Cognos ReportNet: Differences between ReportNet and Cognos Series 8?

There are many differences between ReportNet (Cognos Series 7) and Series 8. Here are some of the most noteworthy:

ReportNet (Series 7)	Series 8
Web based interface	Web based interface
One server to maintain and upgrade	One server to maintain and upgrade
Every drill-thru is hand-coded in each report	You can still setup report drill-thru's of course, but now you can create common ...
Dimensions can be incorporated into the model, affecting report results	Dimensions not only affect reporting, but also provide auto...
Query Studio has an artificial groups-before-creating-a-filter, often the model stops responding	All fixed in Series 8 Query Studio
Can't create templates in Report Studio	CAN create templates in Report Studio!
Query Studio often takes up to 30 seconds to respond, even quickly in almost every situation	Query Studio in Series 8 responds very quickly in almost every situation
PowerPlay is a separate application	Series 8 has "Analysis Studio" built into ReportNet -- takes the place of PowerPlay -- plus it's ...
Transformer is a separate application to develop dimensional cube-based reports	Add the functionality of dimensional cube-based reports to Framework Manager
Two basic report types: list and crosstab	Report Std Console offers Chart and Financial report types as well
Report Studio can do Series 8 Reps, but NOT can "outer join" temporary/interim queries easily -- union, inter...	Series 8 Reports, but 'outer join' temporary/interim queries easily -- union, inter...

There are more differences than just these few, of course, but these might help pique your interest in the next generation of Cognos "Business Intelligence" reporting tools.

If you're interesting in seeing it in action, we can arrange a quick Higher-Education demo for you.

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