

Testimonial the Financial Systems Administrator for the City of Corvallis, Oregon provided to Sungard PS Users' Group (currently Superion).

The following is an excerpt from an email sent to a user group of public sector software:

"Initially, we had 4 primary goals for this report management project:

- 1) Decrease the amount of trees being killed by replacing hardcopy with PDF's.
- 2) Ability to download spooled files to Excel, stripping out sub-totals, description lines, etc for better/easier evaluation.
- 3) Ability to split spooled files, most commonly by Dept, to allow them to be more easily distributed, with less paper waste.
- 4) Better way to archive spooled files and perhaps reduce the "dead wood" on the AS400 from the users that want to keep everything.

My Budget Accountants and I looked at several approaches. Their primary focus was on the Excel portion.

First of all, the installation and setup of the SpoolFlex software took about 30 minutes over the phone. At the end of the 30 minutes, I was emailing spooled files converted to PDF's all over the place. I had been assigned a project to automate the monthly distribution of Payroll Accrual Registers to a long and varied list of users and managers and to deliver to them only the portion of the report that pertained to their workgroups. Therefore, I used that project as a basis for evaluation. The next day the project was a done deal.

DRV's technical support was able to help our Accountants with the Excel conversion tool and they felt it would be able to accomplish everything they needed.

Once implemented, I didn't need to touch SpoolFlex for several months, and then had a need for some additional automated spooled file management. Our Phase 3 milestone was to allow spooled files to be written directly to network file shares. The instructions were good and after just a couple hours I had that up and running too.

Let me state for the record that I tend to be a very independent sort and try not to call Tech Support unless absolutely necessary. This can be counter-productive, but I find it to be the best way for me to learn. DRV's documentation is full of examples and the few times I've called for help they've provided excellent assistance.

There are alternatives out there (as I'm sure you're aware), but in our case we definitely got our money's worth with SpoolFlex."

Customer Profile

Financial Systems Administration,
Corvallis, Oregon

Existing Technology

County employees use PCs running Microsoft Windows® to access Sungard HTE financial software running on an IBM AS/400® platform.

Objective

Automate the monthly distribution of Payroll Accrual Registers.
Archive files to network file shares.

Solution

SpoolFlex™ by DRV Technologies

Benefits

Converts reports to PDF, Excel, HTML, and Word.
Distributes reports to file servers or via email.
Bursts a report into separate reports or combines multiple reports into one.
No programming required.
Very affordable (ROI: pays for itself in paper savings alone).

Cost

Less than \$5,600

