

Bottomline Active Spreadsheet Server™ for use with Oracle

Dynamic Financial Analysis and Reporting in Microsoft® Excel

The use of spreadsheets as a core tool for financial reporting and data analysis creates significant challenges, particularly with regard to data accuracy and visibility. The latest generation of spreadsheet automation tools addresses these challenges by supporting the familiar Microsoft Excel interface and application functions with direct, dynamic integration to the host general ledger system, ensuring that financial analysts and other professionals are always working with the latest data.

Transforming Spreadsheets into a Dynamic Analytical Tool

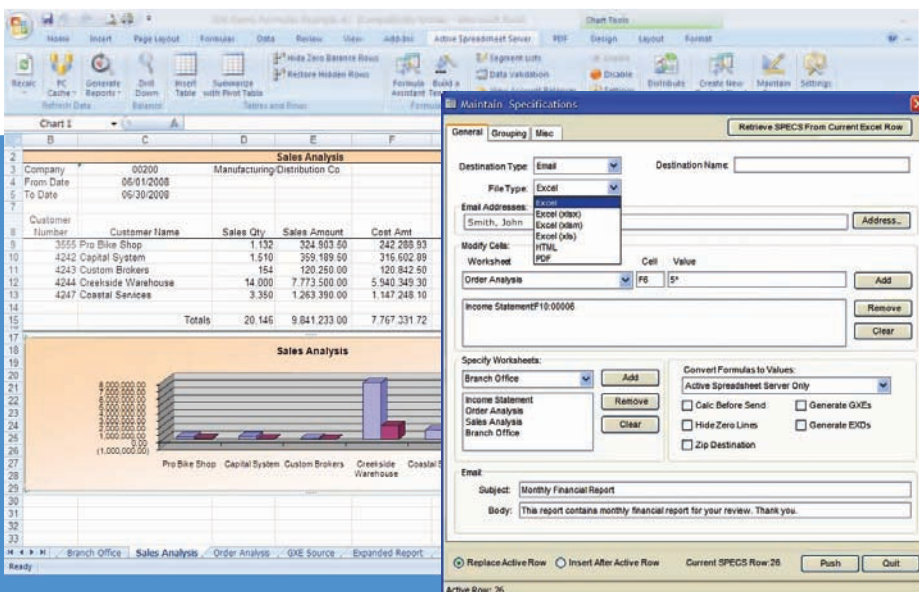
Bottomline Active Spreadsheet Server is a powerful Excel add-on delivering real-time data from your Oracle General Ledger directly into Excel for faster, more convenient financial analysis. Combining standard spreadsheet functions such as charting, graphing, text formatting and sorting with dynamic data updates provides the foundation for more accurate, professional-looking financial statements.

Using Excel's standard interface supplemented with simple cell formulas, finance staff has complete control over the design and content of their reports. With summary balances and full sub-ledger drill-down capabilities, Excel is converted into a tightly integrated analytical tool where users can retrieve, manipulate and present all levels of information within Excel. This information is instantly updated with real-time data from the general ledger each time a user opens or re-calculates the Excel spreadsheet, allowing users to focus on financial data analysis rather than data collection.

With Excel as the primary report writer and analysis tool, users can rely on their existing Excel skills, eliminating the need to learn a new application. Not only is your IT department relieved of any report creation and modification requests, but with no server-side deployment, there is no additional day-to-day support required of your IT staff. Further eliminating the reliance on IT resources, Bottomline Active Spreadsheet Server is pre-configured to the ERP general ledger and is intuitive to install and maintain, typically requiring just a single day to deploy.

Bottomline Active Spreadsheet Server Benefits Include:

- Eliminates the need for IT or finance "super-users" of Excel to continuously build and revise financial spreadsheets for updated reporting
- Reduces the time required for third-party accountants or other consultants to collect financial data, allowing them to focus on more important data analysis
- Consolidates reporting, account inquiry and journal inquiry into one user-friendly application
- Complements existing Business Intelligence and data warehouse management tools
- Produces executive-quality reports that can easily be distributed via print or email
- Drills down to real-time general ledger balances and other data directly from Excel
- Increases the efficiency and timeliness of your organization's budgeting process
- Eliminates the need to manually download, re-key or export ERP balance or transaction-level data
- Dramatically reduces the number of days needed to close monthly or quarterly account books



Bottomline Active Spreadsheet Distributor allows for the automated electronic delivery of key business information to your critical users, eliminating the time-consuming tasks of printing, copying or creating email attachments.

Spreadsheet Automation that Supports Existing Bottomline and Oracle Investments

From your current Bottomline document output solution, data from formatted reports is simply converted to CSV-based files for use in a spreadsheet application for financial reporting and analysis. As an alternative to downloading or exporting this static data into Excel, Bottomline Active Spreadsheet Server fully integrates with your Oracle system and complements Bottomline's document automation solutions to provide dynamic, real-time information. Automating the availability of this information not only extends the capabilities of your current investments, but also reduces the manual intervention currently needed to compile financial information into a central location.

Bottomline Active Spreadsheet Server Product Features

Dynamic Balances

Using simple Excel formulas users can retrieve dynamic period, year-to-date, life-to-date and quarter balances for quicker, more proactive business decision-making. When needed, the Formula Wizard can assist users in creating new formula expressions. Segment descriptions can also be retrieved for single accounts.

Account Combinations

Any combination of accounts can be retrieved into a single spreadsheet row using wild cards, ranges or segment lists. Segment lists are user-defined combinations of segments that can be set at the local level or shared among multiple users.

Drill-down Capabilities

Dynamic drill-down capabilities allow for the review of detailed account balances and journal entry information as well as access to sub-systems detail (Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Finance and Accounting and Inventory). Bottomline Active Spreadsheet Server also includes capabilities for configurable drill-downs to additional detail, including both financial and non-financial data.

Security Features

Security can be configured per user to restrict the areas of data that an individual can access. Controlled by a designated administrator, security is based upon account segment information or can be set to mirror current ERP platform security.

Distribution Management

By utilizing Active Spreadsheet Distributor, organizations can automate the distribution of critical financial information. Users can configure multiple report packages that supply parameters, calculate and then distribute the reports via print or email, or send to a secure archive — all with the single click of a button. As a result, critical financial information is rapidly distributed while organizations benefit from reduced shipping and printing costs.

System Requirements

For complete details on the hardware and software platforms required and/or supported by Bottomline Active Spreadsheet Server, please call 800.472.1321 to be connected to your account representative.



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