properties apply to which ReportItem types?

	Line	Rectangle	Textbox	Image	Subreport	CustomReport Item	List	Matrix	Table	Chart
--	------	-----------	---------	-------	-----------	----------------------	------	--------	-------	-------

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

Name	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Action	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
Тор	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Left	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Height	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Width	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
ZIndex	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Visibility	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tooltip	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Label	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
LinkToChild	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Bookmark	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
RepeatWith	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Custom	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y

# **Action**

The Action element defines a hyperlink, bookmark link or drillthrough action associated with a ReportItem.

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Hyperlink	0-1	Expression (URL)	An expression that evaluates to the URL of the hyperlink
Drillthrough	0-1	Element	The drillthrough report that should be executed by clicking on the hyperlink
BookmarkLink	0-1	Expression (String)	An expression that evaluates to the ID of a bookmark within the report to go to when this report item is clicked on.
			(If no bookmark with this ID is found, the link will not be included in the report. If the bookmark is hidden, the link will go to the start of the page the bookmark is on. If multiple

bookmarks with this ID are found, the link wil	1
go to the first one)	

Action must have one and only one of the following: Hyperlink, BookmarkLink or Drillthrough.

# Drillthrough

The Drillthrough element has the following attributes/elements:

## **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
ReportName	1	URL	The path of the drillthrough report. Paths may be absolute or relative.
Parameters	0-1	Element	Parameters to the drillthrough report

# **Visibility**

The Visibility element indicates the ReportItem should not be (initially) shown in the output report.

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Hidden	0-1	Expression (Boolean)	Indicates if the item should be initially hidden.
ToggleItem	0-1	String	The name of the textbox used to hide/unhide this report item. Clicking on an instance of the ToggleItem will toggle the hidden state of every corresponding instance of this item. If the Toggle item becomes hidden, this item should become hidden.  Must be a textbox in the same grouping scope as this item or in any containing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This cascading does not apply if the toggle item becomes hidden as a result of a containing table column or matrix cell becoming hidden.

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

(ancestor) grouping scope
If omitted, no item will toggle the hidden state of this item.
Not allowed on and cannot refer to report items contained in a page header or footer.
Cannot refer to a report item contained within the current report item unless current grouping scope has a Parent.

Note: A hidden report item that cannot be toggled should be treated as if it is not present, when generating the report. This means the report layout does not change due to the fact that the item is hidden (unlike hidden items that can toggle, thereby shifting layout to make room/remove empty space).

## Using ToggleItem with a Recursive Hierarchy

If the ToggleItem refers to a textbox contained by and in the same grouping scope as the item whose visibility is being toggled and that grouping has a Parent element, the show/hide toggling behavior will reflect the recursive hierarchy. Specifically: Clicking on the textbox in one instance of the group will toggle the visibility of items in child instances of the group (see Grouping.Parent).

## **Example:**

For a recursive hierarchy table that contains an EmployeeID, EmployeeName and ManagerID, a report can be created with a table that contains only a table header and detail row:

### **Employee**

VP

Manager1

Employee1

Employee2

Manager2

To allow the rows to be shown/hidden by clicking on the manager's name, the Hidden element for the table's detail row would look like this:

© 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

The grouping for the table details would look like this:

#### Line

The Line element has no additional attributes/elements beyond what it inherits from ReportItem. Negative heights/widths allow for lines that are drawn up and/or left from their origin. Although negative Height and Width are allowed, both Top+Height and Left+Width must be nonnegative valid sizes.

## Rectangle

The Rectangle element has the following attributes/elements in addition to what it inherits from ReportItem:

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
ReportItems	0-1	Element	Report items contained within the bounds of the rectangle.
PageBreakAtStart	0-1	Boolean	Indicates the report should page break at the start of the rectangle. <sup>1</sup>
PageBreakAtEnd	0-1	Boolean	Indicates the report should page break at the end of the rectangle. <sup>1</sup>

## **Textbox**

The Textbox element has the following attributes/elements in addition to what it inherits from ReportItem:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Page breaks on rectangles are ignored if the rectangle has no report items.

 $<sup>\</sup>odot$  2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Value	1	Expression (Variant)	An expression, the value of which is displayed in the text-box.
			This can be a constant expression for constant labels.
CanGrow	0-1	Boolean	Indicates the Textbox size can increase to accommodate the contents
CanShrink	0-1	Boolean	Indicates the Textbox size can decrease to match the contents
HideDuplicates	0-1	String	Indicates the item should be hidden when the value of the expression associated with the report item is the same as the preceding instance. The value of HideDuplicates is the name of a grouping or data set over which to apply the hiding. Each time a new instance of that group is encountered, the first instance of this report item will not be hidden. Rows on a previous page are ignored for the purposes of hiding duplicates. If the textbox is in a table or matrix cell, only the text will be hidden. The textbox will remain to provide background and border for the cell.  Ignored in matrix subtotals.
ToggleImage	0-1	Element	Indicates the initial state of a toggling image should one be displayed as a part of the textbox.

DataElementStyle	0-1	Enum	Indicates whether textbox value
			should render as an element or
			attribute: Auto (Default)
			AttributeNormal   ElementNormal.
			Auto uses the setting on the Report
			element.

## **ToggleImage**

Indicates the initial state of a toggle image should such an image be displayed as a part of the textbox. The image is always displayed if the textbox is a toggle item for another report item. If no ToggleImage element is present, no image should be displayed. Whenever the textbox/image is clicked on, the toggle image state flips and the image associated with the new state is displayed instead.

## **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Type	Description
InitialState	1	Expression (Boolean)	A Boolean expression, the value of which determines the initial state of the toggle image.  True = "expanded" (i.e. a minus sign). False = "collapsed" (i.e. a plus sign)

# **Image**

The Image element has the following attributes/elements in addition to what it inherits from ReportItem:

Name	Card	Type	Description
Source	1	Enum	Identifies the source of the image:
			External – The Value contains a constant or expression that evaluates to the location of the image
			Embedded – The Value contains a constant or expression that evaluates to the name of an EmbeddedImage within the report.
			Database – The Value contains an expression (typically a field in the database)

 $<sup>\</sup>odot$  2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

			that evaluates to the binary data for the image.
Value	1	Expression	See Source. Expected datatype is string or binary, depending on Source. If the Value is null, no image is displayed.
MIMEType	0-1	Expression (String)	An expression, the value of which is the MIMEType for the image.
			Valid values are: image/bmp, image/jpeg, image/gif, image/png, image/x-png
			Required if Source = Database. Ignored otherwise.
Sizing	0-1	Enum	Defines the behavior if the image does not fit within the specified size.
			AutoSize = The borders should grow/shrink to accommodate the image (Default).
			Fit = The image is resized to exactly match the height and width of the image element.
			FitProportional = The image should be resized to fit, preserving aspect ratio. <sup>1</sup>
			Clip = The image should be clipped to fit. <sup>1</sup>

# **Subreport**

The Subreport element has the following attributes/elements in addition to what it inherits from ReportItem:

## Attributes/Elements

Name	Card	Туре	Description
ReportName	1	String	The full path (e.g. "/salesreports/orderdetails") or relative path (e.g. "orderdetails") to a subreport. Relative paths start in the same folder as the current

<sup>1</sup> Report output formats unable to support FitProportional or Clip should output as Fit instead.

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

			(parent) report.  Cannot be an empty string (ignoring whitespace)
Parameters	0-1	Eleme nt	Parameters to the Subreport  If the subreport is executed without parameters (and contains no Toggle elements), it will only be executed once (even if it appears inside of a list, table or matrix)
NoRows	0-1	Expres sion (String	Message to display in the subreport (instead of the region layout <sup>1</sup> ) when no rows of data are available in any data set in the subreport
		)	Note: Style information on the subreport applies to this text.
MergeTransac tions	0-1	Boolea n	Indicates that transactions in the subreport should be merged with transactions in the parent report (into a single transaction for the entire report) if the data sources use the same connection.

## CustomReportItem

CustomReportItem describes a report item that is not natively defined in RDL. Extended information about the custom report item is placed within the CustomReportItem element in a namespace specific to the tool or server that supports the type. Tools and servers that do not support the type treat CustomReportItem essentially as a rectangle, with the exception that few elements do not apply.

The CustomReportItem element has the following attributes/elements in addition to what it inherits from ReportItem:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If the subreport is in a table or matrix cell and does not have a NoRows property, the contents of the subreport will be omitted but the subreport's border properties will still apply to the cell.

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Туре	1	String	The type of the custom report item. Interpreted by a report design tool or server.
ReportItems	0-1	Element	Report items to render within the CustomReportItem rectangle instead of the custom report item, if the custom item type is not supported natively.

## Example:

```
<CustomReportItem Name="Text5" Type="RichTextControl">
      <Top>2 in</Top>
      <Left>2 in</Left>
      <Height>1 in</Height>
      <Width>4 in</Width>
      <ms:RichText name="RTFItem45">
             <ms:Value>Pretty formatted text</ms:Value>
             <ms:MakeItPretty>true</ms:MakeItPretty>
      </ms:RichText>
      <ReportItems>
             <Textbox Name="Textbox6">
                    <Top>0 in</Top>
                    <Left>0 in</Left>
                    <Height>1 in</Height>
                    <Width>2 in</Width>
                    <Value>Boring plain text</Value>
             </Textbox>
      </ReportItems>
</CustomReportItem>
```

### **Parameters**

The Parameters element contains a list of parameters and their values for a subreport or drillthrough.

## **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Parameter	1-N	Element	Definition of a parameter passed into the subreport.

#### **Parameter**

The Parameter element contains information about a parameter.

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Name	1	String	Name of the parameter
Value	1	Expression (Variant)	An expression that evaluates to the value to hand in for the parameter to the subreport.
Omit	0-1	Expression (Boolean)	Indicates the parameter should be skipped. Valid only for Drillthrough parameters.

# **DataRegion**

A data region represents the layout of a data set in the report. Unlike other report items, data regions may have contents that repeat to accommodate the size of the data set results to which they are bound.

A DataRegion element is one of the following element types:

List, Matrix, Table, Chart

#### **Common Attributes/Elements**

The following attributes and elements are shared among all types of DataRegion elements:

Name	Card	Туре	Description
KeepTogether	0-1	Boolean	Indicates the entire data region (all repeated sections) should be kept together on one page if possible.
NoRows	0-1	Expression (String)	Message to display in the DataRegion (instead of the region layout <sup>1</sup> ) when no rows of data are available.  Note: Style information on the data region applies to this text.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If the data region is in a table or matrix cell and does not have a NoRows property, the contents of the data region will be omitted but the data region's background and border properties will still apply to the cell.

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

DataSetName	0-1	String	Indicates which data set to use for this data region.
			Mandatory for top level DataRegions (not contained within another DataRegion) if there is not exactly one data set in the report. If there is exactly one data set in the report, the data region uses that data set. (Note: If there are zero data sets in the report, data regions can not be used, as there is no valid DataSetName to use) Ignored for DataRegions that are not top level.
PageBreakAtStart	0-1	Boolean	Indicates the report should page break at the start of the data region. <sup>1</sup>
PageBreakAtEnd	0-1	Boolean	Indicates the report should page break at the end of the data region. <sup>1</sup>
Filters	0-1	Element	Filters to apply to each row of data in the data region.

Attributes and elements specific to each DataRegion element type are described below.

## List

The List element defines a region that repeats with each group in the rowset or each row in the rowset (if no group expression is defined).

## **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Grouping	0-1	Element	The expressions to group the data by
			Required if there are any DataRegions contained within this List

© 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Page breaks on lists are ignored if the list has no report items.

Sorting	0-1	Element	The expressions to sort the repeated list regions by
ReportItems	0-1	Element	The elements of the list layout
DataInstanceName	0-1	String	The name to use for the data element for the each instance of this list. Ignored if there is a grouping for the list.  Default: "Item"
DataInstanceEleme ntOutput	0-1	Enum	Indicates whether the list instances should appear in a data rendering. Ignored if there is a grouping for the list.
			Output (Default): Indicates the list instances should appear in the output
			NoOutput: Indicates the list instances should not appear in the output

# Grouping

The Grouping element defines the expressions to group the data by.

Name	Card	Type	Description
Name	1	Name	Name of the Grouping (for use in RunningValue and RowNumber)
			No two grouping elements may have the same name. No grouping element may have the same name as a data set or a data region
Label	0-1	Expression (String)	A label to identify an instance of the group within the client UI (to provide a user-friendly label for searching). See ReportItem.Label

GroupExpressions	1	Element	The expressions to group the data by
PageBreakAtStart	0-1	Boolean	Indicates the report should page break at the start of the group. <sup>1</sup>
			Not valid for column groupings in Matrix regions.
PageBreakAtEnd	0-1	Boolean	Indicates the report should page break at the end of the group. <sup>1</sup>
			Not valid for column groupings in Matrix regions.
Custom	0-1	Element	Custom information to be passed to the report output component.
Filters	0-1	Element	Filters to apply to each instance of the group.
Parent	0-1	Expression (Variant)	An expression that identifies the parent group in a recursive hierarchy. Only allowed if the group has exactly one group expression.
			Indicates the following:
			1. Groups should be sorted according to the recursive hierarchy (Sort is still used to sort peer groups).
			2. Labels (in the document map) should be placed/indented according to the recursive hierarchy.
			3. Intra-group show/hide should toggle items according to the recursive hierarchy (see ToggleItem)
1			If filters on the group eliminate a group

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Grouping page breaks on table groups are ignored if the group has no header and no footer, no subgroups have a header or footer and there is no detail row in the table

			instance's parent, it is instead treated as a child of the parent's parent.
DataElementName	0-1	String	The name to use for the data element for instances of this group.
			Default: Name of the group
DataCollectionName	0-1	String	The name to use for the data element for the collection of all instances of this group.
			Default: "DataElementName_Collection"
DataElementOutput	0-1	Enum	Indicates whether the group should appear in a data rendering.
			Output (Default): Indicates the group should appear in the output
			NoOutput: Indicates the group should not appear in the output

# **GroupExpressions**

The GroupExpressions element defines an ordered list of expressions to group the data by

## **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
GroupExpression	1-N	Expression (Variant)	An ordered list of expressions to group the data by. The only aggregate function allowed in group expressions is RowNumber. References to report items are not allowed.

# **Sorting**

The Sorting element defines the expressions to sort the groups by.

Name	Card	Туре	Description	
SortBy	1	Element	The expressions to sort the groups by. <sup>1</sup>	
			This is an ordered list.	

# **SortBy**

The SortBy element defines an expression to sort the groups by

## **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
SortExpression	1	Expression (Variant)	The expression to sort the groups by.  The functions RunningValue and RowNumber are not allowed in SortExpression.  References to report items are not allowed.
Direction	0-1	Enum	Indicates the direction of the sort Ascending (Default)   Descending

## **Matrix**

The Matrix element defines a grid of regions that repeats with each column group and row group in the dataset.

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Corner	0-1	Element	The region that contains the elements of the upper left corner area of the matrix.  If omitted, no report items are output in the corner.
ColumnGroupings	1	Element	The set of column groupings for the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Sorting preserves the order of rows from the original data for SortExpressions with identical values.

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

			matrix
RowGroupings	1	Element	The set of row groupings for the matrix
MatrixRows	1	Element	The rows contained in each detail cell of the matrix layout
MatrixColumns	1	Element	The columns contained in each detail cell of the matrix layout
LayoutDirection	0-1	Enum	Indicates whether the matrix columns grow left-to-right (with headers on the left) or right-to-left (with headers on the right).  LTR (Default)   RTL
GroupsBeforeRowHeaders	0-1	Integer	The number of instances of the outermost column group that should appear to the left of the row headers (right of the row headers for RTL matrixes). Default is 0.
CellDataElementName	0-1	String	The name to use for the cell element.  Default: "Cell"
CellDataElementOutput	0-1	Enum	Indicates whether the cell contents should appear in a data rendering.
			Output (Default): Indicates the cell should appear in the output
			NoOutput: Indicates the cell should not appear in the output

# Corner

The Corner element defines the layout and structure of the upper left-hand corner region of a Matrix.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the purposes of GroupsBeforeRowHeaders, a subtotal column is considered a part of (and will move with) the rightmost or leftmost detail column, as appropriate.

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

Name	Card	Туре	Description
ReportItems	1	Element	The region that contains the elements of the corner layout
			This ReportItems collection must contain exactly one ReportItem. The Top, Left, Height and Width for this ReportItem are ignored. The position is taken to be 0, 0 and the size to be 100%, 100%.

# ColumnGroupings

The ColumnGroupings element defines the set of column groupings for a Matrix.

## **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
ColumnGrouping	1-N	Element	The set of column groupings for the Matrix
			Each ColumnGrouping defines a row of column headings (the first ColumnGrouping is the outermost column headings).

# ColumnGrouping

The ColumnGrouping element defines a column header region for a Matrix.

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Height	1	Size	Height of the column header
DynamicColumns	0-1	Element	Dynamic column headings for this grouping
StaticColumns	0-1	Element	Static column headings for this grouping

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The height of the corner is the sum of the heights of the column headers. The width of the corner is the sum of the widths of the row headers.

 $<sup>\</sup>odot$  2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

A ColumnGrouping must have either DynamicColumns or StaticColumns, but not both.

# **DynamicColumns**

The DynamicColumns element defines a column header region that repeats with each column group in a Matrix's rowset.

## **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Grouping	1	Element	The expressions to group the data by.
Sorting	0-1	Element	The expressions to sort the columns by.
Subtotal	0-1	Element	Indicates an automatic subtotal column should be included
ReportItems	1	Element	The elements of the column header layout
			This ReportItems collection must contain exactly one ReportItem. The Top, Left, Height and Width for this ReportItem are ignored. The position is taken to be 0, 0 and the size to be 100%, 100%.
Visibility	0-1	Element	Indicates if all of the dynamic columns for this grouping should be hidden and replaced with a subtotal column for this grouping scope

## **StaticColumns**

The StaticColumns element defines a column header region with a fixed set of columns. Only one ColumnGrouping in each matrix may be static.

## **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Type	Description
StaticColumn	1-N	Element	Static column headings for this grouping

## **StaticColumn**

The StaticColumn element defines a fixed column header region in a Matrix

 $<sup>\</sup>odot$  2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

Name	Card	Туре	Description
ReportItems	1	Element	The elements of the column header layout
			This ReportItems collection must contain exactly one ReportItem. The Top, Left, Height and Width for this ReportItem are ignored. The position is taken to be 0, 0 and the size to be 100%, 100%.

# **RowGroupings**

The Rows element defines the set of row groupings for a Matrix.

## **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
RowGrouping	1-N	Element	The set of row groupings for the Matrix
			Each Row defines a column of row headings (the first Row is the outermost row headings)

# RowGrouping

The RowGrouping element defines a row header region for a Matrix.

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Type	Description
Width	1	Size	Width of the row header
DynamicRows	0-1	Element	Dynamic row headings for this grouping
StaticRows	0-1	Element	Static row headings for this grouping

A RowGrouping must have either DynamicRows or StaticRows, but not both.

# **DynamicRows**

The DynamicRows element defines a row header region that repeats with each row group in a Matrix's rowset.

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Grouping	1	Element	The expressions to group the data by
Sorting	0-1	Element	The expressions to sort the columns by
Subtotal	0-1	Element	Indicates an automatic subtotal row should be included
ReportItems	1	Element	The elements of the row header layout
			This ReportItems collection must contain exactly one ReportItem. The Top, Left, Height and Width for this ReportItem are ignored. The position is taken to be 0, 0 and the size to be 100%, 100%.
Visibility	0-1	Element	Indicates if all of the dynamic rows for this grouping should be hidden and replaced with a subtotal row for this grouping scope

## **StaticRows**

The StaticRows element defines a row header region with a fixed set of rows.

Only one RowGrouping in each matrix may be static.

## **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
StaticRow	1-N	Element	Static row headings for this grouping

## **StaticRow**

The StaticRow element defines a fixed row header region in a Matrix.

Name	Card	Туре	Description
ReportItems	1	Element	The elements of the row header layout
			This ReportItems collection must contain exactly one ReportItem. The Top, Left, Height and Width for this ReportItem are ignored. The position is taken to be 0, 0 and the size to be 100%, 100%.

## Subtotal

The Subtotals element defines a subtotal column/row to include in the Matrix.

In the subtotal column/row, the matrix cell contents are applied to the full set of data for the entire group.

## **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
ReportItems	1	Element	The header cell for a subtotal column or row.
			This ReportItems collection must contain exactly one Textbox. The Top, Left, Height and Width for this ReportItem are ignored. The position is taken to be 0, 0 and the size to be 100%, 100%.
Style	0-1	Element	Style properties that override the style properties for all top-level report items contained in the subtotal column/row
			At Subtotal Column/Row intersections, Row style takes priority
Position	0-1	Enum	Before   After (default)
			Indicates whether this subtotal column/row should appear before (left/above) or after (right/below) the detail columns/rows.
DataElementName	0-1	String	The name to use for this subtotal.
			Default: "Total"
DataElementOutput	0-1	Enum	Indicates whether the subtotal should appear in a data rendering.
			Output: Indicates the subtotal element should appear in the output
			NoOutput (Default): Indicates the subtotal should not appear in the output

Note: If a matrix cell contains an aggregate that uses an explicit grouping scope contained within the scope of the aggregate, that scope will be automatically adjusted to equal the current scope. For example, if a textbox in a matrix cell contains the expression

=Sum(Fields!Sales.Value)/Sum(Fields!Sales.Value,"State") and this subtotal is applied at the

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

Country grouping scope, the expression will evaluate as

=Sum(Fields!Sales.Value)/Sum(Fields!Sales.Value,"Country"), since the State grouping scope is contained within the country grouping scope.

## **MatrixColumns**

The MatrixColumns element defines the set of columns in the detail section of a Matrix

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Type	Description	
MatrixColumn	1-N	Element	The set of columns in the detail section of the Matrix. There must be one MatrixColumn per StaticColumn in the Matrix (or exactly one MatrixColumn if there are no StaticColumns)	

## **MatrixColumn**

The MatrixRow element defines a column in the detail section of a Matrix

### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description	
Width	1	Size	Width of each detail cell in this column	

#### **MatrixRows**

The MatrixRows element defines the set of rows in the detail section of a Matrix

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
MatrixRow	1-N	Element	The set of rows in the detail section of the Matrix
			There must be one MatrixRow per StaticRow in the Matrix (or exactly one MatrixRow if there are no StaticRows)

## **MatrixRow**

The MatrixRow element defines the set of cells in a row of the detail section of a Matrix

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

Name	Card	Туре	Description	
Height	1	Size	Height of each detail cell in this row.	
MatrixCells	1	Element	The set of cells in a row in the detail section of the Matrix.	

## **MatrixCells**

The MatrixCells element defines the set of cells in a row of the detail section of a Matrix

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description	
MatrixCell	1-N	Element	The set of cells in a row in the detail section of the Matrix. There must be one MatrixCell per StaticColumn in the Matrix (or exactly one MatrixColumn if there are no StaticColumns).	

## **MatrixCell**

The MatrixCell element defines the contents of each detail cell in the matrix.

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
ReportItems	1	Element	The report items contained in each detail cell of the matrix layout.
			This ReportItems collection must contain exactly one ReportItem. The Top, Left, Height and Width for this ReportItem are ignored. The position is taken to be 0, 0 and the size to be 100%, 100%.

Note: Page breaks on report items inside a MatrixCell are ignored.

Note: For the purposes of Visibility. ToggleItem, a MatrixCell is considered to be in the same scope as the Matrix. This means report items contained within a MatrixCell cannot have their visibility toggled by report items in the matrix row or column headers.

## **Table**

 $\odot$  2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

The Table element defines a tabular grouped layout of the data region.

## **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
TableColumns	1	Element	The columns in the table
Header	0-1	Element	The table header rows
TableGroups	0-1	Element	The groups (group expressions/headers/footers) for the table
Details	0-1	Element	The details rows for the table
			The table must have at least one of: Details, Header or Footer
Footer	0-1	Element	The table footer rows
FillPage	0-1	Boolean	Indicates the table should expand to fill the page, pushing items below it to the bottom of the page.
DetailDataElementName	0-1	String	The name to use for the data element for instances of this group. Ignored if there is a grouping defined for the details.
			Default: "Details"
DetailDataCollectionName	0-1	String	The name to use for the data element for the collection of all instances of this group.
			Default: "Details_Collection"
DetailDataElementOutput	0-1	Enum	Indicates whether the details should appear in a data rendering.
			Output (Default): Indicates the details should appear in the output
			NoOutput: Indicates the details should not appear in the output

## **TableColumns**

The TableColumns element defines the columns in the table

Name	Card	Туре	Description
TableColumn	1-N	Element	A column in the table

## **TableColumn**

The TableColumn element defines a column in the table

### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Type	Description
Width	1	Size	Width of the column
Visibility	0-1	Element	Indicates if the column should be hidden

## Header

The Header element defines the header rows for a table or group

## **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
TableRows	1	Element	The header rows for the table or group
RepeatOnNewPage	0-1	Boolean	Indicates this header should be displayed on each page that the table (or group) is displayed

## **TableRows**

The TableRows element defines an ordered list of table rows.

## **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
TableRow	1-N	Element	A header row of cells in the table.

## **TableRow**

The TableRow element defines a row of cells in a table data region.

Nama	Card	Type	Description
Name	Card	Type	Description

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

TableCells	1	Element	Contents of the row. One cell per column
Height	1	Size	Height of the row
Visibility	0-1	Element	Indicates if the row should be hidden

## **Footer**

The Footer element defines the footer rows for a table or group.

## **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
TableRows	1	Element	The footer rows for the table or group
RepeatOnNewPage	0-1	Boolean	Indicates this footer should be displayed on each page that the table (or group) is displayed

# **TableGroups**

The TableGroups element defines the groups in the table.

## **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
TableGroup	1-N	Element	A group (group expression, header, footer) in the table

# **TableGroup**

The TableGroup element defines a group in a table data region

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Grouping	1	Element	The expressions to group the data by.
Sorting	0-1	Element	The expressions to sort the data by.
Header	0-1	Element	A group header row.
Footer	0-1	Element	A group footer row.
Visibility	0-1	Element	Indicates if the group (and all groups embedded within it) should be hidden.

# **Details**

The Details element defines the details rows for a table.

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
TableRows	1	Element	The details rows for the table. The details rows cannot contain any DataRegions in any of their TableCells.
Grouping	0-1	Element	The expressions to group the detail data by
Sorting	0-1	Element	The expressions to sort the detail data by
Visibility	0-1	Element	Indicates if the details should be hidden

# **TableCells**

The TableCells element defines the contents of a collection of cells in a table data region.

## **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
TableCell	1-N	Element	Contents of the row. There must be one cell per column (ColSpan can allow multiple columns to be covered by one cell)

## **TableCell**

The TableCell element defines the contents of a cell in a table data region

Name	Card	Туре	Description
ReportItems	1	Element	An element of the report layout (e.g. List, Textbox, Line). This ReportItems collection must contain exactly one ReportItem. The Top, Left, Height and Width for this ReportItem are ignored. The position is taken to be 0, 0 and the size to be 100%,

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

			100%. Pagebreaks on report items inside a TableCell are ignored.
ColSpan	0-1	Integer	Indicates the number of columns this cell spans. <sup>1</sup>
			A ColSpan of 1 is the same as not specifying a ColSpan

## Chart

The Chart element defines a chart dataregion. The Chart is defined much like a Matrix, but instead of Columns, Rows, and Cells, the Chart has Categories, Series, and DataPoints.

Name	Card	Type	Description
Type	0-1	Enum	Type of the chart
			Column (Default)   Bar   Line   Pie   Scatter   Bubble   Area   Doughnut   Stock
Subtype	0-1	Enum	Subtype of the chart. Available subtypes (and default subtype) depends on Type
			Column: Plain (Default)   Stacked       PercentStacked
			Bar: Plain (Default)   Stacked       PercentStacked
			Line: Plain (Default)   Smooth
			Pie: Plain (Default)   Exploded
			Scatter: Plain (Default)   Line       SmoothLine
			Bubble: Plain (Default)
			Area: Plain (Default)   Stacked

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the purposes of hidden columns, this cell is considered to occupy the first visible column it appears in. Hiding a spanned column will reduce the effective number of columns spanned. The cell will remain visible, spanning the nonhidden columns, unless all spanned columns are hidden.

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

			PercentStacked
			Doughnut: Plain (Default)   Exploded
			Stock: HighLowClose (Default)       OpenHighLowClose   Candlestick
SeriesGroupings	0-1	Element	Set of series groupings for the chart
CategoryGroupings	0-1	Element	Set of category (X) groupings for the chart
ChartData	0-1	Element	Defines the data values for the chart
Legend	0-1	Element	Defines the chart legend
CategoryAxis	0-1	Element	Defines the category axis
ValueAxis	0-1	Element	Defines the value axis
Title	0-1	Element	Defines a title for the chart
PointWidth	0-1	Integer	Non-zero Percent width for bars and columns. A value of 100 represents 100% of the distance between points (i.e. a value greater than 100 will cause columns to overlap each other).
Palette	0-1	Enum	Determines the color palette for the chart items.
			Values are Default (Default)   EarthTones   Excel   GrayScale   Light   Pastel     SemiTransparent
ThreeDProperties	0-1	Element	Properties for a 3D chart layout.
PlotArea	0-1	Element	Properties for the plot area
ChartElementOutput	0-1	Enum	Indicates whether a DataPoints element containing the chart data points should appear in a data rendering.
			Output (Default): Indicates the DataPoints should appear in the output
			NoOutput: Indicates the DataPoints should not appear in the output

A Chart must have either a SeriesGrouping, or a CategoryGrouping or both.

## **SeriesGroupings**

The SeriesGroupings element defines the set of Series groupings for a Chart.

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
SeriesGrouping	1-N	Element	The set of Series groupings for the Chart

# **SeriesGrouping**

The SeriesGrouping element defines a Series level for a Chart SeriesGrouping. The labels for the series are displayed in the legend.

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
DynamicSeries	0-1	Element	Dynamic Series headings for this grouping
StaticSeries	0-1	Element	Static Series headings for this grouping

A SeriesGrouping must have either DynamicSeries or StaticSeries, but not both.

# **DynamicSeries**

The DynamicSeries element defines a Series level that repeats with each Series group in a Chart's rowset.

### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Grouping	1	Element	The expressions to group the data by. Page breaks in the grouping are not allowed.
Sorting	0-1	Element	The expressions to sort the columns by
Label	1	Expression (String)	The label displayed on the legend.

## **StaticSeries**

The StaticSeries element defines a series level with a fixed set of members.

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

Name	Card	Туре	Description
StaticMember	1-N	Element	The members for the static series

### **StaticMember**

The StaticMember element defines the data label to display for a static series or static category member.

## **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Label	1	Expression	The label for the static member (displayed either on
		(Variant)	the category axis or legend, as appropriate).

# CategoryGroupings

The CategoryGroupings element defines the set of Category groupings for a Chart

## **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
CategoryGrouping	1-N	Element	The set of Category groupings for the Chart

# CategoryGrouping

The CategoryGrouping element defines a Category level for a Chart. The labels for the categoies are displayed along the category axis.

## **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
DynamicCategories	0-1	Element	Dynamic Category headings for this grouping
StaticCategories	0-1	Element	Static Category headings for this grouping

A CategoryGrouping must have either DynamicCategories or StaticCategories, but not both.

 $<sup>\</sup>odot$  2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

# **DynamicCategories**

The DynamicCategories element defines a Category header region that repeats with each Category group in a Chart's rowset. The label displayed on the axis is defined on the Grouping. Label property.

## **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Grouping	1	Element	The expressions to group the data by. Page breaks in the grouping are not allowed.
Sorting	0-1	Element	The expressions to sort the data by
Label	0-1	Expression (Variant)	The label displayed on the axis.

# **StaticCategories**

The StaticCategories element defines a category level with a fixed set of members.

## **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
StaticMember	1-N	Element	The members of the static category level

## **Title**

The Title element defines a title for the chart or for an axis

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Caption	0-1	Expression (string)	Caption of the title
Style	0-1	Element	Defines text, border and background style properties for the title.
			All Textbox properties apply.
Position	0-1	Enum	The position of the title
			Center (Default)   Near   Far
			Not used for chart title

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

# Legend

The Legend element defines the properties that can be used to display instances of the series groupings in a chart legend.

## **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description	
Visible	0-1	Boolean	Specifies whether a legend is displayed. Defaults to false.	
Style	0-1	Element	Defines text, border and background style properties for the legend. All Textbox properties apply.	
Position	0-1	Enum	The position of the legend	
			TopLeft   TopCenter   TopRight   LeftTop   LeftCenter   LeftBottom   RightTop (Default)   RightCenter   RightBottom   BottomRight   BottomCenter   BottomLeft.	
Layout	0-1	Enum	The arrangement of labels within the legend	
			Column (Default)   Row   Table	
InsidePlotArea	0-1	Boolean	If true, draw legend inside plot area, otherwise draw outside plot area (default).	

# **CategoryAxis**

The CategoryAxis element defines the category (X) axis. There must be a corresponding DataPoint for each StaticCategories member.

## **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Axis	0-1	Element	Display properties for the category axis

## **ValueAxis**

The ValueAxis element defines the data (Y) axis.

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Axis	0-1	Element	Display properties for the value axis.

## **Axis**

The Axis element defines properties for labels, titles and gridlines along an axis.

Name	Card	Туре	Description	
Visible	0-1	Boolean	Whether the axis labels are displayed. Defaults to false.	
Style	0-1	Element	Defines text style properties for the axis labels and line style properties for the axis line.	
Title	0-1	Element	Defines a title for the axis	
Margin	0-1	Boolean	Indicates whether an axis margin will be created. The size of the margin is automatically generated based on the Scale and the number of data points. Defaults to false.	
MajorTickMarks	0-1	Enum	None (Default)   Inside   Outside   Cross	
MinorTickMarks	0-1	Enum	None (Default)   Inside   Outside   Cross	
MajorGridLines	0-1	Element	Indicates major gridlines should be displayed for this axis.	
MinorGridLines	0-1	Element	Indicates minor gridlines should be displayed for this axis.	
MajorInterval	0-1	Integer	Unit for major gridlines/tickmarks	
			If omitted, the axis is autodivided	
MinorInterval	MinorInterval 0-1 Integer		Unit for minor gridlines/tickmarks	
			If omitted, the axis is autodivided	
Reverse	0-1	Boolean	If false (Default) the axis is plotted normally, if true its direction is reversed.	
CrossAt	CrossAt 0-1 Integer Val		Value at which to cross the other axis	
			If omitted, uses the default behavior for the	

			chart type.	
Interlaced	0-1	Boolean	If this property is true then strip lines are drawn every other grid line interval for the axis. If grid lines are not used for the axis then the axis' tick marks or labels are used to determine the interlaced strip lines interval.  Defaults to False.	
Scalar	0-1	Boolean	Indicates the values along this axis are scalar values (i.e. numeric or date) which should be displayed on the chart in a continuous axis. Scalar cannot be true if the axis has more than one grouping, if that grouping is static or has more than one group expression or if the axis values have a label.	
Min	0-1	Integer	Minimum value for the axis  If omitted, the axis autoscales	
Max	0-1	Integer	Maximum value for the axis  If omitted, the axis autoscales	
LogScale	0-1	Boolean	Whether the axis is logarithmic. Default is false.	

## ChartData

The ChartData element defines the segmentation of the data into multiple series. There must be a corresponding ChartSeries for each StaticSeries element.

## **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Type	Description
ChartSeries	1-N	Element	Data points for each series in the chart

## **ChartSeries**

The ChartSeries element defines the set of data ponts for one series.

Name	Card	Туре	Description
DataPoints	1	Element	Data points within a series
PlotType	0-1	Enum	Indicates whether the series should be plotted as a line in a Column chart. If set to auto, should be plotted per the primary chart type.  Auto (Default)   Line

### **DataPoints**

Collection of data points for a chart series. There must be a corresponding DataPoint for each StaticMember within a StaticCategory.

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Type	Description
DataPoint	1-N	Element	Collection of data points

#### **DataPoint**

The DataPoint element defines a set of single data point for the chart. There must be a corresponding DataPoint for combination of StaticCategories and StaticSeries. A DataPoint may consist of a single value expression (for example in bar or line charts) or multiple value expressions (stock and bubble charts).

Name	Card	Type	Description
DataValues	1	Element	Data value set for the Y axis.
DataLabel	0-1	Element	Indicates the values should be marked with data labels.
Action	0-1	Element	Action to execute.
Style	0-1	Element	Defines border and background style properties for the data point.
Marker	0-1	Element	Defines marker properties. Markers do not apply to data points of pie, doughnut and any stacked chart types.
DataElementName	0-1	String	The name to use for the data element for

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

			this data point.
			Default: Name of corresponding static series or category. If there is no static series or categories, "Value"
DataElementOutput	0-1	Enum	Indicates whether the data point should appear in a data rendering.
			Output (default): Indicates the data point should appear in the output
			NoOutput: Indicates the data point should not appear in the output

### **DataValues**

The DataValues element defines a collection of data values for a single data point in the chart.

### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Type	Description
DataValue	1-N	Element	Set of DataValue expressions for a single DataPoint.

### **DataValue**

The DataValue element defines a single value for the DataPoint in the chart.

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Value	1	Expression	Value expression. Same restrictions as
		(Variant)	the expressions in a matrix cell

### DataLabel

The DataLabel element defines the data labels to display on data values.

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Style	0-1	Element	Defines text, border and background style properties for the labels

Value	0-1	Expression (Variant)	Expression for the value labels. If omitted, values of in the ValueAxis are used for labels.
Visible	0-1	Boolean	Whether the data label is displayed on the chart. Defaults to False.
Position	0-1	Enum	Position of the label Auto (Default)   Top   TopLeft   TopRight   Left   Center   Right   BottomRight   Bottom   BottomLeft
Rotation	0-1	Integer	Angle of rotation of the label text

### Marker

The Marker element defines a marker for displayed chart values.

### Attributes/Elements

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Type	0-1	Enum	Defines the marker type for values.
			None (Default)   Square   Circle   Diamond   Triangle   Cross   Auto
Size	0-1	Size	Represents the height and width of the plotting area of marker(s).
Style	0-1	Element	Defines the border and background style properties for the marker(s).

# **ThreeDProperties**

The ThreeDProperties element defines properties for 3D layout.

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Enabled	0-1	Boolean	Whether or not a chart is displayed in 3D. Default is False (2D).
ProjectionMode	0-1	Enum	The projection mode used for the 3D rendering
			Perspective (Default)   Orthographic

Rotation	0-1	Integer	Rotation angle Applies only for Perspective projection
Inclination	0-1	Integer	Inclination angle
			Applies only for Perspective projection
Perspective	0-1	Integer	Represents the percent of perspective
			Applies only for Perspective projection
HeightRatio	0-1	Integer	Ratio between height and width
DepthRatio	0-1	Integer	Ration between depth and width
Shading	0-1	Enum	None (Default)   Simple   Real
GapDepth	0-1	Integer	Percent depth gap between 3D bars and columns
WallThickness	0-1	Integer	Percent thickness of outer walls
DrawingStyle	0-1	Enum	Determines shape of chart data displayed
			Cylinder   Cube (Default)
			Only applies to bar and column chart types.
Clustered	0-1	Boolean	Determines if data series are clustered (displayed along distinct rows). Only applies to bar and column chart types. Defaults to false.

### **PlotArea**

The PlotArea element defines properties for the plot area (for chart types with X and Y axes).

### Attributes/Elements

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Style	0-1	Element	Defines borders and background for the plot area

# MajorGridLines

The MajorGridLines element defines style properties for major gridlines along an axis

#### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Type	Description
ShowGridLines	0-1	Boolean	Indicates the gridlines should be shown
Style	0-1	Element	Line style properties for the gridlines and tickmarks

### MinorGridLines

The MinorGridLines element defines style properties for minor gridlines along an axis

### **Attributes/Elements**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
ShowGridLines	0-1	Boolean	Indicates the gridlines should be shown
Style	0-1	Element	Line style properties for the gridlines and
			tickmarks

## **Style**

The Style element contains information about the style of a report item. Where possible, the style property names and values match standard HTML/CSS properties.

All expression-based Style elements evaluate to either the type listed or to *Nothing* (an error in evaluation is treated as *Nothing*). *Nothing* is equivalent to not specifying the style, thereby indicating it should use the default. The expression must evaluate to a Boolean for Boolean properties, an enum value for enum properties, an integer for integer properties and a (formatted) string for all other properties. See the Data Types section above for the formats for each string type.

Name	Card	Туре	Description
BorderColor	0-1	Element	Color of the border
BorderStyle	0-1	Element	Style of the border
BorderWidth	0-1	Element	Width of the border
BackgroundColor	0-1	Expression	Color of the background
		(Color)	If omitted, the background is transparent
BackgroundGradie	0-1	Expression	The type of background gradient

 $<sup>\</sup>odot$  2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

ntType		(Enum)	A CD C TO I CD: 1 LIT CD					
	·		None (Default)   LeftRight   TopBottom, Center   DiagonalLeft   DiagonalRight   HorizontalCenter   VerticalCenter					
BackgroundGradie ntEndColor	0-1	Expression (Color)	End color for the background gradient. If omitted, there is no gradient.					
BackgroundImage	0-1	Element	A background image for the report item.					
			If omitted, there is no background image.					
FontStyle	0-1	Expression	Font style					
		(Enum)	Normal (Default)   Italic					
FontFamily	0-1	Expression	Name of the font family					
		(String)	Default: Arial					
FontSize	0-1	Expression	Point size of the font					
		(Size)	Default: 10 pt. Min: 1 pt. Max: 200 pt.					
FontWeight	0-1	Expression (Enum)	Thickness of the font					
			Lighter   Normal (Default)   Bold   Bolder					
			100   200   300   400   500   600   700   800   900					
Format	0-1	Expression	.NET Framework formatting string <sup>1</sup>					
		(String)	Note: Locale-dependent currency formatting (format code "C") is based on the language setting for the report item					
			Locale-dependent date formatting is supported and should be based on the language property of the ReportItem.					
			Default: No formatting.					
TextDecoration	0-1	Expression	Special text formatting					
		(Enum)	Underline   Overline   LineThrough   None (Default)					

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See <a href="http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/en-us/cpguide/html/cpconformattingtypes.asp">http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/en-us/cpguide/html/cpconformattingtypes.asp</a>

TextAlign	0-1	Expression (Enum)	Horizontal alignment of the text					
		(Enum)	Left   Center   Right   General (Default)					
VerticalAlign	0-1	Expression	Vertical alignment of the text					
		(Enum)	Top (Default)   Middle   Bottom					
Color	0-1	Expression	The foreground color					
		(Color)	Default: Black					
PaddingLeft	0-1	Expression (Size)	Padding between the left edge of the report item and its contents <sup>1</sup>					
			Default: 0 pt. Max: 1000 pt.					
PaddingRight	0-1	Expression (Size)	Padding between the right edge of the report item and its contents <sup>1</sup>					
			Default: 0 pt. Max: 1000 pt.					
PaddingTop	addingTop 0-1 Exp		Padding between the top edge of the report item and its contents <sup>1</sup>					
			Default: 0 pt. Max: 1000 pt.					
PaddingBottom	PaddingBottom 0-1 Expre (Size)		Padding between the top edge of the report item and its contents <sup>1</sup>					
			Default: 0 pt. Max: 1000 pt					
LineHeight	0-1	Expression	Height of a line of text					
		(Size)	Default: Report output format determines line height based on font size					
			Min: 1 pt. Max: 1000 pt.					
Direction	0-1	Expression (Enum)	Indicates whether text is written left-to-right or right-to-left.					
			Does not impact the alignment of text unless using General alignment.					

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As both borders and padding are measured from the edge of the object, borders may overlap report item contents unless there is sufficient padding.

			LTR (Default)   RTL					
WritingMode 0-1 Expression (Enum)		-	Indicates whether text is written horizontally or vertically.					
			lr-tb (default)   tb-rl					
Language	0-1	Expression	The primary language of the text.					
		(Language)	Default is Report.Language.					
UnicodeBiDi	0-1	Expression (Enum)	Indicates the level of embedding with respect to the Bi-directional algorithm.  Normal (default)   Embed   BiDi-Override					
Calendar	0-1	Expression (Enum)	Indicates the calendar to use for formatting dates. Must be compatible in .NET framework with the Language setting. Gregorian (default)   Gregorian Arabic   Gregorian Middle East French   Gregorian Transliterated English   Gregorian Transliterated French   Gregorian US English   Hebrew   Hijri   Japanese   Korea   Taiwan   Thai Buddhist					
NumeralLanguage	0-1	Expression (Language)	The digit format to use as described by its primary language. Any language is legal. Default is the Language property.					
NumeralVariant	0-1	Expression (Integer)	The variant of the digit format to use. Currently defined values are:					
			1: default, follow Unicode context rules					
			2: 0123456789					
			3: traditional digits for the script as defined in GDI+. Currently supported for: ar   bn   bo   fa   gu   hi   kn   kok   lo   mr   ms   or   pa   sa   ta   te   th   ur and variants.					
			4: ko, ja, zh-CHS, zh-CHT only					
			5: ko, ja, zh-CHS, zh-CHT only					
			6: ko, ja, zh-CHS, zh-CHT only [Wide versions of regular digits]					
			7: ko only					

# **BorderColor**

### Attributes/Elements

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Default	0-1	Expression (Color)	Color of the border (unless overridden for a specific side). Default: Black.
Left	0-1	Expression (Color)	Color of the left border
Right	0-1	Expression (Color)	Color of the right border
Тор	0-1	Expression (Color)	Color of the top border
Bottom	0-1	Expression (Color)	Color of the bottom border

# **BorderStyle**

### Attributes/Elements

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Default	0-1	Expression (Enum)	Style of the border (unless overridden for a specific side)
			None (Default)   Dotted   Dashed   Solid   Double   Groove   Ridge   Inset   WindowInset   Outset
Left	0-1	Expression (Enum)	Style of the left border
Right	0-1	Expression (Enum)	Style of the right border
Тор	0-1	Expression (Enum)	Style of the top border
Bottom	0-1	Expression (Enum)	Style of the bottom border

### **BorderWidth**

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Default	0-1	Expression (Size)	Width of the border (unless overridden for a specific side)
			Borders are centered on the edge of the object
			Default: 1 pt Max: 20 pt Min: 0.25 pt
Left	0-1	Expression (Size)	Width of the left border. Max: 20 pt Min: 0.25 pt

Right	0-1	Expression (Size)	Width of the right border. Max: 20 pt Min: 0.25 pt
Тор	0-1	Expression (Size)	Width of the top border. Max: 20 pt Min: 0.25 pt
Bottom	0-1	Expression (Size)	Width of the bottom border. Max: 20 pt Min: 0.25 pt

### **Overlapping Borders**

In the event two borders overlap and an output format supports overlapping borders, one will be drawn over the other. If an output format does not support overlapping borders, one of the border styles will override (replace) the other.

- Container borders are drawn over / override borders on contents
   Group headers/footers and table headers/footers are considered containers for the inner groups/details
- For peer report items, borders of higher Zindex items take precedence
- For output formats that do not support overlapping borders and containment and ZIndex cannot determine precedence, the overlapping border uses
  - o The lower color number
  - o The style closer to the end of the style Enum list
  - o The wider border width

# BackgroundImage

Name	Card	Туре	Description
Source	1	Enum	Identifies the source of the image:
			External – The Value contains a constant or expression that evaluates to for the location of the image
			Embedded – The Value contains a constant or expression that evaluates to the name of an EmbeddedImage within the report
			Database – The Value contains an expression (a field in the database) that evaluates to the binary data for the image.
Value	1	Expression (String)	See Source. Expected datatype is string or

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

			binary, depending on Source. If the Value is null, no background image is displayed.
MIMEType	0-1	Expression (String)	The MIMEType for the image.
			Valid values are: image/bmp, image/jpeg, image/gif, image/png, image/x-png
			Required if Source = Database. Ignored otherwise.
BackgroundRepeat	0-1	Expression (Enum)	Indicates how the background image should repeat to fill the available space: vertically (y), horizontally (x), both or neither
			Repeat (Default)   NoRepeat   RepeatX   RepeatY

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

# Style Properties and ReportItem Types

The following table describes which style properties apply to which types of ReportItems.

	Line	Rectangle <sup>1</sup>	Textbox	Image	Subreport <sup>2</sup>	List²	Matrix <sup>2</sup>	Table <sup>2</sup>	Chart³	Body	Sub-total
BorderColor	$Y^4$	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
BorderStyle	$Y^3$	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
BorderWidth	$Y^3$	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
BackgroundColor	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
BackgroundGradientType	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ	N	N
BackgroundGradientEndColor	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ	N	N
BackgroundImage	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ
FontStyle	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ
FontFamily	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ
FontSize	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ
FontWeight	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ
Format	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ
TextDecoration	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This includes PageHeader and PageFooter

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> All Textbox properties apply in the event of NoRows or for subreports that fail to execute.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Different elements within the Chart support different Style properties. These are described in the places where Style is referenced in the element definition.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The following border styles apply to Lines: Dotted | Dashed | Solid. All others (including None) are treated as Solid. Lines use only the Default property for BorderStyle, BorderWidth and BorderColor. The Top, Left, Bottom and Right properties are unused.

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

	Line	Rectangle <sup>1</sup>	Textbox	Image	Subreport <sup>2</sup>	List²	Matrix²	Table <sup>2</sup>	Chart³	Body	Sub-total
TextAlign	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ
VerticalAlign	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ
Color	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ
PaddingLeft	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ
PaddingRight	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ
PaddingTop	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ
PaddingBottom	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ
LineHeight	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ
CanSort	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ
Direction	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ
Language	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ	N
UnicodeBiDi	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ
Calendar	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
NumeralLanguage	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
NumeralVariant	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
WritingMode	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ

# Expressions

# **Expression Syntax**

All expressions in RDL begin with the character "=" and are defined in a Visual Basic .NET compatible syntax (see <a href="http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/en-us/vbls7/html/vblrfvbspec9.asp">http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/en-us/vbls7/html/vblrfvbspec9.asp</a>). Values that do not begin with "=" are treated as constants of the type expected by the property if that type is Boolean, String or Integer (see <a href="http://www.w3.org/TR/xmlschema-2/">http://www.w3.org/TR/xmlschema-2/</a>). For example, the StartVisible property expects a Boolean, so strings *true* and *false* will be treated as Boolean constants. For properties that take a Variant, all values that do not start with "=" will be treated as string constants.

# Custom Code References

Custom assemblies that are referenced within the report are declared at the Report level via the CodeModules element.

Static methods in custom assemblies are accessible globally within the report.

ClassName.MethodName(...)

For example: MyCurrencyConverterClass.Convert(...)

Instance-based methods are instantiated though the Classes element and accessed via a globally defined Code member.

Code.ClassName.MethodName(...)

For example: Code.CurrencyConverter.Convert(...)

# Data Types

Every expression used in an expression element or as an argument to an RDL function must return one of the following types:

RDL Type	CLR Types
String	String, Char
Boolean	Boolean
Integer	Int16, Int32, Int64, Uint16, Uint32, Uint64, Byte,

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

	Sbyte, Timespan
DateTime	DateTime
Float	Single, Double, Decimal
Binary	Byte[]
Variant	Any of the above except Byte[]
VariantArray	Array of Variant

If an expression returns any other type or returns a type that is not permitted for expression element, an error/warning will be generated. In the case of Label, Textbox. Value and all Style expressions, expression errors are treated as warnings and null will be returned instead. If an RDL type is defined as the return type for a function described below, the underlined CLR type is used (unless otherwise specified).

# **Global Collections**

There are five global object collections available within report expressions.

Collection	Description	Item Data Type
Fields	Fields in the current data set	Field
Parameters	Report parameters	Parameter
ReportItems	All textboxes in the report	ReportItem
Globals	Global variables	Variant
User	User-specific data	Variant

Items in the collections are accessed by name using Visual Basic-style collection syntax:

Collection!ObjectName or Collection.Item("ObjectName") or Collection("ObjectName")

For example: User!Language

Items in the Globals and User collection can also be accessed via property syntax:

Collection.ObjectName

For example: Globals.PageNumber

#### Globals

Members of the Globals collection are variants, but have known types.

© 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

Name	Type	Description
PageNumber	Integer	Current page number
		Available only in the page header/footer of the report
TotalPages	Integer	Total number of pages in the report
		Available only in the page header/footer of the report
ExecutionTime	DateTime	The date/time the report began executing.
ReportFolder	String	Implementation-specific path of the folder containing the report, e.g. /salesreports/budgeting or c:\sales\budget
ReportName	String	Name of the report, e.g. currentbudget

#### User

Members of the User collection are variants, but have known types.

Name	Type	Description
UserID	String	ID of the user executing the report
Language	String	Language code of the client executing the report.

### **Fields**

The Field object has a set of predefined properties that can be accessed via either property syntax:

Fields! Field Name. Property Name

For example: Fields!Region.BackgroundColor

Or collection syntax:

Fields!FieldName!PropertyName

Fields!FieldName("PropertyName")

Fields! Field Name. Properties ("Property Name")

Field values have CLR data types defined by the Data Provider API (with the exception that DBNull is returned as null).

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

When a report is executed, queries may return a different set of fields than were originally defined in the report. The IsMissing property indicates whether or not the field was found in the resulting data set. The Value property of missing fields is NULL.

### Fields Collection in reports with multiple DataSets

When a report contains multiple data sets, there are multiple virtual Fields collections in the report. Which of these is accessed via Fields depends on the context:

- Inside of an aggregate, if the scope argument refers to a data set, Fields refers to the fields in that data set.
- Within a data region, the Fields collection refers to the fields in the data set for that region.
- Outside of a data region, direct references to fields (outside of an aggregate) are undefined.

### **Report Items**

Only textboxes appear in the ReportItems collection.

The ReportItem object has Value property that can be accessed via either property syntax or collection syntax (see Fields, above). The only property defined for ReportItem is Value. The value of the current ReportItem can be referenced in property expressions using Me.Value or simply Value. Neither Me.Value nor Value is supported inside of Aggregate functions.

The data type of Value is Object.

#### **Parameters**

The Parameter object has a set of predefined properties that can be accessed via either property syntax or collection syntax (see Fields above). The only properties defined for Parameter are Value and Label. The label is determined by the value of the Label or LabelField element of the selected parameter value in the ValidValues list. If there is no ValidValues list for a parameter or no Label or LabelField specified for a Value, the Label is the same as the Value.

The data type of Value is Variant. The data type of Label is String.

#### **Restrictions on Use of Global Collections**

The Fields, Parameters, ReportItems and Globals collections have restrictions on the contexts in which they can be used in expressions. The following table summarizes where these global collections can and cannot be used.

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

Context	Fields	ReportItems	Parameters	Globals.PageNumber Globals.TotalPages
Page Header/Footer	No	At most one <sup>1</sup>	Yes	Yes
Body	Yes <sup>2</sup>	Only those in current or ancestor scope <sup>3</sup>	Yes	No
Report Parameter	No	No	Only earlier parameters	No
Field	Yes	No	Yes	No
Query Parameter	No	No	Yes	No
Group Expression	Yes	No	Yes	No
Sort By	Yes	No	Yes	No

Note: Since references to items in global collections can be dynamic (e.g.

Cyclic expressions (e.g. Textbox1.Value=Textbox2.Value+1;

Textbox2.Value=Textbox1.Value+1) are not allowed, but processing implementations should check at execution time as authoring tools may not be able to check them.

<sup>1</sup> If a report item does not appear on a page, the value for that report item for that page is null. Expressions in page headers and footers should generally only use report items that will actually appear on each page of the report.

 $\odot$  2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

<sup>&</sup>quot;=ReportItems(Parameters!Param1.Value)"), all error checking will need to happen both during report publishing (to catch static disallowed references) and during report execution (to catch dynamic disallowed references).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> If an expression in a non-detail section refers to a field that is not in the group expression for the group (or any ancestor grouping scope), which specific value is used is not defined. Report designers should use the First() and Last() aggregate functions if they wish to guarantee which row of data is used. Note, however, that not using an aggregate function is perfectly reasonable if the semantics of the query and grouping result in there being only one value in all rows for the field in question.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Expressions that refer to report items can only refer to values of peer report items (those in the same grouping scope) or report items in any containing (ancestor) grouping scope.

# **Aggregate Functions**

RDL supports the following aggregate functions.

Function	Arguments	Type <sup>1</sup>	Description
Sum	Return	Float	Returns the sum of all values of the expression within the scope
			Return type is decimal for decimal expressions and double for all other expressions
	Expression	Integer or Float	The expression to aggregate. Cannot contain any aggregate functions.
	Scope	String	Name of a DataSet or the name of a Grouping or DataRegion that contains (directly or indirectly) the report item that the aggregate function is used in. Indicates the aggregate should apply to the entire data set, all of the data in the current group, or all of the data in the current data region. May only be a constant, not an expression.
Avg	Return	Float	Returns the average of all nonnull values of the expression within the scope
			See Sum regarding return type
	Expression	Integer or Float	See Sum
	Scope	String	See Sum
RunningValue	Return <sup>1</sup>	See	A running aggregate of the expression,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For all aggregates other than First, Last and Count, the data type of the aggregated expression is expected to be fixed. If values (other than null) are encountered of multiple data types, it is an error.

<sup>@</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

		Function	using the specified aggregate function.
	Expression	See Function	The expression to aggregate. Cannot contain any aggregate functions.
	Function	Enum	Name of an aggregate function for which to calculate a running value (Cannot be RunningValue, RowNumber, CountRows, or Aggregate). Expression type and Return type are determined by the aggregate function used.
	Scope	String	Name of a DataSet or the name of a Grouping or DataRegion that contains (directly or indirectly) the report items that the aggregate function is used in. Indicates the running value doesn't reset for the entire data set, resets whenever the group expression changes, or resets with each new instance of the data region.
RowNumber	Return	Integer	Equivalent to RunningValue(*,Count,Scope)
	Scope	String	See RunningValue
First	Return	Variant or Binary	Returns the first value of the expression within the scope (after all sorting has been applied)
			Return type is the same as the expression type.
	Expression	Variant or Binary	The expression to aggregate. Cannot contain any aggregate functions.
	Scope	String	Name of a DataSet or the name of a Grouping or DataRegion that contains

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All aggregates other than Count and CountDistinct return null if there is not enough data to aggregate (0 or 1 rows for StDev and Var, 0 rows for all others)". Count and CountDistinct return 0 if there is no data to aggregate. This includes aggregates in the page header or footer that do not refer to any report items.

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

			(directly or indirectly) the report items that the aggregate function is used in. Indicates the aggregate should apply to the entire data set, all of the data in the current group, or all of the data in the current data region.
Last	Return	Variant or Binary	Returns the last value of the expression within the scope (after all sorting has been applied)
			Return type is the same as the expression type.
	Expression	Variant or Binary	See Sum
	Scope	String	See Sum
Max	Return	Variant	Returns the maximum of all nonnull values of the expression within the scope
			Return type is the same as the expression type.
	Expression	Variant	See Sum
	Scope	String	See Sum
Min	Return	Variant	Returns the minimum of all nonnull values of the expression within the scope
			Return type is the same as the expression type.
	Expression	Variant	See Sum
	Scope	String	See Sum
Count	Return	Integer	Returns the count of all nonnull values of the expression within the scope
	Expression	Variant or Binary	See Sum
	Scope	String	See Sum
CountDistinct	Return	Integer	Returns the count of all distinct nonnull values of the expression within the scope
	Expression	Variant	See Sum

<sup>@</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

	Scope	String	See Sum
CountRows	Return	Integer	Returns the count of all rows within the scope
			Syntax: "CountRows(Scope)"
	Scope	String	See Sum
StDev	Return	Float	Returns the standard deviation of all nonnull values of the expression within the scope
	Expression	Integer or Float	See Sum
	Scope	String	See Sum
StDevP	Return	Float	Returns the population standard deviation of all nonnull values of the expression within the scope
			Return type is the same as the expression type.
	Expression	Integer or Float	See Sum
	Scope	String	See Sum
Var	Return	Float	Returns the variance of all nonnull values of the expression within the scope
			See Sum regarding return type
	Expression	Integer or Float	See Sum
	Scope	String	See Sum
VarP	Return	Float	Returns the population variance of all nonnull values of the expression within the scope
			See Sum
	Expression	Integer or Float	See Sum
	Scope	String	See Sum
Aggregate	Return	Determined	Calcuates a custom (data provider

<sup>@</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

		by data provider (see Field.Value)	defined) aggregate for the expression at the given scope. If the data provider does not support this function or if the data is not available for the given expression or scope, Nothing is returned.
	Expression	N/A	The expression to aggregate.
			Must be a simple field reference (e.g. =Aggregate(Fields!Sales.Value,"Year")
	Scope	String	See Sum
			All group expressions for the Scope (and all containing grouping scopes) must be simple field references
Level	Return	Integer	Returns a 0-based integer representing
	Scope	String	the current depth level of a recursive hierarchy.
			If the scope does not exist, specifies a dataset or dataregion (which cannot have parents), or specifies a grouping without a parent, returns 0.
			If Scope argument is omitted, defaults to the current scope.
Previous	Return	Variant or Binary	Returns the value (or aggregate value) of the expression for the previous instance of the PreviousScope within the AggScope (after all sorting has been applied).
			Return type is the same as the expression type.
	AggFunction	Enum	Optionally specifies the aggregate value to return. Must be specified if AggScope is specified. Can be omitted for detail scope. Unlike RunningValue, the previous aggregate does not reset within reportitems between scope instances of the top-level data region.

<sup>@</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

PreviousScope	String	Should be a containing scope of the current scope.
		Previous returns null if the specified scope is a data region or data set. If Ommited, defaults to current scope.
AggScope	String	Should be a containing scope of the current scope.
		Should be should be contained within or same as PreviousScope. And they should both be the containing scope of the current scope.
		If omitted, it defaults to PreviousScope

### Scope

For expressions inside data regions:

Within a data region, the Scope argument is optional for all aggregates.

If omitted, the scope is the innermost scope containing the report item in which the aggregate is used. Aggregates that appear inside a DetailRow, therefore, use the innermost grouping as their default scope and in lists without grouping, the default scope is the entire list.

Specifying the keyword *Nothing* as the scope is equivalent to specifying the outermost data region containing the report item in which the aggregate is used.

For expressions outside of data regions:

When used outside of a data region, the scope argument can only refer to a data set name.

If there exists more than one data set in the report, the Scope argument is required.

If there exists exactly one data set in the report, the Scope argument is optional.

\_

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For RunningValue and RowNumber used in a MatrixCell, the default is the innermost column scope. For other aggregates in a MatrixCell, the default scope is the cell itself (the intersection of the innermost row scope and innermost column scope).

<sup>© 2003</sup> Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

If omitted, the scope is the only data set in the report.

Aggregates are not allowed if there are no data sets.

The keyword *Nothing* is not allowed.

For expressions in page headers and footers:

The scope argument is not allowed in page headers/footers (It is not needed, since expressions in page headers/footers cannot refer to fields)

#### Recursive

This is an optional final argument for each of the aggregate functions (other than First, Last, Level, Previous, RowNumber, RunningValue and Aggregate).

Type: Enum (Recursive | Simple). Default: Simple.

Recursive indicates that the aggregate should apply to all data in the current instance of the given scope and all descendant instances of the current instance. Recursive is ignored if the scope has no Parent property.

For example:

EmployeeID	ManagerID	Sales	AllSales
1	NULL	10	70
1a	1	10	30
1a1	1a	10	10
1a2	1a	10	10
1b	1	10	30
1b1	1b	10	10
1b2	1b	10	10

The data above would be generated by this (simplified) RDL snippet:

© 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

<sup>@</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

### **Restrictions on Aggregate Usage**

Context	RunningValue	RowNumber	First / Last	Previous	Other Aggregates	Report Item Aggregates
Page Header/Footer	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Body	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Report Parameter	No	No	No	No	No	No
Field	No	No	No	No	No	No
Query Parameter	No	No	No	No	No	No
Group Expression	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Sort By	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Matrix Cell	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

## Filtering and Aggregates

- Aggregates using data set scopes are applied after the data set filter (if any) is applied to the data
- Aggregates using data region scopes are applied after the data region filter (if any) is applied to the data
- Group filters are ignored for the purposes of calculating aggregates

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Within a MatrixCell, the Scope argument for RunningValue and RowNumber must refer to either a Column Grouping or a Row Grouping for the Matrix or to a scope contained within this MatrixCell. The scope of the running value/row number defines the direction of the running value. RunningValue and RowNumber in a matrix may use either column scopes or row scopes but not both.

<sup>© 2003</sup> Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

- The aggregate function "Aggregate" cannot be used in a report that contains any Filter elements
- First, Last, Previous, RunningValue and RowNumber are applied after containing group and data region filters are applied

### **Dynamic Scoping**

Report items contained within a cell of a matrix with subtotals have dynamic scoping.

For example, consider a matrix that has a year column grouping and a product row grouping (with a subtotal on each). If the value of the textbox in the detail cell is =Sum(Fields!Sales.Value), each detail cell will be grouped on both year and product. However, the year subtotal will only be grouped on product and the product subtotal will only be grouped on year (and the grand total will not be grouped on either).

The function InScope can be used to determine what the current instance is being grouped on:

Function	Arguments	Туре	Description
InScope	Return	Boolean	True if the current instance is within the specified scope
	Scope	String	Name of a DataSet, Grouping or DataRegion

A typical usage for the InScope function is to construct parameters for drill-through reports which will work even in both matrix details cells and subtotal cells.

### For example:

```
<Drillthrough>
      <ReportName>=iif(InScope("Month"),"Transactions","ProductTotByYear")
             </ReportName>
      <Parameters>
             <Parameter Name=Year>
                    <Value>=Fields!Year</Value>
                    <Omit>=Not(InScope("Year"))</Omit>
             </Parameter>
             <Parameter Name=Month>
                    <Value>=Fields!Month</Value>
                    <Omit>=Not(InScope("Month"))</Omit>
             <Parameter Name=Product>
                    <Value>=Fields!Product</Value>
                    <Omit>=Not(InScope("Product"))</Omit>
             </Parameter>
      </Parameters>
</Drillthrough>
```

© 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

# Compliance Levels

The primary goal of RDL is to facilitate the exchange of definitions between products that produce report definitions (generation) and products that use report definitions (consumption). While it would be desirable for every product to support every feature of RDL, this is not realistic. Therefore, RDL includes the notion of levels of compliance that products may choose to support.

The features of RDL are segmented into the following twelve feature areas:

Core, Filtering, Images, Interactivity, Matrix, Subreports, Table, Advanced Data Sets, Advanced Layout, Advanced Parameters and Advanced Style

These feature areas are additionally grouped into three Compliance Levels:

- Core Core
- Mid Core, Table, Matrix, Chart, Image, Subreport, Advanced Layout and Advanced Style
- Full All feature areas

Products that generate RDL and products that consume RDL have different compliance requirements:

# Generation Compliance

RDL producers specify which level they generate and are required not to generate RDL that contains features of a higher level. However, they are not required to support all features in the specified level. RDL producers may annotate the RDL with additional elements, provided those elements are not in the RDL namespace.

# Consumption Compliance

RDL consumers specify which level they consume and are required to support all features in that level. RDL consumers are required to ignore unrecognized elements in the RDL, provided those elements are not in the RDL namespace.

<sup>© 2003</sup> Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

# Levels/Feature Areas

The specific RDL elements associated with each level (and feature area) are listed below along with any special restrictions in that level/area (e.g. the DataSets element can only contain one DataSet in the Core feature area).

Some RDL features additionally have a secondary feature area listed, if the feature spans multiple feature areas.

Level	Feature Area	RDL Element	Notes	Secondary Feature Area
Core	Core	Report		
Core	Core	Description		
Core	Core	Author		
Core	Core	DataSources		
Core	Core	DataSets		
Core	Core	Body		
Core	Core	ReportParameters		
Core	Core	Custom		
Core	Core	Report.Width		
Core	Core	PageHeader		
Core	Core	PageFooter		
Core	Core	PageHeight		
Core	Core	PageWidth		
Core	Core	LeftMargin		
Core	Core	RightMargin		
Core	Core	TopMargin		
Core	Core	BottomMargin		
Core	Core	Name		
Core	Core	DataType		
Core	Core	Nullable		

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

Core	Core	DefaultValue	
Core	Core	AllowBlank	
Core	Core	ReportParameter.Prompt	
Core	Core	Values.Value	Constants only
Core	Core	DataSet	Reduced cardinality (1)
Core	Core	Fields	
Core	Core	Query	
Core	Core	CaseSensitivity	
Core	Core	DataField	
Core	Core	DataSourceName	
Core	Core	CommandText	
Core	Core	QueryParameters	
Core	Core	Timeout	
Core	Core	DataSource	Reduced cardinality (1)
Core	Core	ConnectionProperties	
Core	Core	Extension	
Core	Core	ConnectString	
Core	Core	QueryParameter	
Core	Core	QueryParameter.Value	Nonarrays only
Core	Core	ReportItems	
Core	Core	Height	
Core	Core	PrintOnFirstPage	
Core	Core	PrintOnLastPage	
Core	Core	ReportItem	
Core	Core	ReportItem.Style	
Core	Core	ReportItem.Top	
Core	Core	ReportItem.Left	

<sup>@</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

Core	Core	ReportItem.Width	
Core	Core	Textbox	
Core	Core	Textbox.Value	
Core	Core	CanGrow	
Core	Core	CanShrink	
Core	Core	HideDuplicates	
Core	Core	DataRegion	Reduced cardinality (0-1)
Core	Core	KeepTogether	
Core	Core	NoRows	
Core	Core	PageBreakAtStart	
Core	Core	PageBreakAtEnd	
Core	Core	List	
Core	Core	Grouping	
Core	Core	GroupExpressions	
Core	Core	Sorting	
Core	Core	BackgroundColor	
Core	Core	FontStyle	
Core	Core	FontFamily	
Core	Core	FontSize	
Core	Core	FontWeight	
Core	Core	Format	
Core	Core	TextDecoration	
Core	Core	Color	
Core	Core	BorderColor.Default	
Core	Core	BorderStyle.Default	
Core	Core	BorderWidth.Default	
Mid	Adv Layout	Columns	
Mid	Adv Layout	ColumnSpacing	

<sup>@</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

Mid	Adv Layout	ZIndex	
Mid	Adv Layout	RepeatWith	
Mid	Adv Layout	Rectangle	
Mid	Adv Layout	Line	
Mid	Adv Layout	DataRegion	Full cardinality (0-N)
Mid	Adv Layout	DataRegion.Left	
Mid	Adv Layout	DataRegion.Width	
Mid	Adv Layout	List.FillPage	
Mid	Adv Style	Body.Style	
Mid	Adv Style	PageHeader.Style	
Mid	Adv Style	PageFooter.Style	
Mid	Adv Style	TextAlign	
Mid	Adv Style	VerticalAlign	
Mid	Adv Style	PaddingLeft	
Mid	Adv Style	PaddingRight	
Mid	Adv Style	PaddingTop	
Mid	Adv Style	PaddingBottom	
Mid	Adv Style	LineHeight	
Mid	Adv Style	Style.Direction	
Mid	Adv Style	WritingMode	
Mid	Adv Style	Language	
Mid	Adv Style	UnicodeBiDi	
Mid	Adv Style	Calendar	
Mid	Adv Style	NumeralLanguage	
Mid	Adv Style	NumeralVariant	
Mid	Adv Style	BorderColor.Left	
Mid	Adv Style	BorderColor.Right	
Mid	Adv Style	BorderColor.Top	

<sup>@</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

Mid	Adv Style	BorderColor.Bottom		
Mid	Adv Style	BorderStyle.Left		
Mid	Adv Style	BorderStyle.Right		
Mid	Adv Style	BorderStyle.Top		
Mid	Adv Style	BorderStyle.Bottom		
Mid	Adv Style	BorderWidth.Left		
Mid	Adv Style	BorderWidth.Right		
Mid	Adv Style	BorderWidth.Top		
Mid	Adv Style	BorderWidth.Bottom		
Mid	Chart	Chart		
Mid	Images	EmbeddedImages		
Mid	Images	Image		
Mid	Images	BackgroundImage		
Mid	Matrix	Matrix		
Mid	Matrix	Corner		Adv Layout
Mid	Matrix	LayoutDirection		Adv Layout
Mid	Matrix	GroupsBeforeRowHeaders		Adv Layout
Mid	Matrix	Corner.ReportItems		Adv Layout
Mid	Matrix	Subtotal.ReportItems		Adv Layout
Mid	Matrix	Subtotal.Style		Adv Style
Mid	Subreports	Subreport		
Mid	Table	Table		
Mid	Table	Table.FillPage		Adv Layout
Mid	Table	RepeatOnNewPage		Adv Layout
Mid	Table	TableRows	Reduced cardinality (1)	
Mid	Table	TableRows	Full cardinality (1-N)	Adv Layout
Mid	Table	ColSpan		Adv Layout

<sup>@</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

			Full cardinality	
Full	Adv Data Sets	DataSet	(1-N)	
Full	Adv Data Sets	Collation		
Full	Adv Data Sets	AccentSensitivity		
Full	Adv Data Sets	KanatypeSensitivity		
Full	Adv Data Sets	WidthSensitivity		
Full	Adv Data Sets	Field.Value		
Full	Adv Data Sets	CommandType		
Full	Adv Data Sets	DataSource	Full cardinality (1-N)	
Full	Adv Data Sets	Transaction		
Full	Adv Data Sets	DataSourceReference		
Full	Adv Data Sets	IntegratedSecurity		
Full	Adv Data Sets	ConnectionProperties.Prompt		
Full	Adv Data Sets	DataRegion.DataSetName		
Full	Adv Data Sets	MergeTransactions		Subreports
Full	Adv Parameters	ValidValues		
Full	Adv Parameters	MultiValue		
Full	Adv Parameters	UsedInQuery		
Full	Adv Parameters	DataSetReference		Adv Data Sets
Full	Adv Parameters	Values.Value	Includes expressions	
Full	Adv Parameters	QueryParameter.Value	Includes arrays	Adv Data Sets
Full	Code	Report.Code		
Full	Code	Report.CodeModules		
Full	Code	Report.Classes		
Full	Filtering	Filters		
Full	Filtering	UserFilter		

<sup>@</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

Full	Interactivity	AutoRefresh
Full	Interactivity	Action
Full	Interactivity	Visibility
Full	Interactivity	Title
Full	Interactivity	ReportItem.Label
Full	Interactivity	LinkToChild
Full	Interactivity	Bookmark
Full	Interactivity	ToggleImage
Full	Interactivity	Grouping.Label
Full	Interactivity	Grouping.Parent

<sup>@</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

# Questions & Answers

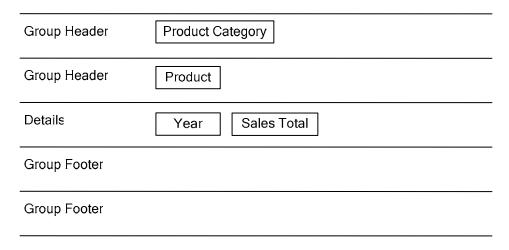
Q: How does RDL compare to banded report definitions?

A: The following chart and diagrams illustrate how RDL is a superset of banded report definitions.

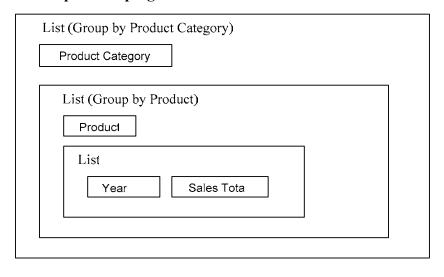
Feature	Banded Reports	RDL
Group	Band	Data region (group)
Details	Band	Data region (list)
Graph	Essentially a subreport	Data region (graph)
Crosstabs	N/A	Data region (matrix)
Tables	Manual layout	Data region (table)
Delimited sublayout	Subreport	Data region or subreport
Side-by-side layout	Must embed in subreports	Multiple data regions
Multiple use of single dataset	Must embed in subreports	Multiple data regions
Independent one-to-many	Subreport	Subreport

 $<sup>\ \, \</sup>odot$  2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

### **Banded Sample Grouping Model**

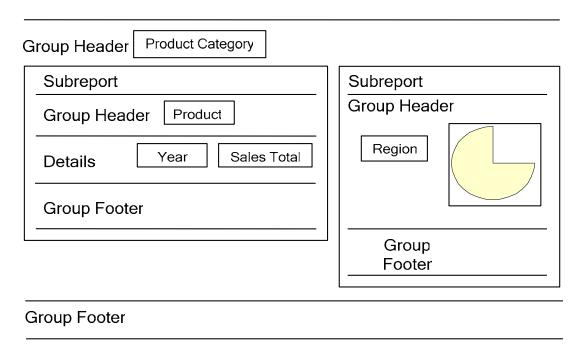


### **RDL Sample Grouping Model**

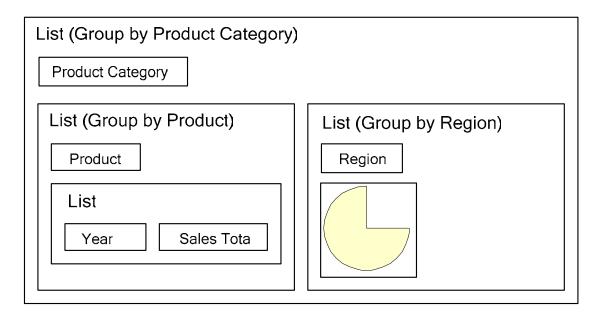


 $<sup>\ \, \</sup>odot$  2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

### **Banded Side-By-Side Example**



## **RDL Side-By-Side Example**



 $<sup>\</sup>odot$  2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

- Q: How does drilldown work?
- A: In a drilldown layout, the query contains the drilled-down items. The layout contains drilled-down items, which are marked as initially hidden.
- Q: How do I page break on a specific number of rows?
- A: Use a Grouping with a PageBreakAtEnd property. For your grouping expression, use a count running value to derive a unique group value for each block of N rows. (e.g. =Ceiling(RowNumber(Nothing)/20))
- Q: How do I make a "green-bar" report?
- A: Use a conditional background color based on RowNumber in each item in the row that should alternate color (e.g. =iif(RowNumber(Nothing) Mod 2, "Green", "White"))
- Q: How do I include a global constant in my report definition?
- A: Add a parameter to your report with a value but without a prompt. Since there is no prompt, users will not be prompted to enter a new value.
- Q: How do RowNumber and RunningValue work in matrixes?

A: The Scope argument for RunningValue and RowNumber can refer to either a column grouping or a row grouping. This defines both the direction of the running value (along rows or along columns) and when the running value resets. For example, here is RowNumber used with various Scope arguments in a matrix with two groupings on each axis:

RowNum	ber	1999			2000				
("Country")		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
US	West	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	East	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	South	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Canada	West	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	East	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Central	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24

<sup>© 2003</sup> Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

RowNum	ber	1999		2000					
("Region"	)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
US	West	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	East	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	South	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Canada	West	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	East	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Central	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

RowNumber		1999				2000			
("Year")		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
US	West	1	7	13	19	1	7	13	19
	East	2	8	14	20	2	8	14	20
	South	3	9	15	21	3	9	15	21
Canada	West	4	10	16	22	4	10	16	22
	East	5	11	17	23	5	11	17	23
	Central	6	12	18	24	6	12	18	24

RowNumber		1999				2000			
("Quarter")		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
US	West	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	East	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
	South	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Canada	West	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
	East	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
	Central	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6

Q: I have two vertical sections in my report. How do I stop items in one section from pushing items in the other section downward?

A: Group the items in each section using a rectangle. Since growth only pushes peer items out of the way, the items in each rectangle can't push each other around.

<sup>©</sup> 2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

- Q: I have an image I'd like to place along the right edge of the page, but the matrix growth keeps pushing it off the page. How do I stop this?
- A: Group the matrix with the blank space to its right by using a rectangle. Since growth only pushes peer items out of the way, the matrix in the rectangle can't push the image to the right (until it runs out of room and forces the rectangle to grow).
- Q: How can I indicate that my table should grow to fill the blank space below it (rather than preserving the blank space)?
- A: Group the table with the blank space below it by using a rectangle. Since growth only pushes peer items out of the way, the table in the rectangle has no items to push down below it, so it will consume the blank space until it fills the rectangle.

<sup>© 2003</sup> Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

# Index

Action, 32 DataSet, 16

Axis, 65 DataSetReference, 14

BackgroundImage, 76

Body, 23

DataSets, 16

DataSource, 20

BorderColor, 75

DataSources, 20

BorderStyle, 75

DataValue, 68

BorderWidth, 75

DataValues, 68

CategoryAxis, 64

DefaultValue, 15

CategoryGrouping, 62 Details, 58

CategoryGroupings, 62 Drillthrough, 33

Chart, 59

ChartData, 66

ChartSeries, 66

Class, 23

Classes, 22

EmbeddedImage, 25

Coloridate DynamicCategories, 63

DynamicColumns, 49

DynamicRows, 50

DynamicSeries, 61

EmbeddedImage, 25

CodeModules, 22 EmbeddedImages, 25

ColumnGrouping, 48 Field, 18
ColumnGroupings, 48 Fields, 18
ConnectionProperties, 20 Filter, 26
Corner, 47 Filters, 25

Custom, 25 FilterValues, 27

CustomReportItem, 39 Footer, 57

DataLabel, 68 GroupExpressions, 45

DataPoint, 67 Grouping, 43
DataPoints, 67 Header, 56

DataRegion, 41 HeaderRow, 56

<sup>© 2003</sup> Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

HeaderRows, 56

Image, 37

ReportParameter, 13

ReportParameters, 12

Regend, 64

RowGrouping, 50

RowGroupings, 50

List, 42

SeriesGrouping, 61

MajorGridLines, 70

ReportParameter, 13

ReportParameter, 12

RowGrouping, 50

SeriesGroupings, 50

Marker, 69 SortBy, 46 Matrix, 46 Sorting, 45

MatrixCell, 54

MatrixCells, 54

StaticCategories, 63

MatrixColum, 49

MatrixColumn, 53

StaticColumns, 49

MatrixColumns, 53

StaticMember, 62

MatrixRow, 53

StaticRow, 51

MatrixRows, 53

StaticRows, 51

MinorGridLines, 71

StaticSeries, 61

PageFooter, 24 Style, 71

PageHeader, 24

PageHeader, 24

Subreport, 38

Parameter, 40

Parameters, 40

ParameterValue, 15

ParameterValues, 15

ParameterValues, 15

TableCells, 58

PlotArea, 70

TableColumn, 56

Query, 19 TableColumns, 55
QueryParameter, 22 TableGroup, 57
QueryParameters, 21 TableGroups, 57
Rectangle, 35 Textbox, 35

Report, 11 ThreeDProperties, 69

ReportItem, 28 Title, 63

ReportItems, 28 ToggleImage, 37

<sup>© 2003</sup> Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.

ValidValues, 14 ValueAxis, 64 Values, 16

Visibility, 33

 $<sup>\</sup>circledcirc$  2003 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. By using or providing feedback on these materials, you agree to the attached license agreement.