Report Naming Conventions

Report Controls are primarily used in **Banded** and **Extract Reports**. When designing a report, it's very useful to give each control a meaningful name in the **Name** field. You can use a naming convention for report controls similar to the one used for DataBlock objects. It's common to use CamelCase (where all the words are joined and each one is capitalized) to improve the readability of the item description.

ctl_<2-CHAR CONTROL TYPE>_<ItemDesc>
   Example: ctl_EX_pageNumber

- LL – Label
- MB – Memo Box
- IM – Image
- SP – Shape
- RT – Rich Text Field
- CT – Chart
- LG – Line Grid
- TF – Database Text Field
- DI – Database Image
- SV – System Variable
- EX – Expression

Report bands are a special type of object within **Banded Reports**. Due to the complexity allowed within bands, they should be named starting with 'bnd', to easily differentiate the bands from the report controls, as well as from each other.

bnd_<2-CHAR BAND TYPE>_<ItemDesc>
   Example: bnd_GH_studentGroup

- TT – Title
- PH – Page Header
- CH – Column Header
- DT – Detail
- GF – Group Footer
- SM – Summary