Reporting Guide for Dynamics 365

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Report & Analytics with Dynamics 365

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (online), Dynamics 365 (on-premises), Dynamics CRM 2016, Dynamics CRM Online

Microsoft Dynamics 365 includes reports, dashboards, and support for Power BI for Office 365 that provides useful business information and visualizations to the user.

Paginated reports

Microsoft Dynamics 365 includes a Report Wizard that can be used to easily create reports in just a few steps without using XML or SQL-based queries. For more information about the Report Wizard, see CRM Help & Training: Create, edit, or copy a report using the Report Wizard.

However, to create more complex reports, you can either create your own custom reports from scratch, or use an existing Microsoft Dynamics 365 report as a template. The topics in this guide show you how to create new reports or change existing reports using Microsoft Visual Studio as the report writing tool and Microsoft SQL Server Reporting Services as the report engine.

Dashboards

There are two types of dashboards in Microsoft Dynamics 365—user dashboards and system dashboards. Any user can create a dashboard visible only to them in their work area, such as Sales, Service, or Marketing. An administrator or customizer creates or customizes system dashboards that, when published, are visible to everyone in the organization. A user can choose to set their user dashboard as their default dashboard and override the system dashboard. More information: Work with, create, or customize dashboards

Power BI

Power BI is a self-service business intelligence (BI) platform used to discover, analyze, visualize data, and share or collaborate these insights with colleagues. Power BI provides information workers and everyday business users with excellent data analysis and visualization capabilities to get better business insights. More information: Referenced topic '48997010-a47c-4e16-b7d2-f55d7a52ba19' is only available online.

There are several ways you can use Power BI with Microsoft Dynamics 365:

- Load a Microsoft Dynamics 365 content pack and start using the Power BI service to display Dynamics 365 insights.
- Customize a Microsoft Dynamics 365 content pack. More information: <u>Customize Microsoft</u>
 <u>Dynamics 365 Power BI content packs</u>
- Use Power BI Desktop to modify and customize your reports and visualizations.
- Embed a Power BI tile in a Dynamics 365 personal dashboard.
- Use Power BI and Microsoft Office Excel together.

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In most cases report features are the same with either Microsoft Dynamics 365 (online) or Dynamics 365 (on-premises); however, there are the following differences:

- SQL-based reports can only be used with Dynamics 365 (on-premises). Working with SQL-based reports (Dynamics 365 on-premises only)
- The Schedule Report feature in the Reports area of Microsoft Dynamics 365 lets users schedule

report snapshots at certain intervals. This feature is currently available only with Dynamics 365 (on-premises). For more information about creating and editing reports in Microsoft Dynamics 365, see Customize and organize reports.

The reporting infrastructure in Microsoft Dynamics 365 (online) has RDL sandboxing enabled.
 Therefore, custom code in report definitions will not work.
 RDL sandboxing for Microsoft Dynamics 365 (online)

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Working with Microsoft Dynamics 365 reports

Working with SQL-based reports (Dynamics 365 on-premises only)

Test and troubleshoot reports

Publish reports

Report considerations and best practices

Example reports

Copy reports between Microsoft Dynamics 365 (on-premises) deployments

Customize Microsoft Dynamics 365 Power BI content packs

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Get started writing reports

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (online), Dynamics 365 (on-premises), Dynamics CRM 2016, Dynamics CRM Online

Microsoft Dynamics 365 uses Microsoft SQL Server Reporting Services report definition language (RDL) reports to query Dynamics 365 data and return refined results back to the report user. For more information about RDL, see TechNet: Report Definition Language (SSRS).

To create or modify existing RDL reports that can be used with Microsoft Dynamics 365, use either T-SQL or FetchXML, which is then converted to RDL by using report authoring tools. The following table lists the differences between SQL-based and Fetch-based reports in Microsoft Dynamics 365.

Area	SQL-based report	Fetch-based report
Supported Microsoft	Dynamics 365 (on-premises)	Microsoft Dynamics 365 (online) and Dynamics 365 (on-premises)

Area	SQL-based report	Fetch-based report
Dynamics 365 Versions		
Report Query Language	Uses Transact-SQL (T-SQL)—a set of programming extensions that provide comprehensive transaction control by using Structured Query Language (SQL). More information: TechNet: Transact-SQL Reference (Database Engine)	Uses FetchXML—an extensible markup language (XML) designed specifically for Microsoft Dynamics 365 queries. More information: MSDN: FetchXML schema
Requires Report Authoring Extension?	No	Yes
.RDL file Data Provider	The <pre> The <pre> The <pre> The <pre> The <pre> The Provider</pre> element value in the .rdl file is set to SQL. For example: <pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre>	The <dataprovider> element value in the .rdl file is set to MSCRMFETCH. For example: <dataprovider>MSCRMFETCH</dataprovider></dataprovider>
.RDL file Report Query	The query specified for retrieving data is in the <commandtext> sub- element under the <query> element in the report definition (.rdl file) and is a SQL query. For example, the query for retrieving all account names for a SQL-based report will be:</query></commandtext>	The query specified for retrieving data is in the <pre><commandtext> sub-element under the <query> element in the report definition (.rdl file) and is a FetchXML query. For example, the query for retrieving all account names for a Fetch-based report will be: </query></commandtext></pre> <commandtext>< fetch version="1.0"</commandtext>
	<pre><commandtext>SELECT name FROM FilteredAccount;</commandtext></pre>	<pre>output-format="xml-platform" mapping="logical"> <entity name="account"> <attribute name="name" /></pre>
		</entity></fetch>

If you want, you can use a third-party tool, SQL2FetchXML, to convert your SQL scripts to FetchXML, and then use the FetchXML query in your Fetch-based reports. More information: SQL2FetchXML Help

In This Section

This section covers what you need to create a new Microsoft Dynamics 365 report.

Report writing environment using SQL Server Data Tools

Create a new report using SQL Server Data Tools

Related Sections

Report & Analytics with Dynamics 365

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Report writing environment using SQL Server Data Tools

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (online), Dynamics 365 (on-premises), Dynamics CRM 2016, Dynamics CRM Online

This topic describes what's needed to author Microsoft Dynamics 365 reports. For Dynamics 365 (on-premises), this topic assumes you already have a functioning deployment of Microsoft Dynamics 365 Server. For information about Dynamics 365 (on-premises) requirements for reporting, see Referenced topic '6d0d42e2-0ad0-4dfa-aa42-72ab4e92b001' is only available online..

You must have the required development tools and appropriate privileges in Microsoft Dynamics 365 to write and publish a report. Also, you should be familiar with:

- · Microsoft Visual Studio.
- Creating Microsoft SQL Server Reporting Services reports using SQL Server Data Tools (SSDT).
- To write Fetch-based reports, the Microsoft Dynamics 365 FetchXML language. More information: MSDN: Build queries with FetchXML
- To write SQL-based reports, the Transact-SQL language for Microsoft SQL Server.

Required tools

The following are required to write a custom report for Microsoft Dynamics 365:

- Microsoft SQL Server Reporting Services. Microsoft Dynamics 365 uses Microsoft SQL Server Reporting Services as the report engine.
- **Microsoft Visual Studio**. For specific versions, see <u>Referenced topic '6d0d42e2-0ad0-4dfa-aa42-72ab4e92b001'</u> is only available online..
- SQL Server Data Tools. This is a report authoring environment that is used as a plug-in Microsoft Visual Studio.
 - For and Microsoft Visual Studio 2013: You must download and install <u>Download: Microsoft SQL</u>
 Server Data Tools Business Intelligence for Visual Studio 2013
 - For Microsoft Visual Studio 2012: You must download and install <u>Download: Microsoft SQL</u> <u>Server Data Tools - Business Intelligence for Visual Studio 2012</u>.
 - For Microsoft Visual Studio 2010: You must select and install the SQL Server Data Tools
 (SSDT) feature that is included with Microsoft SQL Server 2012 or Microsoft SQL Server 2012
 Express on the computer that is running Microsoft Visual Studio 2010. <u>Download: Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express</u>
- Microsoft Dynamics 365 Report Authoring Extension. This is required if you are writing custom Fetch-based reports. Notice that Microsoft Dynamics 365 (online) only supports Fetch-based

reports. Microsoft Dynamics 365 Report Authoring Extension must be installed on the computer where Microsoft Visual Studio and SQL Server Data Tools are installed. <u>Download: CRM 2016</u> Report Authoring Extension. For installation instructions, see <u>Install Microsoft Dynamics CRM</u> Report Authoring Extension.

Note

Microsoft Dynamics 365 Report Authoring Extension is available only in a 32-bit version.

Required privileges

To deploy custom reports to Microsoft Dynamics 365, you must have a Microsoft Dynamics 365 account and a security role assigned to you that includes the **PublishReport** privilege. By default, the System Customizer and System Administrator security roles include these privileges.

Report development process

The following lists the steps for developing custom Microsoft Dynamics 365 reports. You may have to repeat some steps while you develop a report:

- 1. Develop a report concept or specification based on what business information is to be displayed.
- Decide on the type of report you want to create: Fetch-based or SQL-based. Microsoft Dynamics 365 (online) users can only create custom Fetch-based reports. More information: Report & Analytics with Dynamics 365
- Create a custom report or use an existing report to modify using SQL Server Data Tools in Microsoft Visual Studio.
 - Create a new (custom) report. More information: <u>Create a new report using SQL Server Data</u>
 Tools
 - Download an existing Microsoft Dynamics 365 report definition language (.rdl) file. You can do
 this in the Microsoft Dynamics 365 web application. More information: Modify an RDL file
 Alternatively, for Dynamics 365 (on-premises), reports are located in the C:\Program
 Files\Microsoft Dynamics 365 Reporting Extensions\LangPacks\<lcid>\Reports\MSCRM\ folder
 where Microsoft Dynamics 365 Reporting Extensions is installed. More information: Modify an
 existing SQL-based report using SQL Server Data Tools
- 4. Create basic report parameters. More information: <u>Use parameters in reports</u>
- 5. Specify datasets and filtering criteria for retrieving data:
 - For SQL-based reports, create datasets that contain Microsoft Dynamics 365 data obtained from the filtered views. More information: <u>Filtered views in Microsoft Dynamics 365</u>
 - Enable pre-filtering on the primary entities. More information: <u>Improve report performance by using filters</u>
- 6. Define the basic layout of the report, including headers and footers.
- 7. Add report items as required based on the report specification. More information: Add report navigation

- 8. Preview the report in Microsoft Visual Studio, and resolve any errors. More information: <u>Test and troubleshoot reports</u>
- 9. Deploy the report to the reporting server by using Microsoft Dynamics 365. More information: Publish reports
- 10. Run the deployed report to verify.

See Also

Use SQL and filtered views to retrieve data for reports
Report & Analytics with Dynamics 365
Create a new report using SQL Server Data Tools
Getting Started with Custom Reports in the Cloud
Business Intelligence Development Studio
Report Designer and Business Intelligence Development Studio

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Create a new report using SQL Server Data Tools

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (online), Dynamics 365 (on-premises), Dynamics CRM 2016, Dynamics CRM Online

SQL Server Data Tools is a report authoring environment that lets you create or edit Microsoft SQL Server Reporting Services reports in Microsoft Visual Studio. The end result is a report definition .rdl file that contains the report definition that you can publish in Microsoft Dynamics 365 to view reports.

You can also author reports by using a common text editor. To reduce the effort to create a custom report, modify an existing .rdl file that provides most of the desired functionality. For more information about the format of the XML elements in an .rdl file, see Report Definition Language Reference. The modified report XML can be verified by using the specified XML schema. Reporting Services will also verify the report definition and reject a report if the definition is invalid when you try to upload the report in Microsoft Dynamics 365.

Note

If the .rdl file contains a FetchXML query, the query in the RDL is validated by Microsoft Dynamics 365 Report Authoring Extension, which internally validates it against the FetchXML schema. For more information, see MSDN: Fetch XML Schema.

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<u>Create a custom Fetch-based report (Dynamics 365 (online) and Dynamics 365 on-premises)</u> Create a custom SQL-based report (Dynamics 365 on-premises only)

Create a custom Fetch-based report (Dynamics 365 (online) and Dynamics 365 on-premises)

To create a custom Fetch-based report:

- Make sure that you have a supported version of Microsoft Visual Studio, SQL Server Data Tools, Microsoft Dynamics 365 Report Authoring Extension, and the necessary privileges. More information: Report writing environment using SQL Server Data Tools
- 2. Open Microsoft Visual Studio, and then create a report server project.
- 3. In Solution Explorer, right-click the Reports folder, and then click Add New Report.
- 4. Click Next.
- On the Select the Data Source page, click New Data Source, and then specify the following details:
 - Name: Type a name for the data source.
 - Type: Select Microsoft Dynamics 365 Fetch.
 - **Connection String**: Specify the connection string. The connection string must be specified in the following format:

ServerURL; OrganizationName; HomeRealmURL

In this connection string, only *ServerURL* is mandatory. If *OrganizationName* isn't specified, the first organization that the user running this query belongs to is used. *HomeRealmURL* is the Home Realm URL of the Identity Provider used by your organization and is needed when your organization uses Federation for identity management. Contact your network administrator to determine the Home Realm URL.

Click **Credentials** to specify the credentials to connect to Microsoft Dynamics 365 or Microsoft Dynamics 365 (online), and then click **Next**.

- 6. On the **Design the Query** page, type the FetchXML query in the **Query** box. To get this query, you can do one of the following:
 - Get the FetchXML from an Advanced Find query. To do this, open Microsoft Dynamics 365, click Advanced Find, create the query that you want, and then on the Advanced Find tab, click Download Fetch XML. Copy the FetchXML into the Query box of the Dataset Properties in Microsoft Visual Studio.
 - Manually enter the FetchXML query. The following example shows how to create a report that displays all accounts with 5,000 or more employees.

```
<fetch version="1.0" output-format="xml-platform" mapping="logical" distinct="false">
    <entity name="account">
        <attribute name="name" />
        <attribute name="numberofemployees" />
        <attribute name="accountnumber" />
```

Click Next.

- 7. Verify the fields that will be included in the report, and then click **Next**.
- 8. Select a style to apply to the report, and then click **Next**.
- 9. Verify the fields that will be included in the report and enter a name for the report, such as *Accounts With More Than 5,000 Employees*. Click **Finish**.
- 10. If you'd like to see how the report will appear when it's run, click the Preview tab.

This generates an .rdl file with the specified report name. You can use this file to publish your custom report in Microsoft Dynamics 365 (online) using the Report Wizard. More information: Publish reports

Create a custom SQL-based report (Dynamics 365 on-premises only)

To create a custom SQL-based report using SQL Server Data Tools:

- Make sure that you have a supported version of Microsoft Visual Studio, SQL Server Data Tools, and the necessary privileges. More information: <u>Report writing environment using SQL Server Data</u> Tools
- 2. Open Microsoft Visual Studio, and then create a report server project.
- In Solution Explorer, right-click the Reports folder, and then click Add New Report.
- 4. Click Next.
- 5. On the **Select the Data Source** page, click **New data source**, and then specify the following details:
 - Name: Type a name for the data source.
 - Type: Select Microsoft SQL Server.
 - Connection String: Specify the connection string to connect to the instance of the Microsoft SQL Server database. To build the connection string, and click Edit to type the SQL Server name and organizationName_MSCRM database. To supply credentials, select Credentials. Click Next.
- 6. On the **Design the Query** page, type the SQL query to use for the report, and then click **Next**. For example, to create a report that displays all accounts with 5,000 or more employees, where *OrgName* MSCRM is the name of the organization database, use this query.

Use OrgName_MSCRM Select Name, AccountNumber, NumberofEmployees from AccountBase where NumberofEmployees > 5000 order by NumberofEmployees desc

Or you can design a query by choosing Query Builder.

- On the Select the Report Type page, select a Tabular report or a Matrix report, and then click Next.
- 8. Verify the fields that will be included in the report, and thenclick Next.
- 9. Select a style to apply to the report, and then click Next.
- 10. Verify the fields that will be included in the report and enter a name for the report, such as *Accounts With More Than 5,000 Employees*. Click **Finish**.
- 11. If you'd like to see how the report will appear when it's run, click the **Preview** tab.

This generates an .rdl file with the specified report name. You can use the .rdl file to publish your custom report in Microsoft Dynamics 365. More information: <u>Publish reports</u>

For more information about how to create a report by using the Report Designer, see <u>Create a Basic Table Report (SSRS Tutorial)</u>.

See Also

Report writing environment using SQL Server Data Tools

Modify an existing SQL-based report using SQL Server Data Tools

Blog: Getting Started With Custom Reports In The Cloud

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Working with Microsoft Dynamics 365 reports

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (online), Dynamics 365 (on-premises), Dynamics CRM 2016, Dynamics CRM Online

This section describes the different features that are available to determine how reports display in Microsoft Dynamics 365.

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Format report content

Add report navigation

Categorize and display reports in different languages

Use parameters in reports

See Also

Report & Analytics with Dynamics 365
Working with SQL-based reports (Dynamics 365 on-premises only)

Format report content

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (on-premises), Dynamics CRM 2016

You can obtain the Microsoft Dynamics 365 organization formatting values for date, time, number, and currency by using the **fn_GetFormatStrings** SQL function that is available in the Microsoft Dynamics 365 database. This function returns a single-row data table that contains the formatting values. To view the contents of the returned table, execute the following SQL query on the database server.

USE <organization>_MSCRM
SELECT * FROM dbo.fn_GetFormatStrings()

Use formatting values in reports

- 1. Create a dataset to contain the formatting data. For information about how to create a dataset, see Create a Shared Dataset or Embedded Dataset (Report Builder and SSRS).
 - a. Name the dataset DSNumandCurrency or use another name. DSNumandCurrency is the dataset name that is used in reports that are included with Microsoft Dynamics 365.
 - b. Use the SQL **SELECT** statement described above to fill the dataset.
- 2. Reference the format field, such as date and time, number, or currency (described below) from the dataset in the **Format** property of the report item that you want to format.

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• For date, time, and currency formatting, set the **Language** property of the report item or the report to "=First (Fields! NumberLanguageCode.Value, "DSNumandCurrency")".

Date and time values

For date and time, you also set the Calendar property of the report item to

"=First(Fields!CalendarType.Value, "DSNumandCurrency")".

Formatting string	Report item Format property value
Date	=First(Fields!DateFormat.Value, "DSNumandCurrency")
Time	=First(Fields!TimeFormat.Value, "DSNumandCurrency")

Number values

The **fn_GetFormatStrings** function returns the number of format strings with precision values between 0 and 5. You can specify a precision by putting a decimal value between the underscore characters in the field name.

Formatting string	Report item Format property value
Integer	=First(Fields!NumberFormat_0_Precision.Value, "DSNumandCurrency")
Decimal with 2-decimal points precision	=First(Fields!NumberFormat_2_Precision.Value, "DSNumandCurrency")

Base currency value

The **fn_GetFormatStrings** function returns base currency format strings with precision values between 0 and 5. You can specify a precision by putting a decimal value between the underscore characters in the field name.

Formatting string	Report item Format property value
Base currency with 2-decimal points precision	=First(Fields!CurrencyFormat_2_Precision.Value, "DSNumandCurrency")

Transaction currency

When you create a report on an entity with the transaction currency information, you can retrieve the transaction currency format string from the crm_moneyformatstring column of the filtered view for an entity. After a column has been added to the dataset, you can reference the column on the **Format** property of the report. For information about how to add columns to a dataset, see MSDN: How to: Add, Edit, or Delete a Field in the Report Data Pane. For example, to retrieve a price unit and the transaction currency formatting information from the quote detail filtered view, use the following **SELECT** statement.

SELECT priceperunit, crm_moneyformatstring FROM FilteredQuoteDetail

You can reference a new column in the **Format** property of the report item as follows:

=Fields.crm moneyformatstring.Value

See Also

Working with SQL-based reports (Dynamics 365 on-premises only) Add report navigation

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Add report navigation

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (online), Dynamics 365 (on-premises), Dynamics CRM 2016, Dynamics CRM Online

Report navigation enables a dynamic and interactive reporting experience. By using various types of actions, reports let the user navigate to detailed reports, Microsoft Dynamics 365 records, or other websites.

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For more information about report navigation, see <u>Drillthrough</u>, <u>Drilldown</u>, <u>Subreports</u>, <u>and Nested Data Regions (Report Builder and SSRS)</u> in the Microsoft SQL Server documentation. This topic describes report navigation that is specific to Microsoft Dynamics 365 reports.

Dynamic drill through to Microsoft Dynamics 365

You can drill through a report to navigate to a Microsoft Dynamics 365 web form. A drill-through report is implemented in the following steps:

- An image or value item (such as a text box) is added to a report. The Value property of this item contains code that builds a URL by using the base address of Microsoft Dynamics 365 plus parameters that refer to a specific record.
- 2. When the user selects the report item, a new browser window is opened by using the constructed URL passed as the target web address.
- 3. Microsoft Dynamics 365 loads the information for the specified entity into a web form that is displayed in the browser window.

To set up a drill-through report in Microsoft Dynamics 365

- Create a hidden parameter of type string in the report that has the name CRM_URL. For more
 information about adding parameters, see <u>Use parameters in reports</u>. When the report is run, this
 parameter is automatically set to the web address of Microsoft Dynamics 365.
- 2. Add a report item, such as a Textbox.
- 3. Right-click the drill-through report item and select **Properties** from the shortcut menu.
- 4. Click Advanced.
- 5. In the **Navigation** tab, click **Jump to URL** and enter an expression in the following format:
 - = Parameters!CRM_URL.Value & "?ID={"& GUID &"}&LogicalName=entity logical name"

 The entity GUID and entity logical name have to be added to the URL to be able to drill through. For example:
 - = Parameters!CRM URL.Value &
 - "?ID={"&Fields!Opportunityid.Value.ToString()&"}&LogicalName=opportunity"
- 6. Click **OK**.

In this example code, the value of a dataset field that contains the GUID of an **Opportunity** object is converted to a string and used as an ID parameter in the URL. A parameter that contains the LogicalName value for an opportunity entity is also appended.

The GUID of a record can be obtained from the appropriate filtered view, for example, **FilteredOpportunity**.

See Also

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Categorize and display reports in different languages

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Categorize and display reports in different languages

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (online), Dynamics 365 (on-premises), Dynamics CRM 2016, Dynamics CRM Online

You can enable additional languages in Microsoft Dynamics 365 by enabling Language Packs. This lets you display text in the user interface, Help, and reports in different languages. For more information about how to enable Language Packs, see Enable Languages. For Dynamics 365 (on-premises), you must download and install Language Packs before you enable them. More information: Install and enable a Language Pack

To categorize the reports by language, use the **Report.LanguageCode** attribute. You can set the attribute to a specific locale ID (for example, 1033 for US English) to make the report visible to the users of that language. For example, the English out-of-the-box Account Summary report appears in the Reports grid in the English user interface, but not in the Spanish or German user interfaces in the same organization.

You can also set the **Report.LanguageCode** attribute to -1 (minus one) to make the report visible to all users in the base language user interface, which is installed during the original Microsoft Dynamics 365 server installation, and in the user interfaces in other languages. For information about the valid Locale ID values, see MSDN: Microsoft Locale ID Values.

You can use the report language information in combination with information that is contained in the report entity, report category, and report visibility entities to determine the areas and categories in Microsoft Dynamics 365 where the report is shown in different user interfaces languages.

Note

The **Language** element inside the report definition language (RDL) file does not determine where the report is shown in Microsoft Dynamics 365. It contains an expression that evaluates to a language code as defined in the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) RFC1766 specification. The language code is used mainly for formatting numbers, dates, and times for a specified language. More information: Language Element (Report) (RDL).

See Also

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Use parameters in reports

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Use parameters in reports

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (online), Dynamics 365 (on-premises), Dynamics CRM 2016, Dynamics CRM Online

You use parameters in reports to control the data retrieved by prompting the user for a value or a set of values when the user runs the report. The dataset query retrieves only the data that is requested by the user. You can also add hidden and special parameters in the reports that do not prompt the user for input, but can be used for operations such as data filtering and dynamic drill-through.

Note

The maximum length of the parameter values that are passed in from Microsoft Dynamics 365 is 2,000 characters. For example, if you run a report and create a data filter through the **Advanced Find** user interface, the resulting filter expression that is passed to a filter parameter cannot exceed 2,000 characters. There is no maximum limit on the number of parameters that you can specify. However, you might have to limit the length of the string on the URL line and number of parameters to meet the requirements of a particular browser.

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Adding parameters

You can add parameters to a report to define a report's individual parameters, pass information through a query, or provide access to user settings, such as **CRM_CurrencySymbol** and **CRM CurrencyPositivePattern** parameters.

The ReportParameter is an element in the report definition (RDL) file that is used to describe an individual parameter in the report. The QueryParameter contains information about an individual parameter that is passed to the data source as part of a query. The following XML code taken from the Account Summary report's RDL file demonstrates how to use the **ReportParameter** and **QueryParameter** parameters.

<

ReportParameter

```
Name
             ="CRM FilteredAccount"
 <DataType>String</DataType>
   <Nullable>true</Nullable>
   <DefaultValue>
     <Values>
        <Value>select * from FilteredAccount</Value>
     </Values>
   </DefaultValue>
   <AllowBlank>true</AllowBlank>
   <Prompt>CRM_FilteredAccount</Prompt>
</ReportParameter>
             <
             Query
             >
  <rd:UseGenericDesigner>true</rd:UseGenericDesigner>
  <CommandText>declare @sql as nVarchar(max)
     set @sql = '
     SELECT top 10 CAST(accountid as nvarchar(100)) as AccountID,
     name, '''' as None
     FROM (' + @FilteredAccount + ') as fa'
     exec(@sql)
  </CommandText>
  <QueryParameters>
     <QueryParameter Name="@FilteredAccount">
        <Value>=Parameters!FilteredAccount.Value
     </QueryParameter>
  </QueryParameters>
  <DataSourceName>CRM/DataSourceName>
```

</Query>

The following examples show how to use the **QueryParameter** and **ReportParameter** parameters in a **Fetch** based report.

```
<
              ReportParameter
               Name
              ="FilteredAccount"
      <DataType>String
      <Prompt>Filtered Account</Prompt>
            <DefaultValue>
                  <Values>
                        <Value>
                              <fetch version="1.0" output-format="xml-platform"</pre>
mapping="logical" distinct="false">
                              <entity name="account">
                              <all-attributes/>
                              </entity>
                              </fetch>
                        </Value>
                  </Values>
            </DefaultValue>
    </ReportParameter>
              <
              Query
        <DataSourceName>DataSource1/DataSourceName>
        <CommandText>
                  <fetch>
                  <entity name="account" enableprefiltering="true"</pre>
prefilterparametername="FilteredAccount">
                  <attribute name="accountid" />
                  <attribute name="name" />
```

Hidden parameters

The Report Designer in Microsoft Visual Studio has built-in support for hidden parameters. In addition, you can hide parameters by adding a CRM_ prefix to the parameter name in a Microsoft Dynamics 365 report. By default, the parameters with a CRM_ prefix are hidden when the report is published through Microsoft Dynamics 365. When you run the report, you aren't prompted to enter parameter values for the hidden parameters.

Special parameters

The following table shows the special hidden parameters that you can use in your reports.

Parameter	Description
CRM_FilterText	Contains the value of the filter text that a report user interactively creates in the Report Viewer when the user runs a report. The parameter is in a filter summary text box that is located in the report header. The initial value is set to the default filter.
CRM_URL	Set to the URL of the Microsoft Dynamics 365web application. Use this parameter when drilling through to Microsoft Dynamics 365.
CRM_FilteredEntity	Use in a query expression to enable data pre- filtering (through Advanced Find).

You must create all parameters in a report before you can refer to them. The values of these special parameters are filled in by Microsoft Dynamics 365 when you run the report.

Additional format parameters

The following table contains additional parameters that you can use in the reports. Among them are parameters that provide access to the user Number settings information. You can use these values to format and display the numeric values. These parameters are similar to values specified in the

NumberFormatInfo Class. Use these parameters in custom reports to format the data according to the user settings.

Parameter	Description
CRM_FullName	The full name of the user on whose behalf the report is running.
CRM_UserTimeZone	User's time zone name, for example, Pacific Standard Time.
CRM_UILanguageId	Current locale (LCID) of the user.
CRM_YearStartWeekCode	The first week of the year that's used in Microsoft Dynamics 365.
CRM_WeekStartDayCode	The first day of the week that is used in Dynamics 365.
CRM_FiscalCalendarStart	The start date for the fiscal year that is used in Dynamics 365.
CRM_FiscalPeriodType	Specifies how the fiscal year is divided—Quarterly, Monthly, Annually and so on.
CRM_FiscalYearDisplayCode	Specifies whether the fiscal year name is displayed based on when the fiscal year starts or when it ends.
CRM_FiscalYearPeriodConnect	Specifies how the fiscal year and fiscal period are connected when displayed together.
CRM_FiscalYearFormat	Specifies how the name of the fiscal year will be displayed.
CRM_FiscalPeriodFormat	Specifies how the fiscal period will be displayed.
CRM_FiscalYearPrefixFormat	Specifies whether a prefix is attached to the fiscal year when it is displayed.
CRM_FiscalYearSuffixFormat	Specifies whether a suffix is attached to the fiscal year when it is displayed.
CRM_CurrencyDecimalPrecision	The currency decimal precision.
CRM_CurrencySymbol	The organization's currency symbol.
CRM_CurrencyPositivePattern	The format pattern for positive currency values.
CRM_CurrencyNegativePattern	The format pattern for negative currency values.
CRM_NumberDecimalDigits	The number of decimal places to use in numeric values.
CRM_NumberDecimalSeperator	The string that is used as a decimal separator in numeric values.
CRM_NumberNegativePattern	The format pattern for negative numeric values.
CRM_NumberGroupSizes	The number of digits in each group to the left of the decimal in numeric values.

Parameter	Description
CRM_NumberGroupSeperator	The string that separates groups of digits to the left of the decimal in numeric values.
CRM_DateSeperator	The string that separates the components of a date, such as year, month, and day.
CRM_TimeSeperator	The string that separates the components of time, such as hour, minutes, and seconds.
CRM_AMDesignator	The string that separates the components of time, such as hour, minutes, and seconds
CRM_PMDesignator	The designator for hours that are "post meridiem" (PM).
CRM_ShortDatePattern	The format pattern for a short date value that is associated with the "d" format pattern.
CRM_LongDatePattern	The format pattern for a long date value that is associated with the "D" format pattern.
CRM_ShortTimePattern	The format pattern for a short time value that is associated with the "t" format pattern.
CRM_MonthDayPattern	The format pattern for month and day values that are associated with the "m" and "M" format patterns.

See Also

Report & Analytics with Dynamics 365
Working with SQL-based reports (Dynamics 365 on-premises only)
Publish reports

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Working with SQL-based reports (Dynamics 365 on-premises only)

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (on-premises), Dynamics CRM 2016
This section contains information about how to modify reports that use Transact-SQL.

In This Section

Modify an existing SQL-based report using SQL Server Data Tools Use SQL and filtered views to retrieve data for reports

See Also

Get started writing reports

Categorize and display reports in different languages

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Modify an existing SQL-based report using SQL Server Data Tools

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (on-premises), Dynamics CRM 2016

This topic provides information about modifying your existing Report Definition Language (RDL) file using SQL Server Data Tools. However, make sure that your modified RDL file conforms to the RDL schema and specifications. More information: MSDN: Report Definition XML Elements

In this topic

Work with complex SQL queries

Modify an RDL file

Add elements by using the Report Designer

Test the report

Work with complex SQL queries

When you create or modify a SQL-based report by using the Report Wizard in SQL Server Data Tools, you have to type some complex SQL queries into the Generic Query Designer because of SQL query limitations in Query Builder. Use Query Builder to generate an initial simple SQL query, and then switch to Generic Query Designer to add more complex query logic.

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New or existing SQL queries are limited to 260 table joins. The table join limitation includes your own table joins plus any table joins that are executed within the filtered views that are referred to.

When you add many string concatenations to an SQL query by using Query Designer or Query Builder, SQL Server Data Tools takes more time to refresh report items bound to the query's dataset. This results in reduced user productivity when you edit a report. For improved report writing productivity, you can bypass the report item refresh by manually editing the code for the SQL query in the Report Definition Language (RDL) file.

Modify an RDL file

- 1. In Microsoft Dynamics 365, go to **Sales** > **Reports** and then select the report that you want. Click **Edit** on the command bar, and on the **Actions** menu, select **Download Report**.
- 2. Open SQL Server Data Tools, and create a report server project.
- 3. In Solution Explorer, right-click the **Reports** folder, select **Add**, and then click **Existing Item**. In the file dialog box, select the RDL file you downloaded in the previous step.
- 4. To view the XML code of the RDL file, in the Solution Explorer pane, right-click the RDL file, and then click **View Code**. Make the required changes, and save the file.

Add elements by using the Report Designer

- Perform steps 1 through 3 as specified in Modify an RDL file.
- Right-click the RDL file, and then click View Designer. The report element is displayed on the Design tab.
- 3. Use the **Report Data** pane to add datasets, select table fields, define queries, and add parameters to a report.
- 4. Save the changes. This adds the required XML code for these report elements in the RDL file.

Test the report

After you finish editing the RDL file, save the changes, and switch back to the report **Preview** tab in SQL Server Data Tools to test the report. Any XML schema errors or SQL errors are reported in SQL Server Data Tools.

When the report is ready, Publish reports.

See Also

Report & Analytics with Dynamics 365
Use SQL and filtered views to retrieve data for reports
Create a new report using SQL Server Data Tools

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Use SQL and filtered views to retrieve data for reports

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (on-premises), Dynamics CRM 2016

Microsoft Dynamics 365 data and metadata are stored in a Microsoft SQL Server database named <organization_name>_MSCRM on the server that is running Microsoft SQL Server in the Dynamics 365 (on-premises) deployment. SQL-based reports in Microsoft Dynamics 365 use the filtered views provided for each entity to retrieve data for the reports. Filtered views are fully compliant with the Microsoft Dynamics 365 security model. When you run a report that obtains data from filtered views, the Microsoft Dynamics 365 security role determines what data you can view in the report. Data in filtered views is restricted at these levels: the organization, the business unit, the owner, and at the field level.

Filtered views exist for all Microsoft Dynamics 365 entities, including custom entities. Your custom SQL-based reports cannot read data directly from the Microsoft Dynamics 365 database tables. Instead, you must use the filtered views to retrieve data for your custom SQL-based reports.

The following SQL query returns all columns from the filtered view for the Account entity:

SELECT * FROM dbo.FilteredAccount

Filtered views also provide a way to pull Microsoft Dynamics 365 report data into Microsoft Office applications, such as Microsoft Office Excel and Microsoft Access. For a complete listing of all the standard filtered views organized by product area, see <u>Filtered views in Microsoft Dynamics 365</u>.

In this topic

Custom and customized entities

Entity schemas for creating custom SQL-based reports

Naming conventions in the Microsoft Dynamics 365 database

Custom and customized entities

When you create a new custom entity in the Microsoft Dynamics 365 database, a new filtered view for the entity is automatically created. Further, if you add or change an attribute in a custom entity or customizable system entity, the change is automatically included in the associated filtered view.

Entity schemas for creating custom SQL-based reports

To find schema information about any filtered view, entity, or attribute in the Microsoft Dynamics 365 database, use one of the following methods:

In Microsoft Visual Studio, use SQL Server Object Explorer to connect to the SQL Server where
the Microsoft Dynamics 365 organization database is located. Expand the Databases node and
then expand the <organization_name>_MSCRM database. The filtered views, such as
FilteredContact, can be accessed under the Views node. Right-clicking the filtered view displays a
shortcut menu that enables you to explore the design of the filtered view and the data it returns.

- Log on to Microsoft Dynamics 365 Web application by using an account that has the System
 Administrator security role. In Microsoft Dynamics 365, choose Settings, and then select
 Customizations. Next, choose Customize the System, expand Entities, and double-click an
 entity name to view its fields (attributes) and relationships.
 - Choose Fields to show all the attributes that include the display name and a description for each attribute. To see the dependencies for the attributes, select an attribute, choose More Actions, and then select Show Dependencies.
 - Choose 1:N Relationships, N:1 Relationships, and N:N Relationships to show the entities
 that have a relationship with the current entity, and the attributes that are used to define the
 relationships.
- Use Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio to view the database contents directly.
 All the methods that are listed here let you access schema information for custom or customized entities and attributes.

Naming conventions in the Microsoft Dynamics 365 database

The following are the attribute naming conventions in the Microsoft Dynamics 365 database.

Attributes obtained through filtered views

Although field names in Microsoft Dynamics 365 are case-sensitive and in mixed case, the attribute names obtained through filtered views are in lowercase.

Drop-down list attributes

All drop-down lists (option sets) have two associated fields for every string in the list. For each string, there is a value (code) field and a label (name) field, such as, **leadsource** and **leadsourcename**. For example, the filtered view for Leads returns two fields related to the **LeadSource** attribute of type **Picklist**: LeadSource = 1 and LeadSourceName = "Advertisement". Reports display the label field and use the value field for numeric comparisons.

DateTime attributes

The **DateTime** attributes are represented by two fields in the filtered view: DateTime and UTC DateTime. The first field contains the date and time value for the appropriate time zone and the second field contains the date and time value in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

Entity field

For an entity table in the database, the primary key field is in the name format <code>EntityId</code>, for example, <code>AccountId</code>. Each <code>EntityId</code> field has an associated field that contains the value that should be displayed in reports. For example, for the account entity, it is the <code>Name</code> field that contains the name of the account.

In this section

Filtered views in Microsoft Dynamics 365

See Also

Working with SQL-based reports (Dynamics 365 on-premises only) Format report content

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Filtered views in Microsoft Dynamics 365

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (on-premises), Dynamics CRM 2016

This topic lists many of the filtered views available in Dynamics 365 (on-premises). You can use these filtered views to securely retrieve data for your custom SQL-based reports, and display the reports to a user based on their security role in Microsoft Dynamics 365.

Entity schema name	Ent ity typ e cod e	Report view name	Description
Account	1	FilteredAccount	Business that represents a customer or potential customer. The company that is billed in business transactions.
AccountLeads	16	FilteredAccountLeads	Represents the intersect table for the accountleads_associationrelationship.
ActivityMimeAttachment	10 01	FilteredActivityMimeAttachment	Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME) attachment for an email activity.
ActivityParty	13 5	FilteredActivityParty	Person or group associated with an activity. An activity can have multiple activity parties.
ActivityPointer	42 00	FilteredActivityPointer	Task performed, or to be performed, by a user. An activity is any action for which an entry can be made on a calendar. This view rolls up all the different activities into one view.
Annotation	5	FilteredAnnotation	Annotation (note) that is attached to one or more objects,

Entity schema name	Ent ity typ e cod e	Report view name	Description
			including other notes.
AnnualFiscalCalendar	20 00	FilteredAnnualFiscalCalendar	Year long fiscal calendar of an organization. A span of time during which the financial activities of an organization are calculated.
ApplicationFile	47 07	FilteredApplicationFile	For internal use only.
Appointment	42 01	FilteredAppointment	Commitment representing a time interval with start/end times and duration.
AsyncOperation	47 00	FilteredAsyncOperation	Process whose execution can proceed independently or in the background.
Attachment	10 02	FilteredAttachment	For internal use only.
BulkDeleteOperation	44 24	FilteredBulkDeleteOperation	User-submitted bulk deletion job.
BulkOperation	44 06	FilteredBulkOperation	System operation used to perform lengthy and asynchronous operations on large data sets, such as distributing a campaign activity or quick campaign.
BulkOperationLog	44 05	FilteredBulkOperationLog	Log used to track bulk operation execution, successes, and failures.
BusinessUnit	10	FilteredBusinessUnit	Business, division, or department in the Microsoft Dynamics 365 database.
BusinessUnitNewsArticle	13 2	FilteredBusinessUnitNewsArticle	Announcement associated with an organization.
Calendar	40 03	FilteredCalendar	Calendar used by the scheduling system to define when an appointment or activity is to occur.
CalendarRule	40 04	FilteredCalendarRule	For internal use only.

Entity schema name	Ent ity typ e cod e	Report view name	Description
Campaign	44 00	FilteredCampaign	Container for campaign activities and responses, sales literature, products, and lists to create, plan, execute, and track the results of a specific marketing campaign through its life.
CampaignActivity	44 02	FilteredCampaignActivity	Task performed, or to be performed, by a user for planning or running a campaign.
CampaignActivityItem	44 04	FilteredCampaignActivityItem	Represents the intersect table for the following relationships: campaignactivitysalesliterat ure_association campaignactivitylist_association
CampaignItem	44 03	FilteredCampaignItem	Represents the intersect table for the following relationships: campaignproduct_associati on campaigncampaign_association campaignsalesliterature_as sociation campaignlist_association
CampaignResponse	44 01	FilteredCampaignResponse	Response from an existing or a potential new customer for a campaign.
Competitor	12 3	FilteredCompetitor	Business competing for the sale represented by a lead or opportunity.
CompetitorAddress	10 04	FilteredCompetitorAddress	For internal use only.
CompetitorProduct	10 06	FilteredCompetitorProduct	Represents the intersect table for the competitorproduct_association relationship.

Entity schema name	Ent ity typ e cod e	Report view name	Description
CompetitorSalesLiterature	26	FilteredCompetitorSalesLiteratur e	Represents the intersect table for the competitorsalesliterature_associ ationrelationship.
Connection	32 34	FilteredConnection	Relationship between two entities.
ConnectionRole	32 31	FilteredConnectionRole	Role describing a relationship between a two records.
ConnectionRoleAssociation	32 32	FilteredConnectionRoleAssociation	Represents the intersect table for the connectionroleassociation_asso ciation relationship.
ConstraintBasedGroup	40 07	FilteredConstraintBasedGroup	Group or collection of people, equipment, and/or facilities that can be scheduled.
Contact	2	FilteredContact	Person with whom a business unit has a relationship, such as customer, supplier, or colleague.
ContactInvoices	17	FilteredContactInvoices	Represents the intersect table for the contactinvoices_association relationship.
ContactLeads	22	FilteredContactLeads	Represents the intersect table for the contactleads_associationrelation ship.
ContactOrders	19	FilteredContactOrders	Represents the intersect table for the contactorders_associationrelatio nship.
ContactQuotes	18	FilteredContactQuotes	Represents the intersect table for the contactquotes_associationrelati onship.
Contract	10 10	FilteredContract	Agreement to provide customer service during a specified amount of time or number of cases.
ContractDetail	10	FilteredContractDetail	Line item in a contract that

Entity schema name	Ent ity typ e cod e	Report view name	Description
	11		specifies the type of service a customer is entitled to.
ContractTemplate	20 11	FilteredContractTemplate	Template for a contract containing the standard attributes of a contract.
CustomerAddress	10 71	FilteredCustomerAddress	Address and shipping information. Used to store additional addresses for an account or contact.
CustomerOpportunityRole	45 03	FilteredCustomerOpportunityRol e	Deprecated. Relationship between an account or contact and an opportunity.
CustomerRelationship	45 02	FilteredCustomerRelationship	Deprecated. Relationship between a customer and a partner in which either can be an account or contact.
Discount	10 13	FilteredDiscount	Price reduction made from the list price of a product or service based on the quantity purchased.
DiscountType	10 80	FilteredDiscountType	Type of discount, specified as either a percentage or an amount.
DuplicateRule	44 14	FilteredDuplicateRule	Rule used to identify potential duplicates.
Email	42 02	FilteredEmail	Activity that is delivered by using email protocols.
Equipment	40 00	FilteredEquipment	Resource that can be scheduled.
Fax	42 04	FilteredFax	Activity that tracks call outcome and number of pages for a fax and optionally stores an electronic copy of the document.
FieldSecurityProfile	12 00	FilteredFieldSecurityProfile	Profile that defines the access level for secured attributes.
FixedMonthlyFiscalCalenda r	20 04	FilteredFixedMonthlyFiscalCalen dar	Fixed monthly fiscal calendar of an organization. A span of time during which the financial activities of an organization are

Entity schema name	Ent ity typ e cod e	Report view name	Description
			calculated.
Goal	96 00	FilteredGoal	Target objective for a user or a team for a specified time period.
GoalRollupQuery	96 02	FilteredGoalRollupQuery	Query that is used to filter the results of the goal roll-up.
Import	44 10	FilteredImport	Status and ownership information for an import job.
ImportFile	44 12	FilteredImportFile	File name of file used for import.
ImportLog	44 23	FilteredImportLog	Failure reason and other detailed information for a record that failed to import.
ImportMap	44 11	FilteredImportMap	Data map used in import.
Incident	11 2	FilteredIncident	Service request case associated with a contract.
IncidentResolution	42 06	FilteredIncidentResolution	Special type of activity that includes description of the resolution, billing status, and duration of the case.
IntegrationStatus	30 00	FilteredIntegrationStatus	For internal use only.
InternalAddress	10 03	FilteredInternalAddress	For internal use only.
Invoice	10 90	FilteredInvoice	Order that has been billed.
InvoiceDetail	10 91	FilteredInvoiceDetail	Line item in an invoice containing detailed billing information for a product.
KbArticle	12 7	FilteredKbArticle	Structured content that is part of the knowledge solution.
KbArticleComment	10 82	FilteredKbArticleComment	Comment on a knowledge article.
KbArticleTemplate	10 16	FilteredKbArticleTemplate	Template for a knowledge article that contains the standard attributes of an article.

Entity schema name	Ent ity typ e cod e	Report view name	Description
Lead	4	FilteredLead	Prospect or potential sales opportunity. Leads are converted into accounts, contacts, or opportunities when they are qualified. Otherwise, they are deleted or archived.
LeadAddress	10 17	FilteredLeadAddress	For internal use only.
LeadCompetitors	24	FilteredLeadCompetitors	Represents the intersect table for the leadcompetitors_associationrela tionship.
LeadProduct	27	FilteredLeadProduct	Represents the intersect table for the leadproduct_associationrelation ship.
Letter	42 07	FilteredLetter	Activity that tracks the delivery of a letter. The activity can contain an electronic copy of the letter.
List	43 00	FilteredList	Group of existing or potential customers created for a marketing campaign or other sales purposes.
ListMember	43 01	FilteredListMember	Represents the intersect table for the following relationships: Iistaccount_association Iistcontact_association Iistlead_association
MailMergeTemplate	91 06	FilteredMailMergeTemplate	Template for a mail merge document that contains the standard attributes of that document.
Metric	96 03	FilteredMetric	Type of measurement for a goal, such as money amount or count.
MonthlyFiscalCalendar	20 03	FilteredMonthlyFiscalCalendar	Monthly fiscal calendar of an organization. A span of time during which the financial

Entity schema name	Ent ity typ e cod e	Report view name	Description
			activities of an organization are calculated.
Opportunity	3	FilteredOpportunity	Potential revenue-generating event, or sale to an account, which needs to be tracked through a sales process to completion.
OpportunityClose	42 08	FilteredOpportunityClose	Activity that is created automatically when an opportunity is closed, containing information such as the description of the closing and actual revenue.
OpportunityCompetitors	25	FilteredOpportunityCompetitors	Represents the intersect table for the opportunitycompetitors_associat ionrelationship.
OpportunityProduct	10 83	FilteredOpportunityProduct	Association between an opportunity and a product.
OrderClose	42 09	FilteredOrderClose	Activity generated automatically when an order is closed.
Organization	10 19	FilteredOrganization	Top level of the Microsoft Dynamics 365 business hierarchy. The organization can be a specific business, holding company, or corporation. This view contains the format that is used in Microsoft Dynamics 365 for currency, date and time format, number format, negative number handling, pricing decimal precision, and start day of the week. It also defines the fiscal period for the organization.
PhoneCall	42 10	FilteredPhoneCall	Activity to track a telephone call.
PluginAssembly	46 05	FilteredPluginAssembly	Assembly that contains one or more plug-in types.
PluginType	46	FilteredPluginType	Type that inherits from the

Entity schema name	Ent ity typ e cod e	Report view name	Description
	02		IPlugin interface and is contained within a plug-in assembly.
PluginTypeStatistic	46 03	FilteredPluginTypeStatistic	Plug-in type statistic.
PriceLevel	10 22	FilteredPriceLevel	Entity that defines pricing levels.
Privilege	10 23	FilteredPrivilege	Permission to perform an action in Microsoft Dynamics 365. Microsoft Dynamics 365 checks for the privilege and rejects the attempt if the user does not hold the privilege.
ProcessSession	47 10	FilteredProcessSession	Information that is generated when a dialog is run. Every time that you run a dialog, a dialog session is created.
Product	10 24	FilteredProduct	Information about products and their pricing information.
ProductAssociation	10 25	FilteredProductAssociation	Represents the intersect table for the productassociation_associationr elationship.
ProductPriceLevel	10 26	FilteredProductPriceLevel	Information about how to price a product in the specified price level, including pricing method, rounding option, and discount type based on a specified product unit.
ProductSalesLiterature	21	FilteredProductSalesLiterature	Represents the intersect table for the productsalesliterature_associati onrelationship.
ProductSubstitute	10 28	FilteredProductSubstitute	Represents the intersect table for the productsubstitute_associationrel ationship.
Publisher	71 01	FilteredPublisher	A publisher of a Microsoft Dynamics 365 solution.

Entity schema name	Ent ity typ e cod e	Report view name	Description
PublisherAddress	71 02	FilteredPublisherAddress	Address and shipping information. Used to store additional addresses for a publisher.
QuarterlyFiscalCalendar	20 02	FilteredQuarterlyFiscalCalendar	Quarterly fiscal calendar of an organization. A span of time during which the financial activities of an organization are calculated.
Queue	20 20	FilteredQueue	A list of records requiring action, such as accounts, cases, and activities.
Queueltem	20 29	FilteredQueueltem	A specific item in a queue, such as a case record or an activity record.
Quote	10 84	FilteredQuote	Formal offer for products and/or services, proposed at specific prices and related payment terms, which is sent to a prospective customer.
QuoteClose	42 11	FilteredQuoteClose	Activity generated when a quote is closed.
QuoteDetail	10 85	FilteredQuoteDetail	Product line item in a quote. The details include such information as product ID, description, quantity, and cost.
RecurringAppointmentMast er	42 51	FilteredRecurringAppointmentMa ster	The master appointment of a recurring appointment series.
RelationshipRole	45 00	FilteredRelationshipRole	Deprecated. Relationship between an account or contact and an opportunity.
RelationshipRoleMap	45 01	FilteredRelationshipRoleMap	Deprecated. Mapping of the primary associated objects between which the relationship role is valid.
Report	91 00	FilteredReport	Data summary in an easy-to- read layout.
ReportCategory	91 02	FilteredReportCategory	Categories related to a report. A report can be related to multiple

Entity schema name	Ent ity typ e cod e	Report view name	Description
			categories.
ReportEntity	91 01	FilteredReportEntity	Entities related to a report. A report can be related to multiple entities.
ReportLink	91 04	FilteredReportLink	Links and dependencies between reports. A report may drill through to another report, or it may have another report as a sub-report.
ReportVisibility	91 03	FilteredReportVisibility	Area in which to show a report. A report can be shown in multiple areas.
Resource	40 02	FilteredResource	User or facility/equipment that can be scheduled for a service.
ResourceGroup	40 05	FilteredResourceGroup	Resource group or team whose members can be scheduled for a service.
ResourceSpec	40 06	FilteredResourceSpec	Selection rule that allows the scheduling engine to select a number of resources from a pool of resources. The rules can be associated with a service.
RibbonCommand	11 16	FilteredRibbonCommand	For internal use only.
RibbonContextGroup	11 15	FilteredRibbonContextGroup	For internal use only.
RibbonDiff	11 30	FilteredRibbonDiff	For internal use only.
RibbonRule	11 17	FilteredRibbonRule	For internal use only.
RibbonTabToCommandMa p	11 13	FilteredRibbonTabToCommand Map	For internal use only.
Role	10 36	FilteredRole	Grouping of security privileges. Users are assigned roles that authorize their access to Microsoft Dynamics 365.
RollupField	96 04	FilteredRollupFieldItem	Field to be rolled up to calculate the actual and in-progress

Entity schema name	Ent ity typ e cod e	Report view name	Description
			values against the goal.
SalesLiterature	10 38	FilteredSalesLiterature	Storage of sales literature, which may contain one or more documents.
SalesLiteratureItem	10 70	FilteredSalesLiteratureItem	Item in the sales literature collection.
SalesOrder	10 88	FilteredSalesOrder	Quote that has been accepted.
SalesOrderDetail	10 89	FilteredSalesOrderDetail	Line item in a sales order.
SalesProcessInstance	32	FilteredSalesProcessInstance	For internal use only.
SavedQuery	10 39	FilteredSavedQuery	Saved query against the database.
SdkMessage	46 06	FilteredSdkMessage	Message that is supported by the Microsoft Dynamics 365 SDK.
SdkMessageFilter	46 07	FilteredSdkMessageFilter	Filter that defines which Microsoft Dynamics 365 SDK messages are valid for each type of entity.
SdkMessagePair	46 13	FilteredSdkMessagePair	For internal use only.
SdkMessageProcessingSte p	46 08	FilteredSdkMessageProcessing Step	Stage in the execution pipeline that a plug-in is to execute.
SdkMessageProcessingSte pImage	46 15	FilteredSdkMessageProcessing StepImages	For internal use only.
SdkMessageProcessingSte pSecureConfig	46 16	FilteredSdkMessageProcessing StepSecureConfig	For internal use only.
SdkMessageRequest	46 09	FilteredSdkMessageRequest	For internal use only.
SdkMessageRequestField	46 14	FilteredSdkMessageRequestFiel d	For internal use only.
SdkMessageResponse	46 10	FilteredSdkMessageResponse	For internal use only.
SdkMessageResponseField	46 11	FilteredSdkMessageResponseFi eld	For internal use only.

Entity schema name	Ent ity typ e cod e	Report view name	Description
SemiAnnualFiscalCalendar	20 01	FilteredSemiAnnualFiscalCalend ar	Calendar representing the semi- annual span of time during which the financial activities of an organization are calculated.
Service	40 01	FilteredService	Activity that represents work done to satisfy a customer's need.
ServiceAppointment	42 14	FilteredServiceAppointment	Activity offered by the organization to satisfy its customer's needs. Each service activity includes date, time, duration, and required resources.
ServiceContractContacts	20	FilteredServiceContractContacts	Represents the intersect table for the servicecontractcontacts_associa tionrelationship.
ServiceEndpoint	46 18	FilteredServiceEndpoint	Service endpoint that can be contacted.
SharePointDocumentLocati on	95 08	FilteredSharePointDocumentLoc ation	Document libraries or folders on a computer that is running SharePoint Server from where documents can be managed in Microsoft Dynamics 365.
SharePointSite	95 02	FilteredSharePointSite	SharePoint Server site from where documents can be managed in Microsoft Dynamics 365.
Site	40 09	FilteredSite	Location or branch office where an organization does business. An organization can have multiple sites.
Solution	71 00	FilteredSolution	A solution that contains Microsoft Dynamics 365 customizations.
SolutionComponent	71 03	FilteredSolutionComponent	A component of a Microsoft Dynamics 365 solution.
StatusMap	10 75	FilteredStatusMap	Contains valid status reasons, and the default status reason. Only certain status reasons are

Entity schema name	Ent ity typ e cod e	Report view name	Description
			valid for each status value.
StringMap	10 43	FilteredStringMap	Contains valid numeric values for items in a drop-down list, equivalent labels for those values, and the display order for items in the list.
Subject	12 9	FilteredSubject	Information regarding subjects available in Microsoft Dynamics 365.
SystemForm	10 30	FilteredSystemForm	Organization-owned entity customizations, including form layout and dashboards.
SystemUser	8	FilteredSystemUser	Person with access to Microsoft Dynamics 365 and who can own records.
SystemUserProfiles	12 02	FilteredSystemUserProfiles	Represents the intersect table for the systemuserprofiles_associationr elationship.
SystemUserRoles	15	FilteredSystemUserRoles	Represents the intersect table for the systemuserroles_associationrel ationship.
Task	42 12	FilteredTask	Generic activity representing work to be done.
Team	9	FilteredTeam	Collection of system users that routinely collaborate. Teams can be used to simplify record sharing and provide team members with common access to organization data when team members belong to different business units.
TeamMembership	23	FilteredTeamMembership	Represents the intersect table for the teammembership_associationrel ationship.
TeamProfiles	12 03	FilteredTeamProfiles	Represents the intersect table for the teamprofiles_associationrelation

Entity schema name	Ent ity typ e cod e	Report view name	Description
			ship.
TeamRoles	40	FilteredTeamRoles	Represents the intersect table for the teamroles_associationrelationsh ip.
Template	20 10	FilteredTemplate	Template for an email message that contains the standard attributes of an email message.
Territory	20 13	FilteredTerritory	Territory represents sales regions.
TransactionCurrency	91 05	FilteredTransactionCurrency	Currency in which a financial transaction is carried out.
UnresolvedAddress	20 12	FilteredUnresolvedAddress	For internal use only.
UoM	10 55	FilteredUoM	Unit of measure.
UoMSchedule	10 56	FilteredUoMSchedule	Grouping of units.
UserFiscalCalendar	10 86	FilteredUserFiscalCalendar	Custom fiscal calendar used for tracking sales quotas.
UserQuery	42 30	FilteredUserQuery	Saved database query that is owned by a user.
UserSettings	15 0	FilteredUserSettings	User's preferred settings.
WebResource	93 33	FilteredWebResource	Data equivalent to files used in web development. Web resources provide client-side components that are used to provide custom user interface elements.
Workflow	47 03	FilteredWorkflow	Set of logical rules that define the steps necessary to automate a specific business process, task, or set of actions to be performed.
WorkflowDependency	47 04	FilteredWorkflowDependency	Deprecated. Dependencies for a process.

Entity schema name	Ent ity typ e cod e	Report view name	Description
WorkflowLog	47 06	FilteredWorkflowLog	Log used to track process execution.

See Also

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Use SQL and filtered views to retrieve data for reports

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Test and troubleshoot reports

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (online), Dynamics 365 (on-premises), Dynamics CRM 2016, Dynamics CRM Online

After you have created a report, test it to see if it produces the results that you want.

Test a report

- 1. Test the report in Microsoft Visual Studio within the **Preview** tab.
- 2. If any errors are reported, correct the cause of the errors, and then run the test again.
- 3. When the report works correctly, publish the report to the report server. To do this, in Microsoft Dynamics 365, go to **Sales > Reports**. Click **New**, and then fill out the requested information.
- 4. Run the published report from Microsoft Dynamics 365 to verify the report's operation.

Suggestions for testing a report

The following list of suggestions is provided as a guide for testing your reports:

- SQL-based reports only: Verify that your reports access Microsoft Dynamics 365 data through filtered views to follow Dynamics 365 security restrictions.
- SQL-based reports only: Check the number of SQL table joins. Reports might not run if there are too many table joins. After you upload a report, open the pre-filter section of your report and add some related entities, for example, accounts that have associated opportunities. Run the report with

the related entities. If a max SQL joins error occurs, you may want to either simplify the report or remove some **Advanced Find** filterable entities.

- Verify that report filters are specified for the correct entities. After uploading the report, open it and check whether any entities designated for **Advanced Find** filtering should be exposed for report pre-filtering.
- If the report queries a custom entity, make sure that the entity can be correctly filtered. and that the
 report returns data based on user roles with user-level security on entities, custom security roles,
 and other roles.
- Some reports are context sensitive and can be run against selected records in a list. For those
 types of reports, verify that the report can be run against system views, custom system views, user
 queries, and selected records.
- Verify that you can take snapshots of the report through the Scheduling Wizard in Dynamics 365.
- Verify that you can save the report as a PDF file. Reports frequently print better with PDF formatting.
- Verify that detailed sub-reports are hidden when you publish the report, so they're not run directly by users.

Report drill-through fails in Visual Studio Report Viewer

Some parameters in the reports that are generated by the Report Wizard are marked internal (read-only). Therefore, when you upload the reports into Visual Studio, and try to drill through, the Visual Studio Report Viewer doesn't display the reports. To correct this, use Visual Studio Report Designer to change the parameters from internal to hidden. Clear the **Internal** check box, and make sure that the **Hidden** check box is selected for each of the following parameters:

- CRM_Drillthrough
- CRM DrillthroughFilterBy
- CRM FilterText
- CRM URL

The parameters that are prefixed with CRM_Filtered, such as CRM_FilteredAccount or CRM_FilteredContact, also have to be marked as hidden and not internal.

Note

Your report may not contain all the parameters listed here.

See Also

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Publish reports
Use parameters in reports

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Publish reports

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (online), Dynamics 365 (on-premises), Dynamics CRM 2016, Dynamics CRM Online

To make reports available to users, publish the reports in Microsoft Dynamics 365.

Publish a report in Microsoft Dynamics 365 by using the web application

- Create a new report or modify a report by using SQL Server Data Tools. More information: <u>Create a new report using SQL Server Data Tools</u>
- 2. Sign in to Microsoft Dynamics 365, and then go to Sales > Reports.
- 3. On the command bar, click New.
- 4. In the **Report:New Report** dialog box, in the **Report Type** list, select **Existing File**, click **Browse**, and then specify the location of the .rdl file in the **File Location** box.
- 5. Emter appropriate data in the **Details** section of the **Report:New Report** dialog box.
- 6. Click Save and Close.

You can test the report by selecting it from the Available Reports list. To add the report to context-sensitive lists and forms in Microsoft Dynamics 365, follow the steps in Determine where the report will appear.

🍹 Tip

To update the report or to update the information that is displayed in Microsoft Dynamics 365, such as the description, in the Available Reports list, select the report, and then click **Edit** on the command bar.

Determine where the report will appear

- Select the report in the Reports view, and then click Edit on the command bar.
- In the Report dialog box, specify values in the Categorization section according to the following descriptions:

- **Categories**: Categorizes the report by its intended purpose. For example, a sales report can be included in context-sensitive lists and forms in the Sales area of Microsoft Dynamics 365.
- Related Record Types: Associates the report to specific entities, such as accounts or contacts.
- Display In: Allows the report to be displayed in context-sensitive forms and lists. You can
 restrict where the report is displayed. If you intend to publish a hidden report, clear the Display
 In check box.

3. Click Save and Close.

By default, a report is uploaded as a user-owned report. To make the report visible to the whole organization, you can do either of the following when editing a report:

- In the **Report** dialog box, click the **Administration** tab, and then in the **Viewable By** field, select **Individual**.
- In the Report dialog box, on the Actions menu, select Publish Report for External Use.

Define a default filter for the report

You can define a default filter for a report so that the filter criteria are used every time the report is run.

- 1. Select a report in the Reports grid, and on the More Actions (...) menu, select Edit Default Filter.
- 2. In the **Report Viewer** dialog box, define the default filter criteria that will be used every time the report runs, and then select **Save Default Filter**.

See Also

Report & Analytics with Dynamics 365
Report considerations and best practices

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Report considerations and best practices

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (online), Dynamics 365 (on-premises), Dynamics CRM 2016, Dynamics CRM Online

Make sure that your reports execute reliably and efficiently by understanding the best practices and considerations described here.

In This Section

Best practices for reports

Improve performance of reports

Improve report performance by using filters

Microsoft Dynamics 365 (online) reporting considerations

See Also

Publish reports

Example reports

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Best practices for reports

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (online), Dynamics 365 (on-premises), Dynamics CRM 2016, Dynamics CRM Online

The following best practices can help you produce reports that are easier to write, comply with established standards, and execute with improved efficiency.

General best practices

This section provides best practices for creating custom Fetch-based and SQL-based reports.

Use an existing report to create custom reports

Check whether there is an existing report in Microsoft Dynamics 365 that is close to the design you are looking for. Download the report definition for that report, and then modify the RDL file instead of creating a new one from scratch. By doing this, you will save development time and reduce report writing errors.

Use Microsoft Dynamics 365 formats for currency, number, date and time, calendar

The **FilteredUserSettings** view contains information about currency format, date and time format, number format, negative number, starting day of the week, calendars, and other formats. Microsoft Dynamics 365 provides the **fn_GetFormatStrings** database function to get the date, time, number, currency, and calendar formats from the **FilteredUserSettings** view.

Use these resources to correctly format data values in your reports.

Set the page size

Reporting Services does not provide explicit page orientation, such as portrait and landscape modes, or preset page sizes. Standard Microsoft Dynamics 365 reports were designed for 8.25 x 11 (portrait) or 11 x 8.25 (landscape) page sizes that work for both US letter and A4 paper.

Back up your reports

Make backup copies of your reports and store them on a computer other than the reporting server.

Define truncation if needed

Text wrapping is the default behavior for a text box report item in Reporting Services. This means that, unless indicated otherwise, all text will wrap at the defined width of any text area and then grow vertically. If truncation is specified, a text box will truncate text at the width of the text box within the specified padding (default is 2pt left and right). Any maximum length truncation beyond this will require custom coding.

The default Microsoft Dynamics 365 reports are set up with tool tips to show static text or values from data fields when the user hovers the mouse pointer over the report item. If you use truncation, consider setting the **ToolTip** property to the field value so that the full text will appear when the user hovers over the truncated text.

Best practices when you create reports that include date and time fields

When you create reports that use date and time fields, be aware of the following:

- To be consistent with the date and time values in Microsoft Dynamics 365, when you create reports
 that use a Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)-based field (Time-Zone Independent or Date Only)
 don't convert the value to a regional time-zone based (User Local) value.
- If you make a change to the date and time behavior of a field in an entity, you may need to regenerate reports that use that date and time for the report to display the field correctly.
 - Regenerate Report Wizard reports. Edit the report using the Report Wizard with the same parameters to regenerate the report.
 - Regenerate reports based on a managed solution. For managed solutions, instead of editing the report, re-import the solution to regenerate the report.
 - Regenerate custom reports created with Microsoft Visual Studio. Update the date and time fields in Visual Studio as necessary and republish the report. More information: <u>Modify an</u> existing SQL-based report using SQL Server Data Tools

For more information about date and time fields, see <u>Referenced topic '73d691c7-344e-4c96-8979-c661c290bf81' is only available online.</u>

SQL-based reports

This section provided best practices for SQL-based reports only.

Writing stored procedures

Adding custom stored procedures to the Microsoft Dynamics 365 database is not supported. However, you can create a separate database and write stored procedures to that database.

Limit text length and number of items in charts

Microsoft Dynamics 365 reports use only some of the possible chart types from Reporting Services. For any chart type, limiting label length and number of items is recommended for the chart contents to be displayed correctly. When Reporting Services displays a chart with long labels, the chart itself becomes too small to be usable. There are several ways to limit text length and items in charts:

- Limit your chart label length explicitly, shortening it if necessary.
- Consider limiting the number of items displayed in charts. For more information, see Example: Limit the number of items displayed in a chart.

Use embedded images in a report

The easiest way to use images with Reporting Services is to put the images into a database. If the images are not in a database, you can use embedded images in .png, .gif, or .jpg formats in a report. The image files that are used by Microsoft Dynamics 365 are located in the C:/Inetpub/wwwroot/_imgs/ico folder on a default Microsoft Dynamics 365 installation.

See Also

Report & Analytics with Dynamics 365
Improve performance of reports

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Improve performance of reports

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (online), Dynamics 365 (on-premises), Dynamics CRM 2016, Dynamics CRM Online

Here are some guidelines that can help you improve the performance of the report.

General

These guidelines are applicable for both Fetch-based and SQL-based reports.

- Limit a report to display information from a specified time period, instead of displaying all records in the Microsoft Dynamics 365 database.
- Pre-filter a report so that the dataset is limited.
- Calculate aggregate totals by using aggregations in a FetchXML query or a SQL statement, instead
 of passing raw data to Reporting Services and grouping.
- Limit the number of datasets used, if possible.
- When you compare dates, use the UTC date fields for comparisons. For example, compare the
 createdonutc fields and not the createdon fields in the FetchXML query or a filtered view.

SQL-based Reports

These guidelines are applicable for SQL-based reports only.

Don't create a report that uses a large dataset or a complex SQL query available on-demand to all
users.

- Don't select all columns from a Microsoft Dynamics 365 filtered view. Instead, explicitly specify the columns that you want to select in the SQL statement.
- Use SQL stored procedures instead of inline SQL.

See Also

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Improve report performance by using filters

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Improve report performance by using filters

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (online), Dynamics 365 (on-premises), Dynamics CRM 2016, Dynamics CRM Online

Reports that return large data sets can be difficult to use and can cause performance problems. To limit the data that is presented in a report, use data filters.

In addition to data filtering supported by Reporting Services, Microsoft Dynamics 365 supports data pre–filtering. You can use data pre-filtering to:

- Make reports context-sensitive by narrowing the scope of a report to return more relevant data.
- Retrieve and display a result set faster because only more relevant data is returned.
- Allow the report to be filtered using the Advanced Find feature.

Important

Currently, report queries with hierarchical operators, such as the **Under** operator, can't be used with report filtering. When you try to run a report that uses a hierarchical operator, the report won't render.

In this topic

Enabling data pre-filtering in Fetch-based reports

Enabling data pre-filtering in SQL-based reports (Dynamics 365 on-premises only)

Passing filters in the filter summary

Default filters

Enabling data pre-filtering in Fetch-based reports

Fetch-based reports support only automatic data pre-filtering. A report can have multiple data sets and multiple FetchXML queries. One data set supports one FetchXML query. To enable pre-filtering for the primary or linked entity in a Fetch-based report, you must set the value of the **enableprefiltering** parameter to "1", and specify a parameter name in the **prefilterparametername** property. The parameter name should start with "CRM_" to specify it as a hidden parameter. As with the Microsoft SQL Server-based report, this parameter specified in the FetchXML query acts as a sub query within

the FetchXML query, and the sub query is constructed with the value specified by the user in the **Advanced Find** area while running a report.

The following example displays how to enable pre-filtering for the primary entity in the FetchXML query.

<CommandText

<DataSourceName>CRM</DataSourceName>

Similarly, you can enable pre-filtering for the linked entity. You can also specify a different pre-filtering condition for the linked entity in the FetchXML query by specify a different and unique name for the parameter name in the **prefilterparametername** property.

If you are manually modifying a Fetch-based report definition without using the Report Wizard in the Microsoft Dynamics 365 web application or SQL Server Data Tools to enable pre-filtering for primary and linked entities, make sure that you:

1. Similarly, you can enable pre-filtering for the linked entity. You can also specify a different pre-filtering condition for the linked entity in the FetchXML query by specify a different and unique name for the parameter name in the **prefilterparametername** property.

If you are manually modifying a Fetch-based report definition without using the Report Wizard in the Microsoft Dynamics 365 web application or SQL Server Data Tools to enable pre-filtering for primary and linked entities, make sure that you:

```
fetch
    distinct
="false"
    mapping
="logical"
>
<entity name="account" enableprefiltering="1"
prefilterparametername="CRM FilteredAccount">
```

2. Create a corresponding query parameter with the same name as specified for the **prefilterparametername** property. Make sure that the parameter name starts with <code>CRM_</code> to specify it as a hidden parameter.

```
QueryParameters
>
<QueryParameter Name="CRM_FilteredAccount">
<Value>=Parameters!CRM_FilteredAccount.Value</Value>
</QueryParameter>
```

3. Create a corresponding report parameter with the same name.

Enabling data pre-filtering in SQL-based reports (Dynamics 365 on-premises only)

There are two ways that you can enable data pre-filtering on Microsoft Dynamics 365SQL-based reports: automatic and explicit.

Automatic pre-filtering

Automatic data pre-filtering is suited for simple queries. To enable automatic data pre-filtering on a report, you can use aliases for entity tables in queries. You do this by using an alias name that starts with \mbox{CRMAF} .

For example, the following table shows a simple query modified to enable pre-filtering on the **Account** entity.

Query without pre-filtering	Modified query with automatic pre-filtering enabled
SELECT <column1>, <column2>, <columnn></columnn></column2></column1>	SELECT <column1>, <column2>, <columnn></columnn></column2></column1>
FROM FilteredAccount;	FROM FilteredAccount AS CRMAF_FilteredAccount;

When you enable automatic data pre-filtering functionality by using the <code>CRMAF_</code> prefix, Microsoft Dynamics 365 modifies the query to include a parameter (for example, **P1**) when it is uploaded to Microsoft Dynamics 365, as shown in the following table.

Query with automatic pre-filtering	Modified by Microsoft Dynamics 365
SELECT <column1>, <column2>, <columnn></columnn></column2></column1>	SELECT <column1>, <column2>, <columnn></columnn></column2></column1>
FROM FilteredAccount AS CRMAF_FilteredAccount;	FROM (@P1) AS CRMAF_FilteredAccount;

Microsoft Dynamics 365 will pass a query to the **P1** parameter depending on how the report is being filtered. In other words, automatic data pre-filtering acts as a sub-query within the existing query.

The following examples illustrate how Microsoft Dynamics 365 passes queries to the parameter (**P1**) as per different filtering requirements. In these examples, it is assumed that you are running the report from the **Reports** area in Microsoft Dynamics 365, and are using the data filtering option.

Example 1: If you want to view only active accounts, the resulting query would be as follows:

```
SELECT <column1>, <column2>, <columnN>
FROM (SELECT FilteredAccount.* FROM FilteredAccount WHERE statecode = 0)
```

AS CRMAF_FilteredAccount

Example 2: If you are within a specific account and run the report, the resulting query would be as follows:

```
SELECT <column1>, <column2>, <columnN>
FROM (SELECT FilteredAccount.* FROM FilteredAccount WHERE AccountId = '<CurrentAccountId>')
AS CRMAF FilteredAccount
```

Example 3: If you are looking at a list of three selected accounts and you choose the option to run the report against the selected records, the resulting query would be as follows:

```
SELECT <column1>, <column2>, <columnN>
FROM (SELECT FilteredAccount.* FROM FilteredAccount WHERE AccountId in ('<1stAccountId>',
'<2ndAccountId>', '<3rdAccountId>')
```

AS CRMAF_FilteredAccount

When any entity table names are aliased, the Advanced Find user interface is automatically included in the deployed report when it is run from Microsoft Dynamics 365.

To alias an entity table name in Query Builder, right-click each table in your report, select **Properties**, and then enter the alias value in the form CRMAF_*FilteredEntity*, for example, CRMAF_FilteredAccount.

Limitation of Automatic Pre-filtering

When you use the <code>CRMAF_</code> prefix to enable automatic pre-filtering, Microsoft Dynamics 365 adds a parameter in the query. With a more complex query, such as a query that uses **UNION** statements, this can lead to unexpected results because Microsoft Dynamics 365 might only add the parameter to the first query.

For example, consider the following query containing **UNION** statements:

```
SELECT <column1>, <column2>, <columnN>
FROM FilteredAccount AS CRMAF_FilteredAccount
WHERE address1_stateorprovince = 'FL'
UNION
```

```
SELECT <column1>, <column2>, <columnN>
FROM FilteredAccount AS CRMAF FilteredAccount
WHERE address1 stateorprovince = 'CA'
When you upload the report, Microsoft Dynamics 365 may filter only the first query using the parameter.
This leads to the filtering not being applied to the second query:
SELECT <column1>, <column2>, <columnN>
FROM (@P1) AS CRMAF FilteredAccount WHERE address1 stateorprovince = 'FL'
UNION
SELECT <column1>, <column2>, <columnN>
FROM FilteredAccount AS CRMAF_FilteredAccount
WHERE address1 stateorprovince = 'CA'
In the preceding example, while running the report from the Reports area in Microsoft Dynamics 365
and choosing the filter as annual revenue greater than 1,000,000, Microsoft Dynamics 365 will pass a
guery to the P1 parameter as follows:
SELECT <column1>, <column2>, <columnN>
FROM (SELECT FilteredAccount.* from FilteredAccount where AnnualRevenue > 1000000) AS
CRMAF FilteredAccount
WHERE address1 stateorprovince = 'FL'
UNION
SELECT <column1>, <column2>, <columnN>
```

This implies that the query would return only those accounts in Florida with an annual revenue greater than \$1,000,000 and all the accounts in California, which is not what you intended. You wanted to view all the accounts in Florida and California with annual revenue greater than \$1,000,000.

If you download the report from Microsoft Dynamics 365 and open it in Microsoft Visual Studio, you will see the original version of the report that you uploaded into Microsoft Dynamics 365. If you download the report directly from Microsoft SQL Server Reporting Services, you will notice that Microsoft Dynamics 365 had modified the query but did not place the parameter where you wanted it to exist. For complex queries like this, you must use explicit pre-filtering.

Explicit pre-filtering

FROM FilteredAccount AS CRMAF_FilteredAccount

WHERE address1 stateorprovince = 'CA'

For complex queries such as queries using **UNION** statements, you may need to use explicit pre-filtering. Unlike automatic pre-filtering, Microsoft Dynamics 365 does not rewrite the report query by passing values to the parameters during explicit pre-filtering when such a report is uploaded to Microsoft Dynamics 365. You must explicitly make the required changes to the report by adding the pre-filtering parameter to the report, and then referencing the parameter in the query. You can then execute the query by using dynamic SQL.

When you use dynamic SQL, filtering through Advanced Find is enabled by creating a hidden parameter named **CRM_FilteredEntity**, for example, CRM_FilteredAccount, and by using this

parameter in a dynamic SQL query expression. This parameter enables filtering on the table data obtained from the specified filtered view.

Taking the same example as discussed earlier to highlight the limitation of automatic pre-filtering, the following table shows a query with automatic pre-filtering modified to use explicit pre-filtering by using dynamic SQL. It is also assumed that while running the report from the **Reports** area in Microsoft Dynamics 365, the filter has been applied as annual revenue greater than 1,000,000.

Query with automatic pre-filtering	Query modified to use explicit pre-filtering
SELECT <column1>, <column2>, <columnn></columnn></column2></column1>	DECLARE @SQL nvarchar(4000)
FROM FilteredAccount AS CRMAF_FilteredAccount	DECLARE @CRM_FilteredAccount nvarchar(2000)
WHERE address1_stateorprovince = `FL'	Set @CRM_FilteredAccount = 'Select
UNION	FilteredAccount.* FROM FilteredAccount where
SELECT <column1>, <column2>, <columnn></columnn></column2></column1>	AnnualRevenue > 1000000'
FROM FilteredAccount AS CRMAF FilteredAccount	SET @SQL = 'SELECT <column1>, <column2>,</column2></column1>
WHERE address1 stateorprovince = 'CA'	<columnn></columnn>
wante dual cost _ source of province	FROM ('+@CRM_FilteredAccount+') AS FA where
	address1_stateorprovince = ''FL''
	UNION
	SELECT <column1>, <column2>, <columnn></columnn></column2></column1>
	FROM ('+@CRM_FilteredAccount+') as CA where
	address1_stateorprovince = ''CA'' '
	EXEC (@SQL)

Note

Most of the standard Microsoft Dynamics 365SQL-based reports use the explicit pre-filtering option.

Passing filters in the filter summary

A filter summary displays the value of the filter that is used when a report is run. In Microsoft Dynamics 365 reports, it is displayed as a text box report item in the report header that contains the filter text value. When the user runs the report, the Report Viewer displays an **Edit Filter** button. When the button is clicked, it enables the user to define a data filter. An example of a filter summary can be found in the User Summary report that is included with Microsoft Dynamics 365.

To add a filter summary to a report, follow these steps:

- 1. Create a hidden string parameter called CRM_FilterText.
- 2. Add a text box report item to the report and set its **Value** property as follows:

```
=Parameters!CRM FilterText.Value.
```

When the report is run, the value of the CRM_FilterText parameter will be set by the system to the text of the current filter.

Default filters

When you publish a report, you can set a default filter. For all the reports that were created by using the report wizard, if you do not set a default filter, the filter is automatically set to all records of the entity modified within the last 30 days. For the procedure to define a default report filter, see <u>Publish reports</u>.

See Also

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Microsoft Dynamics 365 (online) reporting considerations

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Microsoft Dynamics 365 (online) reporting considerations

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (online), Dynamics CRM Online

Microsoft Dynamics 365 (online) has a number of capabilities that allow customers to surface business data that helps them drive decisions and interact with their customers more effectively. Capabilities that are available within Dynamics 365 (online) include views, charts, dashboards, and Microsoft SQL Server Reporting Services reports. Also included is Microsoft Office Excel integration that allows users to easily build self-service reports using the Power BI features PowerView, PowerPivot, and PowerQuery. As the volume of data held in the Dynamics 365 (online) database continues to grow it becomes more important than ever to think about your BI strategy and determine the most effective mechanisms for reporting and visualizing large datasets.

In a Dynamics 365 (online) environment, the reporting infrastructure is shared and separate from the database. In this architecture, although customers share the resources required to run the report, each report runs against the customers' individual database instances. Additionally, with Dynamics 365 (online), users can run as many reports as they need whenever they want to run them to meet business goals. We do not place time restrictions on reports.

The reporting capabilities built in to Dynamics 365 (online) are designed to let users run reports on datasets that span shorter periods of time. Considering this, Microsoft Dynamics 365 has the following fixed settings:

- Reports and queries can execute for up to five minutes. When the maximum period is reached, the
 report will time out and a message is returned to the user. Within the five-minute duration, reports
 and queries are allowed to span large datasets that are beyond 50,000 records, which provides
 significant flexibility to satisfy most operational reporting needs.
- To improve query response, we recommend that detailed reports minimize the display of large numbers of records. To do this, apply suitable filtering to reduce the number of records that are returned. When you create aggregated or summarized reports, queries should push the aggregation to the query rather than fetch detailed records to perform aggregation in the report. This can be done by using Fetch XML aggregation. More information: Use FetchXML aggregation
- For charts and grids displayed in dashboards, Microsoft Dynamics 365 allows users to run queries that have a dataset that has fewer than 50,000 rows. Should a user run a dashboard query that

spans a dataset of 50,000 or more rows, Microsoft Dynamics 365 returns the message "The maximum record limit is exceeded. Reduce the number of records." The dataset practical setting helps to ensure optimal performance of the Dynamics 365 (online) application.

In this topic

<u>Tips and solutions for reporting</u>
<u>Third-party Microsoft Dynamics 365 adapters for SSIS</u>
ETL tools

Tips and solutions for reporting

Typically, for most organizations' reporting needs, these settings are adequate. To make sure that your users do not exceed these settings and to improve report querying performance in general, consider the following best practices.

- When you create custom reports or dashboards, design them to query smaller datasets over shorter periods of time by adding a time-based filter in the report, such as the current month or quarter, to limit the results.
- We recommend that you limit the number of entities that are needed to return the result. This helps reduce the time required to run the query and return the result set.
- We recommend that you reduce the number of records shown in detailed reports. Suitable filtering
 can be used to reduce the number of records returned by the query to reduce timeouts.
- For aggregated or summarized reports, queries must be used to push the aggregation to the database and not fetch detailed records and perform aggregation in the Microsoft SQL Server Reporting Services report.
- When appropriate for your business, users should run the default (out-of-the-box) reports and dashboards. These reports and dashboards are typically designed to query per user datasets, so in most cases will not exceed the dataset limit.

If Dynamics 365 (online) users must run reports that exceed these settings, we recommend that you review the following options for assistance with complex reporting needs. Both options effectively offload reporting workloads from Dynamics 365 (online) to another SQL Server datastore by using a Dynamics 365 (online) data integration solution.

- <u>Third-party Microsoft Dynamics 365 adapters for SSIS</u> are used in conjunction with SQL Server Integration Services (SSIS) to extend the capabilities for integration with Dynamics 365 (online) data.
- Extract transform load <u>ETL tools</u> provide a new tool set for creating analysis of Dynamics 365
 (online) data by combining multiple data sources or extracting data to the data warehouse solution
 if SSIS is not in use. ETL tools provide comprehensive solutions for connecting Dynamics 365
 systems to move data.

Important

When you use these tools, we recommend you move or synchronize data during nonbusiness hours.

If needed, there are many Microsoft Dynamics partners who can help provide a solution for your specific reporting needs, such as creating an offline copy of the data specifically used for running large reports. These partners are knowledgeable with the Dynamics 365 data integration tools available. More information: Find the right partner

Third-party Microsoft Dynamics 365 adapters for SSIS

- CozyRoc SSIS+ component for Microsoft Dynamics CRM
- KingswaySoft SSIS Integration Toolkit for Microsoft Dynamics CRM
- RSSBus SSIS task for Microsoft Dynamics CRM
- Team4 SSIS Connector for Microsoft CRM
- PragmaticWorks TaskFactory SSIS Source/Destination for Dynamics CRM

ETL tools

- Scribe Insight and Scribe Online with adapter for Microsoft Dynamics CRM
- · Productivity tools from Informatica

See Also

Microsoft Dynamics CRM 2015 Report Authoring Extension (with SQL Server Data Tools support)

Developers guide to reports for Microsoft Dynamics CRM

Introduction to Microsoft Power Query for Excel

Dynamics CRM OData Feeds and Power Query: What's the [Record]?

Using Power View in Excel 2013 to Analyze CRM Data

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RDL sandboxing for Microsoft Dynamics 365 (online)

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (online), Dynamics CRM Online

In Microsoft Dynamics 365 (online), the reports run in the sandbox mode. This is done by enabling Report Definition Language (RDL) Sandboxing in Microsoft SQL Server Reporting Services. The RDL Sandboxing lets you detect and restrict the usage of specific types of resources. As a result, certain features in Microsoft Dynamics 365 (online) may not be available. For more information, see MSDN:Enabling and Disabling RDL Sandboxing.

The current RDL Sandboxing configuration settings in Microsoft Dynamics 365 (online) are described in the following sections in this topic.

In this topic

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Common denied members

Limits of the array result length and string result length

The maximum number of items allowed in an array return value for an RDL expression is increased from 250 to 102400. The maximum number of items allowed in a string return value for an RDL expression is also increased from 250 to 102400. This enables you to include images and logos with sizes up to 75 KB, which will be stored in a database with Base64 encoding.

The MaxResourceSize is set to 2000. This lets you include external images in a report up to 1500 KB in size. More information: Add an External Image (Report Builder and SSRS)

Allowed types and denied members

The RDL Sandboxing feature enables you to create a list of approved types and a list of denied members. The list of approved types is called an allow list. The list of denied members that are not permitted in the RDL expressions is called a block list.

The following table contains a list of allowed types and denied members available in sandbox mode in Microsoft Dynamics 365 (online).

Allowed Types	Denied Members
System.Array	CreateInstance
	Finalize
	GetType
	MemberwiseClone
	Resize
System.DateTime	FromBinary
	GetDateTimeFormats
	GreaterThan
	GreaterThanOrEqual
System.Object	GetType
	MemberwiseClone
	ReferenceEquals

Allowed Types	Denied Members
System.DbNull	Finalize
	MemberwiseClone
	GetObjectData
	GetTypeCode
System.Math	BigMul
	DivRem
	IEEERemainder
	E
	PI
	Pow
System.String	
System.TimeSpan	Hours
	TicksPerDay
	TicksPerHour
	TicksPerMillisecond
	TicksPerMinute
	TicksPerSecond
	Zero
	TryParse
	TryParseExact
System.Convert	ChangeType
	IConvertible.ToBoolean
	IConvertible.ToByte
	IConvertible.ToChar
	IConvertible.ToDateTime
	IConvertible.ToDecimal
	IConvertible.ToDouble
	IConvertible.ToInt16
	IConvertible.ToInt32

Allowed Types	Denied Members
	IConvertible.ToInt64
	IConvertible.ToSByte
	IConvertible.ToSingle
	IConvertible.ToType
	IConvertible.ToUInt16
	IConvertible.ToUInt32
	IConvertible.ToUInt64
System.StringComparer	Create
	Finalize
System.TimeZone	Finalize
	GetType
	MemberwiseClone
System.Uri	Unescape
	Parse
	Escape
	Finalize
System.UriBuilder	Finalize
System.Globalization.CultureInfo	ClearCachedData
System.Text.RegularExpressions.Match	Empty
	NextMatch
	Result
	Synchronized
System.Text.RegularExpressions.Regex	CacheSize
	CompileToAssembly

Allowed Types	Denied Members
	GetGroupNames
	GetGroupNumbers
	GetHashCode
	Unescape
	UseOptionC
	UseOptionR
	capnames
	caps
	capsize
	capslist
	roptions
	pattern
	factory
	IsMatch
	Matches
	Iserializable.GetObjectData
	InitializeReferences
	RightToLeft
	Options
Microsoft.VisualBasic.Constants	vbAbort
	vbAbortRetryIgnore
	vbApplicationModal
	vbArchive
	vbBinaryCompare
	vbCancel
	vbCritical
	vbDefaultButton1
	vbDefaultButton2
	vbDefaultButton3

Allowed Types	Denied Members
	vbExclamation
	vbFormFeed
	vbGet
	vbHidden
	vbHide
	vbHiragana
	vblgnore
	vbInformation
	vbKatakana
	vbLet
	vbLinguisticCasing
	vbMaximizedFocus
	vbMinimizedFocus
	vbMinimizedNoFocus
	vbMsgBoxHelp
	vbMsgBoxRight
	vbMsgBoxRtlReading
	vbMsgBoxSetForeground
	vbNo
	vbNormal
	vbNormalFocus
	vbNormalNoFocus
	vbObjectError
	vbOK
	vbOKCancel
	vbOKOnly
	vbQuestion
	vbReadOnly
	vbRetry
	vbRetryCancel
	vbSet

Allowed Types	Denied Members
	vbSystem
	vbSystemModal
	VbTypeName
	vbVolume
	Zero
Microsoft.VisualBasic.ControlChars	Finalize
	GetType
	MemberwiseClone
Microsoft.VisualBasic.Conversion	Err
	ErrorToString
	Fix
Microsoft.VisualBasic.DateInterval	Finalize
	GetType
	MemberwiseClone
Microsoft.VisualBasic.Financial	Finalize
	GetType
	MemberwiseClone
	IRR
	NPV
	MIRR
Microsoft.VisualBasic.Interaction	AppActivate
	Веер
	CallByName
	Command
	CreateObject
	Environ

Allowed Types	Denied Members
	Finalize
	GetAllSettings
	GetObject
	GetSetting
	GetType
	InputBox
	MemberwiseClone
	MsgBox
	SaveSetting
	Shell
	Choose
	Switch
Microsoft.VisualBasic.Information	Erl
	Err
	IsError
	IsDBNull
	Lbound
	Ubound
	SystemTypeName
Microsoft.VisualBasic.Strings	Finalize
	GetType
	MemberwiseClone
	Lset
	Rset
Microsoft.Crm.Reporting.RdlHelper	

Common denied members

The following table contains a list of denied members common in allowed types:

The following table contains a list of defined members comment in allowed types.
DateString
Duration
Equality
Equals
Erl
Filter
GetChar
GroupNameFromNumber
GroupNumberFromName
Int
MaxValue
MinValue
Negate
Timer
TimeString
ToBinary
Finalize
GetType
MemberwiseClone

See Also

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Example reports

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (online), Dynamics 365 (on-premises), Dynamics CRM 2016, Dynamics CRM Online

This section provides example reports that show how to implement common techniques in your reports for Microsoft Dynamics 365.

Create a report using an example

- Create a report using SQL Data Tools. More information: <u>Report writing environment using SQL</u> Server Data Tools
- 2. During the report configuration, paste the example into the report and follow any additional report configuration instructions included in the example.
 - For a Fetch XML example, see <u>Create a custom Fetch-based report (Dynamics 365 (online)</u> and Dynamics 365 on-premises).
 - For a SQL-based example, see <u>Create a custom SQL-based report (Dynamics 365 on-premises only)</u>.
- 3. Publish the report. More information: Referenced topic 'a305251a-92f7-4896-9106-62b70eceb0af' is only available online.

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Example: Limit the number of items displayed in a chart

Example: Display the top X values

Example: Make a report context-sensitive

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Example: Limit the number of items displayed in a chart

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (online), Dynamics 365 (on-premises), Dynamics CRM 2016, Dynamics CRM Online

Chart reports are limited to 15 data points. The dataset must limit the result set to the top 15 rows for the charted value. Additionally, a 16th "other" data point value is optional. This value represents an aggregation of all other rows in the domain. The 16th value is always sorted to the bottom of the result set. This adds a level of complexity to reports that contain drill-through functionality that is appropriate for some reports.

Note

The number of data points and label length may have to be reduced to correctly display the contents of the chart.

Example

The following is a SQL query example that generates the top 15 data points plus a 16th other data point for a chart:

```
INSERT INTO @AcctTopTbl SELECT Top 15 accounted FROM FilteredAccount ORDER BY Revenue Desc

SELECT AcctTop.accounted, AcctTop.name, AcctTop.Revenue, 1 As SortOrder FROM (SELECT Top 15 accounted, name, Revenue FROM FilteredAccount ORDER BY Revenue Desc) AS AcctTop

UNION

SELECT Null As accounted, 'Other' As name, Sum(Revenue) As Revenue, 2 As SortOrder FROM FilteredAccount

WHERE accounted NOT IN (Select accounted FROM @AcctTopTbl)

ORDER BY SortOrder Asc, Revenue Desc
```

Example

The following example demonstrates how to limit a number of data points shown in the table by using the FetchXML query. You have to provide two data sets with one FetchXML query per dataset. The results from the first dataset query are passed through the multi-valued parameters to the second dataset to filter the results of the query. Dataset1 retrieves the top 15 records ordered by revenue and Dataset2 retrieves the "TotalRevenue" aggregating all accounts except the accounts from DataSet1.

DataSet1:

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Example: Display the top X values

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (online), Dynamics 365 (on-premises), Dynamics CRM 2016, Dynamics CRM Online

Microsoft Dynamics 365 includes several reports that display the top X items of an entity, where the user can specify the value of X.

To query for the top items, use dynamic SQL. Assign the SQL query string that includes the user-specified parameter to a variable. This resolves the user-specified parameter. The query string is then passed to the **SQL EXEC** function together with the user-specified parameter.

Example

In the following SQL example, the TopCount parameter contains the user-supplied value.

```
Declare @SQL nVarchar (4000)

SET @SQL = '

Select Top ' + CONVERT(nvarchar(10), @TopCount) + ' kb.kbarticleid FROM

(' + @CRM_FilteredKBArticle + ') kb '

Exec (@SQL)

If you're authoring a FetchXML-based report, this is the corresponding FetchXML query.
```

See Also

Create a new report using SQL Server Data Tools

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Example: Make a report context-sensitive

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Example: Make a report context-sensitive

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (online), Dynamics 365 (on-premises), Dynamics CRM 2016, Dynamics CRM Online

The following steps describe how to set up a context-sensitive report in Microsoft Dynamics 365. For example, if a report displays all activities for a particular account and you want to show this report on the Microsoft Dynamics 365**Account** form, you must include **Activities** and **Accounts** in the **Related Record Types** categorization and specify **Forms for related record types** in the **Display** in field of the Report: New form.

Create and configure a context-sensitive report

- 1. Create a report that contains fields from a Filtered<entity> database view and establish one or more SQL JOINs with other related filtered views as required.
- 2. Use CRMAF_Filtered<entity> as an alias name in the report's SQL query statement. Here's an example.

```
SELECT CRMAF_FilteredActivityPointer.activitytypecodename as
activitytypecodename,

CRMAF_FilteredActivityPointer.regardingobjectidname as regardingobjectidname,

CRMAF_FilteredActivityPointer.subject as subject,

CRMAF_FilteredAccount.name

FROM FilteredActivityPointer AS CRMAF_FilteredActivityPointer

INNER JOIN FilteredAccount As CRMAF_FilteredAccount on

CRMAF_FilteredAccount.accountid =

CRMAF_FilteredActivityPointer.regardingobjectid
```

If you have a Fetch-based report, you can use the following FetchXML query instead of the SQL query.

When you upload the report to Microsoft Dynamics 365 through the Report: New form, select all
entities in the Related Record Types categorization that filtered views are referred to in the
report's SQL code.

4. In the **Display In** field, select **Forms for related record types** or **Lists for related record types**. Selecting Lists for related record types lets you run a report from the entity list grid. Selecting **Forms for related record types** lets you run a report from the entity form.

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Copy reports between Microsoft Dynamics 365 (on-premises) deployments

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (on-premises), Dynamics CRM 2016

The preferred method to copy a report between organizations or deployments is to include the report and any custom entities the report uses in a solution. If you do this, the entity types are mapped automatically by the system. If you choose to manually copy a report to another Microsoft Dynamics 365 deployment, you must change the entity type codes for custom entities referred to in the report.

In this topic

Fix the type code for a custom entity used in a report Copy a report between deployments

Fix the type code for a custom entity used in a report

The type code for a custom entity may be different in different Microsoft Dynamics 365 installations. If your report contains references to a custom entity type code, such as when you drill through to a custom Microsoft Dynamics 365 entity, you must change the type code of the custom entity referred to in your report to the type code of the custom entity on the other system you are deploying the report to. The entity type code for all default (non-custom) entities is predefined.

&etc=<entity type code>.

The recommended method to refer to the type code is to define a hidden parameter in the report and set its value to the custom entity type code on the original system. After deployment to another Microsoft Dynamics 365 installation, use a SQL statement to set the parameter's value to the type code of the custom entity on that system.

To use a CRM_OTC parameter instead of a hard-coded type code in a drill-through link to Microsoft Dynamics 365

 Obtain the custom entity's type code value. To do this, run the following SQL query on the Microsoft Dynamics 365 organization database. Substitute an appropriate organization_MSCRM name. Locate the type code of your custom entity in the result set.

```
use <organization>_MSCRM select Name,ObjectTypeCode from dbo.Entity order by ObjectTypeCode
```

- 2. In the report, create two report parameters: CRM_URL and CRM_OTC. CRM_OTC should be of type string. The default CRM_OTC value should be set to the value obtained in step 1.
- 3. On the report item that should be used for a drill-through link, add the following Value code:

```
=Parameters!CRM_URL.Value &"?ID={" & Fields!new_custentityid.Value.ToString() & "}&OTC="+Parameters!CRM_OTC.Value
```

- 4. Preview and save the report.
- 5. Copy the report to the destination server according to the instructions in the following section.

Copy a report between deployments

After you redeploy Microsoft Dynamics 365 from one server to another, you must individually copy custom reports to the redeployed (destination) server.

To redeploy one or more reports

- When you copy a report that references a custom entity type code, you should update the definition
 of the CRM_OTC report parameter to reflect the object type code of the entity in the destination
 system.
 - From the destination Microsoft Dynamics 365 server, open a browser window and go to the source system Microsoft Dynamics 365.
- 2. In the Microsoft Dynamics 365 Reports list, select the custom report. On the toolbar, click **Edit**, and then click **Actions**. In the **Actions** menu, click **Download Report**.
- 3. Click **Save**. Specify a file name when you are prompted, and then save the report to the destination system. A copy of the report now exists on the destination system.
- 4. In the browser, go to Microsoft Dynamics 365 on the destination system.
- 5. On the toolbar located above the Microsoft Dynamics 365 Reports list, click New.
- 6. In the **Report:New Report** dialog box, fill in the source file location. Also, fill in the **Details** section of the form.
- 7. Click Save and Close.
- You can now see your report in the Reports list. You may need to select an appropriate category
 or entity from the drop-down lists above the toolbar to see the report.
 If you don't want to define a default filter, go to step 13.
- 9. Select your report in the Reports list.

- 10. On the toolbar, point to More Actions, and then click Edit Default Filter from the menu.
- 11. In the Report Viewer dialog box, define the default filter criteria that will be used every time the report runs.
- 12. Click Save Default Filter.
- 13. Click Run Report.

After the report is tested and works correctly, follow these steps to add the report to context-sensitive lists and forms in Microsoft Dynamics 365.

To add the report to context-sensitive lists and forms in Microsoft Dynamics 365

- 1. Select the report in the Reports list.
- On the Actions toolbar, select Edit.
- 3. In the **Report** dialog box, fill in the **Categorization** section according to the following descriptions:
 - Categories: Categorizes the report according to its intended purpose. For example, a sales
 report can be included in context-sensitive lists and forms in the Sales area of Microsoft
 Dynamics 365.
 - **Related Record Types**: Associates the report to specific entities, like an account or contact. The report can be displayed in context-sensitive lists and forms for those entities.
 - Display In: Allows the report to be displayed in context-sensitive forms and lists. You can
 restrict where the report is displayed by using this setting. If you intend to publish a hidden
 report, clear the Display In text box.
 - Languages: Associates the report to all or English language only.
- 4. Click Save and Close.

See Also

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Publish reports

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Customize Microsoft Dynamics 365 Power Bl content packs

Applies To: Dynamics 365 (online), Dynamics CRM Online

Microsoft Power BI is a comprehensive collection of services and tools that you use to visualize your business data. Content packs are available that make it easy to visualize and analyze the Dynamics

365 data with Power BI based on a standard data model. The content packs are built with a set of Dynamics 365 entities and fields that are useful for most sales, service, or marketing reporting scenarios.

Instances of Dynamics 365 are often extended with custom fields. These custom fields don't automatically show up in the Power BI model. This topic describes the different ways that you can edit or extend the reports included in a content pack to include custom fields in the Power BI model.

In this topic

Do this before you customize a Dynamics 365 content pack for Power BI reports

Customize a Dynamics 365 content pack

Publish your report to the Power BI service

Do this before you customize a Dynamics 365 content pack for Power BI reports

Before you customize a content pack, read the information here and perform each task as necessary.

Requirements

- · Power BI service registration.
- Power BI Desktop application for editing Power BI reports.
- PBIX file for the content pack that you want to customize.
 - Download the Microsoft Dynamics CRM Online Sales Manager .PBIX
 - Download the Microsoft Dynamics CRM Online Service Manager .PBIX

Dynamics 365 (online) content packs are currently only supported in the U.S. English language.

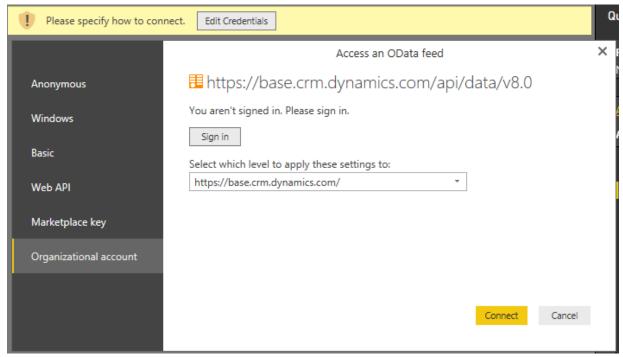
Prepare a content pack for customization

Important

To connect the OData feed to your Dynamics 365 (online) instance you must follow the steps described here before you customize the content pack.

- 1. Start Power BI Desktop.
 - Click **File** > **Open**, open a content pack, such as Sales Manager.bpix, and then click **Open**. Several pages of reports within the content pack are loaded and displayed in Power BI Desktop.
- On the Power BI Desktop ribbon, click Edit Queries.
- 3. In the left navigation pane of the Edit Queries window, under Queries, click the CRMServiceUrl query, and then on the ribbon, click Advanced Editor. In the source definition, replace base.crm.dynamics.com with your Dynamics 365 (online) instance URL. For example, if the organization name is Contoso, the URL looks like this:
 - Source = "https://contoso.crm.dynamics.com/api/data/v8.0/"

- 4. Click **Done**, and then click **Close & Apply** in the Query Editor.
- 5. When the Access an OData feed dialog appears, click **Organizational account**, and then click **Sign-in**.



- 6. When the sign-in page appears, enter your credentials to authenticate to your Dynamics 365 (online) instance.
- In the Access an Odata feed dialog, click Connect.
 The content pack queries are updated. This may take several minutes.

Customize a Dynamics 365 content pack

Convert a DateTime field to a Date field for reporting

Add a custom field to a report

Add a custom field to a report for the Account entity

Add a custom option set field to a report

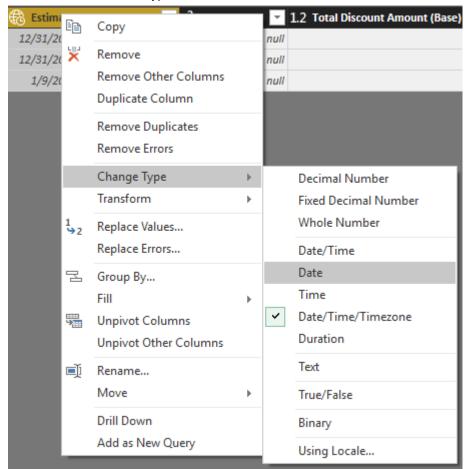
Increase the number of rows queried

Convert a DateTime field to a Date field for reporting

In Microsoft Dynamics 365, some dates are saved in a Date/Time/Timezone format, which may not be the preferred format for aggregating data in a report. You can convert the date displayed in reports for an entity field. For example, the Opportunity Created On field can be converted to a date to report the Opportunities created by day.

1. In Power BI Desktop, click Edit Queries.

- 2. In the left navigation pane of the Query Editor, under Queries, click the query that has the date field that you want to change, such the **Estimated Close Date** in the **Opportunity** entity query.
- 3. Right-click the column heading, such as *Estimated Close Date*, point to **Change Type**, and then select another date type, such as **Date**.



- 4. ClickClose & Apply to close the Query Editor.
- 5. On the main Power BI page, click **Apply Changes** to update the associated reports.

Add a custom field to a report

The following procedure describes how to add a custom field that is a date, string, or number to a report for all available entities except the Account entity.

Note

To add a field to the Account entity, see <u>Add a custom field to a report for the Account entity</u>. To add a field that is an option set type, see <u>Add a custom option set field to a report</u>.

1. In Power BI Desktop, click Edit Queries.

- 2. In the left navigation pane of the Query Editor, under Queries, click the query that has the custom field that you want to make available for reports, such as the **Opportunity** entity query.
- 3. In the right pane, under APPLIED STEPS, click the settings button next to **Removed Other Columns**.
- 4. The Choose Columns list shows all fields for the entity, including custom fields. Select the custom field that you want, and then click **OK**.
 - The entity query is updated and a column is added in the entity table for the custom field that you selected.
- 5. In the right pane, under APPLIED STEPS, click Lang Renamed Columns and then click Advanced Editor to add the mapping for the field to the entity query. For example, if the custom field name for the Opportunity entity is *int_forecast* and the display name is *Forecast*, the entry should appear like this.

{"int_forecast", "Forecast"}

Opportunity

```
{"discountamount_base", "Opportunity Discount Amount (Base)"}, {"discountpercentage", "Opportunity Discount (%)"},
          "estimatedvalue", "Est. Revenue"),
         ("estimatedvalue_base", "Est. Revenue (Base)"), 
{"identifycompetitors", "Identify Competitors"},
          "identifycustomercontacts", "Identify Customer Contacts"},
         ("identifypursuitteam", "Identify Sales Team"),
         {"isrevenuesystemcalculated", "Revenue"},
          "ModifiedDate", "Modified Date"},
         ("modifiedon", "Modified On"),
         ("name", "Topic"),
("need", "Need Id"),
         {"NewColumn.2.Option", "Need"},
         {"opportunityid", "Opportunity"},
          "opportunityratingcode", "Opportunity Rating Code" },
          "NewColumn.3.Option", "Rating"),
         ("_ownerid_value", "Owner"),
         {"_originatingleadid_value", "Originating Lead"},
            owningbusinessunit_value*, "Owning Business Unit"),
          "_owninguser_value", "Owning User"),
          "_parentaccountid_value","Account"),
"presentfinalproposal","Present Final Proposal"},
          "prioritycode", "Priority Code" },
          "NewColumn.4.Option", "Priority"),
"NewColumn.5.Option", "Purchase Process"),
         {"purchaseprocess", "Purchase Process Id"},
          ("purchasetimeframe", "Purchase Timeframe Id"), ("NewColumn.6.Option", "Purchase Timeframe"),
          "salesstage", "Sales Stage Id"),
         ("NewColumn.7.Option", "Sales Stage"),
         {"salesstagecode", "Sales Stage Code"},
          "NewColumn.8.Option", "Process Code"),
         {"statecode", "State Code"},
         {"NewColumn.10.StateOption", "Status"},
           "statuscode", "Status Code")
         ("NewColumn.18.StatusOption", "Status Reason"),
         {"stepname", "Pipeline Phase"},
{"timeline", "Timeline Id"},
         ("NewColumn.9.Option", "Timeline"),
         {"totalamount", "Total Amount"},
          "totalamount_base", "Total Amount (Base)"),
         ("totaldiscountamount", "Total Discount Amount"),
         {"totaldiscountamount_base", "Total Discount Amount (8ase)"},
          "totallineitemamount", "Total Detail Amount"),
["totallineitemamount_base", "Total Detail Amount (Base)"),
         {"actualclosedate", "Actual Close Date"},
         {"estimatedclosedate", "Estimated Close Date"},
          "NewColumn.13.CreatedOnMonth", "Created On Month"},
         ("NewColumn.14.CreatedOnMonthValue", "Created On Month Value"), 
{"NewColumn.15.CreatedOnMonthYear", "Created On Month Year"},
          "NewColumn.16.CreatedOnMonthYearValue", "Created On Month Year Value"},
         {"CloseDate", "Close Date"},
         {"int_forecast", "forecast"}
in
         #"Lang - Renamed Columns"
```

6. After you add your field mapping, make sure there are no syntax errors displayed at the bottom of the Advanced Editor. Also, make sure the field name appears exactly as it appears in the column heading, including the correct letter case. If no syntax or table errors are detected, click **Done**. 7. Click Close & Apply in the Query Editor.

The custom field is now available in the right pane under **Fields** for the entity, and can be added to new or existing reports.

Add a custom field to a report for the Account entity

Because the Account query uses Fetch XML to filter the query, the steps to add a field are different than for other entity queries that use OData. To add a custom field to the OData queried entities, see Add a custom field to a report.

- 1. Copy the encoded Fetch XML query for the Account entity. To do this, follow these steps:
 - a. In Power BI Desktop, click Edit Queries.
 - b. In the left navigation pane of the Query Editor, under Queries, click the **Account** entity query, and then on the ribbon, click **Advanced Editor**.
 - c. From the first line, beginning with %3Cfetch and ending with fetch%3E, copy the entire encoded Fetch XML.
 - d. The encoded Fetch XML that you copy should look similar to this: %3Cfetch%20version%3D%221.0%22%20output-format%3D%22xmlplatform%22%20mapping%3D%22logical%22%20distinct%3D%22true%22%3E%3Centity%20 name%3D%22account%22%3E%3Cattribute%20name%3D%22territorycode%22%20%2F%3 E%3Cattribute%20name%3D%22customersizecode%22%20%2F%3E%3Cattribute%20name %3D%22owningbusinessunit%22%20%2F%3E%3Cattribute%20name%3D%22ownerid%22% 20%2F%3E%3Cattribute%20name%3D%22originatingleadid%22%20%2F%3E%3Cattribute% 20name%3D%22revenue%22%20%2F%3E%3Cattribute%20name%3D%22sic%22%20%2F% 3E%3Cattribute%20name%3D%22marketcap%22%20%2F%3E%20%3Cattribute%20name%3 D%22parentaccountid%22%20%2F%3E%3Cattribute%20name%3D%22owninguser%22%20 %2F%3E%3Cattribute%20name%3D%22accountcategorycode%22%20%2F%3E%3Cattribute %20name%3D%22marketcap_base%22%20%2F%3E%3Cattribute%20name%3D%22custom ertypecode%22%20%2F%3E%3Cattribute%20name%3D%22address1_postalcode%22%20% 2F%3E%3Cattribute%20name%3D%22numberofemployees%22%20%2F%3E%3Cattribute%2 0name%3D%22accountratingcode%22%20%2F%3E%3Cattribute%20name%3D%22address1 _longitude%22%20%2F%3E%3Cattribute%20name%3D%22revenue_base%22%20%2F%3E %3Cattribute%20name%3D%22createdon%22%20%2F%3E%3Cattribute%20name%3D%22n ame%22%20%2F%3E%3Cattribute%20name%3D%22address1_stateorprovince%22%20%2F %3E%3Cattribute%20name%3D%22territoryid%22%20%2F%3E%3Cattribute%20name%3D% 22accountclassificationcode%22%20%2F%3E%3Cattribute%20name%3D%22businesstypeco de%22%20%2F%3E%3Cattribute%20name%3D%22address1_country%22%20%2F%3E%3C attribute%20name%3D%22accountid%22%20%2F%3E%3Cattribute%20name%3D%22addres s1 latitude%22%20%2F%3E%3Cattribute%20name%3D%22modifiedon%22%20%2F%3E%3 Cattribute%20name%3D%22industrycode%22%20%2F%3E%3Clinkentity%20name%3D%22opportunity%22%20from%3D%22parentaccountid%22%20to%3D%2 2accountid%22%20alias%3D%22ab%22%3E%3Cfilter%20tvpe%3D%22and%22%3E%3Ccon dition%20attribute%3D%22opportunityid%22%20operator%3D%22notnull%22%20%2F%3E%3Ccondition%20attribute%3D%22modifiedon%22%20operator%3D%2 2last-x-days%22%20value%3D%22365%22%20%2F%3E%3C%2Ffilter%3E%3C%2Flinkentity%3E%3C%2Fentity%3E%3C%2Ffetch%3E
- 2. Decode the encoded Fetch XML. It must be valid encoded Fetch XML and, once encoded, should look similar to this:

<fetch version="1.0" output-format="xml-platform" mapping="logical" distinct="true"><entity</pre> name="account"><attribute name="territorycode" /><attribute name="customersizecode" /><attribute name="owningbusinessunit" /><attribute name="ownerid" /><attribute name="originatingleadid" /><attribute name="revenue" /><attribute name="sic" /><attribute name="marketcap" /> <attribute name="parentaccountid" /><attribute name="owninguser" /><attribute name="accountcategorycode" /><attribute name="marketcap" base" /><attribute name="customertypecode" /><attribute name="address1_postalcode" /><attribute name="numberofemployees" /><attribute name="accountratingcode" /><attribute name="address1_longitude" /><attribute name="revenue_base" /><attribute name="createdon" /><attribute name="name" /><attribute name="address1 stateorprovince" /><attribute name="territoryid" /><attribute name="accountclassificationcode" /><attribute name="businesstypecode" /><attribute name="address1_country" /><attribute name="accountid" /><attribute name="address1 latitude" /><attribute name="modifiedon" /><attribute name="industrycode" /><link-entity name="opportunity" from="parentaccountid" to="accountid" alias="ab"><filter type="and"><condition attribute="opportunityid" operator="not-null" /><condition attribute="modifiedon" operator="last-x-days" value="365" /></filter></link-entity></entity></fetch>

🍹 Tip

Many URL encoder and decoder tools are freely available on the web.

In the Fetch XML, add your custom entity as an attribute node between the <entity> nodes. For
example, to add a custom field named *customclassificationcode*, add the node after another
attribute node, such as **industrycode**.

```
<attribute name="industrycode" />
<attribute name=" customclassificationcode "/>
link-entity name="opportunity" from="parentaccountid" to="accountid" alias="ab">
```

- 4. URL encode the updated Fetch XML. The Fetch XML that includes the new custom attribute must be encoded and then used to replace the existing OData feed query that comes with the content pack. To do this, copy the updated FetchXML to the clipboard and paste it into a URL encoder.
- Paste the encoded Fetch XML URL into the OData feed. To do this, paste the encoded URL between the quotation marks after the Query=[fetchXml= text, replacing the existing encoded FetchXML, and then click Done.

The screen shot below indicates where the left-most quotation is located.



- 6. In the right pane, under APPLIED STEPS, click the settings button next to **Removed Other Columns**.
- 7. The Choose Columns list shows all fields for the entity, including custom fields. Select the custom field, such as *customclassificationcode*, that you added to the Fetch XML query earlier, and then click **OK**.

Note

The field name that you select in the Column Chooser and the field name that you add to the FetchXML query must match.

The entity query is updated and a column is added in the entity table for the custom field that you selected.

8. Click Close & Apply in the Query Editor.

The custom field is now available in the right pane under **Fields** for the entity and can be added to new or existing reports.

Add a custom option set field to a report

Option set fields allow you to choose from multiple values. Examples of out-of-box option set fields are the Rating and Sales Stage fields for an opportunity. Imagine you have a custom option set field on the main Opportunity form that has the following values and labels.

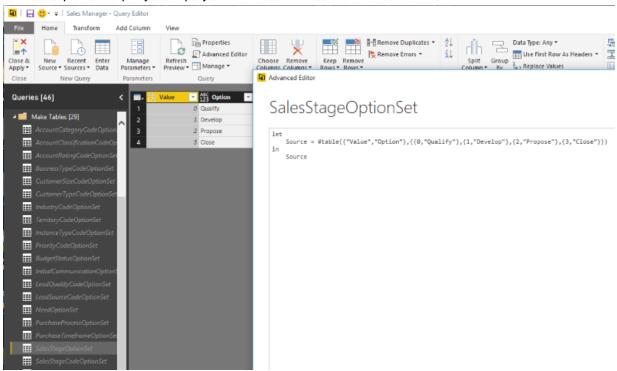
Value	Label
0	А
1	В
2	С
3	D
4	E

To add the custom option set field to a report, follow these steps.

- 1. Add the custom field column.
 - In the left navigation pane of the Query Editor, under Queries, click the entity that has the associated custom option set, such as the Opportunity entity.
 - In the right pane, under APPLIED STEPS, click the settings button next to Removed Other Columns.

- The Choose Columns list shows all fields for the entity, including custom fields. Select the custom field, such as *new_customoptionset*, and then click **OK**.
- Click Save, and then when prompted, click Apply.
 The column for the custom field appears in the entity table.
- 2. Create the option set query.
 - a. In Power BI Desktop, click Edit Queries.
 - b. In the left navigation pane of the Query Editor. under Queries, click the query under the Make Tables group that has the option set field that is the most similar to the option set you want to add to a report. For this example, the SalesStageOptionSet query has four options so is a good choice.
 - c. Click Advanced Editor.

The option set query is displayed.



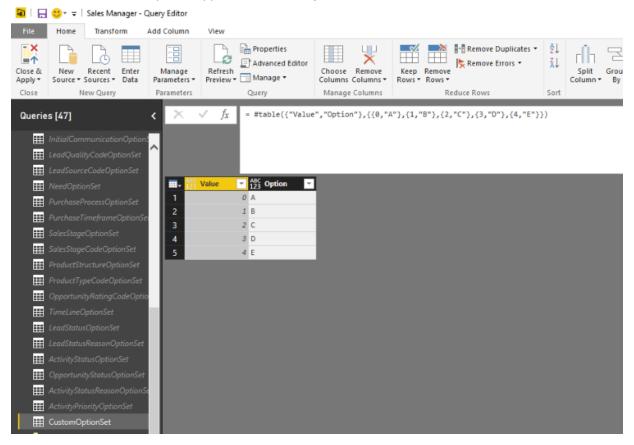
- d. Copy the entire query to the clipboard. You can paste it in to a text editor, such as Notepad, for later reference.
- e. In the Query Editor, right-click the **Make Tables** group, click **New Query**, and then click **Blank Query**.
- f. In the right pane, under Name enter a name, such as CustomOptionSet, and then press Enter.
- g. Click Advanced Editor.
- h. In the Advanced Editor, paste in the query you copied earlier.

i. Replace the existing values and options with your custom values and options. In this example, you change this.

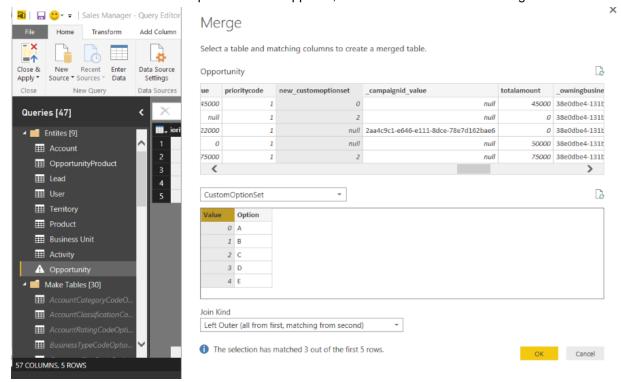
```
let
    Source =
#table({"Value","Option"},{{0,"Qualify"},{1,"Develop"},{2,"Propose"},{3,"Close"}})
in
    Source

To this.
let
    Source = #table({"Value","Option"},{{0,"A"},{1,"B"},{2,"C"},{3,"D"},{4,"E"}})
in
    Source
```

j. Make sure there are no syntax errors, and then click **Done** to close the Advanced Editor. The table of values and options appears in the Query Editor.



- k. Click Save, and then when prompted, click Apply.
- 3. Insert a merge query for the entity and custom option set tables.
 - a. In the left pane of the Query Editor, under Entities, click the entity that includes the custom option set. For this example, the **Opportunity** entity query is selected.
 - b. On the Ribbon click Merge Queries and, when you are prompted to insert a step, click Insert.
 - c. In the Merge dialog, click the column heading for the custom option set, such as new_optionset. In the drop-down list, select the corresponding option set query that you created earlier. When the option set table appears, click the **Value** column heading to select it.



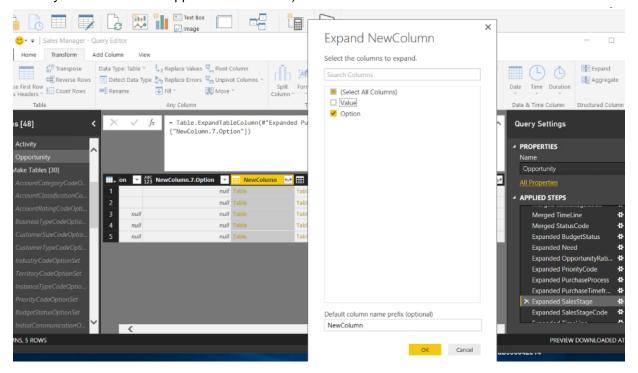
d. Leave the join kind as Left Outer (all from first, matching from second), and then click OK.

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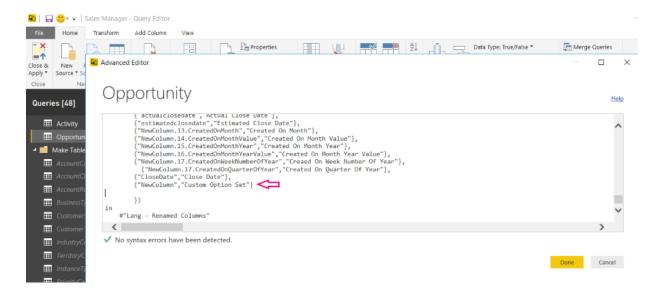
Rename the merge query. Under APPLIED STEPS, right-click the merge query that you created, click **Rename**, and enter a descriptive name, such as *Merge CustomOptionSet*.

- 4. Define the column so that only the labels display.
 - a. In the left pane of the Query Editor, under Entities, click the entity that includes the custom option set. For this example, the **Opportunity** entity query is selected.
 - b. In the right pane, under APPLIED STEPS, click one of the expanded queries to reveal the merged columns, such as **Expanded SalesStage**.

- c. Locate and click the column heading for the new column that was created as part of the earlier merge query step.
- d. On the Transform tab, click Expand.
- e. In the Expand new column dialog, clear the column that corresponds to the values (because only the labels should appear in the column). Click **Done**.



- f. Click **Save**, and then when prompted, click **Apply**.
- 5. Change the column name for report building.
 - a. In the left pane of the Query Editor, under Entities, click the entity that includes the custom option set. For this example, the **Opportunity** entity query is selected.
 - b. Click Advanced Editor.
 - c. Add a renamed column line item, make sure there are no syntax errors, and then click **Done**. In this example, the custom option set column name that you created earlier is **NewColumn** that is being renamed to *Custom Option Set*.



- d. Click Save, and then when prompted, click Apply.
- 6. Click Close & Apply to close the Query Editor.

The custom option set can now be used to build Power BI reports.

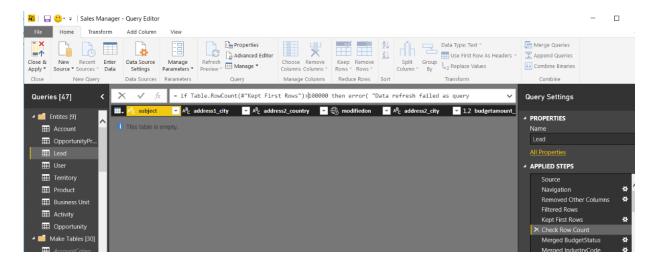
Increase the number of rows queried

By default, all Power BI entity queries in the Microsoft Dynamics 365 content packs cannot exceed 100,000 rows. To increase the number of rows that can be queried, follow these steps.

Important

Increasing the row count limit can significantly impact the time it takes for a report to refresh. Additionally, the Power BI service has a 30-minute limit for running queries. Use caution when increasing the row count limit.

- 1. In Power BI Desktop, click Edit Queries.
- 2. In the left navigation pane of the Query Editor, under Queries, click the entity query that you want to increase the row count limit, such as the **Lead** entity.
- 3. In the right pane, under APPLIED STEPS, click Kept First Rows.
- 4. Increase the filtered row number. For example to increase to 150,000, change Table.FirstN(#"Filtered Rows",100001) to Table.FirstN(#"Filtered Rows",150000)
- 5. In the right pane, under APPLIED STEPS, click Check Row Count.
- 6. Locate the >100,000 part of the step.



- 7. Increase the value to a larger number, such as 150,000.
- 8. Click Close & Apply in the Query Editor.

Publish your report to the Power BI service

Publish your report for organizational sharing and access from anywhere on most any device.

- 1. On the Power BI Desktop main page Home tab ribbon, click Publish.
- 2. If you are prompted to sign in to the Power BI service, click Sign in.
- 3. If multiple destinations are available, select the one you want, and then click **Publish**.

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