Appendix A: report extensions

Report Wizard has been enhanced with an extension that provides additional functionalities (for example, a Custom Tool that encapsulates Java functions in context). The report extensions are Java class and related resources collected into JAR archives, which are merely ZIP files that contain a specially formatted "manifest" file describing the contents of the archive.

To install the extension, copy the *.jar* file into the extensions directory under the Report Wizard plugin directory or template directory. The archives stored within subdirectories will not be loaded in Report Wizard, see figure below.
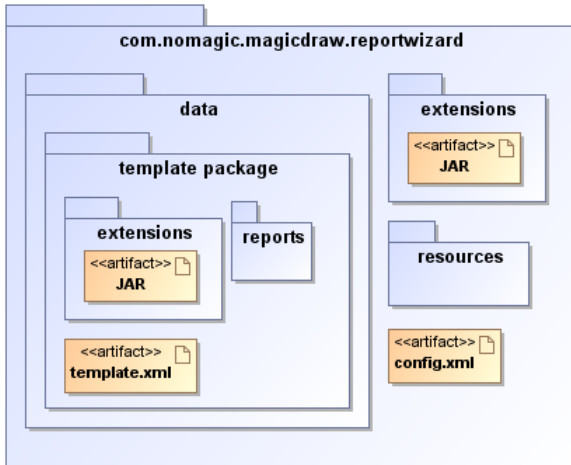

Figure 1: Report Wizard Plug-in Directory Structure.

The extension deployed under the global extensions directory will affect all templates, which means you can use the deployed Custom Tool in all templates. Extensions deployed under a template package will affect only the specific template.