

Runge Software News



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Welcome to the April 2009 issue of Runge Software News, our bi-monthly newsletter that provides you with simple, easy-to-read information on how to get the most out of Runge's technology solutions.

In this issue we discuss the XERAS enhancements and provide you with the latest product release and training details. We also have our regular sections: hints and tips, forum topics, help, etc.

XERAS

Runge's financial modelling and re-forecasting software application, XERAS, has recently undergone some significant enhancements including quicker model calculation times and the introduction of query-based reporting functionality.

These improvements provide users with a range of benefits including;

Faster calculation times

The speeds at which large models are calculated have improved significantly, with models experiencing improvements of between 30 and 80 percent. Details of the speed improvements are outlined below:

Model	Previous calculation time	New calculation time
Maintenance	45 minutes	18 minutes
Maintenance	36 minutes	8 minutes
Maintenance	58 minutes	21 minutes
Site budget	48 minutes	28 minutes
Financial consolidation	14 minutes	10 minutes

Reporting functionality

Report Writer enables flexible, query-based reporting, allowing you to design, format and execute reports based on a XERAS model and display the results in various formats – either using the built-in display tool, or by outputting to various, well-known file formats like Microsoft Excel®.

Increased functionality

There are a number of functionality improvements which include:

- Improved audit tools are available for performing more complex functions; @ListSum, @Csum, @Rsum, @MatchSum, @Event_AltS2.
- Drilldown enhancements enabling row descriptions and the ability to invoke specific audits listed above the row.
- Password protected Microsoft Excel® files can now be opened via the XERAS function, @Excelin.

If you'd like to discuss the XERAS enhancements further or require an update to your existing version of XERAS, please contact Runge Limited at runge@runge.com.au.

SOFTWARE PRODUCT TRAINING

Runge will be conducting product training in Australia, as follows:

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| ■ XPAC 7 Standard Open Cut Coal | 20 th – 22 nd April, 2009 | Brisbane |
| ■ XPAC 7 AutoScheduler Open Cut Coal | 23 rd April, 2009 | Brisbane |
| ■ Talpac Basic | 27 th April, 2009 | Brisbane |
| ■ XERAS Financial Modelling | 18 th – 19 th May, 2009 | Brisbane |

On-site training is also available at a time and place to suit your schedule. Please contact Runge's Training Consultant, Margaret Calder ([email: mcalder@runge.com.au](mailto:mcalder@runge.com.au)), if you wish to attend or organise a training course.





Forum

We have created a forum where you can share information with other Runge software users. Use the forum to post any questions you have about any of our products, share best practice information, workarounds, and solutions. However, if you require assistance from our Help Desk, please refer to the Help section below.

Go to the [Runge Forum](#) web page where you'll find links to our product forums.

Topics currently being discussed in the forum include:


- [XPAC: Displaying a Surpac DTM in XPAC](#)
- [Xact: Bringing in triangulations as feature layers](#)
- [Talpac: Auto fleet size calculation](#)

Hints & Tips

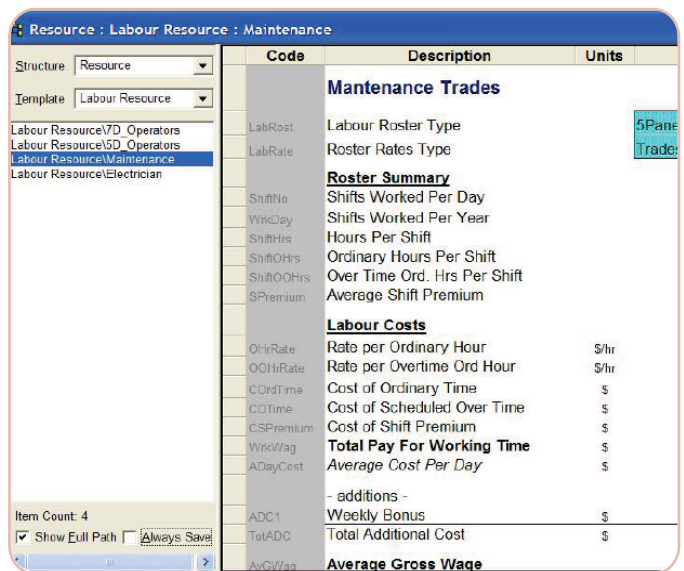
Our regular 'hints and tips' section helps you save time when using our software.

XERAS

When using XERAS, the List View can be viewed when a spreadsheet in a structure is selected. The List View can be accessed via:

- selecting View > List View, or
- clicking on the Tool Bar button (), or
- the right mouse menu.

Using the List View allows the user to quickly view the contents of spreadsheets belonging to a template or indeed find out if a particular template type is in use somewhere in the Model.



Help

Do you need assistance using our software products?

Contact the Runge Help Desk by email (support@runge.com.au) or phone (+61 7 3100 7200). Perhaps you would like to ask us about something you've seen in this newsletter; email us at runge@runge.com.au.

Runge Technology Solutions		Release dates
	Business focused mine scheduling	Q2 2009
	Scheduling success into your day-to-day mine planning	Q2 2009
	Responsibility based budget forecasting and financial modelling	Q2 2009
	3D spatial information management and interrogation products	Q4 2009
	The industry standard for haulage fleet evaluation	Q4 2009
	Fast and effective dragline simulation system	Q4 2009
	Longwall simulation to optimise productivity	Q4 2009

Click on a product logo above for specific product details.

