



Datamart Connection

Survey Produces Good Results

In November, the Datamart Team conducted a User Profile survey with the hopes of gaining a better understanding of how people are using the Datamart, which query tools are being used, and for what purpose.

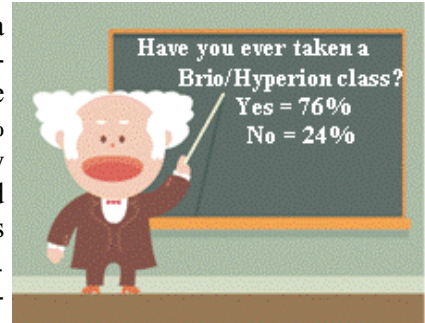
We are happy to report that 241 Datamart users from 40 different agencies responded to the survey. This represents more than 30% of all active Datamart users!

Here's what they told us:

What kinds of data do you query? Out of the

5 different data sources available in the Datamart, 88% of users query SFMA data and 55% access OSPS data. Several comments were

made indicating that users did not know that budget and personnel data were available through the Datamart. That could explain why the number of users accessing personnel or budget data is considerably smaller. Only 20% use ORBITS, 13% use PPDB and 12% use PICS. Additionally, 27% of users access only internal



programs and/or databases.

Which query tool do you use? For 61% of users, Brio/Hyperion is the query tool of choice, while 35% of users said they use Brio/Hyperion in conjunction with another query tool, such as Crystal or Access.

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Query Tool Project Update



January 21st marks the date for the Enterprise Reporting and Query Tool Project kickoff meeting. This is the first in a series of meetings and events that will take place over the next few months as we move

through the phases of the project. The kickoff meeting will be attended by members of the Agency Advisory Group. The Advisory Group is comprised of agency staff who have graciously volunteered to represent Datamart users on the Query Tool Project. There are 16

members representing 10 state agencies. (See page 3 for a listing of members.)

The first order of business will be to look at the current state, begin discussing the various options, where we want to be, and how we should proceed.

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Training Update

For several years, the State Library has been the primary training facility for the computer-based courses offered by DAS-HRSD (Human Resources Services Division).



In August 2008, HRSD received very short notice that the State Library would no longer be available to them for training. Early September marked the last Brio/Hyperion training course offered at the State Library.

HRSD has been making an all out attempt to secure a new training facility as quickly as possible. It has been decided that the new training facility will be located at the Veteran's Affairs building and should be ready for classes some time in May 2009. In the mean time, HRSD has been able to find alternative

training locations for some of their courses; however, the Brio/Hyperion courses have many security and technical issues that make it impractical to set up a temporary training site. We understand that the need for training is very important, so over the next few weeks the Datamart Team and HRSD will be working together to create an interim Brio/Hyperion training course that can be delivered to students without the technical support and environment that is necessary for the "regular" Brio/

Hyperion course. In addition, we will be updating our website with useful self-help resources and information to assist users until classes resume in the spring.

We will share more information about all of this in the next couple of weeks.

Tell us what training you need!
Training Survey
Coming Soon!

Survey

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There are 5% who indicated they don't use Brio/Hyperion at all, but rely on Crystal, Access or some other query tool.

How often do you use a query tool? Most of you are daily users (53%), while 41% use a query tool either weekly or monthly.

How much experience do you have using a query tool? Overall, Datamart users are seasoned veterans, with 40% having more than 5 years of experience and 63% using a query tool for at least 3 years.

Have you ever taken one of the Brio/Hyperion classes? 76% of respondents said they have taken a Brio/Hyperion course! That leaves 24% of users still in need.

Which best describes how you use a query tool? 7% of respondents said they use their query tools for research purposes only. However, the majority of respondents said they use their query tools for multiple purposes: 63% create reports for themselves and conduct research, while 76% create reports for

someone else and conduct research, too.

Which category best describes your position? Not surprisingly, the majority of Datamart users are either accounting professionals or fiscal analysts. Here's the line up:

- Accounting Professional 37%
- Fiscal Analyst 22%
- Accounting Technician 10%
- Supervisor/Manager 9%
- Other 8 %
- IT Professional 7%
- Operations & Policy Analyst 5%
- Executive Manager 3%

Should the Datamart be updated daily? It was no shock to see that 67% of respondents said yes!

Does the Datamart have the data you need ? 71% said the Datamart has the data they need "most of the time." 22% said the data they need was there "all of the time," and 7% said "some of the time."

We also received quite a few comments related to daily updates, additional data requests and more training

on the data. The Datamart Team will be addressing many of these comments in the coming weeks and months.

This was the Datamart Team's first attempt at creating a survey. We appreciate those of you who took the time to respond. You have given us a lot of good information that will be very useful as we work to determine an enterprise wide reporting and query tool solution.

Look for additional surveys in the future!

For more information, see "*Query Tool Project Update*" on page 1.

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There will be many things for the group to consider before creating the Mission Statement that will guide the planning and scope of this project.

We will report on the outcomes and decisions that the Agency Advisory Group makes in future issues of the *Datamart Connection*.

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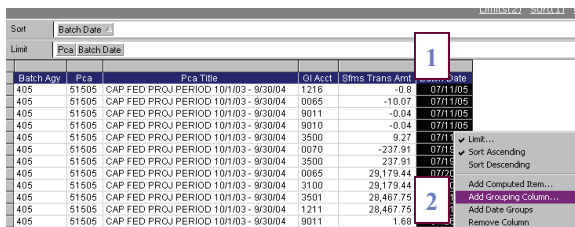
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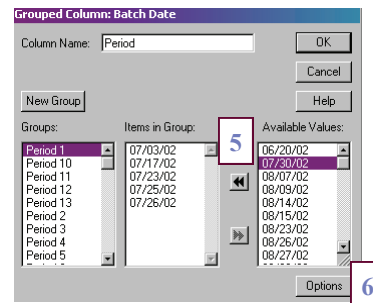
Tips and Tricks

Grouping Columns in the Results Section

- 1– Select the column you want to group on-Right click.
- 2– Select “Add Grouping Column”. The Grouped Column dialog box is presented, with the Base Column specified.

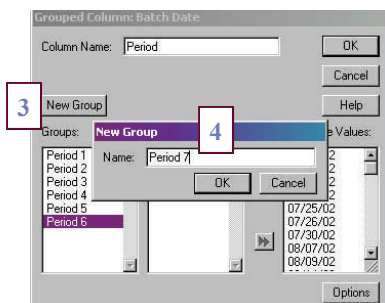


- 5– The Group Name is displayed in the Groups Column— Select the desired Group Items from the “Available Values” column and press the double-arrow key to move them. Continue with this process until you have all “Available Values” included in a Group.



- 3– Select the “New Group” button to display the “New Group” dialog box.

- 4– Enter a name for the Group—Select “OK”.



- 6– If desired, press the “Options” button to display the “Grouping Options for Ungrouped Columns” dialog box. Here you can define a Value (e.g. Null, Default “user-defined term” or Individual Group-value) to be used for unassigned Available Values.