Report-engine tutorial

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# What is report-engine?

Report Engine is a set of JAVA classes for reports and pivot tables with support for groupings, totals/subtotals, aggregation. It accepts input from text files, databases, excel or you can write your custom input and exports the report in a multitude of formats (HTML, RTF, PDF, TXT, SVG etc.)

# How to build report-engine?

# Flat Reports

## Your first report

Each report needs three elements: input, column configuration and output. Let’s have a look at the report below:

FlatReport flatReport = new FlatReport();

//set input

IReportInput input = new StreamReportInput(new FileInputStream("input.txt"));

flatReport.setIn(input);

//set output

IReportOutput output = new ExcelReportOutput("c:/output.xls");

flatReport.setOut(output);

//report configuration

IDataColumn[] reportColumns = new IDataColumn[]{

new DefaultDataColumn("Country", 0),

new DefaultDataColumn("City", 1),

new DefaultDataColumn("Population", 2)

};

flatReport.setDataColumns(reportColumns);

//start execution

flatReport.execute();

## Report Input

The main input classes are:

* *StreamReportInput* - handles input from streams (any kind) and reads data columns separated by a specific user-defined separator (comma, tab, etc.)

IReportInput reportInput = new StreamReportInput(

new FileInputStream("c:\commaSeparated.csv"),",");

flatReport.setIn(input);

…

* *DbQueryReportInput* - executes a query and takes the result as input for your reports

1. *For an existing database connection*

java.sql.Connection dbConnection = ...

DbQueryReportInput dbReportInput = new DbQueryReportInput();

dbReportInput.setConnection(connection);

dbReportInput.setSqlStatement("select id, country, region, city, population from DB\_POPULATION\_TABLE ");

1. Or if you don’t have the connection, report-engine can create one for you given the right parameters:

DbQueryReportInput dbReportInput = new DbQueryReportInput();

dbReportInput.setDbConnString("jdbc:hsqldb:mem:countriesDB");

dbReportInput.setDbDriverClass("org.hsqldb.jdbcDriver");

dbReportInput.setDbUser("sa");

dbReportInput.setDbPassword("secret");

dbReportInput.setSqlStatement("select id, country, region, city, population from DB\_POPULATION\_TABLE");

* *MemoryReportInput* - takes an array of objects as input

Object[][] REPORT\_DATA = new Object[][]{

new String[]{"a","b","c","d"},

new String[]{"1","2","3","4"},

new String[]{"x","y","z","t"}

}

IReportInput reportInput = new MemoryReportInput(REPORT\_DATA);

* If these classes don’t cover your needs you can always write your own input by implementing the *IReportInput* interface

## Report Output

The predefined output formats for your reports are:

* *HtmlReportOutput* - fast html output
* *ExcelReportOutput* – creates an excel output
* *StaxReportOutput* - xml output based on STax
* *XsltReportOutput -* output based on an xslt template - can result in HTML, TXT, SVG etc.
* *XslFoReportOutput* - output based on xsf-fo framework - can result in PDF, SVG, TXT, ghostscript, etc.
* *XmlDOMReportOutput* - xml output based on DOM
* Of course you can always write your own report output by implementing the *IReportOutput* interface

## Report Configuration

There are two kinds of columns: data columns and group columns.

### Data columns

Data columns are normal report columns displaying data, totals.

The order is very important:

### Group columns

Group columns are helpful when displaying totals on data columns. At each change in the values of a group column the totals are displayed.

Let’s check the following example: My list of expenses

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| August |  | food | 500$ |
| August |  | transportation | 300$ |
| September |  | food | 567$ |
| September |  | transportation | 154$ |
| September |  | dinner | 200$ |

If we declare the first column as a group column then report-engine will make sure to display totals, averages (or whatever you’ve set ) at each change in the values of the first column:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| August |  | food | 500$ |
| August |  | transportation | 300$ |
| **Total August** |  |  | **800$** |
| September |  | food | 567$ |
| September |  | transportation | 154$ |
| September |  | dinner | 200$ |
| **Total September** |  |  | **921$** |

### Totals and aggregations

## Examples

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