

OPX XL Control

Transform your digital operations with OPX



Overview

OPX XL Control was created to provide auditability and rigor around Microsoft Excel™. Traditionally Excel models are end-user developed models with less rigor than would be found in IT-developed solutions.

While this is invariably the case, the IT-developed solutions lack the ability for rapid change and analysis, often taking weeks to create the models which can be created in Excel in just a few hours. XL Control allows you to have the best of both worlds.

Development Lifecycle Rigor

Development lifecycles normally have phases for:

- requirements
- design
- development
- testing and
- deployment to production

In OPX XL Control you can have the same. Every OPX XL Control spreadsheet is held in a secure and auditable central database providing version control and development lifecycle status checks. Any spreadsheet can be in one or more of these development stages and not ready for production.

Documentation

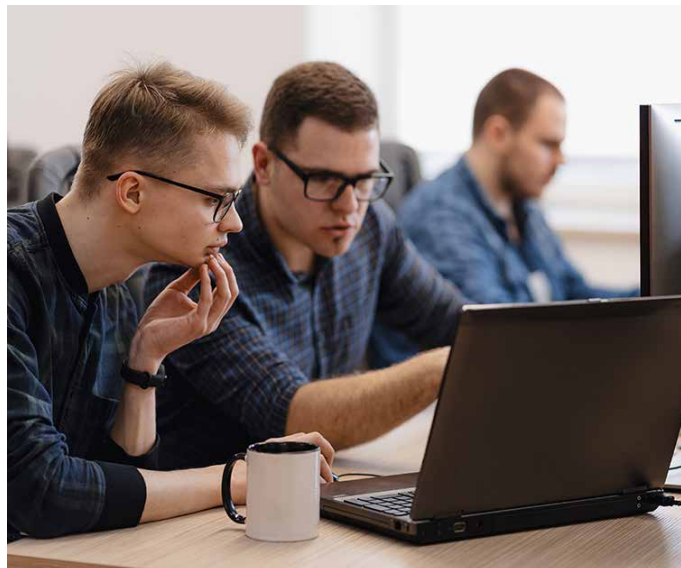
OPX XL Control provides a solution for recording documentation with each of your development lifecycle stages such as documents on requirements, design notes, test plans and test results. All are held securely in the repository.

Documents associated with the models are loaded and unloaded from the repository in a similar mechanism to the models and therefore also have all the permission and audit capability and reporting capability.

Auditability

When the model(s) are ready to be released after having been documented and tested (consider OPX XL Test Manager for an automated testing tool), they are held and maintained in a secure repository. This allows for tracking and reporting on the entire history of the model from cradle to grave, including:

- who did what to the model
- when did they do it
- at range or cell level



Inventory Services

An organisation often has hundreds or thousands of spreadsheets, each of which is critical to the organisation. In order to manage these spreadsheets, OPX XL Control allows the creation of directory trees such as the following:

- company specific
- organisational hierarchies
- committee structures
- program and project structures

Spreadsheet models can be associated with these. This, added to the search capabilities, allows for easy finding and categorisation of your model inventory.

Security

While Excel has inbuilt security, this is further enhanced in OPX XL Control. OPX XL Control allows security by role and workgroup (linked to active directory if desirable) to be defined at various levels including:

- workbook
- worksheet
- cell range and cell

Reporting

Reporting on the models in the repository is done in real-time online, directly from within Excel. However, you can also optionally use Microsoft Reporting Services on top of the database to deliver customised reports.

For further information please contact us.

