

Business Intelligence Development Studio (BIDS) Training

Reporting is essential to learning management. Not only can it help you track user progress and course information, but it can also generate the kind of critical business intelligence you need to justify and improve your talent development initiatives. In fact, the more detailed reports you can create, the greater your ability to harness data and drive results. To maximize success, however, you need tools that make complex reporting quick and painless. That's why the latest version of the SumTotal TotalLMS takes a new approach to LMS reporting. By incorporating a simple new user interface and a wizard application for developing customized reports—called the Business Intelligence Development Studio (BIDS)—we offer streamlined access to many more of the database fields contained in TotalLMS. As a result, you gain enhanced reporting capabilities with more powerful options for writing detailed custom reports.

To help you get the most from the BIDS application, SumTotal now offers a two-day training course—available onsite or virtually—that teaches you to use the tool as effectively and efficiently as possible, even when addressing your most complex reporting needs. You'll learn to develop custom reports in standard Report Definition Language (RDL) format and then publish them through the new TotalLMS MSRS-based Report Manager—all with the speed and ease you have come to expect from SumTotal.

Training covers BIDS basics and beyond

At the start of the course, SumTotal professionals will offer an introduction to the new MSRS (BIDS) based Report Manager application. You'll get a look at all the new features—what they can do and how they work—along with a basic overview of using the application to create standard reports. Participants will also explore the new application interface, with individually focused training on how to access data and upload and edit reports. We'll also instruct you and your LMS administrators on the fundamentals of the BIDS application. Our experts will guide you through the Report Server Project Wizard, and give you insight on building and deploying new reports. In addition, we'll offer an in-depth look at the table structures and database relationships your administrators can use to create truly enterprise-level reports.

The second day of the workshop puts you in the driver's seat. SumTotal consultants guide you through a practice session, where you can gain experience using the BIDS application to create sample reports.

Ultimately, you'll construct at least one reusable report focusing on your company's specific requirements, giving you the building blocks you need for more complex report generation within your business environment.

Greater reporting insight boosts talent development results

By providing hands-on access to vital tools and expertise, this valuable training session helps you build a solid foundation for developing complex custom reports. With more detailed and customized reporting, you can streamline communications regarding the status of your talent development processes. More importantly, with the ability to generate higher quality business intelligence, you'll have new opportunities for demonstrating—and augmenting—the effectiveness of your training and development efforts.