

Macro 101

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1- What is a macro?

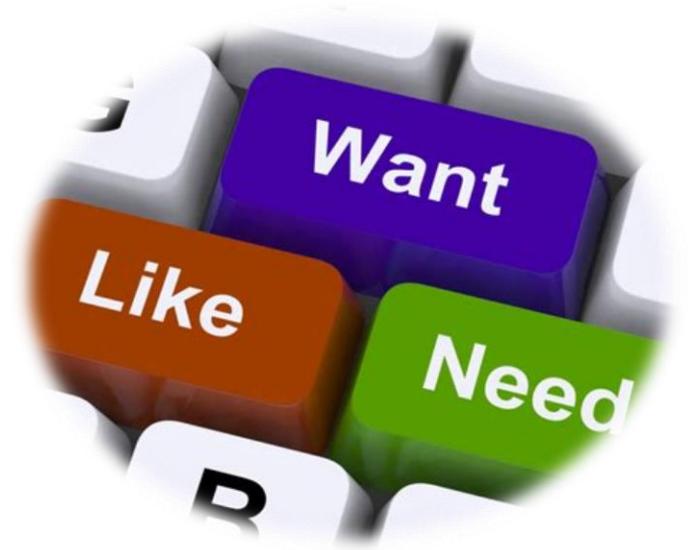
- A macro is a set of Visual Basic Commands that link an Excel spreadsheet to R*STARS.



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2- When does an agency need it? And Why?

- It is a time saver.
- It has the power to get through large number of transaction batches in a short amount of time.



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3- Who can use a macro?

- Any authorized R*STARS users.
- Activities are controlled by their assigned user classes.



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4- When can macros be used?

- Any time during R*STARS normal operating hours:
 - 6:00 am – 6:00 pm Monday through Saturday.



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- 5- What is the process to create a new macro or repair a broken macro?
- Because each macro is customized for a specific task and emulator, it would need close collaboration between the agency and the SFMS team.

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- 7- Who should the agency contact?
- Agency SFMS analyst and Michael Lacy

Macro Survey Results

1- Does your agency currently use macros?

– Yes = 25

– No = 11

Macro Survey Results

2- If yes, how are you using them?

– Has your agency used them in the past and/or have macro templates that were previously built?

- Yes = 27
- No = 8

Macro Survey Results

3- Are you using the macros in Microsoft Excel or Microsoft Access and what emulator do you use to access R*STARS?

Spreadsheet	
Excel	21
Access	0
Excel & Access	4
N/A	7

Macro Survey Results

Emulator	
Attachmate Reflections	1
Blue Zone MF	1
DASWHS GN-DAS web	1
Host Explorer	2
→ Hummingbird	9
IBM	1
→ Passport	3
Rocket Blue	1
x3270	2

Macro Survey Results

4- How long have you been using them, in years:

– 0-1 years = 3

– 1-3 years = 2

– 3-7 years = 7

– 7+ years = 7

Macro Survey Results

5- If you are not currently using Macros, are you interested or have a need to learn about them?

- A. Yes
- B. No

