

SPREADSHEET AUTOMATION SOLUTIONS

Bassett Furniture Case Study

“At Bassett Furniture we are very pleased with Global Software, Inc.’s Spreadsheet Server for use with JD Edwards™ product. Its simplicity and flexibility are exactly what the users like.”



USER QUICK FACTS

Customer since: 2004

Users: 15

ERP System: JD Edwards™

Products:

- Spreadsheet Server
- Distribution Manager

“The integrity of the data is much better with Spreadsheet Server for use with J.D. Edwards. Before, we were manually keying the data and were left with the potential for errors. Now the integrity is better, the data is more accurate and it is real-time, up-to-date.”

**Brian Lunsford
Controller
Bassett Furniture**

Introduction

Bassett Furniture founders started their company with the production of railroad ties to be used in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Over the past 100 years, Bassett has grown through a series of mergers and acquisitions into a company that operates more than 100 retail locations in the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada and is rapidly expanding sales on bassettfurniture.com. They market their products, which include living, bedroom, dining, juvenile, office and home entertainment furnishings not only through other retailers, but also in Bassett Furniture Direct stores nationwide, with primary focus on quality relationships with their customers.

Situation & Strategy

As a result of their expansion and growth over the past 100 years, the Bassett Furniture financial team has seen an increase in the need for a reliable, dynamic financial reporting program. They had been using the J.D. Edwards™ World and EnterpriseOne software, and were manually downloading and re-keying figures into Microsoft® Excel spreadsheets for reporting. When presented with the opportunity to purchase new software, Bassett chose Microsoft® Excel-based Spreadsheet Server for use with J.D. Edwards™, a Global Software, Inc. application. With the Spreadsheet Server for use with J.D. Edwards™ application, Bassett Furniture was producing reports and analyzing transaction level detail in sub-ledgers all within Excel. These are capabilities that the Bassett Furniture accounting team, prior to using Spreadsheet Server for use with J.D. Edwards™, did not think were possible.

Results

The accounting team recognized immediate benefits from the Excel-based Spreadsheet Server application. Financial reporting that would have taken nearly a day to complete with the old system, now takes less than an hour. The reporting is more accurate, due to the dynamic link between Spreadsheet Server and J.D. Edwards™ that eliminates the need for manual entry. According to Lisa Morgan, accountant at Bassett Furniture, “Spreadsheet Server is so dynamic. If you have Excel-based knowledge, it takes no time to learn the product. We love the drill-down capabilities. For example, a manager will ask for the composition of a figure and all I have to do is drill down on that number to give him/her exactly what they need.” Controller Brian Lunsford adds that they estimate that books are closed at least 1 day faster than before they began using this Global Software, Inc. application. “My favorite feature of Spreadsheet Server is the flexibility of the product. I can change the period to month, quarter, or year and it gives me instant changes in the spreadsheet for comparison. It is quick and easy to do.” Spreadsheet Server with its simplicity, flexibility and reliability, has provided the solution that Bassett Furniture was seeking.



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Spreadsheet Automation Tools Utilized by Bassett



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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