

OK, what is a context? A context is nothing more than a set of joins. It is a pathway connecting two tables of data. In Business Objects universes, as in real life, there is often more than one way to get from here to there.

Let's say that there are two routes that go from your home to work. Route One goes by the grocery store. Route Two goes by the hardware store. Both routes will get you from home to work but you take different ones depending on what you need to get.

If you want to report on customer data and service data, the connection between these two tables will differ depending on if you want to know what services have been requested or what services have been rendered. Two equally important but distinctly different sets of information.

When you are creating a Business Objects report and you select objects from two folders, it can happen that there are two different sets of joins (contexts) between them. Which context you choose depends the result objects you have selected.