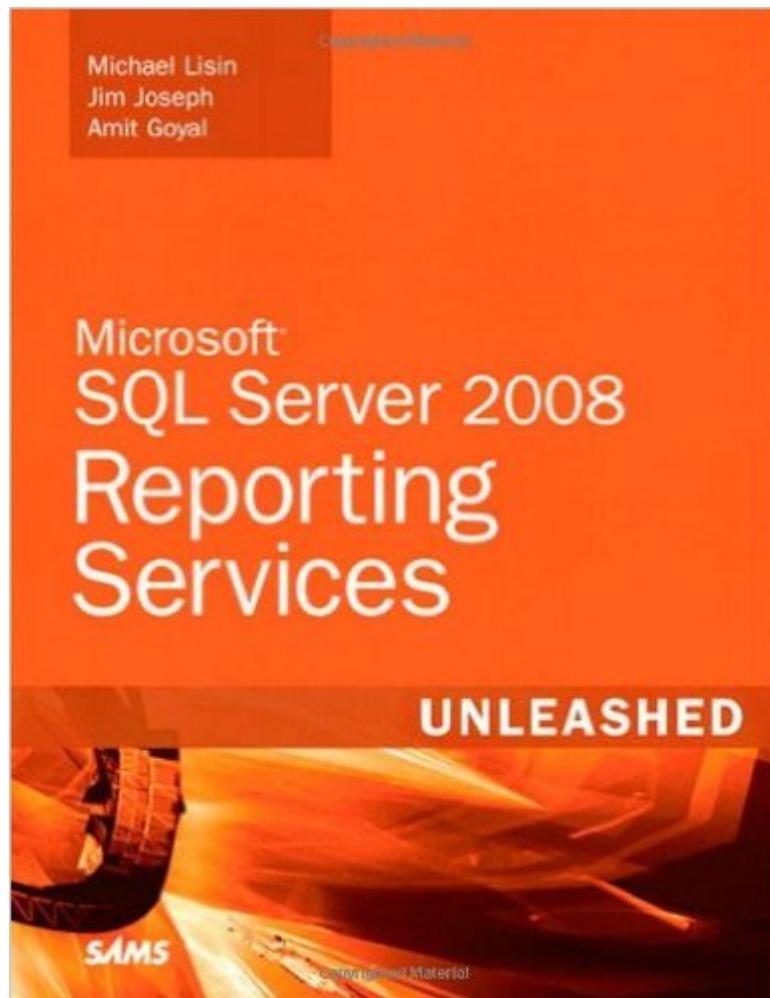


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# Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Reporting Services Unleashed



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Read the title carefully. It's SQL Server 2008 Reporting Services. Not SQL Server 2008 R2 Reporting Services. Microsoft made a lot of improvements between release 1 and release 2 including the Lookup functions among others. They are not in the book. There's also no mention of Windows 7 in any form. Now bear in mind that SSRS 2008 had a lifespan about the same as an anti-neutron in a neutron star and is currently about as relevant as wig powder and you'll see why I feel I largely wasted my money on this book. Everyone I know is on 2005, 2008 R2, or 2012. Even if this weren't so I would only give this book three stars because it's far too short to cover such a large subject and should have mentioned that it is primarily aimed at administrators with a nod towards developers. It is not suitable for report authors at all. Some programming books I have on Kindle allow you to cut-and-paste code samples with a little cleanup to remove the copyright. This book displays most of the SQL examples as images which makes this impossible. Either you have to hand enter them which is tedious and error prone or go find the samples online which is inconvenient.

It is practical and easy to read book which was immediately useful in my work. The book has a great combination of step-by-step tutorials and comprehensive coverage of Reporting Services, including working with Analysis Services and integration with SharePoint. At work we moving our BI system to SQL Server 2008 Reporting Services from the previous version and all the new features were easily

identifiable and well explained in the book. Plus you get nice bonus materials from the publisher, including code samples. Overall it is very well done book.

I was looking for information on Tablix and how to add headers on every page, etc. In other words how do you create a report. I know crystal reports and had not uses SRS and was looking for a book that would explain report creation. Instead there is hundreds of pages on everything but the report writer. Less than one chapter on using the complicated matrix capabilities. How disappointing is that? I returned the book. Probably the first time I ever returned a technical book from .

Good overview of the entire SSRS product, this book goes through installing, configuring, writing reports and using the web services API. I was disappointed that the book does not go into more advanced report design, grouping or many of the available properties.

Msoft's websites don't cut it usually, and I did find many useful blogs and sites to advance me with the reports but some simple functions and features were tricky and tedious but the book helped tremendously.....

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