

# Spreadsheet Server Frequently Asked Questions:



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<b>Does Spreadsheet Server require a Server?</b>	No, there is no additional hardware required to implement Spreadsheet Server.
<b>Will I need a data warehouse for Spreadsheet Server?</b>	No, there is no data warehouse or additional hardware required.
<b>Do I need training? How long is training?</b>	Yes, if users are familiar with Excel, they will need minimal training to use Spreadsheet Server. No programming or query knowledge is necessary. Users simply utilize the standard Excel spreadsheet capabilities supplemented with simple cell formulas to gain access to their dynamic financial information.
<b>Can I do reporting beyond the GL?</b>	Yes, with Query Designer, you can generate reports over any ODBC compliant database and merge multiple data sources in the same excel sheet
<b>Is this a Business Intelligence tool? What if I already have a BI tool?</b>	Spreadsheet Server is not a BI tool, but is a compliment to the leading BI tools (i.e. Cognos, Business Objects, Hyperion, etc..). In fact, over 80% of Global Software Inc.'s 4,000+ clients in 40 countries use a leading BI tool in conjunction with Global Software's Excel automation tools.
<b>Where do I find which versions of my ERP are supported?</b>	We support most worldwide ERP systems, but you may contact us directly regarding your specific needs.
<b>What is the difference between this tool and my current reporting strategy?</b>	Every reporting environment is different, however most prospective users we encounter are either using a data warehouse that reflects yesterday's data, manually rekeying data or have an IT maintain the current reporting environment exclusively. With our application(s) users are empowered to be self-sufficient while accessing 'live' data in a secure environment.
<b>I've invested significant time in my current reporting strategy, will I lose reports I have already created?</b>	No, Spreadsheet Server is compatible with any Excel reports already developed.

Minimum Software	Recommended Software
Windows XP SP3	Windows 7 (32-bit or 64-bit)
Excel 2003	Excel 2010
IBM iSeries Access for Windows V5R1*	IBM iSeries Access for Windows V5R2 or higher
Microsoft .Net Framework 4.0	
Microsoft Visual Studio 2010 Tools for Office	
Oracle EBS R11****	Oracle EBS R12****
JDE World*****	JDE EnterpriseOne 9*****
SAP R3 4.7 or higher**	SAP R3 Netweaver 7.0/ECC6***

\* if using the iSeries  
 \*\* if using SAP classic ledgers (FI,CO,PCA)  
 \*\*\* if using Spreadsheet Server Query Designer, NewGL, Designer GL's or custom Queries against SAP  
 \*\*\*\* if using Oracle EBS  
 \*\*\*\*\* if using JD Edwards ERP

For all Spreadsheet Server installations knowledge of the Database host name or IP address, the Database/Library/SID or Catalog where the Data resides, as well as a Username and Password on the database system will be needed.

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