



Merlin^{xl} Data Wizard

What is the Merlin^{xl} Data Wizard?

The Data Wizard is an Excel based utility designed to capture and submit data to Hyperion Financial Management (HFM).

Unlike conventional Excel solutions the Data Wizard does not use SmartView or mapping tables but instead applies a unique process to examine each data entry sheet and determine the data that needs to be extracted to Oracle HFM.

Data Wizard benefits include:

- No SmartView formulae
- Direct data load, calculate and promote from Excel
- No need to distribute via email
- Extensive validations to ensure only valid data is loaded
- Load as data or as a journal
- Audit trail of submitted data

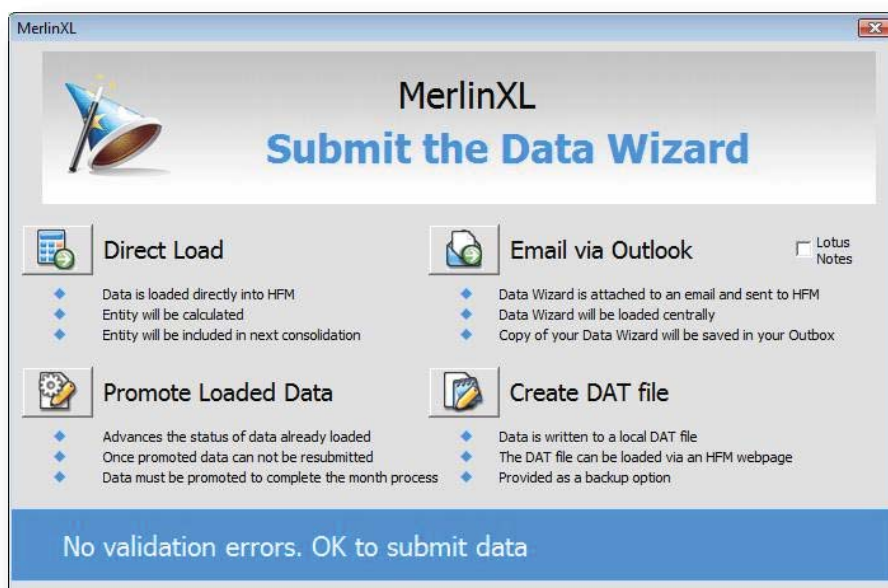
The Data Wizard is fully compatible with Excel 2003 and 2007 and with all versions of Oracle HFM.

What our customers say

"The Data Wizard is very popular with all our reporting businesses because it makes Oracle HFM data collection so much quicker and easier than the alternatives."

Being able to load data or journals from the same pack is such an invaluable feature."

**Group Consolidation Manager,
Wolseley plc**



Contact us

To arrange a demonstration or discuss how the Merlin^{xl} Data Wizard can dramatically improve your data and journal entry to Oracle HFM, call us on: 0845 625 5777 or email us at: contactus@amosca.co.uk



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Load as data or as a journal

- Data can be extracted to a DAT or JLF file depending on whether the user wishes to load the data as base data or as a journal.
- Only one Data Wizard pack template needs to be built per HFM application for all data loading requirements - reducing the maintenance overhead and improving consistency.

Direct data load via the Merlin^{xl} webservice

- The Data Wizard will load the DAT or JLF file directly to HFM from the client PC using the Merlin^{xl} webservice.
- Optionally the user can trigger an entity calculation, promotion, or even a consolidation should they have sufficient security access.

Validations

- The data input sheets will have a comprehensive set of validation formulae that emulate the HFM validation rules.
- The user will have confidence that if all the validations in the Data Wizard pass, then their data submission will validate in HFM. Because it is Excel, validation formulae instantly update as data is entered.

Intercompany

- Ability to download the latest ICP dimension from HFM and present it in a tree view format from which the user can select the ICP counterparty.

Linking to source files

- Optionally the Data Wizard can be linked to source spreadsheets, or a separate ImportPack can be used as an intermediary step.

Downloading

- Data Wizards can be downloaded to a users PC using the Merlin^{xl} webservice removing the need to email out spreadsheets.

Maintainability

- The Data Wizard allows the data capture and loading process to be highly customised.
- The Data Wizard uses VBA (Visual Basic for Applications) and the Merlin^{xl} webservice to achieve the interaction with HFM. However once the Data Wizard has been built the VBA code should not need to change and all the maintenance going forward should be done using only native Excel.

