

Re: Reporting Tool

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Hi Samuel. Many thanks for the advice.

My problem with Access is that the users can't open and modify the same query/report at the same time. I've sort of got around this by allowing the users to have a local access db and using the unsupported functions SaveAsText and LoadFromText. If the user creates a new query/report, they can then share this if required. We are finding this very unstable hence the reason for looking for a rewrite.

Your solution sound very interesting. Do you have any pointers where I should start?

We would like to keep the access query/report designer and wizards if we can as the users are used to these tools. Once they create a new query could this be saved as xml so other users could view and modify? Not sure if a web reporting front-end is possible on top of access?

"Samuel R. Neff" wrote:

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- > Why do you have to get rid of Access? One thing we did with an
- > application when a user required custom reporting is provide an Access
- > reporting front end to the application that used web services to
- > download selected data to the local system which they can then run
- > custom reports and queries on. We even denormalized the data to make
- > their reporting easier.
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- > The users were very happy with the solution and never bothered us for
- > new reports.
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- > HTH,
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- > Sam
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- > On Wed, 11 May 2005 08:01:06 -0700, jez123456
- > <jez123456@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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>>Hi
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>>My users, use ms access for querying and reporting on a backend database,
>>however they need to replace ms access with a new reporting tool.
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>>I m thinking of developing my own reporting engine in C# to replace the
>>existing ms access model.
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>>Are there any c# reporting application samples that I could look at to get
>>started?
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>>I had a quick look at Crystal Reports, but feel this is to complex for my
>>users unless there is a more friendly front-end to it, and it can somehow be
>>wrapped into a C# application, is this possible?
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>>Basically I m looking for a simple c# querying and reporting tool that is
>>self contained and can be shared any ideas?
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>>Thanks
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• *References:*

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