



What's New in Crystal Reports 2008 SP3

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Introduction

This section provides a high-level overview of the components, features, and benefits that are provided by the latest release of Crystal Reports.

The following is an overview of the new features in Crystal Reports 2008 SP1.

- *Flash printing*
- *Unicode-supported interface*
- *Enhanced publishing interface*
- *XML and Web Services Database Driver*
- *Viewer Accessibility*

Flash printing

Crystal Reports 2008 allows you to print SWF objects in your report without the need to first export the report to PDF.

The printing option can print SWF objects that have data binding as well as SWF objects that do not have data binding.

Unicode-supported interface

Crystal Reports 2008 now has a Unicode-capable interface that allows you to use User Function Libraries (UFLs) for multilingual information processing.

For example, in a multilingual report, you can use the UFLs to access and translate the multilingual text.

Enhanced publishing interface

The Crystal Reports 2008 Publishing page now allows you to set parameter values for all recipients from the Personalization page. Other improved usability functions include selecting destinations, PDF merging, and a better shared publishing workflow.

XML and Web Services Database Driver

Web services created with SOAP 1.2 are now accessible to Crystal Reports XML and Web Services driver. This includes new architectures such as .NET 3.0 (Windows Communication Foundation).

Also, the Crystal Reports XML Web Services driver recognizes a Web Service that returns an ADO.NET DataSet.

Viewer Accessibility

The Webform (DHTML) viewer is now accessible. The enhanced cross-tab objects can now be navigated by a screen reader.

Option to distinguish between empty and non empty rows for SAP NetWeaver BW Data

When you want your report to show all SAP NetWeaver BW data records, including the empty ones, you can use the new “Show Empty Data” option. This option has been added to the SAP NetWeaver BW MDX driver to allow empty data records to be displayed.

The “Show Empty Data” option can be selected when you create the connection (on SAP System Login).

When the “Show Empty Data” option is selected, empty data rows will be displayed in the report as valid data.

Note:

Setting “Show Empty data” to true will downgrade the data retrieval performance, so the default value for the option is False. This also applies when opening a report created with previous versions of this product.

HTML interpretation tag “<a>” is now supported

When you add a hyperlink to your report, you can now use the “<a>” tag to display text instead of the hyperlink.

Example:

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<a href="http://www.sap.com">SAP.COM</a>
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Note:

Only the “href” linking property is supported; other HTML 4.01 linking properties are not supported.



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