# **Adding Formulas to an Excel Report**

OfficeWriter Enterprise Edition allows you to create custom formulas. The formulas can be based on query results, report parameters, or they may access a set of global variables that Reporting Services contains.

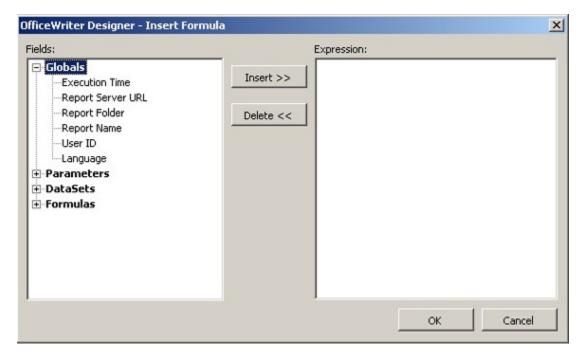
#### **Formula Topics**

- Reporting Services Global Variables
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- Managing Formulas

### **Reporting Services Global Variables**

Reporting Services contains global variables that you can access if you have OfficeWriter Enterprise Edition. To access the global variables:

- 1. On the OfficeWriter toolbar, click Formulas and select Add Formula.
- 2. In the **Insert Formula** dialog, click the + next to **Globals** to open the list of Reporting Services global variables.



You will see six global variables:

Execution Time	The report's execution time
Report Server URL	The URL of the server running the report
Report Folder	The folder on the Report Server containing the report
Report Name	The Name of the report
User ID	The ID of the user logged on
Language	The report language

- 3. Select Execution Time from the list.
- 4. Click Insert and Ok.
- 5. Click Formulas and select Add Formula.

- 6. Expand the Globals list.
- 7. Select Report Server URL from the list.
- 8. Click Insert and Ok.
- 9. Repeat the steps above until you have added all six global variables. When you select Formulas, you should see:



### **Parameters in Reporting Services Formulas**

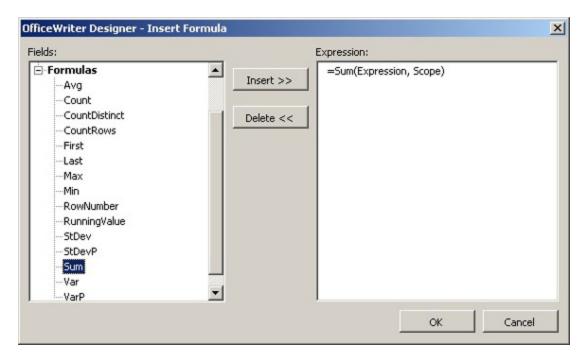
You can also use this approach to build formulas that use the parameter values. These formulas can be inserted into the report to display the parameter values selected when running the report.

- 1. Select Formulas > Add Formula
- 2. Expand the Parameters section
- 3. Select a parameter and click the Insert button
- 4. Click OK.

## **Building Formulas from DataSets**

This section will cover how to create a formula using data from a data set. This particular example will use the SUM function:

- 1. Click Formulas on the OfficeWriter toolbar and select Add Formula.
- 2. Click the + to expand the Formulas list.
- 3. Scroll down, select SUM, and click insert.



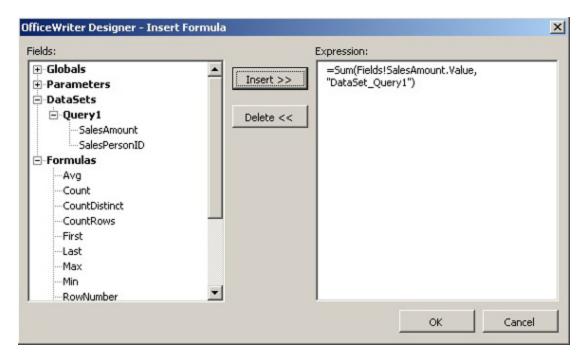
- 4. Click the + to expand the **DataSets** list.
- 5. Find your query and click its + to open it.



6. In the **Expression** list on the right, highlight everything inside the SUM parentheses, as shown.



7. Click SalesAmount and Insert. Your formula should now look like this:



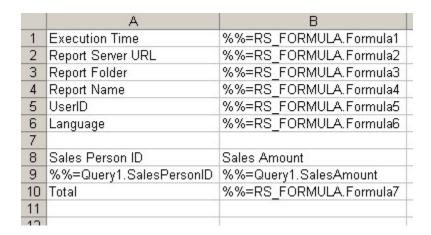
8. Click Ok to return to your worksheet.

### **Inserting Formulas into an Excel Report**

To insert a formula into a cell in an Excel report:

- 1. Place your cursor in the desired cell
- 2. Go to Formulas in the OfficeWriter Designer toolbar
- 3. Under the Insert Formula section, select the formula to insert into cell

Below is an example of a template that has formulas for all the global variables and a formula made from a data set:

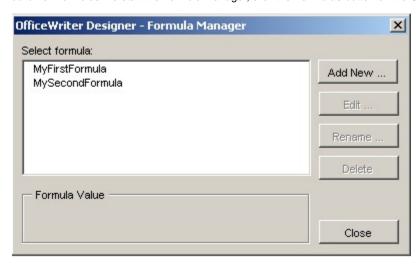


Here is what that example template looks like when it's been populated with data:

8	А	В
1	Execution Time	3/18/2005 2:47:30 PM
2	Report Server URL	http://charon/ReportServer
3	Report Folder	/SoftArtisans/ExcelReports
4	Report Name	FormulaSample
5	UserID	martinr
6	Language	en-US
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8	Sales Person ID	Sales Amount
9		29485963.76
10	27	12647729.83
11	24	12157927.19
12	38	11252038.77
13	37	10302726.69
14	29	8714865.97
15	26	7929164.967
16	31	7210650.498
17	23	6742465.108
18	34	5505602.675
19	33	4380714.255
20	302	2814958.894
21	35	2241204.042
22	22	1839370.909
23	36	1758385.926
24	14	1369624.649
25	21	891983.6435
26	20	219088.8836
27	Total	127464466.7
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## **Managing Formulas**

Officewriter Designer gives you the ability to manage and maintain formulas you've built. The Formula Manager allows you to change, delete, and build new formulas. To start the Formula Manager, click the **Formulas** button on the OfficeWriter toolbar and select **Edit Formulas**.



#### To build a new formula:

1. Click the Add New... button. This will bring you to the Formula Builder screen described in the previous section.

2. Follow the directions above to create and use a new formula.

#### To change an existing formula:

- 1. Highlight the formula you want to change.
- 2. Click the Edit button. This brings you to the Formulas Builder screen described above.
- 3. Make the changes to the formula.
- 4. Click Ok to save the updated formula.

#### To delete a formula:

- 1. Highlight the formula you want to delete.
- 2. Click the **Delete** button.
- 3. Click Yes to confirm deletion.
- 4. Click Close to return to the report document.
- 5. Important: You must manually review your report document and remove any reference to the deleted formula.

#### To rename a formula:

- 1. Highlight the formula you want to rename.
- 2. Click Rename.
- 3. On the Formula Name screen, type in a new name and click Ok.



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The formula name is only used to help you maintain formulas. It is not used anywhere in your report document.