

What's new? Infor Evolve 1.1



Data-driven Decisions.
Information—to-Insight.
Insight—to-Action.

Knowing what direction to take is essential. Whether it's acquiring new companies, launching new products, finding new ways to beat the competition, or other avenues of pursuit, it's important to know where you're headed and why.

That takes real business intelligence and reporting proficiency, so that employees at all levels of your organization can have immediate access to the information that's relevant to their roles and tasks to make informed recommendations and strategic decisions.

With Infor® Evolve 1.1, anyone in your organization can get 24/7 access to real-time information to make the right decisions at the right time. Technical and non-technical users alike can easily access the information they need and generate reports with the intuitive and efficient interface. With deep connections to data throughout your organization, employees from all lines of business—including finance, sales, human resources, and any other department—can harness this powerful, ad-hoc querying and analysis tool.

Meet Infor Evolve 1.1: The next generations of Infor reporting tools.

This document covers core elements and product enhancements available in Evolve 1.1.0.

I. Reporting

- Standard Q&A reporting functionality will continue to be the focus of Infor Evolve with the ability to continue creating reports using standard report tools:
 - Reference Links
 - Summary Links
 - Summary Reports
 - Detail Reports



- Data Send will be available for the SunSystems 4, 5 & 6.
 - SunSystems 4 users will continue to create server side NDF files.
 - SunSystems 5 & 6 will have the ability to send data directly through to SSC and continue to support out to XML payloads.
- Recalculation of Q&A formulas will continue to be controlled by Evolve supporting Range, Worksheet and Workbook recalculations.

II. Reporting Analysis Features

Core elements of Executive have been recreated in Evolve to provide a complete single working area within MS Excel.

- Drilldown to Summary—a feature which previously created an additional drill window in Executive has now been recreated in Evolve. This provides an additional worksheet with the extracted data as summary level.
- Drilldown to Transactions—a feature which previously created an additional drill
 window in Executive has now been recreated in Evolve. This provides an additional
 worksheet with the exacted detail level data.
- Breakout—a feature which was previously only available through Executive has
 now been recreated in Evolve. Providing the user with the ability to breakout the
 summarised result set from both base and detail level, creating new highlighted
 worksheets with the associated data for the breakout.
- **Expand**—a feature which was previously only available through Executive has now been recreated in Evolve. Providing the user with the ability to expand the summarised result set from both base and detail level, creating new highlighted worksheet with collapsible groups.
- Drill Path Manager—finalises the above features to allow full control of user drill
 paths within a dock-able window in Excel. Incorporating the core features from
 Executive to give the user the ability to:
 - Save and delete the current drill path.
 - Run a previous saved drill path.
 - Delete and rename child worksheets.
 - Interactive drill path manager to link the tree to the worksheets.

III. Product Enhancements

Calculation methods previously forced Excel to change to manual calculation.
 However enhancements to Evolve now cater for Excel to work with Automatic calculation.



- Send to SunSystems for SunSystems 5 and 6 users no longer has a dependency to have SunSystems User Manager installed on the clients.
- Merge of Setup & Maintenance to one application Setup Utility containing core elements to safely configure and setup Evolve users.
- Setup Utility is now centrally held on the Evolve server and requires only single configuration to provide connections to all users.
- User Interface is improved and cleaned up implementing the new Infor Standards.
- Product Help have been updated to reflect new product features concentrating more on how to carry out a task with simple clear explanations.
- Report Scheduler / Alert is now built in to Excel as a dock-able panel available to all clients. This continues with the theme of a single workspace to work from.
 - Enhanced security and stability of the Alert tasks and Excel Workbooks by saving them to a centralised SQL Database, llowing users to share Tasks easily.
 - Ability to schedule the working workbook.
 - Continued support for scheduling Excel Workbook, Command line, Email, Alert Functions, DataLink Specific Product tasks.

IV. Additional / Migration & Setup Tools

- Migration tool will allow a simple migration of the current Q&A centralised database to the Evolve Centralised database. Migration will cover, Serialisation, Server Details, User names and User Profiles.
- Q&A Evolve Plugin Checker is a new utility which allows the user to check the status
 of the Evolve plugin within Excel to add and change load behaviours for that
 machine. The checker will support load and unload for Current and all users.
 In addition will validate and the Evolve Web service URL.
- Upgrade Q&A Excel 10 Reports to Q&A 11 will be available through an inbuilt Report Migration wizard to import Q&A 10 formulas to Evolve.

V. Technical Enhancements

- Patchable will be supported with Evolve to allow critical updates to be updated to the current Evolve server and Clients.
- Unicode support will give Evolve the support for Unicode Languages which was
 previously restricted in Q&A 10. User will be able to report and filter within Evolve
 with a Unicode database.
- Single Centralised DataLink Storage will be stored on the Evolve server, meaning that each client will no longer require the need to have a copy of the DataLink





- installed. Nor will a DataLink update be required on each client machine as previously with Q&A.
- Single Centralised Configuration Database has been created where previously Q&A
 users would have had their own Access database (LsAgEg10.mdb) to store personal
 and engine settings.
- Low Server and Client Footprint: By moving the majority of client-side objects to the server along with the removal of user profiles, the Evolve Client Installation is now reduced to 15mb instead of 200mb.
- Error Logging enhancements have been made on both the client and server side.
 Additional Log viewer tools are kept which allow the user to alter the log level required.
- End user warning messages have been drastically reduced and cleaned up to detail as much of the exact problem to the user. With additional information held in the client and server logs



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