

# Managing reports in JasperWho?

A report in JasperWho? is more than a file. It is a fully managed configuration — with its own parameters, data fields, image resources, SQL query, data connection, preview images, rendering history, and print records. This page walks through the complete lifecycle of a report configuration, from upload to print.

The screenshot displays the 'Report Configuration - Overview' page in JasperWho?. The interface includes a navigation bar with 'JASPER WHO?' and various menu items like 'Reports', 'History', 'Print Queue', 'Configuration', 'API Docs', and 'Logs'. The main content area shows a table of report configurations with the following data:

ID	Created	Updated	Preview	Report Name	Description	Context	Meta Data	Adapter
1	2026-05-09 09:16:27	2026-05-09 12:41:03		A5_KanBan	DinAS KanBan card for operational stock tracking	Article	File Name: A5_KanBan.jrxml Size: 209.90 x 297.04 mm Resources: 1 Parameters: 1 Fields: 6	[ ] dyn.array
2	2026-05-23 09:12:36	2026-05-23 09:12:51		A4_Invoice	Proforma invoice for fulfillment processes	Invoice	File Name: A4_Invoice.jrxml Size: 209.90 x 297.04 mm Resources: 1 Parameters: 6 Fields: 6	[ ] dyn.array

## The ReportConfig — Central Master Data

The `ReportConfig` is the core entity in JasperWho?. Every report you manage is a `ReportConfig` record, and everything else in the system either belongs to it or references it. A single `ReportConfig` brings together:

- The `.jrxml` **template file** stored on disk
- Its **parameters** — input values passed at render time
- Its **fields** — data columns that populate the detail band

- Its **resources** — graphic assets (images, logos) embedded in the template
- Its **SQL query** — defined and managed directly in JasperWho?
- Its **data connection** — the live database to query (optional)
- Its **context** — an organisational label for grouping
- Its **preview and thumbnail images** — generated from example data

Nothing renders without a `ReportConfig`. Nothing prints without one either. It is the starting point for every operation in JasperWho?.

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## The Report Configuration Lifecycle



Each step is described in detail below.

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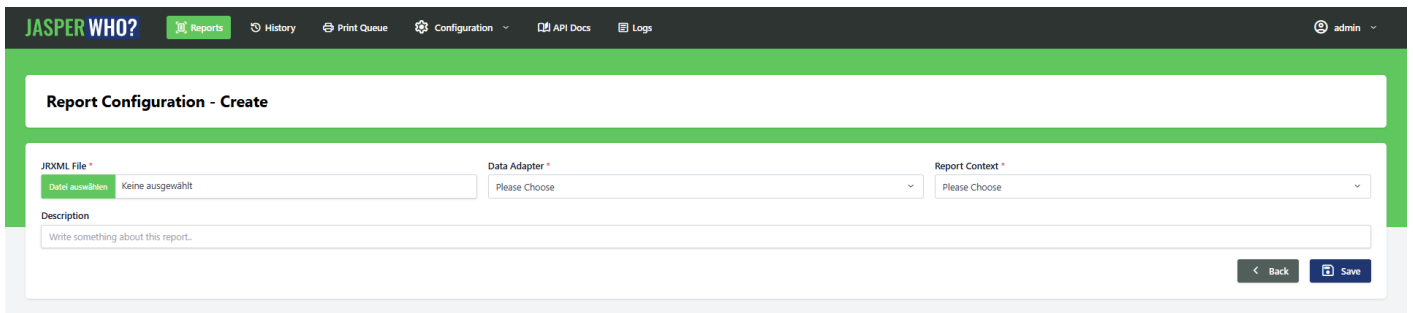
## Uploading a Report

When you upload a `.jrxml` file, JasperWho? immediately analyses it and builds the initial configuration automatically. The following is extracted from the file:

- **Report name** — from the `name` attribute on `<jasperReport>`. Must be unique.
- **Page dimensions** — width and height, converted from Jasper pixels to millimetres.
- **Detail band presence** — whether the report has a repeating data section.
- **Parameters** — all non-resource parameters, including their data types and any `exampleValue` / `required` custom properties set in the `.jrxml`.
- **Fields** — all data fields, including their data types and `exampleValue` custom properties.
- **Resources** — all parameters following the `P_RESOURCE_` naming convention (image assets).

The result is a fully structured `ReportConfig` record with all its child records in place — but not yet complete. Resource files still need to be uploaded, and the SQL query still needs to be written if a live data connection is used.

⚠ **Report name and file name must be unique.** JasperWho? will reject an upload if a `ReportConfig` with the same report name or the same file name already exists.



## Completing the Configuration

After upload, the report configuration is ready but not yet fully operational. The following steps complete it:

### Upload Resource Files

If the report contains image resources (detected as `P_RESOURCE_` parameters), each one requires an actual file to be uploaded. JasperWho? cannot render the report until all resource files are in place.

Alternatively, a resource can be linked to a `CommonReportResource` — a shared asset reused across multiple reports, such as a company logo. Linking is permanent: the resource's own file is deleted and the common file is used in its place.

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## Report Resource - Edit

Resource Type  
Direct Resource




Image File  
Delete example Keine ausgewählt

Delete Back Save

Common Report Resources

ID	Created	Updated	Preview	Name	Description	File Name
1	2026-05-09 12:20:52	2026-05-09 12:20:52		Company Logo Dark	Our fancy company logo in dark colors	Logo_Dark.png
2	2026-05-09 12:40:25	2026-05-09 12:40:25		Company Logo Light	Our fancy company logo in light colors	Logo_Light.png
3	2026-05-09 12:40:44	2026-05-09 12:40:44		Company Icon	Our outstanding company logo	Icon_Color.png

## Review Parameters and Fields

JasperWho? picks up `exampleValue` and `required` custom properties from the `.jrxml` automatically on upload. If these were not set in Jaspersoft Studio, or if you need to adjust them, you can do so directly in the configuration.

Every parameter and field should have an example value set before generating a preview.

## Write the SQL Query and Assign a Connection

If the report fetches live data from a database, assign a `ReportConnectionConfig` and write the SQL query in the **Query** field. The query is stored in JasperWho? — not in the `.jrxml`.

Parameters are available as named bindings in the query (`:PARAMETER_NAME`). See [Creating reports in Jaspersoft Studio](#) for details on how parameter binding works.

A connection is not required if the report has no detail band, or if data will be delivered in the render request itself.

## Generating a Preview

Once all resource files are uploaded and all parameters and fields have example values, you can generate a preview. JasperWho? renders the report using the stored example values — no live data needed — and stores the result as a base64-encoded PDF and a thumbnail image on the `ReportConfig`.

The preview is used in the report list as a visual card and as a quick sanity check that the template renders correctly. It is also what the `useExampleValues` flag triggers during a render request — useful for testing without providing real data.

**i Preview generation will fail if any resource file is missing or any example value is not set.** JasperWho? checks all three conditions — resources, parameter example values, and field example values — before attempting to render.

The screenshot displays the 'Report Configuration - Edit' interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'JASPER WHO?' and various menu items like 'Reports', 'History', 'Print Queue', 'Configuration', 'API Docs', and 'Logs'. The main form includes:

- Report Name:** AS\_KanBan
- JRXML File:** Datei auswählen (Keine ausgewählt)
- Data Adapter:** dyn. Array
- Report Context:** Article
- Description:** DinAS KanBan card for operational stock tracking

Below the form are several action buttons: 'Delete', 'Generate Previews', 'Generate PDF', 'Back', 'Save', and 'Download'. A 'Show preview' button is also visible. The preview area shows a thumbnail and a larger view of a 'Replenishment Card' report. The report content includes:

Replenishment Card	
Article Number	100010-S04
Location	Parking Center Slot 1 - 200x1000mm
Quantity	200
Reorder Point	3 Days
Supplier	Hengshui Packaging

Below the table is a barcode and a small logo.

## Report History Records

Every render request can optionally create a `ReportHistoryRecord` — a full log entry of what was requested and what was returned. This is controlled by the `createHistoryRecord` flag in the render request body and is **off by default**.

When enabled, the history record captures:

- The exact request payload sent to the render endpoint

- The full API response
- The rendered PDF (Base64-encoded)
- A thumbnail of the first page (generated asynchronously in the background)
- The rendering status (`ok`, `render_fail`, `error`, `unknown`)
- The trace ID for cross-referencing with logs

History records are valuable for traceability — you can see exactly what was rendered, when, with what data, and what the result was. From a history record, you can also dispatch a reprint directly.

## When to Skip History Records

History records are entirely optional. There are two good reasons to leave them off:

**Performance and storage.** Storing the full PDF, request payload, and response for every render adds up. For high-frequency rendering where traceability is not needed, skipping history records keeps the database lean.

**Data sensitivity.** A history record stores the complete render payload — including all parameters and data passed to the report. If that data is sensitive (personal data, financial figures, medical information), you may not want it persisted on the server at all. Omitting `createHistoryRecord` from the render request ensures nothing is logged.

## Retention

History records are automatically purged after a configurable number of days. The retention period is set via the `PURGE_HISTORY_DAYS` environment variable (default: 30 days). Purging runs automatically as a background job — no manual intervention required.

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### Report History Record - Overview

Created Creator Updated Updater Status Print Task Report Output Type Search Filter

#### Report History Records

ID	Created	Updated	Preview	Trace ID	Output Type	Report Name	Status	
1	2026-05-09 09:16:27	2026-05-09 12:51:28		d405f95c-93c4-4ff3-b37c-f258e6c31570	Base64	A5_KanBan	Ok	
2	2026-05-09 09:16:27	2026-05-09 12:51:28		f467cac1-d174-456d-9f78-805b85e23fd	Base64	A5_KanBan	Ok	
3	2026-05-09 09:16:27	2026-05-09 12:51:28		3b8ce707-ec85-4d7a-80bb-30847e83ae7	Base64	A5_KanBan	Ok	
4	2026-05-09 12:48:19	2026-05-09 12:51:28		#f2f217e-33a6-411e-ae89-08f475a39516	Base64	A5_KanBan	Ok	
5	2026-05-09 12:51:42	2026-05-09 12:51:43		3ec8c897-7c0d-41b0-82bb-636eb7bcbfd2	Base64	A5_KanBan	Ok	

## Report Print Tasks

A `ReportPrintTask` sends a rendered PDF to a physical printer. Print tasks are created as part of a render request — you render and dispatch to a printer in a single call — by setting `createPrintTask: true` and providing a `printerName`.

Print tasks are always linked to a `ReportHistoryRecord`. This means creating a print task also creates a history record (regardless of whether `createHistoryRecord` is explicitly set), so the printed document is always traceable.

## How Printing Works

JasperWho? does not communicate with printers directly. Instead, it creates a `ReportPrintTask` record and notifies a separate print service — a lightweight C# application running on or near the target machine — which picks up the task and executes the print job.

There are two modes of delivery:

**WebSocket (push).** If a `broadcastId` is included in the render request, JasperWho? broadcasts a `ReportPrintTaskCreated` event via WebSocket (Laravel Reverb) the moment the task is created. The print service subscribes to that channel and reacts immediately. This is the recommended mode for real-time printing — the task reaches the printer within milliseconds of the render completing.

**Polling (pull).** Without a `broadcastId`, no broadcast is sent. The print service must poll the API for new tasks in `pending` status. This works fine for less time-sensitive workflows.

## Print Task Status

Status	Meaning
<b>pending</b>	Created, waiting for the print service to pick it up
<b>printed</b>	Print job executed and confirmed by the print service
<b>error</b>	Print service reported a failure
unknown	Status could not be determined

The print service reports status back to JasperWho? via the API after executing the job. The `error_message` field on the task record contains the failure detail if printing did not succeed.

## Copies

The `numberOfCopies` field is passed to the print service as the requested number of printed copies. It defaults to `1` if not specified. JasperWho? always renders the PDF exactly once — the print service is responsible for duplicating the output on the printer side.

**i Print tasks also have configurable retention.** They are automatically purged after `PURGE_PRINTTASKS_DAYS` days (default: 30). Like history record purging, this runs in the background without any manual action.

The screenshot shows the 'Report Print Task - Overview' page in the JasperWho? application. The page has a navigation bar at the top with links for Reports, History, Print Queue, Configuration, API Docs, and Logs. The main content area features a table of print tasks. The table has the following columns: ID, Created, Updated, Trace ID, Report Name, Printer, Copies, and Status. The status column uses color-coded icons: a green checkmark for 'Printed', a blue circle with a play icon for 'Pending', and a red error icon for 'Error'. There are also action buttons (trash and refresh) for each task row.

ID	Created	Updated	Trace ID	Report Name	Printer	Copies	Status
1	2026-05-09 09:16:27	2026-05-23 22:59:49	d5d5d229-3fb1-45c6-9352-f66ffe0486c8	A5_KanBan	PDF24	# 1	Printed
2	2026-05-09 09:16:27	2026-05-23 22:59:55	3490df54-9485-4107-a6ab-11b87948df6f	A5_KanBan	PDF24	# 1	Printed
3	2026-05-09 09:16:27	2026-05-09 09:16:27	2bf092e0-0c67-4056-8ba1-59b51c74576f	A5_KanBan	PDF24	# 1	Pending
4	2026-05-09 12:48:19	2026-05-09 12:48:19	8f187efa-dfd1-44e1-a417-505f105f5cab	A5_KanBan	PDF24	# 1	Pending
5	2026-05-09 12:51:42	2026-05-09 12:51:42	b7376bb3-6611-4f61-a416-401e0f543dbb	A5_KanBan	PDF24	# 1	Pending
6	2026-05-09 12:51:46	2026-05-23 23:00:07	da04223d-a3cc-4f35-a313-389ffa84c19	A5_KanBan	PDF24	# 1	Error
7	2026-05-09 12:51:47	2026-05-09 12:51:47	c4292f4b-2680-4387-863d-e763d4577af7	A5_KanBan	PDF24	# 1	Pending
8	2026-05-09 12:51:47	2026-05-09 12:51:47	511710ec-1826-4988-8669-7843ae1170de	A5_KanBan	PDF24	# 1	Pending
9	2026-05-09 12:51:48	2026-05-09 12:51:48	20db0dab-9c20-4e41-9f9f-6a39ee521520	A5_KanBan	PDF24	# 1	Pending
10	2026-05-09 12:51:49	2026-05-09 12:51:49	ecaa74fc-e8b4-44cc-a30e-7b7e59991442	A5_KanBan	PDF24	# 1	Pending

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# Deleting a Report Configuration

A `ReportConfig` can only be deleted when no `ReportHistoryRecord` or `ReportPrintTask` references it. JasperWho? will reject a deletion request while any such records exist.

When a `ReportConfig` is deleted, the following is removed along with it: the `.jrxml` file from disk, all resource files, and all parameter and field records. The deletion is atomic — if any step fails, the entire operation is rolled back.

⚠ **To delete a ReportConfig that has history records or print tasks, those records must be removed first.** Once the retention period has passed and the automatic purge has run, or once the records are manually deleted, the ReportConfig can be removed.

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