

RUNGE SOFTWARE NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the January 2010 issue of Runge Software News, our software 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 outline the new and improved features of Xact's latest release – Version 1.5 - and provide you with the latest product release and training details. We also have our regular sections: hints and tips, forum topics, help, etc.

XACT 1.5

The recent release of Xact 1.5 has provided users with some key improvements as well as introducing new functionality that makes using Xact even easier. These enhancements cover a broad range of functions within Xact, a brief outline is provided below:

Advanced Dependencies	New dependency behaviours have been implemented to give greater flexibility when scheduling.
Task Templates	Task templates now support advanced dependencies, which means some fields have changed to accommodate this enhancement.
Scheduling Templates	This new functionality has been implemented to enable users to create various scheduling scenarios for the Gantt chart. This new feature is another outcome of the Advanced Dependencies function.
Distributed Xact	Schedulers can now work simultaneously using a Project Distribution Server. The Server tracks and combines scheduling updates easily and feeds them back into the master schedule.
Polygon Graphics	Polygon plots now encompass some new features including: animations, annotations, printing, range operations, right-click additions (export of plot to image file, navigation to the Gantt chart, task spreadsheet and task operations).
Event Viewer	Warning and error messages are displayed in Event Viewer, which allows the user to quickly identify and resolve errors in the project.
Circular Dependency Report	This new functionality identifies circular references and displays the dependency relationships graphically.
User Interface Changes	Some user interface elements have been renamed or replaced to reflect new functionality.

For a full explanation of these enhancements contact John Hives ([e: jhives@runge.com.au](mailto:jhives@runge.com.au)) or Sean Stewart (e: stewart@runge.com.au). You can also view the [Xact Forum](#) to see what is currently being discussed.

SOFTWARE PRODUCT TRAINING

Runge will be conducting product training globally throughout 2010. A full calendar of scheduled software training can be found here: http://runge.com/en/learning_solutions.

On-site training is also available at a time and place to suit your schedule. Please contact Runge's Training Consultant, [Margaret Calder](#), 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:

- [Xact: Changing the date format.](#)
- [XPAC Open Cut: Fixing the 'Unable to Install Service' error](#)
- [XPAC: Saving Settings on a Polygon Graphic Drawing.](#)





HINTS & TIPS

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

Limiting usage of roaming licenses per person

The new Runge licensing system (RLMS) does not prevent users from obtaining floating licenses on multiple machines (unlike the previous licensing system, SiteAdmin). This means that each user is responsible for deciding whether to limit the use of each Runge product to just one or multiple machines.

To apply license restrictions for each user to one machine, follow the steps below. Please note that XPAC is used in this example. If you would like to apply the same restriction on other Runge products, replace XPAC with the relevant license name.

Note: This can only be configured on the license server

1. In the 'ISV Servers' section, go to 'Edit Options' and select 'runge'.

Name	port	Running	Restarts	Server Status	License Usage	Show Debug Log	REREAD/RESTART	EDIT OPTIONS
runge		Yes	2	runge	runge	runge	runge	runge

2. Press the 'Enter' key.

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3. Click on the **Update Options** button.

4. Click on the **Reread/Restart Servers** button so that the changes take effect.

For more information on the syntax of MAX keyword, kindly refer to http://www.reprisesoftware.com/RLM_Enduser.html

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		Version	Release dates
xpac	Business focused mine scheduling	Version 7.11	Q1 2010
xact	Scheduling success into your day-to-day mine planning	Version 1.5	Q4 2009
xeras	Responsibility based budget forecasting and financial modelling	Version 7.9	Q1 2010
talpac	The industry standard for haulage fleet evaluation	Version 10.1	Q1 2010
fracsis	3D spatial information management and interrogation products	TBA	TBA
dragsim	Fast and effective dragline simulation system	TBA	TBA
facets	Longwall simulation to optimise productivity	TBA	TBA

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