



Infor Query & Analysis Evolve 1.1

Insight on demand

Knowing what direction to take is essential.

Whether it's acquiring new companies, launching new products, or finding new ways to beat the competition, 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® Query & Analysis 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.

By using these 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 Query & Analysis Evolve 1.1: The next generation of Infor's reporting tools

This document covers core elements and product enhancements available in Infor Query & Analysis Evolve 1.1.

Reporting

- Standard Infor SunSystems® Query & Analysis reporting functionality will continue to be the focus of Infor Evolve, providing the ability to continue creating reports using standard report tools, such as:

Infor Query & Analysis Evolve 1.1 has been engineered to speed data-driven decisions, information-to-insights, and insight-to-actions in real-time.

- Reference links
- Summary links
- Summary reports
- Detail reports
- Data send will be available for users of Infor SunSystems 4, 5, and 6
 - SunSystems 4 users will continue to create server side NDF files
 - SunSystems 5 and 6 users will have the ability to send data directly through to SSC and continue to support out to XML payloads.
- Recalculation of Infor Q & A formulas will continue to be controlled by Infor Evolve supporting range, worksheet, and workbook recalculations.

Reporting analysis features

Core elements of Infor Q & A Executive have been recreated in Infor Evolve to provide a complete single working area within Microsoft® Excel. These features include:

- **Drilldown to summary:** This feature, which previously created an additional drill window in Infor Executive, has now been recreated in Infor Evolve. Drilldown to summary provides an additional worksheet with the extracted data as summary level.
- **Drilldown to transactions:** This feature, which previously created an additional drill window in Infor Executive, has now been recreated in Infor Evolve. Drilldown to transactions provides an additional worksheet with the exacted detail level data.

- **Breakout a feature:** This feature, which was previously only available through Infor Executive, has now been recreated in Infor Evolve. Breakout a feature provides the user with the ability to breakout the summarized result set from both base and detail level, creating new highlighted worksheets with the associated data for the breakout.
- **Expand a feature:** This feature, which was previously only available through Infor Executive, has now been recreated in Infor Evolve. Expand a feature provides the user with the ability to expand the summarized result set from both the base and detail level, creating new highlighted worksheet with collapsible groups.
- **Drill path manager:** This feature finalizes the above features to allow full control of user drill paths within a dockable window in Excel. Incorporating the core features from Infor Executive gives the user the ability to:
 - Save and delete the current drill path.
 - Run a previous saved drill path.
 - Delete and rename child worksheets.
 - Use the interactive drill path manager to link the tree to the worksheets.

Product enhancements

- Calculation methods previously forced Excel to change to manual calculation; however, enhancements to Infor Evolve now allow Excel to work with an automatic calculation.
- Infor SunSystems 5 and 6 users no longer need to have Infor SunSystems User Manager installed on their clients.
- Setup and maintenance have been merged into one application called setup utility, which contains core elements to safely configure and setup Infor Evolve users.
- The setup utility is now centrally held on the Infor Evolve server and requires only a single configuration to provide connections to all users.
- The user interface has been improved and updated to the new Infor standards.
- Product help has been updated to reflect new product features that concentrate on carrying out asks with simple, clear explanations.
- A report scheduler/alert is now built into Excel as a dockable panel that is available to all clients. This continues with the theme of working from a single workspace.
- Tasks can be shared easily thanks to enhanced

security and improved stability of the alert tasks and Excel workbooks by saving them to a centralised SQL database.

- The workbook can be scheduled with continued support for scheduling the Excel workbook, command line, email, alert functions, and DataLink-specific product tasks.

Additional/migration and setup tools

- The migration tool allows a simple migration of the current Infor Q & A centralized database to the Evolve centralized database. Migration will cover serialization, server details, user names, and user profiles.
- Infor Q & A Evolve Plugin Checker is a new utility that allows the user to check the status of the Infor Evolve plugin within Excel to add and change load behaviors for that machine. The checker will support load and unload for current and all users.
- Infor Q & A Excel 10 reports to Infor Q & A 11, which will be available through an in-built report migration wizard to import Infor Q & A 10 formulas to Infor Evolve.

Technical enhancements

- Patchable will be supported with Infor Evolve to allow critical updates to be updated to the current Evolve server and its clients.
- Unicode support will give Infor Evolve support for unicode languages, which was previously restricted in Infor Q & A 10. Users will be able to report and filter within Infor Evolve with a unicode database.
- The Infor Evolve server will offer single centralized DataLink storage, which means that each client will no longer be required to install a copy of the DataLink. Nor will a DataLink update be required on each client machine as was previously required with Infor Q & A.
- Users now have access to a single centralized configuration database. Users no longer need to have their own access database (LsAgEg10.mdb) to store personal and engine settings.
- The Infor Evolve client installation now has a lower server and client footprint. Moving the majority of client side objects to the server and removing user profiles has reduced the installation from 200MB to 15MB .
- Error logging enhancements have been made on both the client and server side. Additional log viewer tools allow the user to alter the log level as required.
- End-user warning messages have been drastically reduced and cleaned up in order to share problem details with the user, including additional information held in the client and server logs.



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