

Project Hosts SQL Reporting Services Policy

Microsoft SQL Reporting Services (SRS) is a very powerful and flexible reporting tool. Using SRS, customers and partners can develop reports that extract important information from their data, helping them to capture the value of their Microsoft solution. But the power of these reports also mean that if written in certain ways (loops, many embedded calls), these reports could severely impact performance on database servers. Consequently, SRS reports are allowed only under the following circumstances:

1. **Dedicated database server(s):** If a customer has a dedicated database server (or has an all-in-one server with both application and database), then that customer may have full and unrestricted access to SRS.
2. **Shared servers standard reports:** If a customer's deployment utilizes a shared database server, then the customer may use standard SRS reports that have been developed and provided by Microsoft. Standard reports exist for Microsoft CRM and Portfolio Server, but not for Microsoft Project Server.
3. **Shared servers custom reports:** If a customer's deployment utilizes a shared database server, the customer is only allowed to use custom SRS reports if a qualified Microsoft partner develops those reports and the reports are first approved by Project Hosts. A qualified partner means a Microsoft-certified partner that has a Microsoft specialization in SQL server or the application being hosted (e.g. EPM, CRM, MOSS, etc.).
4. **Development tools:** Report development tools such as Visual Studio are not hosted in the data center. They can be run on a user's local PC, and a Windows VPN can be used to connect the user's PC with the SRS report manager.

SQL Reporting Services reports can provide you with great information and insight about your Microsoft deployment. These policies are in place to ensure that your environment continues to enjoy the highest possible performance standards.

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