Delphi Programming Diary - Jitendra Kumar

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Create or Design reports with Groups in Fortes Report



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In my last blog (Create or Design master detail report with Fortes Report) I have explained how to design a master detail report with using Fortes Report and its components. Now here in this blog I will show how to design grouping report with Fortes Report to show Customer and their orders with Customer No. as group. And for more detail about Fortes Report please visit Fortes Report and Components.

Here I have created a project which contains report to show Customer details and you can download the sample DB from link download dbdemos.db. I have saved the DB in C:\Test folder.

So now lets design Customer Order detail report with Grouping as Customer No using Fortes Report components.

- 1. First create a project and add a form to the project lets say Unit1 (Form1).
- 2. Add a TADOConnection component to the form named connmain and set connection string.

ConnectionString = 'Provider=Microsoft.Jet.OLEDB.4.0; Data Source=C:\test\demos.mdb; Persist Security Info=False'
LoginPrompt = False
Provider = 'Microsoft.Jet.OLEDB.4.0'

3. Add 2 TADOQuery component to form named qrymaster and set

Qrymaster.Connection = connmain

4. Add 2 TADODatasource component to form named srcmaster, srcdetail and set

```
srcmaster.Dataset = qrymaster
```

- 5. Add a TRLExpressionbar component to form to use Dataformula property for report components
- 6. Add TRLReport component to form named RLReport1 which is main report component and set following porperties

```
DataSource = srcmaster

Title = 'CUSTOMER GROUP REPORT'

ExpressionParser = RLExpressionParser1
```

7. Put TRLBand component on RLReport1 named RLBand1 for header and set following properties

```
BandType = btHeader
Borders.DrawBottom = True
```

8. Put following components on header band RLBand1 and set following properties

```
RLLabel1: TRLLabel

Left = 217

Top = 0

Width = 284

Height = 32

Align = faCenterTop

Alignment = taCenter

Caption = 'CUSTOMER ORDER GROUP REPORT'

Font.Height = -27

Font.Style = [fsUnderline]

ParentFont = False

RLSystemInfo1: TRLSystemInfo

Left = 631

Top = 0
```

```
Widtn = 8/
Height = 16
Align = faRightTop
Alignment = taRightJustify
Info = itPageNumber
Text = "

RLSystemInfo2: TRLSystemInfo
Left = 0
Top = 0
Width = 60
Height = 16
Align = faLeftTop
Info = itFullDate
Text = "
```

9. Add another TRLBand component named RLband2 and set as footer band

```
BandType = btFooter
Borders.DrawTop = True
```

10. Add following components to footer band RLBand2 and set following properties

```
RLLabel5: TRLLabel

Left = 298

Top = 24

Width = 121

Height = 16

Align = faCenterBottom

Caption = 'DIGITAL SIGNED....'
```

11. Add TRLGroup band component named RLGroup1 and set following properties. And set **DataFields** property to CUSTNO for grouping as per Customer No. field value.

```
RLGroup1: TRLGroup
Left = 38
```

```
Iop = 81
Width = 718
Height = 106
DataFields = 'CUSTNO'
FooterMeasuring = fmBeforeDetail
```

As Fortes report is based on bands so here we have to put a Header, Detail and Footer band in Group band to print data.

12. Now put a TRLBand component in RLGroup1 as header and name RLBand3

```
RLBand3: TRLBand

Left = 0

Top = 0

Width = 718

Height = 25

BandType = btHeader

Color = cl3DLight

Font.Height = -13

Font.Style = [fsBold]

ParentColor = False

ParentFont = False

Transparent = False
```

13. Put following components in RLBand3 and set properties

```
RLLabel3: TRLLabel

Left = 16

Top = 6

Width = 112

Height = 16

Caption = 'CUSTOMER NO. :'

Transparent = False

RLDBText1: TRLDBText

Left = 135

Top = 6

Width = 58

Height = 16
```

```
DataField = 'CUSTNO'

DataSource = srcmaster

Text = "

Transparent = False
```

14. Now put another TRLBand component in RLGroup1 as column header and name RLBand4

```
RLBand4: TRLBand

Left = 0

Top = 25

Width = 718

Height = 24

BandType = btColumnHeader

Font.Charset = DEFAULT_CHARSET

Font.Color = clBlack

Font.Height = -13

Font.Name = 'Arial'

Font.Style = [fsBold]

ParentFont = False
```

15. Put following components in RLBand4 and set properties

```
RLLabel4: TRLLabel

Left = 16

Top = 6

Width = 76

Height = 16

Caption = 'ORDER NO.'

RLLabel5: TRLLabel

Left = 116

Top = 6

Width = 85

Height = 16

Caption = 'SALES DATE'

RLLabel6: TRLLabel

Left = 217
```

```
lop = 6
 Width = 73
 Height = 16
 Caption = 'SHIP DATE'
RLLabel7: TRLLabel
 Left = 305
 Top = 6
 Width = 61
 Height = 16
 Caption = 'SHIP VIA'
RLLabel8: TRLLabel
 Left = 377
 Top = 6
 Width = 87
 Height = 16
 Caption = 'PAYMENT BY'
RLLabel9: TRLLabel
 Left = 487
 Top = 5
 Width = 91
 Height = 16
 Alignment = taRightJustify
 Caption = 'ITEMS TOTAL'
RLLabel 10: TRLLabel
 Left = 614
 Top = 5
 Width = 68
 Height = 16
 Alignment = taRightJustify
 Caption = 'TAX RATE'
```

16. Put another TRLBand component in RLGroup1 as detail and name RLBand5

```
RLBand5: TRLBand
Left = 0
```

```
Top = 49
Width = 718
Height = 24
```

17. Put following components in RLBand5 and set properties

```
RLDBText2: TRLDBText
 Left = 16
 Top = 3
 Width = 69
 Height = 16
 DataField = 'ORDERNO'
 DataSource = srcmaster
 Text = "
RLDBText3: TRLDBText
 Left = 116
 Top = 3
 Width = 72
 Height = 16
 DataField = 'SALEDATE'
 DataSource = srcmaster
 Text = "
RLDBText4: TRLDBText
 Left = 217
 Top = 3
 Width = 68
 Height = 16
 DataField = 'SHIPDATE'
 DataSource = srcmaster
 Text = "
RLDBText5: TRLDBText
 Left = 305
 Top = 3
 Width = 55
 Height = 16
 DataField = 'SHIPVIA'
```

```
DataSource = srcmaster
 Text = "
RLDBText6: TRLDBText
 Left = 377
 Top = 3
 Width = 122
 Height = 16
 DataField = 'PAYMENTMETHOD'
 DataSource = srcmaster
 Text = "
RLDBText7: TRLDBText
 Left = 495
 Top = 3
 Width = 83
 Height = 16
 Alignment = taRightJustify
 DataField = 'ITEMSTOTAL'
 DataSource = srcmaster
 DisplayMask = '0.00'
 Text = "
RLDBText8: TRLDBText
 Left = 621
 Top = 3
 Width = 61
 Height = 16
 Alignment = taRightJustify
 DataField = 'TAXRATE'
 DataSource = srcmaster
 DisplayMask = '0.00'
 Text = "
```

18. Put another TRLBand component in RLGroup1 as footer and name RLBand6

```
BandType = btFooter
Font.Style = [fsBold]
```

19. Put following components in KLBandb and set properties

```
RLLabel11: TRLLabel
 Left = 377
 Top = 2
 Width = 106
 Height = 16
 Caption = 'GROUP TOTAL:'
RLDBResult1: TRLDBResult
 Left = 450
 Top = 2
 Width = 128
 Height = 16
 Alignment = taRightJustify
 DataField = 'ITEMSTOTAL'
 DataSource = srcmaster
 DisplayMask = '0.00'
 Info = riSum
 ResetAfterPrint = True
 Text = "
RLDBResult2: TRLDBResult
 Left = 577
 Top = 1
 Width = 105
 Height = 16
 Alignment = taRightJustify
 DataField = 'TAXRATE'
 DataSource = srcmaster
 DisplayMask = '0.00'
 Info = riSum
 ResetAfterPrint = True
 Text = "
```

20. Put report filter components on form to save report in different format during preview

```
RLRichFilter1: TRLRichFilter;
```

```
RLYDFFIIter1: IRLYDFFIIter;
RLXLSFilter1: TRLXLSFilter;
RLHTMLFilter1: TRLHTMLFilter;
```

21. Now Customer Order Report design is ready and add codes to show report. Here I have added a procedure ShowReport to Form1 to preview report.

```
procedure TForm1.ShowReport;
begin
srcmaster.DataSet := qrymaster;
qrymaster.Connection := Form1.ADOConnection1;
qrymaster.SQL.Clear;
qrymaster.SQL.Text := 'SELECT * FROM ORDERS ORDER BY CUSTNO';
qrymaster.Open;
srcmaster.DataSet := qrymaster;

RLReport1.PreviewModal;

Close;
end;
```

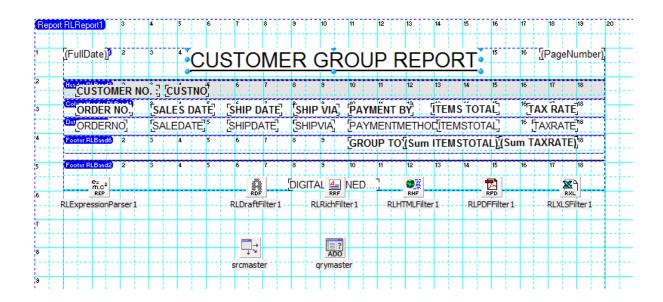
22. Now I will add another form to the same project and will set that as main form. Then on a button click I will show the report.

So add a new form Form2 and put a TButton component name Customer1 on that form. And on button click write following code.

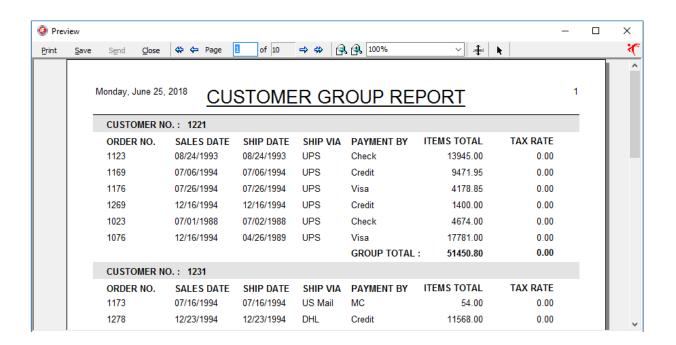
```
uses
   Form1;
.....
procedure TForm2.Customer1Click(Sender: TObject);
begin
Form1 := TForm1.Create(Self);

Form1.ShowReport;
end;
```

Report design...



Report Preview...

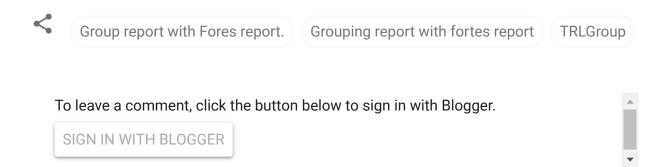


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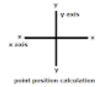
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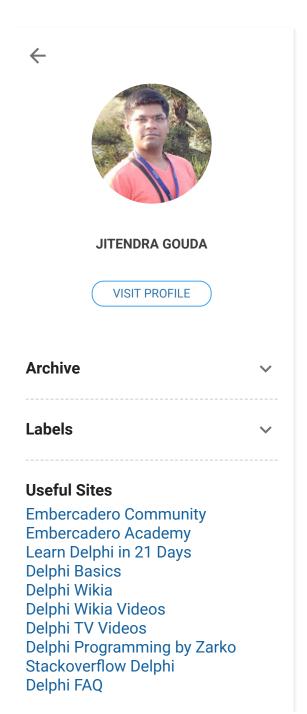
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