

Elementary Reports has been written by the same computer programmer who also programmed ApplePanic's ReportBuilder – considered one of the best primary school report packages. When you load Elementary Reports it will be obvious that it isn't an update of ReportBuilder, it is a complete re-write. It is, in our opinion, in every way – superior.

Feature	ReportBuilder	Elementary Reports
Target audience	UK Primary Schools	All English speaking schools
Protection system	Key based, locked to machine	User/password based (requires Internet access) <b>or</b> Locked to U3 memory card
Install to U3 memory card	No	Yes, completely portable
Vista administrator install	No, but it does install	Yes
Vista user mode run	No, but it does run	Yes
Spellchecker words	55,000+	160,000+
Spellchecker dialects	British	British, US, Canadian and Australian
Live spellchecking	Yes	Yes
User spell check wordlist	Yes	Yes
Spellchecker fast loader	No, not needed	Yes, rapid load after initial use
Spellchecker algorithm	Metaphoric and Phonetic with difference sorting. Virtually the same metaphoric algorithm as ASpell.	Upper/lowercase matching priority. Metaphoric and Phonetic with difference sorting. An enhanced version of the metaphoric algorithm that ASpell uses.
Editor font modifiers	Bold, Underline	Bold, Underline, Italics
Tick boxes	Yes	Yes
Scintilla editor	Yes, version 1.7.4	Yes, latest version (customised slightly)
Statement editor	Bulky, difficult to use, complex	Part of the statement tree and text editor system, inline editing, drag 'n' drop, etc
Statement tracking	No	Statement source within the statement bank can be tracked, statement banks can be tracked
Favourites	List based	Tree based
Statement import	Teachers Report Assistant Report Maker	Most other popular report programs
Student import	SIMS Report Assist Other CFT based files	Most other popular report programs
Built-in statements	10,000+	12,000+ (Languages counted as one subject)
Update system	Free, over the internet	Free, over the internet
RTF merging	Yes	Yes, enhanced
Intelligent cut/copy/paste	Yes	Yes, enhanced
Connectives	Yes	Yes
Insert mode	Yes, icon button press to enable	Yes, automatic enable when cursor positioned
Multimode	Yes, icon button press to enable	Yes, automatic when multiple students selected
Print systems	1 (DDoc)	2 (DDoc and nxReport)
Help assistant	No	Yes (Merlin, can be turned off)
Help	Yes	Yes, within program and online
Crash recovery	Yes	Yes
Backups	Automatic	Automatic
User forum	No longer available	Yes
Unlimited telephone support	No longer available	Yes
Proven track record	Yes	No, but same computer programmer and support that existed with ReportBuilder
Yearly usage subscription	No	Available
Unlimited yearly usage	Yes	Available
Compatibility	Win98/SE/Me Win2000 WinXP Vista 32-bit Vista 64-bit* <sup>3</sup> Virtual PC running compatible OS* <sup>3</sup>	Win95* <sup>1</sup> /Win98* <sup>2</sup> /SE* <sup>2</sup> /ME* <sup>2</sup> Win2000 WinXP Vista 32-bit Vista 64-bit* <sup>3</sup> Virtual PC running compatible OS

\*<sup>1</sup> Just about works! Needs all service packs and is not officially supported.

\*<sup>2</sup> With all service packs installed, also not "officially" supported, but it works fine and efforts will be made to keep it working.

\*<sup>3</sup> Not "officially" supported.