

How do I change the message when a List has no data?

Some queries return no data at all. You can set the **No data contents** property to specify how to handle this situation.



This property is available for the following data containers:

- Lists
- Crosstabs
- Charts
- Maps
- Repeaters
- Repeater tables

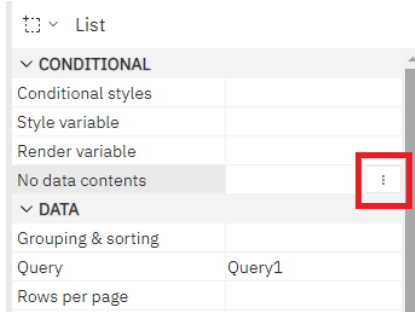
Step-By-Step

1. Suppose you have a List that looks like this:

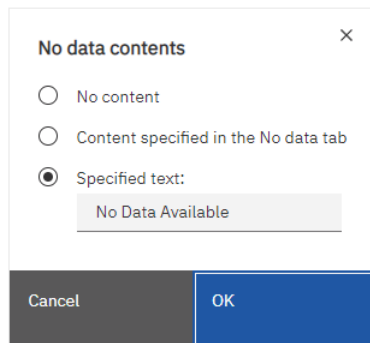
Product line	Product	Quantity
Camping Equipment	TrailChef Deluxe Cook Set	111,606
Camping Equipment	TrailChef Single Flame	172,392
Camping Equipment	TrailChef Utensils	213,624
Camping Equipment	Star Dome	37,817
Camping Equipment	Star Gazer 2	74,166
Camping Equipment	Hibernator Extreme	80,947
Camping Equipment	Firefly Mapreader	183,368
Camping Equipment	Firefly Extreme	41,968
Camping Equipment	EverGlow Kerosene	82,257
Camping Equipment	Flicker Lantern	50,057
Personal Accessories	Double Edge	193,692
Personal Accessories	Bear Edge	84,275
Personal Accessories	Glacier Deluxe	42,205
Outdoor Protection	Sun Shelter Stick	237,984
Personal Accessories	Capri	1,468,212
Personal Accessories	Cat Eye	5,213,264

2. In *Edit* mode  **Edit**, select the list and open the Properties  **Properties**.

3. Click the ellipsis button at the end of the *No data contents* property:



4. In the resulting dialog, select one of the three options:



5. When a user runs the report and the List returns no data, here are the results for each of the three options:

Property: No data contents

No content:	Content specified in the No data tab:	Specified text (default):			
<table border="1"><tr><td>Product line</td><td>Product</td><td>Quantity</td></tr></table>	Product line	Product	Quantity	There are no results. Please try a different filter.	No Data Available
Product line	Product	Quantity			



Tips

- **No content** will display an empty data container. In the case of a List, the List's headers will be displayed.
- You can be quite creative with styling the Block and the Text Item it holds in the **No data tab**. You can also add your own objects, images, layout tables, etc.
- **Specified text** will only display the text that you enter. This is the default setting for a List.

In the example above, this is how I styled the Block on the *No data* tab of my List. I set the Padding, Background color, Horizontal alignment, and Size:

