



## Great Turnout for Annual Survey

In November 2010, the Datamart Team conducted a user survey to gain more information about how the Datamart is used. This survey continued a process began in 2008 to periodically solicit feedback from users. The Datamart team is always looking for ways to improve functionality, particularly in these lean times.

We are happy to report that 356 users from 46 different agencies responded. This represents approximately half of all active Datamart users!

Here's what you told us:

### How much experience do you have in accessing information

**from the Datamart?** Overall, Datamart users are seasoned veterans, with 52% of respondents having more than 5 years of experience and 74% with at least 3 years' of experience.

**What kinds of data do you query?** Out of the 5 different data sources available in the Datamart, 89% of respondents query SFMA data and 55% access OSPA 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 17% of users responding to the survey use ORBITS and 7% use Other data.

**Which query tool do you use to access the Datamart?** For 94% of the survey group, Brio/Hyperion is the query tool of choice, while 9% use Microsoft Access and 9% use Microsoft Excel. Five percent indicated they use other programs, such as Crystal Reports, to access the Datamart.

**Which category best describes your position?** Not surprisingly, the majority of Datamart users are either ac-

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## New Software Available for Querying Datamart —Welcome IR Studio



June 2010 marked the purchase date of an enterprise license for the Oracle Hyperion Interactive Reporting (IR) Studio application. This was the first step in bringing the State of Oregon up to speed with the latest version

of this highly flexible query tool.

The enterprise license provides the state with many benefits and helps prepare us for the future.

- It allows for the statewide upgrade of all legacy desktop versions of Brio/Hyperion to the most cur-

rent product.

- It allows unlimited user access provided through a single statewide license; agencies no longer need to purchase additional software or pay extra license fees for new users.
- Agencies will no longer receive and pay separate an-

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nual Brio/Hyperion maintenance invoices for each of their desktop licenses. Instead, DAS-SCD will pay all support/maintenance on behalf of the State of Oregon through one central annual invoice.

Some agencies have reported that they are still receiving separate bills for annual support of their legacy desktop versions of Brio/Hyperion. **Do not pay these invoices.** Oracle has worked to ensure that all legacy licenses have been rolled into the single statewide license, but this is a major task and some may have been missed.

- Another benefit is that the state's financial community can continue to use the estimated 50,000 .bqy files that currently exist – users do not have to rebuild their queries.
- The current Brio/Hyperion infrastructure is maintained, thereby reducing the costs to implement IR Studio.
- From an end user perspective, IR Studio functions the same as legacy Brio/Hyperion versions, so no additional training is necessary.
- IR Studio comes with increased technological compatibility – Linux, AJAX, XML, .NET, SOAP, J2EE,

WSDL, 64 bit support, and Windows 7.

- IR Studio provides the potential for future expansion as a statewide web-based application with additional audit capabilities.

The Datamart team has created a website to provide agencies with everything they need to migrate to IR Studio Version 11 :

<http://dasapp.oregon.gov/datamart/>

If you have any questions or comments, please contact:

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# Survey

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counting professionals or fiscal analysts. Here's the line up:

- Accounting professional 33%
- Fiscal analyst 25%
- Accounting technician 10%
- Supervisor/manager 11%
- Operations & policy analyst 6%
- Auditor 5%
- IT professional 5%
- Other 5%
- Executive manager 1%

**What Version of Brio/Hyperion do you currently have installed on your computer?**

- Version 5 - 3%
- Version 6 - 16%
- Version 8 - 52%
- Version 9 - 2%
- Version 11 - 20%

With SCD's purchase of an enterprise license for Oracle Hyperion Interactive Reporting Studio, the Datamart team urges agencies to move ahead with implementation of Version 11 . This is critical because IR Studio is the only Hyperion application that is

Windows 7 compatible.

**Is your agency supplying users with the newest Interactive Reporting Studio (latest version of Brio/Hyperion)?**

Only 37% said 'Yes' while 50% said 'Don't Know'. We encourage all users to get the word out to everyone.

**When using Hyperion what would help you do your job better?**

Approximately 47% answered 'Training' and 51% indicated 'Cheat Sheets'.

**If the SFMA Datamart was only updated once a month instead of once a week, how would this impact your ability to complete your job duties?**

Nearly 65% of respondents replied it would be a 'Moderate' to 'Extreme' impact.

**How often do you obtain data from the Datamart?**

- 36% Daily
- 27% Weekly
- 15% 1-4 times a month
- 9% Monthly
- 3% Quarterly

- 10% Other

We received a number of comments related to altering the SFMA load schedule as well as requests for more training. The Datamart Team will address many of these comments in the coming weeks and months.

We appreciate that so many Datamart users took the time to respond to our survey and we encourage all of you to participate in future surveys because you can make a difference!

