XA "Price Object Updates" via Excel and System-Link

The problem: Pricing in XA can be complex and time-consuming to update. How can you quickly and efficiently update pricing for these COM Price Objects at very little cost?

- Item Revision Base Price
- Item Revision Foreign Price
- Customer Contracts
- Customer Contract Line Items
- Price Book (view only)
- Price Book Base Price
- Discount Markup Amount
- Discount Markup Percent
- Quantity Price Break Amount
- Quantity Price Break Percent
- Customer Item Discount

And how do you get this done with all the appropriate edit-checking via System-Link?

The answer: XA "Price Object Updates" via Excel and System-Link

The application called "Price Object Updates" allows users to quickly and efficiently update COM pricing objects in Excel and then upload them to the appropriate XA files, saving days of time.

A user first downloads existing XA pricing objects (data) into Excel with all of the Subsets and Sorts available to the user in Power-Link, which utilizes XA security. Once the data is in Excel, the new pricing (including price effective dates) can be calculated by taking advantage of the features that make Excel so powerful—like formulas, VLOOKUP, or drag/drop. Then the data is uploaded back to XA at the click of a button. Full XA security, business logic, and user-defined modifications made in Enterprise Integrator are utilized when processing the updates via System-Link.

The spreadsheet can be used across multiple environments on multiple iSeries systems (one production and one test environment on one system are standard in the system). The spreadsheet code uses object-oriented programming methods to efficiently pass data to and from Infor XA by using web services published as Deployment Profiles in Enterprise Integrator, and/or direct System-Link commands. The Deployment Profiles can also be secured beyond that of the XA Business Objects, limiting the functionality that is exposed and controlling user account access. Many transactions that are not published to Deployment Profiles require direct calls to System-Link, which still utilize XA security on the business object.

Summary

The system provides an installation program that starts the Price Object update/upload process. Some technical assistance and training is required. Additional programming or consulting time may be needed if you have customized your pricing/discount objects (Powerlink screens) or if you wish to tailor them further based on specific criteria. However, the standard XA pricing objects that are included offer a lot of options.

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