

“Spreadsheet Server for use with Oracle® software ‘tunes up’ reporting and analysis for BMI. It really gave us something to sing about!”



USER QUICK FACTS

Customer since: 2006

Users: 6

ERP System: Oracle®

Products:

- Spreadsheet Server
- Distribution Manager

“After seeing Global’s Spreadsheet Server for use with Oracle, we knew this was a product we had to have. It is extremely focused and very economical. The clear choice for our reporting and analysis.”

**Jodie Gleason
Executive Director,
Financial
Accounting
BMI**

Introduction

As a non-profit American performing rights organization headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, BMI represents over 400,000 composers, songwriters and music publishers, in every genre of music. BMI has expanded to seven facilities across the United States, since opening its doors in 1939. BMI prides itself on the highest quality of performing rights representation for songwriters and composers, and strives to provide the business and broadcast communities with a music catalog of unique and lasting value.

Situation & Strategy

The BMI accounting team wanted a better way to leverage Microsoft® Excel for financial reporting and analysis. Prior to implementation, the accounting team had been producing time-consuming reports through manual entry of financial data into Excel. Due to the growth of the company, the accounting department at BMI found the need for a timely, reliable and accurate solution for financial reporting and analysis. Spreadsheet Server for use with Oracle® gave them something to sing about! The Spreadsheet Server application provided BMI the ability to quickly produce financial statements, such as balance sheet reviews and tenure reports, that their current financial reporting and analysis package was incapable of executing. After considering other solutions, BMI chose Spreadsheet Server for use with Oracle®, a Global Software, Inc. application. In addition to important features of the product, such as faster reporting, BMI was very impressed by Global’s customer service. The customer service team had the product implemented in less than a day and the accounting department was preparing various types of financial reports within hours.

Results

Spreadsheet Server’s intelligent, dynamic access to Oracle® GL data within the familiar confines of Microsoft® Excel, eliminates the re-keying process and cuts the development of financial statement reports from hours to minutes. BMI needed a cost-effective solution, which Global Software Inc.’s Spreadsheet Server application has provided. According to Jodie Gleason, Senior Director Financial Accounting at BMI, “the Excel-based product is extremely focused and very economical. It is a turn-key solution, a very intuitive product.” In addition to the savings from Spreadsheet Server, BMI has also conserved significant resources and human intervention with Distribution Manager, which allows quick and easy distribution of multiple financial reports throughout the organization. BMI has tuned up their financial reporting and analysis with Global Software, Inc.’s Spreadsheet Server for use with Oracle® application.

Spreadsheet Automation Tools Utilized by BMI



Spreadsheet Server is a Microsoft Excel add-in that allows users to access 'live' data within Excel, while maintaining the ability to drill down to supporting details. Leverage the familiarity of Microsoft Excel as a reporting and analysis tool while providing up-to-the-minute dynamic data. Users of Spreadsheet Server can simply open a spreadsheet and watch the balances of their spreadsheet populate with dynamic financial balances. The unique drill down capability takes the tool to a new level of detail by allowing individual transactions to be monitored.



Distribution Manager automates the delivery of key business information to your critical users. Eliminate unnecessary printing, copying and e-mail attachments. Empower your users with a tool that delivers this business-critical information in an easy efficient manner. Benefits include automated, full delivery of reports and files through e-mail, printing, and archiving, unlimited file attachments of all types, ability to define key variables available to all spreadsheets, ability to provide custom parameters to spreadsheets prior to re-calculating, and much more.

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