

# Working With RTF

Rich Text Format is a file format developed by Microsoft that allows you to define text files with formatting, font information, text color, etc.

The RTF renderer will read the text from a control source, which might be a Field, Literal, Script or URL. This means RTF text can be read from your datasource, or from a file on disk.

For RTF elements with colored backgrounds, OpenOffice 2.x will not be able to display the background color as it is not supported.

When the RTF renderer reads the text from the Script it should be **Double Slash \**

Example:

```
"{\rtf1\ansi\ansicpg1252\deff0\deflang1033{\fonttbl{\f0\fswiss\fcharset0
Arial;}}\viewkind4\uc1\pard\ql\f0\fs28 \b " + Company + "\b0 .\par}"
```

When the RTF renderer reads the text from the Field it should be **Single Slash \**

Example:

```
{\rtf1\ansi\ansicpg1252\deff0\deflang1033{\fonttbl{\f0\fswiss\fcharset0
Arial;}}\viewkind4\uc1\pard\ql\f0\fs28 \b Elixir \b0 .\par}
```

**Note:** The Script must be in a single line or must be broken into concatenated strings "like " + "this".

RTF is the preferred way to obtain attributed text, where the font, color, alignment, even line-spacing can vary within a block of text.

For more information on Rich Text Format (RTF), refer to the following links:

<http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/office/aa140277%28v=office.10%29.aspx>

<http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/default.asp?url=/library/en-us/dnrftspec/html/rftspec.asp>

**Note:** Elixir Report only supports text subset of RTF. Features like tabs and bulleting are not supported.