

# View - Reports Overview

## What

In many ways, Smart Groups and Reports are the same thing. In both cases the concept is to programmatically identify devices. The difference between the two objects has to do with intent...Smart Groups are created so that you can DO something to the devices in questions, whereas Reports are used to simply "report" on things, such as software rollout progression.

## When/Why

We are going to use a reports to help us identify problem areas (proactive management), and to track progress of ongoing projects. The contents of reports can additionally be used to feed the FileWave customizable dashboard for aggregate reporting.

## How

We'll go into depth on creating reports in the below links, but here is a quick preview of creating a report to look at Firefox across the environment.



Note that reports have several available actions:

The screenshot shows the FileWave Admin interface. The top navigation bar includes 'FileWave Admin', 'Model Number: 80', a search bar for devices, and the user 'TonyK'. The left sidebar contains navigation links: 'Go to Dashboard', 'Devices', 'Payloads', 'Software Updates', 'Deployments', 'Sources', 'Reports', and 'Licenses'. The main content area is titled 'Reports' and displays a table with the following data:

Name	Subject
<a href="#">All Devices Overview</a>	All Devices
<a href="#">All macOS Clients</a>	All Devices
Extra Metrics Queries -	
<a href="#">FileWave Client Version</a>	All Devices
<a href="#">Firefox</a>	Application
<a href="#">Older FileWave Clients</a>	All Devices
<a href="#">Recent Enrollments</a>	All Devices
Sample Queries	
<a href="#">SU</a>	All Devices
<a href="#">Test Custom Field</a>	All Devices

A context menu is open over the 'Firefox' report, showing the following actions:

- Open this report
- Edit this report
- Move to Group...
- Remove this report

At the bottom left of the interface, the version number '14.0.1-950568202' is visible.

You can Open the Report (view the contents of the report), Edit the Report (see and then change the conditions of the report), Remove a Report (delete it), or Move to Group (move the report to a group for organizational purposes).

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