

# Into the Groove: Transform Data into Decisions with the Report Writer and Query Builder

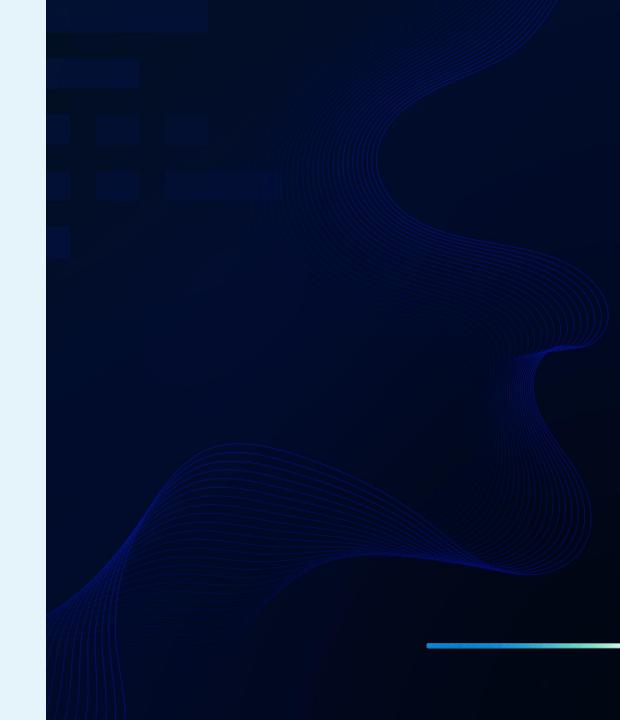


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### **Agenda**

- 1. Success in Report Writing
  - Challenges in Report Writing
- 2. Success in Queries
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- 3. Queries & Reports on Dashboards

### Success in Report Writing

And some challenges....



### Decisions to Guide the Design: Who, What, Where and When?

01

#### Audience (Who?):

Reports are static at the time of rendering and can be emailed, saved in various formats, as well as printed. They are best for sharing with those who don't necessarily have access WebTMA.

**02** 

#### **Actionable Data (What?):**

Reports are for displaying data – but what are you going to do with that data? Knowing how the data will be used will guide your Report Design.

03

#### Access (Where and When?):

Reports are static at the time of rendering and can be printed, saved in various formats, and even scheduled to be emailed.

They are the best option for sharing data with those who don't necessarily have access WebTMA.



### **Determining Design Options**

01

#### **Report Manager:**

There is a vast number of pre-built Reports in the system that may be just what you are looking for. Before reinventing the wheel, explore the offerings in the Report Manager. 02

### Report Writer – Copy System Report:

Did you find something that is close to what you want, but not quite there? You can copy a System Report and then tweak it to be just what you need. 03

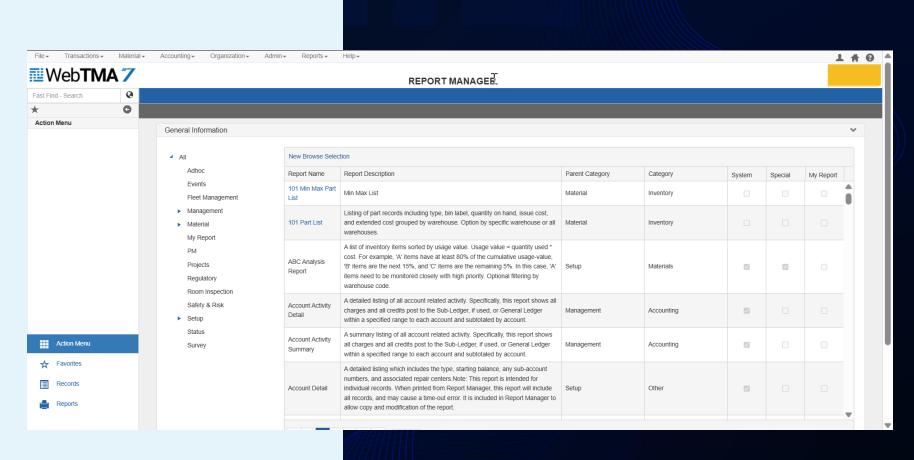
### Report Writer – Start from Scratch:

Well, not completely from Scratch!
Reports are based on Forms in
WebTMA, so you'll be limited to
what is available on the form you
choose.



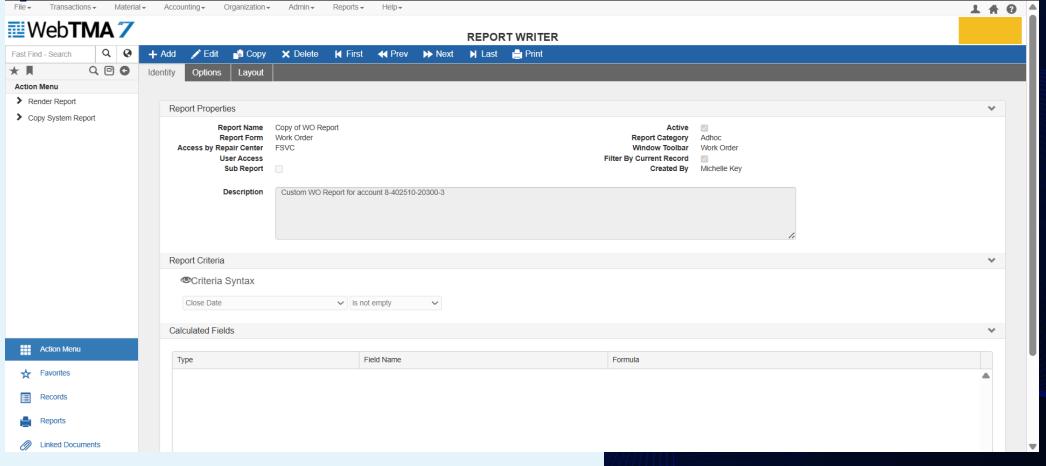
#### **Report Manager**

- Categories
- Stock Reports
- System/Special/My Report





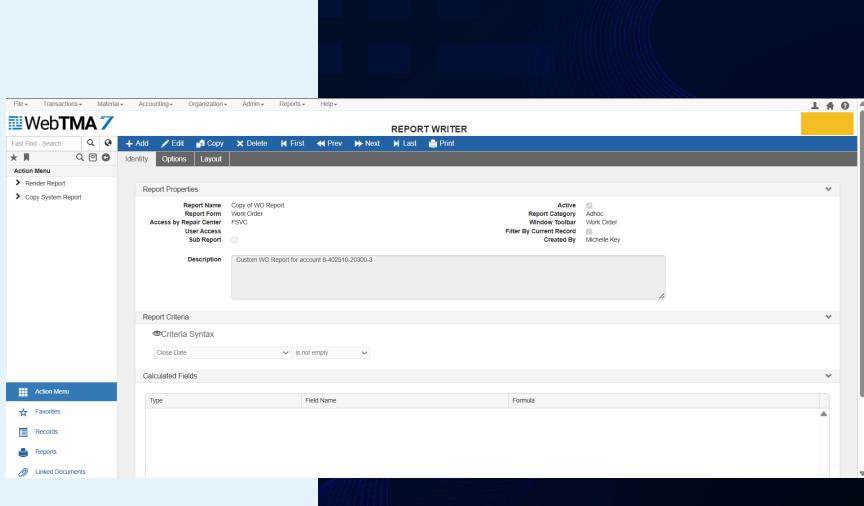
## Report Writer – Copy a Report





### Report Writer – Start from Scratch

- Report Name
- Report Form
- Report Category
- Access by Repair Center
- Window Toolbar
- Filter by Current Record
- Sub Report



# Success in Query Writing

And some challenges....



### **Decisions, Decisions**

01

Who, What, Where, and When - Again

02

Queries are just Questions you ask of your Data

03

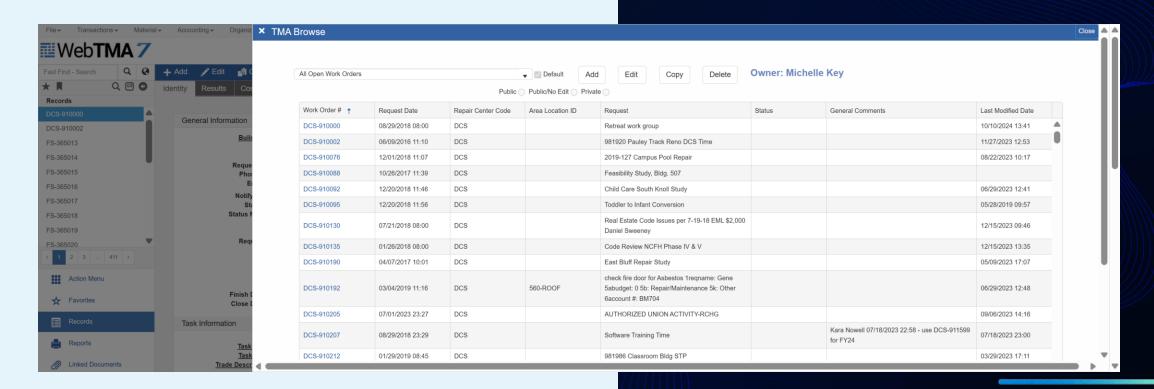
The Data (result) is the Answer

Hint: Sometimes the Answer is "No."



### **Queries are just Questions**

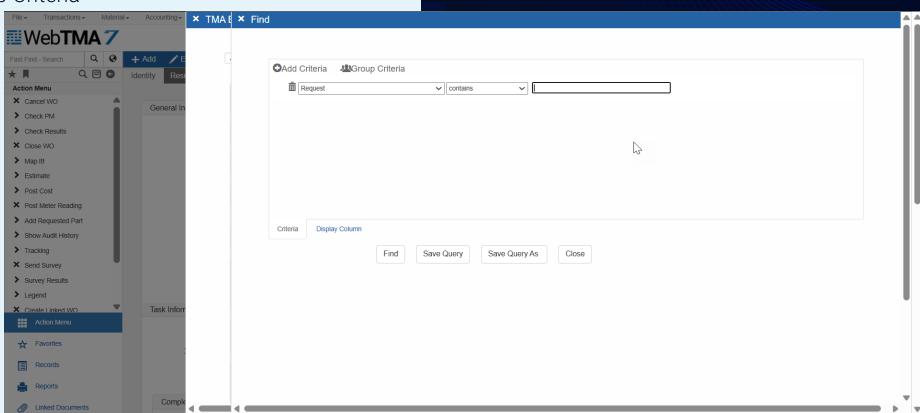
- Queries are saved on the Form
- Settings: Default, Add/Edit/Copy





### **Queries are just Questions**

- Add Criteria & Group Criteria
- Display Columns

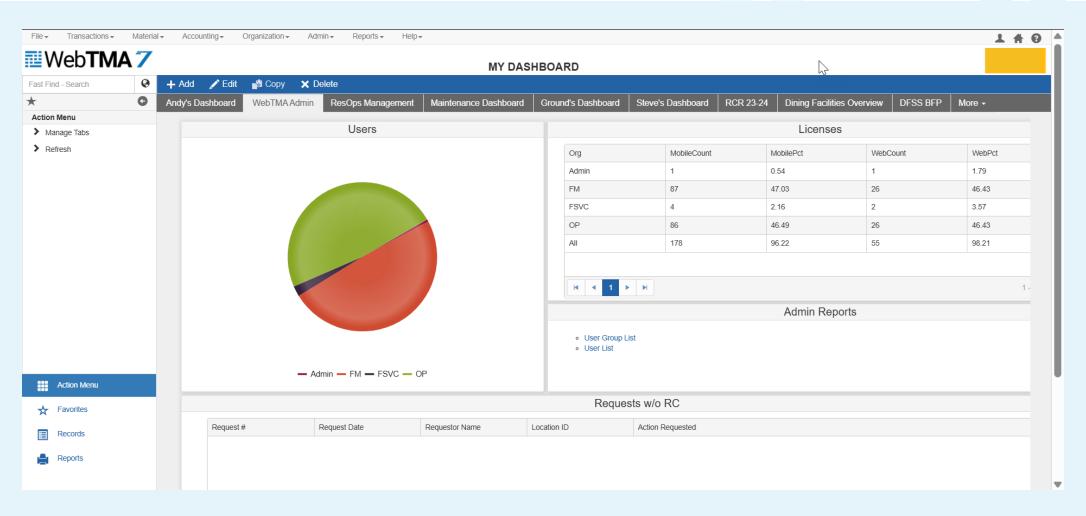


### Queries & Reports on Dashboards

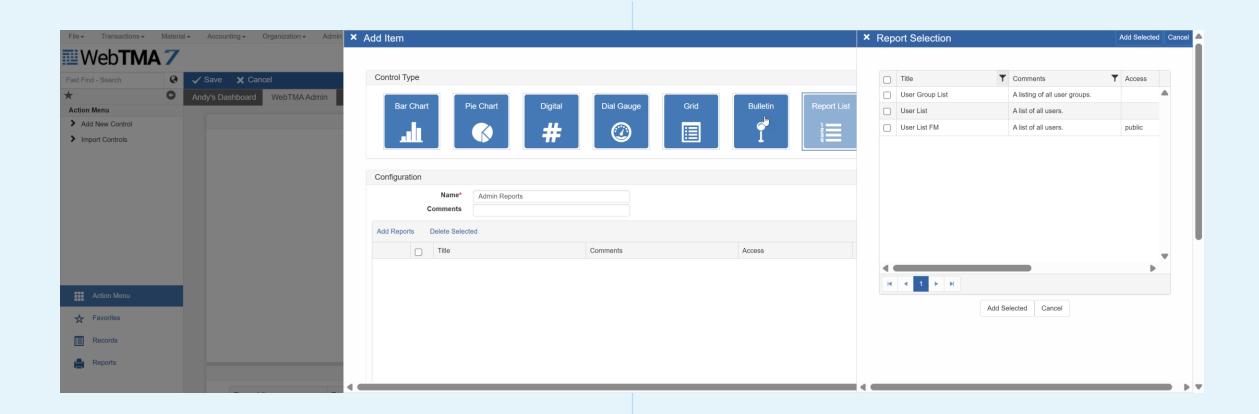
Putting it All Together



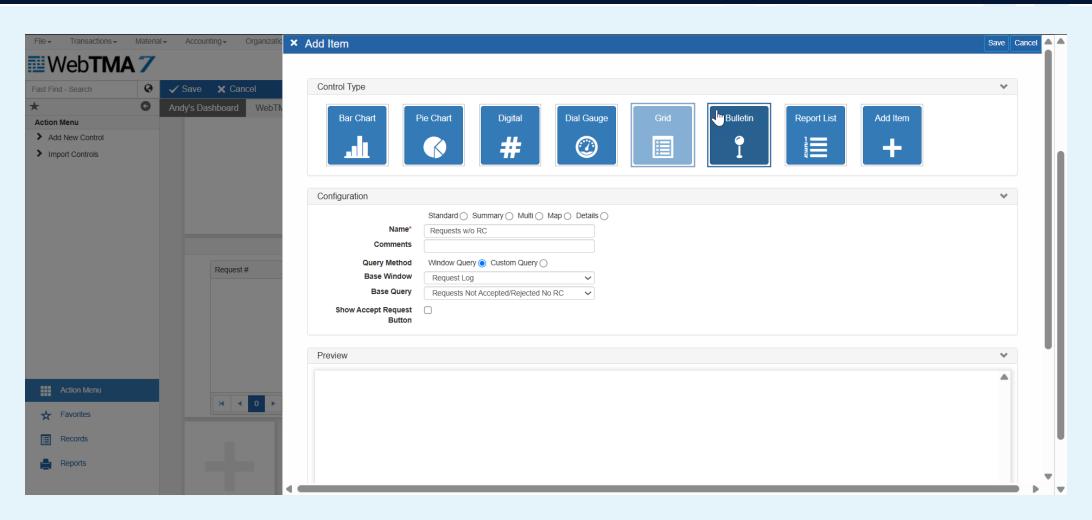
### **Putting it All Together on a Dashboard**



### Reports on a Dashboard



### **Queries on a Dashboard**





# Thank You / Q&A

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