Using your own RDL as a SSRS Template

This is very useful if you are creating many reports based on a single template.

To start with when you use the "Add new Item" functionality into a report project, this is all you get. Report Wizard, Report, and Data Source. Then searching Online Templates is not very useful. So how do I add my own SSRS rdl templates.

Steps:

- Add a new report to your project.
- Give it a name that you will remember.
- Add any content into the report that you would want in the template.
- Save the rdl file.
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To use the template, just create a report project then insert a new item.

Once inserted your report template will show up as an rdl in the current project.

Further suggestions:

If you have a common template that you use, you may want to create 2 formats, one landscape, and one portrait.