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## *Spreadsheet Add-in User's Guide for Excel*



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## Purpose

This guide provides all the information that you need to use Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in for Microsoft Excel. It explains the features and options and discusses the concepts, processes, procedures, formats, tasks, and examples that you need to use the software.

Hyperion Essbase is an online analytical processing (OLAP) solution that satisfies the complex calculation requirements of financial, accounting, and marketing professionals. Hyperion Essbase operates in a client-server computing environment on a local area network (LAN). In this environment, multiple users can use their desktop computers to retrieve and analyze centralized data.

You can create reports from the data residing on Hyperion Essbase OLAP Server in several ways:

- Generate database reports through a spreadsheet interface, called Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in, as explained in this guide.
- Use Hyperion Essbase Application Manager Report Writer to create a report script and run a report. For more information, see the *Hyperion Essbase Database Administrator's Guide*.
- Use Hyperion Essbase Application Programming Interface (API) to create and run database reports. For more information, see the Hyperion Essbase online *API Reference* in the `DOCS` directory.
- Use reporting tools, such as Hyperion Reporting for Hyperion Essbase.

## Audience

This guide is for Hyperion Essbase end users who are responsible for some or all of the following tasks:

- Starting Hyperion Essbase and connecting and disconnecting from Hyperion Essbase databases
- Retrieving data from a database into a worksheet
- Drilling down, drilling up, and navigating through a worksheet to analyze and arrange data from multiple viewpoints
- Working with linked reporting objects and linked partitions
- Updating data on the Hyperion Essbase server
- Using the worksheet to load and calculate data in the database
- Creating multiple sheets from data
- Working with currency conversions

## Document Structure

The main sections of this guide are structured as tutorials that take you step-by-step through basic and advanced tasks in Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in. This document contains the following information:

- [“Introducing Release 6.1” on page xv](#) provides information on migrating from previous versions of Hyperion Essbase to Release 6.1 and lists all new features and enhancements.
- [Chapter 1, “Introducing Hyperion Essbase,”](#) introduces you to basic concepts of retrieving and manipulating data through the spreadsheet interface.
- [Chapter 2, “A Basic Hyperion Essbase Tutorial,”](#) provides a step-by-step tutorial of basic data navigation, ad hoc retrieval, and reporting techniques.
- [Chapter 3, “An Advanced Hyperion Essbase Tutorial,”](#) describes advanced reporting and retrieval techniques for users that need special reports or formatted data views.



- Chapter 4, “Using Hyperion Integration Server Drill-Through,” provides a brief overview of the Hyperion Integration Server Drill-Through product.
- The [Index](#) contains a list of terms and their page numbers. Select or look up an index entry to view the page to which the entry refers.

**Note:** The Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help provides a comprehensive section on Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Toolkit. This section enables you to customize and automate your use of Hyperion Essbase by using Excel macros and Visual Basic for Applications (VBA) functions. For more information on the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help, see “[Accessing Online Help](#)” on page 37.

The *Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in User’s Guide for Excel* is provided in the `\Hyperion\Essbase\docs\client` directory in .pdf format for online viewing and printing in Adobe® Acrobat Reader® (Release 3.0.1 or higher). The .pdf file is named `Essexcel.pdf`. You can download Adobe Acrobat Reader from the Hyperion Essbase CD-ROM or from <http://www.adobe.com>. On the Hyperion Essbase CD-ROM, the Acrobat Reader executable file is located in the Adobe directory under the appropriate platform and language-version subdirectories. To install Adobe Acrobat Reader, launch the executable file, follow the prompts, and provide the information requested.

## Sample Databases and Files

This book provides tutorial steps that are based on sample databases and files that are provided with the Hyperion Essbase server software. You use the Sample Basic database for most tasks in [Chapter 2](#) and [Chapter 3](#). You use a sample Hyperion Essbase Currency Conversion application for the section on currency conversion. See [Chapter 3](#), “An Advanced Hyperion Essbase Tutorial.” For information on the Sample Basic database, see [Chapter 2](#), “A Basic Hyperion Essbase Tutorial.”

In addition to these sample applications and databases, you also use several sample Excel files in the advanced tutorial in [Chapter 3](#). The individual at your organization who installs the server is responsible for making these applications, databases, and files available to you. Contact the Hyperion Essbase system administrator for more information.

## Related Documentation

When you licensed Hyperion Essbase, you received the following printed documentation:

- The *Hyperion Essbase Installation Guide*, which shows you how to install and configure the Hyperion Essbase server, Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in, Hyperion Essbase Application Manager, Hyperion Essbase SQL Interface, Hyperion Essbase API, Runtime Client, and sample applications.
- The *Hyperion Essbase Start Here* booklet, which provides late-breaking installation and migration information for this release of Hyperion Essbase.
- The *Hyperion Essbase New Features* booklet, which describes the new features that have been added for this release of Hyperion Essbase.

In addition to the printed documentation and this *Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in User's Guide for Excel*, you have access to the following online documentation:

- The *Hyperion Essbase Documentation Roadmap*, which lists all the Hyperion Essbase documentation and tells you how to access the online information.
- The *Hyperion Essbase Quick Path Card (QPC)*, which provides an overview of the tasks involved in creating, using, and maintaining Hyperion Essbase databases.
- The online *Hyperion Essbase Database Administrator's Guide* in the DOCS directory, which explains the architecture of Hyperion Essbase, how to design databases, how to design calculations, how to set up Hyperion Essbase security, how the database is stored, and how to optimize Hyperion Essbase.
- The Hyperion Essbase Application Manager online help file, which explains how to use the Application Manager user interface.
- The *Hyperion Essbase Quick Technical Reference*, which provides syntax for Hyperion Essbase functions, calculation commands, report commands, ESSCMD commands, and configuration file (.CFG file) settings.
- The online *Technical Reference* in the DOCS directory, which lists and describes Hyperion Essbase functions, calculation commands, report commands, ESSCMD commands, and configuration file (.CFG file) settings.

- The *Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in User's Guide for 1-2-3*, which explains how to use Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in features with Lotus 1-2-3 for Windows. This guide is provided in the \Hyperion\Essbase\docs\client directory in .PDF format for online viewing and printing in Adobe Acrobat Reader (Version 3.0.1 or later). Adobe Acrobat Reader is provided on the Hyperion Essbase CD-ROM, and can also be downloaded from <http://www.adobe.com>.
- The Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help files, which explain how to use Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in, and provide all the spreadsheet macros and VBA functions.
- The online *API Reference* in the DOCS directory, which lists and describes programmatic functions available through the Hyperion Essbase API, and provides information to help you start programming with these functions.
- The *Hyperion Essbase SQL Interface Guide*, which contains information on how to set up systems to load data by means of Hyperion Essbase SQL Interface. This guide is provided in the \Hyperion\Essbase\docs\client directory in .PDF format for online viewing and printing in Adobe Acrobat Reader (Version 3.0.1 or later). Adobe Acrobat Reader is provided on the Hyperion Essbase CD-ROM, and can also be downloaded from <http://www.adobe.com>.

## Online Help

To access online help, click the Help button in any Hyperion Essbase dialog box or select Essbase Help from the Excel Help menu.

To print an online help topic, display the topic and select File > Print, or right-click and select Print from the pop-up menu.

To access HTML documentation, from the Start menu, select Programs > Hyperion Solutions > Hyperion Essbase 6.1 > OLAP Server Documentation.

**Note:** You must have first installed HTML documentation to access it.

## Online Guides

Online guides are electronic versions of printed documentation.

To display an online guide, start Adobe Acrobat Reader, and then open one of the Hyperion Essbase .pdf files located in your \Hyperion\Essbase\docs\client directory.

## Conventions

The following table shows the conventions that are used in this document:

*Table i: Conventions Used in This Document*


<b>Item</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
	Arrows indicate the beginning of a procedure, which consists of one or more sequential steps.
Brackets []	In examples, brackets indicates that the enclosed elements are optional.
<b>Bold</b>	Bold text indicates words or characters that you type exactly as they appear on the page. Bold in procedural steps highlight major interface elements.
CAPITAL LETTERS	Capital letters denote commands and various IDs. (Example: CLEARBLOCK command)
Example text	Courier font indicates that the material shown is a code or syntax example.
Ctrl + 0	Keystroke combinations shown with the plus symbol (+) indicate that you should press the first key and hold it while you press the next key. Do not type the + symbol.
<i>Courier italics</i>	Courier italic text indicates a variable field in command syntax. Substitute a value in place of the variable shown in Courier italics.
<i>Italics</i>	Italics in a product-related term in the body of a book indicates that the term is included in the glossary of the book.

Table i: Conventions Used in This Document (Continued)

Item	Meaning
Ellipses (...)	Ellipsis points indicate that text has been omitted from an example.
Mouse orientation	This document provides examples and procedures using a right-handed mouse. If you are using a left-handed mouse, adjust the procedures accordingly.
Menu options	Options in menus are shown in the following format: <i>Menu name &gt; Menu command &gt; Extended menu command</i> For example: File > Desktop > Accounts
<i>n, x</i>	The variable <i>n</i> indicates that you must supply a generic number; the variable <i>x</i> indicates that you must supply a generic letter.

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# Introducing Release 6.1

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This chapter provides compatibility information for Hyperion Essbase Release 6.1 and previous releases of Hyperion Essbase, including migration information and new feature descriptions and enhancements. It contains the following sections:

- [“Migrating to Release 6.1” on page xv](#)
- [“What’s New in Release 6.1” on page xvi](#)

## Migrating to Release 6.1

As you migrate (upgrade) from previous releases of Hyperion Essbase to Release 6.1, keep in mind that Release 6.1 of Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in is designed to work with Release 6.1 of Hyperion Essbase OLAP Server. If the Hyperion Essbase system administrator upgrades the Hyperion Essbase server to Release 6.1, Release 5.x of Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in works on only a limited basis. Upgrade to Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in to Release 6.1 as soon as possible.

Read the *Hyperion Essbase Start Here* booklet and the *Hyperion Essbase Installation Guide* for detailed information about migrating from previous releases of Hyperion Essbase.

## What's New in Release 6.1

A new client platform, Lotus 1-2-3 Millennium Release 9.5, is now supported along with Lotus 1-2-3 Millennium Release 9.1 and Microsoft Excel 97 and 2000.

The Hyperion Integration Server Drill-Through feature now supports databases created with Hyperion Integration Server 2.0.



# Introducing Hyperion Essbase

Hyperion Essbase is multidimensional database software that is optimized for planning, analysis, and management reporting applications. Hyperion Essbase uniquely blends an innovative technical design with an open, client-server architecture. Hyperion Essbase enables you to extend your decision support systems beyond ad hoc queries and reports on historical performance to dynamic, operational systems that combine historical analysis and future planning. By consolidating and staging historical and projected data for detailed analysis, you gain perspectives about your business that enable you to take appropriate actions.

Hyperion Essbase provides both power and flexibility. Thus, it can be used for a broad range of online analytical processing (OLAP) applications including the following:

- Budgeting
- Forecasting and seasonal planning
- Financial consolidations and reporting
- Customer and product profitability analysis
- Price, volume, and mix analysis
- Executive information systems (EIS)

Hyperion Essbase enables you and others in your organization to share, access, update, and analyze enterprise data from any perspective and at any level of detail without learning new tools, query languages, or programming skills.

## Typical Users of Hyperion Essbase

Hyperion Essbase is designed for use in many different applications. Financial analysts have found Hyperion Essbase to be invaluable in budget analysis, currency conversion, and consolidation. Cost accountants apply the powerful capabilities of Hyperion Essbase to evaluate allocation and elimination scenarios. Product managers and analysts use Hyperion Essbase to plan and analyze multiple product lines and distribution channels. Hyperion Essbase can also be used as a repository database for spreadsheet data. Anyone who uses a spreadsheet is a potential user of Hyperion Essbase.

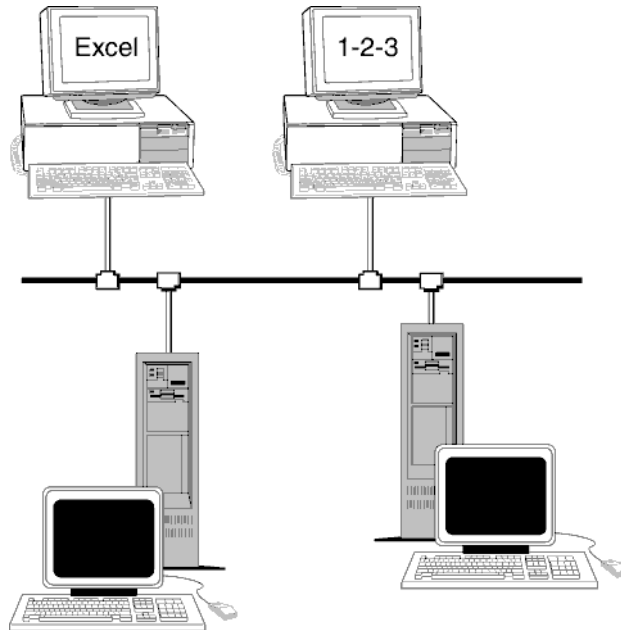
Because Hyperion Essbase is applicable to such a broad variety of environments, individuals using it at your organization may fill one or more roles in implementing and running applications. This guide refers to specific roles by three titles. However, in actuality, a role may be performed by one person or by several people working collaboratively.

- *Hyperion Essbase system administrator.* The Hyperion Essbase system administrator typically has experience in networking, installing software packages, and administering system functions. In addition to installing the Hyperion Essbase software, the Hyperion Essbase system administrator may also set up Hyperion Essbase user accounts, set up the security system, and maintain Hyperion Essbase OLAP Server.
- *Application designer.* The application designer sets up the Hyperion Essbase database, creates the database outline, and develops calculation and report scripts. The responsibilities of the Hyperion Essbase system administrator and the application designer may overlap in some areas. The application designer has probably developed spreadsheet or database applications and understands the operational problems and the tools being employed to solve them.
- *User.* The user interacts with Hyperion Essbase databases through spreadsheets, using Microsoft Excel for Windows or Lotus 1-2-3. Users are typically analysts and managers who use spreadsheet programs as their primary tool for viewing and analyzing data.

# Components of the Client-Server Environment

Client-server computing refers to the architecture in which individual PC workstations are connected to a powerful server by means of a local area network (LAN). The PC workstation acts as a client by requesting data from the server. The server processes the request and returns the desired result to the client.

Hyperion Essbase is built as a client-server system. System performance and multiuser capabilities are greatly enhanced in the Hyperion Essbase client-server environment. [Figure 1](#) illustrates the Hyperion Essbase components and their relationships.



*Figure 1: Hyperion Essbase Components*

## The Server

Hyperion Essbase OLAP Server is a multidimensional database that supports analysis of an unlimited number of data dimensions and an unlimited number of members within these dimensions. Developed using a true client-server architecture, all data, the database outline, the calculations, and the data security controls reside on the Hyperion Essbase server.

The Hyperion Essbase server operates on Windows 95, Windows 98, Windows NT, and UNIX operating systems.

## Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in

Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in is a software program that merges seamlessly with Microsoft Excel and Lotus 1-2-3. After Hyperion Essbase is installed, a special menu is added to Excel and The menu provides enhanced commands such as Connect, Pivot, Drill-down, and Calculate. Users can access and analyze data on the Hyperion Essbase server by using simple mouse clicks and drag-and-drop operations. Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in enables multiple users to access and update data on the Hyperion Essbase server simultaneously.

## The Network

Hyperion Essbase runs on PC-based LANs that support the Named Pipes or TCP/IP protocol.

**Note:** Supported network environments and technical requirements are discussed in detail in the *Hyperion Essbase Installation Guide*, which is included with the Hyperion Essbase OLAP Server package.

# Hyperion Essbase Application Products

Several optional products, designed to extend and enhance the scope of OLAP applications, can be addressed using the Hyperion Essbase server. The following sections describe these products.

## Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Toolkit

Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Toolkit includes over 20 macro and Visual Basic for Applications (VBA) functions that enable you to build customized Microsoft Excel and Lotus 1-2-3 applications. The applications incorporate Hyperion Essbase commands. Commands such as EssCascade, EssConnect, and EssDisconnect provide all of the functionality of their corresponding Hyperion Essbase menu commands. For more information, see the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help.

## Hyperion Essbase Partitioning Option

Hyperion Essbase Partitioning option enables you to define areas of data that are shared or linked between data models. Partitioning can affect the performance and scalability of Hyperion Essbase applications. Partitioning provides more effective response to organizational demands, reduced calculation time, increased reliability and availability, and incorporation of detail and dimensionality. For more information, see [“Accessing Linked Partitions” on page 202](#).

## Hyperion Essbase Structured Query Language Interface

Hyperion Essbase SQL Interface enables access to PC and structured query language (SQL) relational databases by making the Hyperion Essbase server operate as an open database connectivity client. Using Hyperion Essbase SQL Interface, data can be moved easily from these diverse corporate data sources into the Hyperion Essbase server for user access and analysis. For more information, see the *Hyperion Essbase SQL Interface Guide*.

## Hyperion Essbase Application Programming Interface

Hyperion Essbase Application Programming Interface (API) enables application developers to create custom applications quickly by using standard tools while taking advantage of the robust data storage, retrieval, and manipulation capabilities of Hyperion Essbase. Hyperion Essbase API supports Visual Basic and C. For more information, see the online *API Reference* in the `DOCS` directory.

## Hyperion Essbase Currency Conversion

Hyperion Essbase Currency Conversion translates, analyzes, and reports on foreign financial data. Any exchange rate scenario can be modeled, and you can even perform ad hoc currency conversions of data directly from the spreadsheet. The Currency Conversion product is compliant with Financial Accounting Standards Board 52 (FASB52). For more information, see [“Working with Currency Conversions” on page 217](#).

## Hyperion Integration Server

Hyperion Integration Server works with Hyperion Essbase, Microsoft Excel, and Lotus 1-2-3. Hyperion Integration Server is a suite of tools and data integration services that serve as a bridge between relational data sources and Hyperion Essbase OLAP Server. Hyperion Integration Server Drill-Through is one of the tools of Hyperion Integration Server. Using Drill-Through, you can view and customize spreadsheet reports that display data retrieved from relational databases. For more information, see [Chapter 4, “Using Hyperion Integration Server Drill-Through.”](#)

## Hyperion Objects

Hyperion Objects are ActiveX controls that enable you to build application programs quickly and easily to access and manipulate data residing in Hyperion Essbase servers. You can combine objects with other controls in a visual design environment to construct new programs.

# The Multidimensional Database

The Hyperion Essbase multidimensional database stores and organizes data. It is optimized to handle applications that have large amounts of numeric data and are consolidation-intensive or computation-intensive. In addition, the database organizes data in a way that reflects how the user wants to view the data.

## Definition of Multidimensional

A *dimension* is a perspective or view of a specific dataset. A different view of the same data is an *alternate dimension*. A system that supports simultaneous, alternate views of datasets is *multidimensional*. Dimensions are typically categories such as time, accounts, product lines, markets, budgets, and so on (see [Figure 3](#)). Each dimension contains additional categories that have various relationships one to another.

In contrast to the multidimensional view, worksheets stores data in two dimensions, usually time and accounts, as follows:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2	Sales	1212	1421	1354	1178	1254	1465
3	COGS	345	392	387	321	320	401
4	Margin	867	1029	967	857	934	1064
5							
6	Marketing	46	24	95	11	56	5
7	Freight	21	71	93	23	88	21
8	Discounts	2	24	52	14	53	59
9	Total Expenses	69	119	240	48	197	85
10							
11	Gross Profit	798	910	727	809	737	979
12							
13							

Figure 2: Two-Dimensional Representations of Data in a Worksheet

A Hyperion Essbase application contains an unlimited number of dimensions, so you can analyze large amounts of data from multiple viewpoints. The following illustration shows four views of multidimensional data. You can retrieve and analyze the data with the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in software:

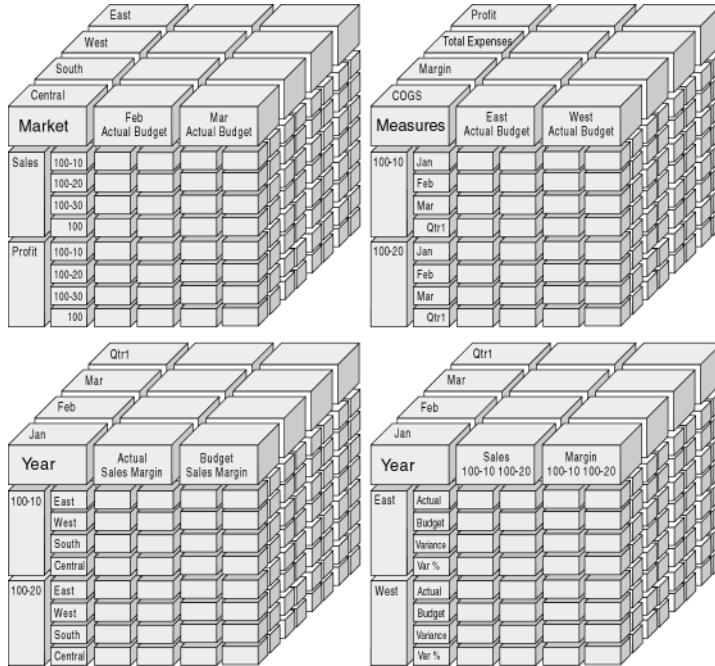


Figure 3: Multiple Views from a Five-Dimensional Database



# Database Outlines

Understanding the *database outline* is the key to understanding Hyperion Essbase. To define a multidimensional database, you design its database outline. The database outline contains the database organization (structure), the database members, and the database rules, as shown in [Figure 4](#):

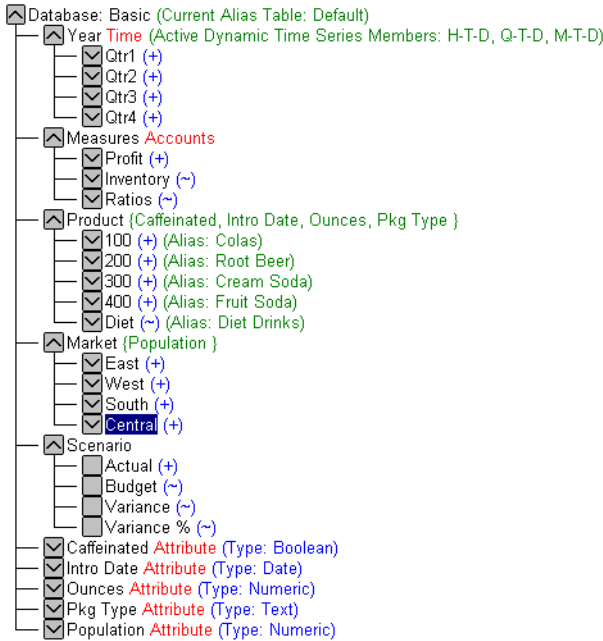


Figure 4: Hyperion Essbase Database Outline

**Note:** The application designer or Hyperion Essbase system administrator usually creates the database outline. For more information on creating the database outline, see the *Hyperion Essbase Database Administrator’s Guide*.

The components of the database outline are the following:

- Dimensions
- Members
- Attributes
- Formulas

- Aliases
- Consolidations

Refer to the following sections for descriptions of the outline components.

## Dimensions

Dimensions are the most basic categorical definitions of data within the database outline. You need at least two dimensions to make any meaningful reference to data; for example, a time dimension and an accounts dimension. Other dimensions may categorize products, markets, and scenarios. Using dimensional organization, you can define any consolidation structure or any slice of data that is relevant to the application. Hyperion Essbase supports an unlimited number of dimensions.

## Members

Members are the names of the elements within a dimension. A dimension can contain an unlimited number of members. The calculation, reporting, and dimension-building facilities in Hyperion Essbase use the following terms to describe members.

- *Parents.* A parent is a member with a consolidation branch below it. For example, in the illustration below, Qtr1 is a parent member because there is a branch containing monthly members below it.

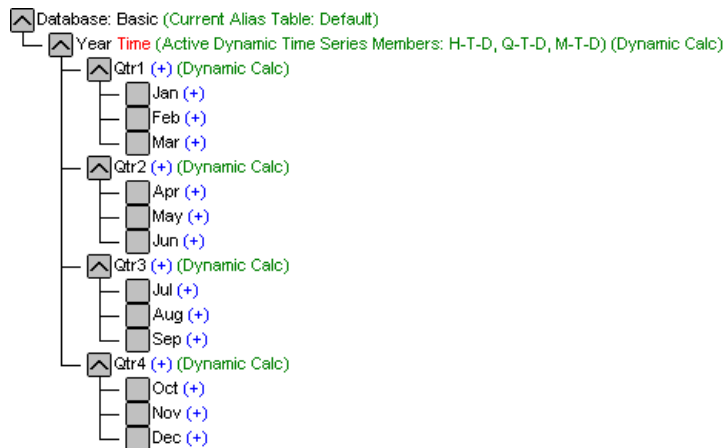


Figure 5: Relationships Among Database Members

- *Children*. A child is a member with a parent above it. For example, Jan, Feb, and Mar are children of the parent Qtr1.
- *Siblings*. A sibling is a child member of the same parent and on the same branch (same level). For example, Jan, Feb, and Mar are siblings. Apr is not a sibling of Jan, Feb, or Mar, however, because it has a different parent, Qtr2.
- *Descendants*. A descendant is a member at any level below a parent. For example, each member that falls in the Year branch is a descendant of Year. The following members are all descendants of Year: Qtr1, Jan, Feb, Mar; Qtr2, Apr, May, Jun; Qtr3, Jul, Aug, Sep; Qtr4, Oct, Nov, Dec.
- *Ancestors*. An ancestor is a member of a branch above a member. For example, Qtr2 and Year are ancestors of Apr.
- *Generations*. The term *generation* describes the branch number of a member. Generations count from the root of the tree (generation 1, which is the dimension name) toward the leaf node.
- *Levels*. The term *level* describes the branch number of a member. Levels count from the leaf node (level 0) toward the root (the dimension name).

## Attributes

Attributes describe characteristics of data, such as the size and color of products. Through attributes, you can group and analyze members of dimensions based on their characteristics. Attribute dimensions must be associated with base dimensions. For more information, see the *Hyperion Essbase Database Administrator's Guide*.

## Formulas

Each database member can have one or more formulas associated with it in the database outline. For example, the Variance members of the Scenario dimension, as shown in [Figure 4](#), contain formulas. Formulas can be simple or complex. For more information, see the *Hyperion Essbase Database Administrator's Guide*.

## Aliases

Hyperion Essbase supports alternative names, or aliases, for database members. Aliases are useful when various labels are used for the same member in various worksheets. One worksheet, for example, may refer to Cost\_of\_Goods\_Sold as COGS. Aliases also can be used for reporting in alternative languages or for more formal output name sets, such as account numbers.

## Consolidations

Consolidations in Hyperion Essbase applications are defined by member branches. The database outline determines consolidation paths. The determination is based on the location of members within a dimension. Indentation of one member below another indicates a consolidation relationship. Indenting members is important for the drill-down capabilities in Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in. As you navigate your way through data, you can drill down through levels of consolidations. The database outline is the roadmap that determines the levels of data navigation.

# A Basic Hyperion Essbase Tutorial

When you add Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in to Microsoft Excel, most Excel operations remain unchanged; Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in simply adds a new menu, a Hyperion Essbase toolbar, and mouse shortcuts with which you can access Hyperion Essbase OLAP Server.

The tasks described in this tutorial are basic tasks. That is, these are tasks that you probably use often when working with Hyperion Essbase. [Chapter 3](#) describes more advanced tasks.

This tutorial chapter contains the following sections:

- [“Getting Acquainted with Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in” on page 30](#)
- [“Preparing to Begin the Tutorial” on page 40](#)
- [“Retrieving Data” on page 47](#)
- [“Pivoting, Retaining, and Suppressing Data” on page 62](#)
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- [“Accessing Help” on page 109](#)
- [“Selecting Members” on page 112](#)
- [“Saving and Disconnecting” on page 121](#)
- [“Moving on to Advanced Tasks” on page 123](#)

**Note:** Each tutorial task builds upon the previous task. Therefore, tasks must be completed in succession.

The examples used in this tutorial are based on the sample database (called Sample Basic) that is included with the Hyperion Essbase installation. Contact the Hyperion Essbase system administrator for information about accessing the Sample Basic database or about accessing other databases on the Hyperion Essbase server.

## Getting Acquainted with Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in

This section provides the following information to help you get acquainted with Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in:

- [“Adding Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in” on page 30](#)
- [“Starting Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in” on page 31](#)
- [“Installing the Hyperion Essbase Toolbar” on page 33](#)
- [“Using the Hyperion Essbase Toolbar” on page 34](#)
- [“Accessing Online Help” on page 37](#)
- [“Enabling Mouse Actions” on page 38](#)

### Adding Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in

If you manually update your environment settings or if you have removed Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in from the Microsoft Excel environment, you must use the Excel facility to add Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in into Excel. The facility adds the Hyperion Essbase menu to the Excel menu bar and points Excel to the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in file in the `\Essbase\bin` directory. This file is on the hard drive of your PC, if that is where you installed Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in, or on the network drive if that is where you set up your PC operating environment to run Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in.

**Note:** `essexcln.xll` is the add-in file for Excel 97 and Excel 2000. Adding Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in into Excel 97 and Excel 2000 modifies the Windows 95, Windows 98, or Windows NT Registry. The `.ini` file and Registry point to where the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in file is installed.

► To add Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in to Excel:

1. In Excel, select Tools > Add-Ins.

Excel displays the **Add-Ins** dialog box.

2. Click the **Browse** button.

Excel displays the **Browse** dialog box.

3. Select the file `essexcln.xll` in the `bin` directory where you installed Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in on your PC hard drive (if you installed Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in there) or in the `bin` directory where the Hyperion Essbase system administrator installed Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in on a network drive (if you set up your PC operating environment to run Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in there).

4. Click **OK** twice to close the dialog boxes and start Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in.

The Hyperion Essbase startup screen is displayed.

If you do not see the Hyperion Essbase startup screen or if your system does not list the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-In menu options, see the *Hyperion Essbase Installation Guide* for troubleshooting information.

## Starting Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in

Because Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in software for Excel is implemented as an Excel add-in, you must start Excel from Windows to use Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in software.

You must open a worksheet before attempting to connect to the Hyperion Essbase server. An attempt to connect to the Hyperion Essbase server without opening a worksheet results in an error message.

► To begin a Hyperion Essbase session:

1. Start Excel.

After the Excel startup screen disappears, the Hyperion Essbase startup screen is displayed.

The Hyperion Essbase menu should be displayed in the Excel menu bar. If you do not see the Hyperion Essbase menu, you may need to use the Excel add-in facility to add Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in into Excel. For more information, see [“Adding Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in” on page 30](#).

The Hyperion Essbase toolbar should also be visible. If you do not see the Hyperion Essbase toolbar, see [“Installing the Hyperion Essbase Toolbar” on page 33](#) and [“Using the Hyperion Essbase Toolbar” on page 34](#).

2. From the Excel menu bar, select Essbase to open the menu.



**Note:** *The Essbase Menu* If the Excel status bar is not displayed, you can display it by selecting View > Status Bar.



## Installing the Hyperion Essbase Toolbar

Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in provides a convenient toolbar that displays buttons for accessing most of the common Hyperion Essbase commands without having to open the Essbase menu. Prior to using the Hyperion Essbase toolbar, you must install the toolbar by opening an Excel file that is provided as part of the default Hyperion Essbase installation. For more information on using the toolbar, see [“Using the Hyperion Essbase Toolbar”](#) on page 34.

► To install the Hyperion Essbase toolbar:

1. Start Excel.
2. Select File > Open.
3. From the `\essbase\client\sample` directory, open the `esstoolb.xls` file.

Depending on how software is installed on your PC, the file may not be available or may be located in a different directory. Contact the Hyperion Essbase system administrator for more information.

A blank worksheet opens.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						

Figure 6: `esstoolb.xls` File

**Note:** If you are using Excel 97, two dialog boxes may be displayed when you open the `esstoolb.xls` file. If so, click the **Enable Macros** button on the first dialog box, and click **OK** on the second dialog box.

4. Select File > Close to close the `esstoolb.xls` file. You do not need to modify or save the file.

You should not have to perform the toolbar installation procedure again unless you delete the Hyperion Essbase toolbar from the Toolbars dialog box in Excel. If you delete the toolbar, perform the installation procedure again.

**Note:** If you have toolbars turned off in Excel, you do not see the Hyperion Essbase toolbar immediately. You must first enable toolbars. For more information, see [“Using the Hyperion Essbase Toolbar” on page 34](#).

## Using the Hyperion Essbase Toolbar

Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in for Excel features a convenient toolbar that displays buttons for accessing most of the common Hyperion Essbase commands without having to open the Essbase menu. You can view a short description of a button in a pop-up on the toolbar by moving your cursor over the button.

**Note:** Before you can view the Hyperion Essbase toolbar, you must install it. See [“Installing the Hyperion Essbase Toolbar” on page 33](#).

To view the Hyperion Essbase toolbar, select View > Toolbars > Essbase from the Excel menu bar. A check box must be displayed next to Essbase in the menu.

**Note:** If you select the **Essbase** check box and click **Delete**, you must reinstall the toolbar. See [“Installing the Hyperion Essbase Toolbar” on page 33](#) for instructions.

The toolbar provides the following buttons:

*Table 1: Hyperion Essbase Toolbar*


Button	Purpose	Description
	Connect	Enables you to connect to a Hyperion Essbase server. When you click the Connect button on the toolbar, Hyperion Essbase displays the Hyperion Essbase System Login dialog box.

Table 1: Hyperion Essbase Toolbar (Continued)





Button	Purpose	Description
	Navigate with or without data	<p>Toggles the Navigate Without Data feature, which tells Hyperion Essbase to retrieve or not to retrieve data when you perform navigational operations, such as pivot, zoom in, zoom out, keep only, and remove only.</p> <p>This button serves the same function as the Navigate Without Data check box in the Essbase Options dialog box (Global tab).</p>
	Retrieve	<p>Retrieves data into the active worksheet. A retrieve request places data at the beginning of the active worksheet. When you click the Retrieve button, if you are not already connected to a Hyperion Essbase server, the Hyperion Essbase System Login dialog box is displayed.</p> <p><b>Tip:</b> If you have mouse actions enabled, you can retrieve data by double-clicking the primary mouse button in any empty cell in the worksheet. To enable double-click support, select Essbase &gt; Options, select the Global tab, and select the Enable Double-Clicking option. For more information, see <a href="#">“Enabling Mouse Actions” on page 38</a>.</p>
	Keep only	Retains only the selected member (the active cell) or member range in the worksheet. When you click the Keep Only button, all unselected members are removed from the worksheet.
	Remove only	Removes the selected member (the active cell) or member range from the worksheet. When you click the Remove Only button, all unselected members are retained in the worksheet.

Table 1: Hyperion Essbase Toolbar (Continued)








Button	Purpose	Description
	Zoom in	Retrieves and expands data from the Hyperion Essbase server according to the options specified in the Essbase Options dialog box.  <b>Tip:</b> If you have mouse actions enabled, you can drill down on data by double-clicking the primary mouse button in the cell that contains the member you want to expand. To enable double-click support, select Essbase > Options, select the Global tab, and select the Enable Double-Clicking option. For more information, see <a href="#">“Enabling Mouse Actions” on page 38</a> .
	Zoom out	Collapses the view according to the options specified in the Essbase Options dialog box in the cell that contains the member that you want to collapse. To enable double-click support for drilling up, select Essbase > Options, select the Global tab, and select the Enable Double-Clicking option.
	Open Hyperion Essbase Query Designer	Opens the Hyperion Essbase Query Designer, which makes it easy to define a page orientation for dimensions and selected database members. You can also save queries for later use. Hyperion Essbase Query Designer is a new feature designed to create report queries, view attributes, and perform calculations based on attributes.
	FlashBack	Restores the previous worksheet view.
	Set options	Enables you to set display, zoom, mode, style, and global options for the active worksheet to customize the behavior of Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in software. When you click the Options button, Hyperion Essbase displays the Essbase Options dialog box.

Table 1: Hyperion Essbase Toolbar (Continued)

Button	Purpose	Description
	Select members	Enables you to select members from the multidimensional database outline. When you click the Member Selection button, Hyperion Essbase displays the Essbase Member Selection dialog box.
	Attach linked objects	Enables you to attach comments or files to data cells. When you click the linked objects button, Hyperion Essbase displays the linked objects browser dialog box.

## Accessing Online Help

Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in includes a context-sensitive online help system. You access the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help in one of three ways. Which way you choose depends on the type of information that you need,

- *Access the entire online help system for browsing or searching for information.* To access the entire help system, select Help > Essbase Help. After you access online help, you can browse or search through the system to view general information on Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in, Essbase command descriptions, procedural information for completing tasks, Spreadsheet Toolkit macros, and Visual Basic for Applications (VBA) function descriptions.

- *Access context-specific information from dialog boxes in Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in.* Each dialog box in Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in features a Help button that accesses online help topics that are specific to the particular dialog box. The buttons enable you to find the information you need without having to search through the entire help system.



Figure 7: Excel Help Button

**Note:** The Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help also provides a comprehensive section on Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Toolkit, which enables you to customize and automate your use of Hyperion Essbase by using Excel macros and VBA functions.

- *Access information on a specific Hyperion Essbase Query Designer function.* Access What's This? Help in the Hyperion Essbase Query Designer dialog box, and then click an item in the dialog box to access information on that item.



Figure 8: EQD Help Button

## Enabling Mouse Actions

The following terms are used throughout this guide to describe mouse operations:

- *Primary mouse* button and *secondary mouse* button describe the buttons on a two- or three-button mouse. Usually, right-handed users configure the left mouse button as the primary button and the right mouse button as the secondary mouse button. The primary mouse button is the one that you use to start Windows applications, such as Excel; the secondary mouse button is used for auxiliary operations. The term *click* refers to use of the primary mouse button. The term *right-click* refers to use of the secondary mouse button.
- *Select* chooses the object that is under the cursor when you press and release the primary mouse button. You can select a worksheet cell, for example, by moving the cursor to the cell and pressing and releasing the primary mouse button.

- *Click* (that is, both *click* and *right-click*) describes a quick press-and-release action on a command object. You can click a button, for example, to execute a command.
- *Double-click* describes two quick press-and-release actions that are executed in rapid succession. You can double-click an application icon, for example, to start a Windows application.
- *Drag* describes a press, hold, and move action. You place the cursor on an object, press a mouse button, hold the mouse button and move the object, and release the mouse button when you reach your goal. For example, you can highlight a range of cells in an Excel worksheet by dragging the cursor over the cells.

**Note:** Hyperion Essbase uses a drag operation called a *pivot*. A pivot requires use of the secondary mouse button. To execute a pivot, you must press and hold the secondary, rather than the primary, mouse button while dragging the selection.

Hyperion Essbase offers enhanced mouse actions in Excel. You can use the mouse to do any of the following:

- Retrieve data
  - Drill down and drill up on database members
  - Pivot (move or transpose) data rows and columns
  - Access linked reporting objects
  - Access linked partitions
- To enable double-clicking to retrieve, drill down, and drill up on Hyperion Essbase data:
1. Select Essbase > Options.
  2. In the **Essbase Options** dialog box, select the **Global** tab.
  3. Select the **Enable Double-Clicking** check box.

When the **Enable Double-Clicking** check box is selected, you can retrieve and drill down to more detailed data (primary mouse button) and drill up to less detailed data (secondary mouse button). When the double-clicking option is enabled, the Excel in-cell editing feature is overridden.

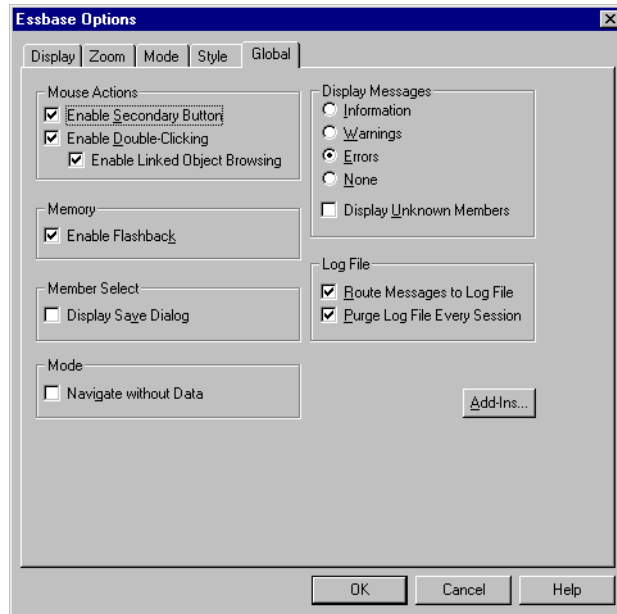


Figure 9: Essbase Options Dialog Box—Global Tab

4. Click **OK** to return to the worksheet.

For information about setting the primary mouse button to display the Linked Objects Browser dialog box when you double-click a data cell, see the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help.

## Preparing to Begin the Tutorial

Before you begin the basic tutorial, read the following important sections:

- [“Setting Hyperion Essbase Options” on page 41](#)
- [“Following Guidelines During the Tutorial” on page 45](#)
- [“Reviewing the Sample Basic Database” on page 46](#)



## Setting Hyperion Essbase Options

Before you begin the tutorial steps, make sure that the worksheet options are set to the initial settings as illustrated in [Figure 10](#) through [Figure 13](#). If the option settings are different, the illustrations presented in this chapter may not match the worksheet view.

**Note:** For information about each option in the Essbase Options dialog box, see the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help.

1. Select Essbase > Options.
2. In the **Essbase Options** dialog box, select the **Display** tab.
3. Select the appropriate check boxes and option buttons so that your display of the Display tab matches the following illustration:

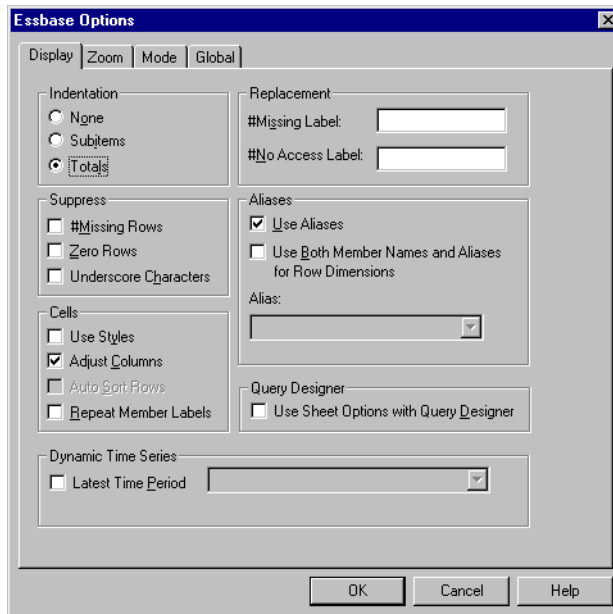


Figure 10: Initial Settings for Display Options

4. Select the **Zoom** tab.

5. Select the appropriate check boxes and option buttons so that your display of the Zoom tab matches the following illustration:



Figure 11: Initial Settings for Zoom Options

6. Select the **Mode** tab.

7. Select the appropriate check boxes and option buttons so that your display of the Mode tab matches the following illustration:

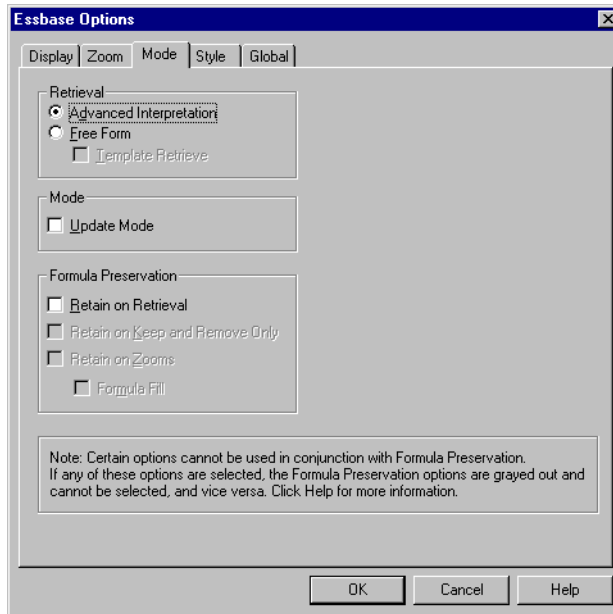


Figure 12: Initial Settings for Mode Options

**Note:** If you are already connected to a Hyperion Essbase database, the Essbase Options dialog box also displays a Style tab. You can skip this tab for now.

8. Select the **Global** tab.

9. Select the appropriate check boxes and option buttons so that your display of the Global tab matches the following illustration:

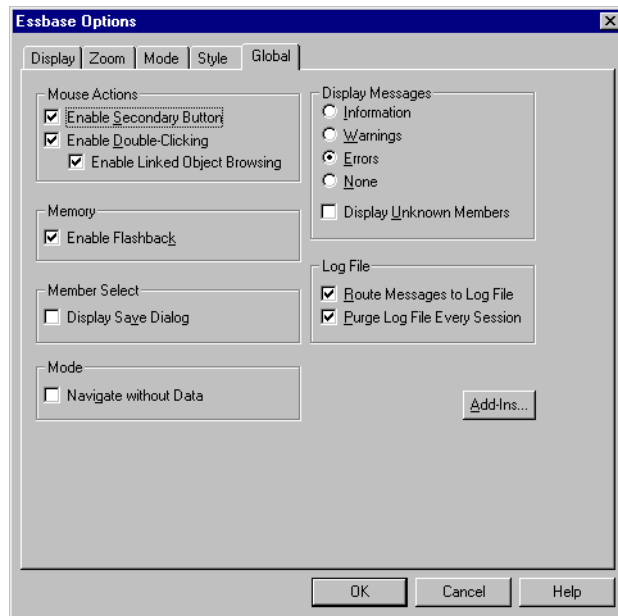


Figure 13: Initial Settings for Global Options

**Note:** You should have already selected the appropriate boxes for Mouse Actions, as described in “[Enabling Mouse Actions](#)” on [page 38](#).

10. Click **OK** to save the settings for this session and close the **Essbase Options** dialog box.

## Following Guidelines During the Tutorial

Keep in mind the following guidelines during this tutorial:

- Tasks that should *not* be performed as part of the tutorial are displayed in gray boxes. These tasks are included only for your future reference. You can find more information on these tasks in the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help.
- You must be connected to the Sample Basic database during the tutorial. If you are not connected to this database, the illustrations presented in this chapter will not match the worksheet view.
- You can access many Hyperion Essbase commands in any one of these ways:
  - By selecting the command from the Hyperion Essbase menu
  - By clicking the appropriate button on the Hyperion Essbase toolbar
  - For the Zoom In and Zoom Out commands, by double-clicking either the primary mouse or the secondary mouse button
- You must set the options in the Hyperion Essbase Options dialog box as described in “[Setting Hyperion Essbase Options](#)” on page 41. If the option settings are different, the illustrations presented in this chapter may not match the worksheet view.
- After you change a worksheet option in the Hyperion Essbase Options dialog box, you must perform a retrieval or a drill-down operation to have the new setting take effect.
- Be sure to follow each step in the tutorial. Each tutorial task builds upon the previous task. Do not skip the final steps at the end of sections, because these steps are often necessary to prepare you for the next tutorial task.
- If you make a mistake during the tutorial, you can select Essbase > FlashBack to return to the previous worksheet view.

- The values in the Sample Basic database that represent ratios or percentages are calculated to a very high level of precision (for example, 55.26162826). In Excel, you can apply a cell format to control the number of decimal places that are displayed in data values. For more information, see the Excel documentation.
- The numeric values that are shown in the illustrations used throughout this tutorial may not match the values stored in your database. The values shown in these illustrations reflect a freshly loaded database.
- Some worksheet columns have been adjusted for clarity in the illustrations. You do not need to change the width of columns in the worksheet to follow the tutorial steps. The Adjust Columns option in the Hyperion Essbase Options dialog box (Display Tab) adjusts columns for you.

## Reviewing the Sample Basic Database

The Sample Basic database that you use for the tutorial is based on a hypothetical company in the beverage industry. The major products of the company are various kinds of sodas. These products are sold in U.S. markets, which are categorized by state and region. Financial data for the company is collected monthly and is summarized by quarter and by year. The company uses Hyperion Essbase to calculate financial and accounting data, such as sales, cost of goods sold, and payroll. The company tracks both actual and budget data, as well as the variance and percent variance between the two.

## Retrieving Data

Now that you are more familiar with the Hyperion Essbase environment, you can connect to the Hyperion Essbase server and start using Hyperion Essbase and Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in. The following section guides you through a typical Hyperion Essbase session where you connect to a database and retrieve data in various ways.

This section outlines the following basic retrieval tasks:

- [“Connecting to a Database” on page 48](#)
- [“Changing a Password” on page 50](#)
- [“Retrieving Data from a Database” on page 50](#)
- [“Canceling a Data Retrieval Request” on page 52](#)
- [“Restoring the Previous Database View” on page 53](#)
- [“Drilling Down to More Detail” on page 53](#)
- [“Drilling Up to Less Detail” on page 57](#)
- [“Customizing Drill-Down and Drill-Up Behavior” on page 59](#)

**Note:** Make sure that you followed the steps in [“Setting Hyperion Essbase Options” on page 41](#). If the settings in the Essbase Options dialog box are different from the settings previously illustrated, the worksheet view will differ from the illustrations shown in this chapter.

Remember that you can perform common data retrieval tasks by doing any of the following:

- Selecting commands from the Essbase menu on the Excel menu bar
- Clicking the appropriate buttons on the Hyperion Essbase toolbar
- Double-clicking the primary or the secondary mouse button in the appropriate cell (for Retrieve, Zoom In, and Zoom Out commands)

## Connecting to a Database

To access Hyperion Essbase data, you must first connect to a database on the server. This tutorial assumes that you have the appropriate privileges to connect to a server, an application, and a database.

**Note:** Hyperion Essbase does not support multiple instances of Excel.

1. Select Essbase > Connect

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Essbase System Login** dialog box.



*Figure 14: Essbase System Login Dialog Box*

**Note:** To complete the steps that follow, you need to know the name of the Hyperion Essbase server, your username, and your password. If you do not have this information, contact the Hyperion Essbase system administrator.

2. From the **Server** list box, select the server that you want to access. (If the server name that you want does not appear in the list, you can type in the name of the server you want to access.)
3. Press Tab to move to the **Username** text box; type your username in the text box.



4. Press Tab to move to the **Password** text box; type your password in the text box.

**Note:** You can change your password when you are connected to a server. To change your password, see “[Changing a Password](#)” on page 50.

5. To connect to the server, click **OK**.

Hyperion Essbase displays a list of available application/database pairs in the **Application/Database** list box. A Hyperion Essbase server enables simultaneous access to multiple applications. An application can contain multiple databases. Only the databases to which you have security access are shown in the list.

For this tutorial, you use the Sample Basic database. If the Sample Basic database was installed as part of the Hyperion Essbase installation, it is shown in the list. If Sample Basic is not shown in the **Application/Database** list box, ask the Hyperion Essbase system administrator to install it.

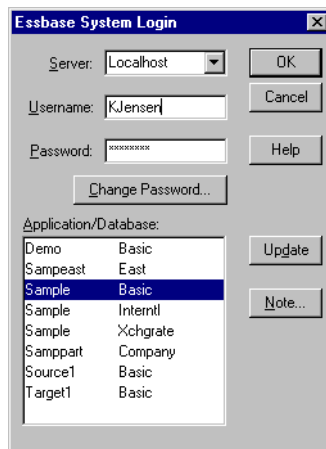


Figure 15: Available Application and Database Pairs

6. In the **Application/Database** list box, double-click Sample Basic. You can also select Sample Basic from the list box and click **OK**.

If the application is not already running, Hyperion Essbase automatically starts it. There may be a brief pause as the application loads. The time required to start an application depends on the number of databases, the sizes of the databases, and the sizes of the indexes of the databases contained within the application.

## Changing a Password

You can change your password only if you are connected to a server.

**Note:** Remember, tasks that you should *not* perform as part of the tutorial are shown in gray boxes.

- ▶ To change your password:
1. In the **Essbase System Login** dialog box, select the Change Password button.
  2. In the **Change Password** dialog box in the **New Password** text box, type your new password.
  3. In the **Confirm Password** text box, type the password again.  
The passwords must be identical.
  4. Click **OK** to change your password.
  5. Click **OK** again to close the **Essbase System Login** dialog box.




## Retrieving Data from a Database

Each time you retrieve information from a Hyperion Essbase server, the following actions occur:

- Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in requests data from the server.
- The server processes the request and prepares the data.
- The server transmits the data to Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in.
- Excel receives the data from Hyperion Essbase and organizes it in a worksheet.

To help you monitor these operations, Hyperion Essbase uses three custom cursors.

*Table 2: Hyperion Essbase Custom Cursor*

This cursor:	Is displayed when:
	Hyperion Essbase requests information from the server.
	The server is processing the request.
	The server returns the data.

**Note:** Small retrieval actions display the cursors very quickly; you may not notice changes in the direction of the arrow when retrieving small amounts of data.

► To retrieve data into an empty worksheet:

1. Open a new worksheet by selecting File > New or by clicking the  button.

**Note:** You should be connected to the Sample Basic database. If you are not connected, follow the steps in [“Connecting to a Database”](#) on page 48.

## 2. Select Essbase > Retrieve.

Hyperion Essbase retrieves data into the Excel worksheet.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1		Measures	Product	Market	Scenario	
2	Year	105522				
3						
4						
5						
6						

Figure 16: Initial Data Retrieval from Sample Basic

Because you selected the **Enable Double-Clicking** box in the **Essbase Options** dialog box (**Global** Tab), you can double-click in an empty cell to retrieve data. You can also click the Retrieve button on the Hyperion Essbase toolbar.

When you retrieve data into an empty worksheet, Hyperion Essbase returns data from the top levels of each database dimension. The top level is used as a starting point to navigate, or drill down, into levels of detailed data. In the Sample Basic database, the following five dimensions are retrieved: Measures, Product, Market, Scenario, and Year.

For the remainder of tasks in this tutorial, you can retrieve data by double-clicking in a data cell, selecting Essbase > Retrieve, or by clicking the Retrieve button on the Hyperion Essbase toolbar.

## Canceling a Data Retrieval Request

Occasionally, you may want to cancel a retrieval request. For instance, you may want to stop a request if a retrieval is taking longer than expected or if you mistakenly double-click.

Because Hyperion Essbase returns data so quickly to the worksheet, you may not be able to cancel a retrieval before the retrieval is complete. The cancel feature is most useful when you need to stop a large retrieval request.

To cancel data retrievals, press the Esc key during a retrieval action.

**Note:** You can cancel a retrieval *only* while Hyperion Essbase is processing in Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in. You cannot cancel a retrieval when Hyperion Essbase is processing from the server.

## Restoring the Previous Database View

The FlashBack command restores the previous database view. A database view is simply what you see in the worksheet after a retrieval or navigation operation. FlashBack is similar to the Excel Edit > Undo command, which reverses the last action. The FlashBack command uses the memory of your machine to store the current view before processing a Hyperion Essbase retrieval request. You can use FlashBack to undo only the most recent operation. FlashBack cannot undo multiple operations.

Throughout this tutorial, you should follow all steps in the order that they are presented. If you make a mistake or find yourself out of step with the tutorial, you can use the FlashBack command from the Essbase menu or toolbar to undo the last command and return to the previous database view. If you want to start the tutorial over from the beginning, select the entire worksheet and select Edit > Clear > All. Then press Enter or click **OK** to empty the worksheet and start again.

You can disable FlashBack during normal operations to conserve memory on your local machine. Do not disable FlashBack for this tutorial.

► To disable Flashback:

1. Select Essbase > Options and click the **Global** tab.
2. Clear the **Enable FlashBack** check box.

## Drilling Down to More Detail

With Hyperion Essbase, you can drill down to various levels of multidimensional data in the worksheet. For example, if you want to view data for a specific quarter or month rather than an aggregate data value for the whole year, you can drill down on the Year dimension to see more detailed data.

You have three options for drilling down on a member:

- Select the member and select Essbase > Zoom In.
- Select the member and double-click the primary mouse button.
- Select the member and click the Zoom In button on the Hyperion Essbase toolbar.

► To drill down to lower levels of the Year dimension:

1. On Year in cell A2, double-click the primary mouse button.

The drill-down action retrieves data for the level below (the children of) Year: Qtr1, Qtr2, Qtr3, and Qtr4.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		Measures	Product	Market	Scenario		
2	Qtr1	24703					
3	Qtr2	27107					
4	Qtr3	27912					
5	Qtr4	25800					
6	Year	105522					
7							

*Figure 17: Result of Drilling Down on the Year Dimension*

**Note:** For a discussion of the relationships among Hyperion Essbase database members, see [“Database Outlines” on page 25](#).

With Hyperion Essbase, you can retrieve members into grouped, or nested, columns or rows. Row groups containing more than one level of data are nested within single-member row groups. For example, a row group containing Qtr1, Qtr2, Qtr3, and Qtr4 may be nested within a single-member row for a specific region, such as East (see the following illustration). Drilling down to lower levels of database members is one way to retrieve data into nested groups.

- In cell D1, double-click to drill down on Market and create nested groups of rows down the worksheet.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1			Measures	Product	Scenario		
2	East	Qtr1	5380				
3		Qtr2	6499				
4		Qtr3	6346				
5		Qtr4	5936				
6		Year	24161				
7	West	Qtr1	7137				
8		Qtr2	7515				
9		Qtr3	7939				
10		Qtr4	7270				
11		Year	29861				

Figure 18: Result of Drilling Down on the Market Dimension (Nested Rows)

Because worksheets can accommodate more rows than columns, Hyperion Essbase is preset to retrieve data into rows when you drill down on a member. You can change this default behavior and display the results of a drill-down across columns. Drilling across columns applies only to the top-level member of a dimension (for example, Market or Scenario).

Follow these steps to drill down on Scenario and retrieve its respective members into columns rather than rows:

- Press and hold the Alt key.
- Double-click Scenario (in cell E1).
- Release the Alt key.

Hyperion Essbase displays the data in columns across the worksheet.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1			Measures	Product				
2			Actual	Budget	Variance	Variance %	Scenario	
3	East	Qtr1	5380	6500	-1120	-17.23076923	5380	
4		Qtr2	6499	7550	-1051	-13.9205298	6499	
5		Qtr3	6346	7550	-1204	-15.94701987	6346	
6		Qtr4	5936	6790	-854	-12.57731959	5936	
7		Year	24161	28390	-4229	-14.89609017	24161	
8	West	Qtr1	7137	8960	-1823	-20.34598214	7137	
9		Qtr2	7515	9290	-1775	-19.1065662	7515	
10		Qtr3	7939	9870	-1931	-19.56433637	7939	
11		Qtr4	7270	9060	-1790	-19.75717439	7270	
12		Year	29861	37180	-7319	-19.68531469	29861	

Figure 19: Result of Drilling-Down on the Scenario Dimension (Nested Columns)

## Drilling Down on Attribute Members

You can use the Hyperion Essbase attribute feature to retrieve and analyze in terms of characteristics, or attributes, of dimensions. For example, you can analyze product profitability based on size or packaging. Attribute dimensions are associated with base dimensions.

You can use an attribute dimension to drill down on the base dimension with which it is associated. In the Sample Basic database, the Product base dimension is associated with several attribute dimensions, such as Caffeinated, Ounces, and Pkg\_Type. Each attribute dimension consists of level 0 attribute members. Level 0 attribute members are the lowest level attributes that are associated with members of a base dimension. The Pkg\_Type attribute dimension, for instance, has two level 0 members, Bottle and Can.

You can extract information on all products sold in a can by entering manually the name Can in the worksheet. You can also use Hyperion Essbase Query Designer or the Essbase Member Selection dialog box to select the attribute and display it in the worksheet.

Open a worksheet, connect to the Sample Basic database, and select Essbase > Retrieve. Select Product and replace it with Can by typing Can manually. Click anywhere outside of cell C1 and select Essbase > Retrieve again. The result is displayed below:

	A	B	C	D	E
1		Measures	Can	Market	Scenario
2	Year	39578			

Figure 20: An Attribute Member in a Report

Drill down to all products sold in a can by double-clicking Can in cell C1. Cola, Diet Cola, and Diet Cream are the members of Product that have the Can attribute. The result is displayed below:

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1				Measures	Market	Scenario
2	Year	Can	Cola	22777		
3			Diet Cola	5708		
4			Diet Cream	11093		

Figure 21: Result of Drilling Down on an Attribute Member



## Drilling Down on Level 0 Attribute Members

The following is a description of the general behavior of Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in when you drill down on a level 0 attribute member:

- If the level 0 attribute member is in a column, a drill-down pivots the attribute to the innermost row of the worksheet.
- If the level 0 attribute member is in a row, a drill-down does not change the position of the attribute in the worksheet.
- A drill-down on a level 0 attribute member displays the associated base members to the right of the level 0 attribute.
- If there is more than one level 0 attribute member in a worksheet, a drill-down on one attribute displays other attributes to the left of the level 0 attribute member. Level 0 attribute members in columns pivot to rows, and level 0 attribute members already in rows remain in rows.
- A drill-down on non-level 0 attribute members is the same as the current drill-down behavior for other types of members.

The drill-down behavior for non-level 0 attribute members is the same as the current drill-down behavior for other types of members. See the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help for examples of drilling down on level 0 attribute members. For more information on attributes, refer to the *Hyperion Essbase Database Administrator's Guide*, Volume 1.

## Drilling Up to Less Detail

With Hyperion Essbase, you can drill up to higher levels in the multidimensional database outline by collapsing the current member tree. For example, if you previously drilled down on a dimension, such as Scenario, to view data for Actual and Budget, you may need to drill up to view aggregate data for the Scenario dimension.

You have three options for drilling up on a member:

- Select the member and select Essbase > Zoom Out.
- Select the member and double-click the secondary mouse button.
- Select the member and click the Zoom Out button on the Hyperion Essbase toolbar.

- ▶ To drill up on the Scenario dimension in the current worksheet:
  1. On any member of the Scenario dimension (that is, cell C2, D2, E2, F2, or G2), double-click the secondary mouse button.

Hyperion Essbase collapses the members of the Scenario dimension.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1			Measures	Product				
2			Scenario					
3	East	Qtr1	5380					
4		Qtr2	6499					
5		Qtr3	6346					
6		Qtr4	5936					
7		Year	24161					

Figure 22: Result of Drilling Up On the Scenario Dimension

2. In cell A3, double-click the secondary mouse button to drill up on East.

Hyperion Essbase collapses East, West, South, and Central into the single Market dimension and keeps the dimension in the A column.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1			Measures	Product				
2			Scenario					
3	Market	Qtr1	24703					
4		Qtr2	27107					
5		Qtr3	27912					
6		Qtr4	25800					
7		Year	105522					

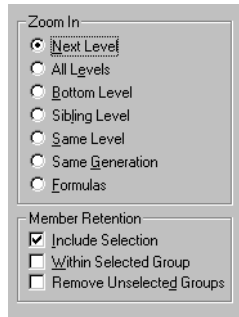
Figure 23: Result of Drilling Up On East

## Customizing Drill-Down and Drill-Up Behavior

You can customize the behavior of the Zoom In and Zoom Out commands in the Hyperion Essbase Options dialog box. The following steps illustrate some drill-down and drill-up techniques.

- ▶ To retrieve *all* members of a dimension with a single drill-down operation:
  1. Select Essbase > Options and select the **Zoom** tab.

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Zoom** Tab.



*Figure 24: Zoom In and Member Retention Option Settings*

The **Zoom In** option group contains items that enable you to customize drilling behavior. You can specify which members are returned to the worksheet during a drill-down operation. For example, if you select Bottom Level, Hyperion Essbase retrieves data for the lowest level of members in a dimension. With this option, a drill-down on Year retrieves Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, and Dec.

The **Member Retention** option group contains items that enable you to customize drilling retention characteristics. The default selection, Include Selection, retains the selected member along with the other members retrieved as a result of a drill down. For example, if you drill down on Qtr1, Hyperion Essbase retrieves data for Jan, Feb, and Mar, as well as for Qtr1. When this option is disabled, Hyperion Essbase retrieves data only for Jan, Feb, and Mar; Qtr1 is eliminated.

**Note:** For more information on the Zoom In and Member Retention option groups, see the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help.

2. In the **Zoom In** option group, select the **All Levels** option and click **OK** to save the setting.
3. In cell A3, drill down (double-click) on Market.
4. In cell C2, drill down (double-click) on Scenario.

Hyperion Essbase retrieves all members of Market and Scenario. For the Market dimension, Hyperion Essbase drilled down two levels to get to the bottom-most members, which are individual states. The Scenario dimension has only one member level, so the members of Scenario would also be retrieved if you selected Next Level in the **Zoom In** option group.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1			Measures Product				
2			Actual	Budget	Variance	Variance %	Scenario
3	New York	Qtr1	1656	2000	-344	-17.2	1656
4		Qtr2	2363	2610	-247	-9.46360153	2363
5		Qtr3	1943	2290	-347	-15.1528384	1943
6		Qtr4	2240	2320	-80	-3.44827586	2240
7		Year	8202	9220	-1018	-11.0412148	8202
8	Massachusetts	Qtr1	1532	1690	-158	-9.34911243	1532
9		Qtr2	1750	1900	-150	-7.89473684	1750
10		Qtr3	1936	2100	-164	-7.80952381	1936
11		Qtr4	1494	1610	-116	-7.20496894	1494
12		Year	6712	7300	-588	-8.05479452	6712

Figure 25: Result of Drilling Down to All Member Levels

5. Select Essbase > Options and select the **Zoom** tab.
6. Return the **Zoom In** option setting to Next Level.

If you want to drill up on only one quarter of the year, select Within Selected Group in the **Member Retention** option group.

- To drill up only on Qtr1:
  1. In the **Member Retention** option group on the **Zoom** Tab, click the **Within Selected Group** check box and click **OK**.  
Make sure that **Include Selection** is also still checked.
  2. To drill up on Qtr 1 (in cell B3), double-click the secondary mouse button.  
Notice that drilling up to the Year dimension affects only New York. All other states show data for all four quarters.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1			Measures	Product			
2			Actual	Budget	Variance	Variance %	Scenario
3	New York	Year	8202	9220	-1018	-11.04121475	8202
4	Massachusetts	Qtr1	1532	1690	-158	-9.349112426	1532
5		Qtr2	1750	1900	-150	-7.894736842	1750
6		Qtr3	1936	2100	-164	-7.80952381	1936
7		Qtr4	1494	1610	-116	-7.204968944	1494
8		Year	6712	7300	-588	-8.054794521	6712
9	Florida	Qtr1	1070	1300	-230	-17.69230769	1070
10		Qtr2	1339	1570	-231	-14.7133758	1339
11		Qtr3	1495	1730	-235	-13.58381503	1495
12		Qtr4	1125	1300	-175	-13.46153846	1125

Figure 26: Result of Drilling Up Within a Selected Group

3. Before moving on with the tutorial, disable the **Within Selected Group** option:
  - a. Select Essbase > Options and select the **Zoom** tab.
  - b. In the **Member Retention** option group, clear the **Within Selected Group** check box.
4. Select File > Close to close the worksheet. You do not need to save the worksheet.

## Pivoting, Retaining, and Suppressing Data

After you retrieve data into the worksheet, you may want to manipulate the data in various ways. For example, you may want to move rows and columns to different positions in the worksheet, or you may want to tell Hyperion Essbase to suppress or retain specific data during data retrievals.

To help you manipulate worksheet data, this section steps you through the following procedures:

- [“Pivoting Rows and Columns” on page 62](#)
- [“Retaining a Data Subset” on page 66](#)
- [“Removing a Data Subset” on page 69](#)
- [“Navigating Through the Worksheet Without Retrieving Data” on page 69](#)
- [“Suppressing Missing Values, Zero Values, and Underscore Characters” on page 74](#)

### Pivoting Rows and Columns


With the Pivot command, you can change the orientation of worksheet data. Use the Pivot command to do any of the following:

- Move a row group to a column group
- Move a column group to a row group
- Change the order of row groups
- Change the order of column groups

You can execute the Pivot command in two ways:

- Select the member cell that you want to pivot, and select Essbase > Pivot. This method applies only to moving a row group to a column group or a column group to a row group.
- Click in the center of the member cell that you want to pivot, press and hold the secondary mouse button, and drag the group to the desired location. This method applies to swapping row and column groups and to changing the order within groups.

➤ To pivot Year data from a row group to a column group:

1. To open a new worksheet, select File > New or click the  icon.

**Note:** You should already be connected to the Sample Basic database. If you are not connected, follow the steps in “Connecting to a Database” on page 48.

2. Select Essbase > Retrieve.
3. Drill down (double-click) on Measures and Product (in cells B1 and C1, respectively).
4. Press and hold the Alt key, and, in cell E1, drill down (double-click) on Scenario.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1						Market		
2				Actual	Budget	Variance	Variance %	Scenario
3	100	Profit	Year	30468	41940	-11472	-27.35336195	30468
4		Inventory	Year	29448	31590	2142	6.780626781	29448
5		Ratios	Year	57.27288145	57.6240049	-0.351123447	-0.609335377	57.27288145
6		Measures	Year	30468	41940	-11472	-27.35336195	30468
7	200	Profit	Year	27954	35950	-7996	-22.24200278	27954
8		Inventory	Year	33000	31090	-1910	-6.143454487	33000
9		Ratios	Year	55.53966595	57.46674162	-1.927075664	-3.353375551	55.53966595
10		Measures	Year	27954	35950	-7996	-22.24200278	27954
11	300	Profit	Year	25799	29360	-3561	-12.12874659	25799
12		Inventory	Year	28865	27140	-1725	-6.355932203	28865
13		Ratios	Year	54.23795671	57.13950487	-2.901548161	-5.078007182	54.23795671
14		Measures	Year	25799	29360	-3561	-12.12874659	25799
15	400	Profit	Year	21301	22130	-829	-3.746046091	21301

Figure 27: View Before Pivoting

- In cell C3, select Year and select Essbase > Pivot.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1			Year	Market		
2			Actual	Budget	Variance	Variance %
3	100	Profit	30468	41940	-11472	-27.35336195
4		Inventory	29448	31590	2142	6.780626781
5		Ratios	57.27288145	57.6240049	-0.351123447	-0.609335377
6		Measures	30468	41940	-11472	-27.35336195
7	200	Profit	27954	35950	-7996	-22.24200278
8		Inventory	33000	31090	-1910	-6.143454487
9		Ratios	55.53966595	57.46674162	-1.927075664	-3.353375551
10		Measures	27954	35950	-7996	-22.24200278
11	300	Profit	25799	29360	-3561	-12.12874659
12		Inventory	28865	27140	-1725	-6.355932203
13		Ratios	54.23795671	57.13950487	-2.901548161	-5.078007182
14		Measures	25799	29360	-3561	-12.12874659

Figure 28: Result of Pivoting a Row Group to a Column Group

Hyperion Essbase pivots the Year dimension to a column group next to Market (above the Scenario members).

- As another example, in cell C2, select Actual.
- Right click and drag Actual to product 100 in cell A3.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1			Year	Market		
2			Actual	Budget	Variance	Variance %
3	100	<b>Actual Budget Variance Variance% Scenario</b>			-11472	-27.35336195
4		Inventory	29448	31590	2142	6.780626781
5		Ratios	57.27288145	57.6240049	-0.351123447	-0.609335377
6		Measures	30468	41940	-11472	-27.35336195
7	200	Profit	27954	35950	-7996	-22.24200278
8		Inventory	33000	31090	-1910	-6.143454487
9		Ratios	55.53966595	57.46674162	-1.927075664	-3.353375551
10		Measures	27954	35950	-7996	-22.24200278
11	300	Profit	25799	29360	-3561	-12.12874659
12		Inventory	28865	27140	-1725	-6.355932203
13		Ratios	54.23795671	57.13950487	-2.901548161	-5.078007182
14		Measures	25799	29360	-3561	-12.12874659

Figure 29: Pivoting a Column Group to a Row Group

**Note:** The member label box that is displayed under the cursor during the pivot operation displays the names of the members that you are pivoting. The *orientation* of the member label box, however, does not determine the orientation of the pivot result. Hyperion Essbase determines the data orientation by the location of the destination cell.



Hyperion Essbase pivots the Scenario members (Actual, Budget, Variance, and Variance%) from a column group to a row group that is displayed to the left of the Product members.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1				Year	Market	
2	Actual	100	Profit	30468		
3			Inventory	29448		
4			Ratios	57.27288145		
5			Measures	30468		
6		200	Profit	27954		
7			Inventory	33000		
8			Ratios	55.53966595		
9			Measures	27954		
10		300	Profit	25799		
11			Inventory	28865		
12			Ratios	54.23795671		
13			Measures	25799		
14		400	Profit	21301		

Figure 30: Result of Pivoting a Column Group to a Row Group

- To transpose the order of row groups:
  1. In cell A2, select Actual.
  2. Right-click and drag Actual to Profit (cell C2).

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1				Year	Market		
2	Actual	100	Profit	<b>Actual Budget Variance Variance% Scenario</b>			
3			Inventory	29448			
4			Ratios	57.27288145			
5			Measures	30468			
6		200	Profit	27954			
7			Inventory	33000			
8			Ratios	55.53966595			
9			Measures	27954			
10		300	Profit	25799			
11			Inventory	28865			
12			Ratios	54.23795671			
13			Measures	25799			
14		400	Profit	21301			
15			Inventory	26092			
16			Ratios	53.59966758			

Figure 31: Pivoting the Order of Row Groups

The pivot changes the order of the row groups.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1				Year	Market	
2	100	Profit	Actual	30468		
3			Budget	41940		
4			Variance	-11472		
5			Variance %	-27.35336195		
6			Scenario	30468		
7		Inventory	Actual	29448		
8			Budget	31590		
9			Variance	2142		
10			Variance %	6.780626781		
11			Scenario	29448		
12		Ratios	Actual	57.27288145		
13			Budget	57.6240049		
14			Variance	-0.351123447		
15			Variance %	-0.609335377		
16			Scenario	57.27288145		

Figure 32: Result of Pivoting the Order of Row Groups

In this example, notice that both the source cell and the destination cell are now members. Whenever the source cell and the destination cell are members of different row groups, Hyperion Essbase exchanges the member groups. You must select a destination cell that contains a member name to exchange row members. You can also exchange column members by choosing a destination cell in another column that contains a member name.

## Retaining a Data Subset

The Keep Only command retains only selected member rows or columns and removes all other data from the worksheet view. This command provides a powerful way to remove dimensional slices without having to delete individual cells.

- To keep only Actual and Budget data in the current worksheet:
  1. In cell C2, select Actual and, in cell C3, select Budget.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1				Year	Market	
2	100	Profit	Actual	30468		
3			Budget	41940		
4			Variance	-11472		
5			Variance %	-27.35336195		
6			Scenario	30468		
7		Inventory	Actual	29448		
8			Budget	31590		
9			Variance	2142		
10			Variance %	6.780626781		
11			Scenario	29448		
12		Ratios	Actual	57.27288145		
13			Budget	57.6240049		
14			Variance	-0.351123447		
15			Variance %	-0.609335377		
16			Scenario	57.27288145		

Figure 33: Selecting Members for the Keep Only Command

2. Select Essbase > Keep Only.

Hyperion Essbase removes the Variance, Variance%, and Scenario rows from the worksheet and retains only Actual and Budget data.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1				Year	Market	
2	100	Profit	Actual	30468		
3			Budget	41940		
4		Inventory	Actual	29448		
5			Budget	31590		
6		Ratios	Actual	57.27288145		
7			Budget	57.6240049		
8		Measures	Actual	30468		
9			Budget	41940		
10	200	Profit	Actual	27954		
11			Budget	35950		
12		Inventory	Actual	33000		
13			Budget	31090		
14		Ratios	Actual	55.53966595		
15			Budget	57.48674162		
16		Measures	Actual	27954		

Figure 34: Result of Retaining a Data Subset (Adjacent Cells)

Occasionally, the data that you want to remove from the worksheet does not lie in an adjacent range of cells.

- To select and retain nonadjacent cells.
  1. Press and hold the Alt key, and, in cell D1, zoom in (double-click) on Year.
  2. Select Qtr2 (in cell E2).
  3. Press and hold the Ctrl key and select Qtr4 (in cell G2).

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1						Market	
2				Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4
3	100	Profit	Actual	7048	7872	8511	7037
4			Budget	9790	10660	11440	10050
5		Inventory	Actual	29448	29860	36461	35811
6			Budget	31590	29950	34830	32340
7		Ratios	Actual	57.40178857	57.28473167	57.39559978	56.99467561
8			Budget	57.7376566	57.39041794	57.45231167	57.96344648
9		Measures	Actual	7048	7872	8511	7037
10			Budget	9790	10660	11440	10050
11	200	Profit	Actual	6721	7030	7005	7198
12			Budget	8480	8840	8830	9800
13		Inventory	Actual	33000	31361	35253	32760
14			Budget	31090	28040	30260	26460
15		Ratios	Actual	55.38738874	55.49797453	55.06764011	56.21773123
16			Budget	57.36255286	57.40395375	57.11143695	57.9954955
17		Measures	Actual	6721	7030	7005	7198

Figure 35: Selecting Nonadjacent Members for the Keep Only Command

4. Select Essbase > Keep Only.

Hyperion Essbase retains only Qtr2 and Qtr4 data and deletes the other Year members.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1				Market			
2				Qtr2	Qtr4		
3	100	Profit	Actual	7872	7037		
4			Budget	10660	10050		
5		Inventory	Actual	29860	35811		
6			Budget	29950	32340		
7		Ratios	Actual	57.28473167	56.99467561		
8			Budget	57.39041794	57.96344648		
9		Measures	Actual	7872	7037		
10			Budget	10660	10050		
11	200	Profit	Actual	7030	7198		
12			Budget	8840	9800		
13		Inventory	Actual	31361	32760		
14			Budget	28040	26460		
15		Ratios	Actual	55.49797453	56.21773123		
16			Budget	57.40395375	57.9954955		
17		Measures	Actual	7030	7198		

Figure 36: Result of Retaining a Data Subset (Nonadjacent Cells)

## Removing a Data Subset

The Remove Only command is the counterpart to the Keep Only command. With Remove Only, you can remove selected member rows or columns and retain all other data in the worksheet view.

► To remove a data subset from the current worksheet view:

1. In cell B7, select Ratios.
2. Press and hold Ctrl, and, in cell B9, select Measures.
3. Select Essbase > Remove Only.

Hyperion Essbase removes data for Ratios and Measures but retains data for Profit and Inventory.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1				Market					
2				Qtr2	Qtr4				
3	100	Profit	Actual	7872	7037				
4			Budget	10660	10050				
5		Inventory	Actual	29860	35811				
6			Budget	29950	32340				
7	200	Profit	Actual	7030	7198				
8			Budget	8840	9800				
9		Inventory	Actual	31361	32760				
10			Budget	28040	26460				
11	300	Profit	Actual	6769	6403				
12			Budget	7680	7000				
13		Inventory	Actual	30334	38142				
14			Budget	28460	35460				

Figure 37: Result of Removing a Data Subset

## Navigating Through the Worksheet Without Retrieving Data

With the Navigate Without Data feature, you can perform navigational operations, such as pivot, zoom in, zoom out, keep only, and remove only, without retrieving any data into the worksheet.

This feature is especially useful when dealing with dynamic calculation members, which are usually specified by the application designer. By activating Navigate Without Data, you are effectively telling Hyperion Essbase *not* to dynamically calculate values (that is, calculate the database at retrieval time) while you are creating the spreadsheet report. Dynamic calculation is discussed in more detail in [“Retrieving Dynamic Calculation Members” on page 165](#).

► To navigate through the worksheet without retrieving data:

1. Select Essbase > Navigate Without Data.

Hyperion Essbase displays a check mark next to the menu item.

**Note:** You can also enable Navigate Without Data by selecting the appropriate option in the Essbase Options dialog box (Global Tab) or by clicking the Navigate Without Data button on the Essbase toolbar (Excel only).

2. In cell D2, double-click the secondary mouse button to drill up on Qtr2.

Hyperion Essbase shows the collapsed Year dimension but withholds retrieving any data that is changed as a result of drilling up. The cells where data would normally be displayed are blank.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1				Market					
2				Year					
3	100	Profit	Actual						
4			Budget						
5		Inventory	Actual						
6			Budget						
7	200	Profit	Actual						
8			Budget						
9		Inventory	Actual						
10			Budget						
11	300	Profit	Actual						
12			Budget						
13		Inventory	Actual						
14			Budget						

Figure 38: Result of Zooming Out (Navigate Without Data Enabled)

3. In cell D2, drill down (double-click) on Year by pressing and holding the Alt key.

Hyperion Essbase drills down without retrieving data.

- In Cell C3, select Actual and select Essbase > Pivot.

Hyperion Essbase executes the pivot but does not retrieve data.

**Note:** You get the same result by pivoting any of the other Scenario members.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1							Market					
2				Actual						Budget		
3			Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Year	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Year
4	100	Profit										
5		Inventory										
6	200	Profit										
7		Inventory										
8	300	Profit										
9		Inventory										
10	400	Profit										
11		Inventory										
12	Diet	Profit										
13		Inventory										
14	Product	Profit										

Figure 39: Result of Pivoting (Navigate Without Data Enabled)

- In cell G1, click the secondary mouse button on Market and drag Market to product 100 (cell A4).

Hyperion Essbase executes the pivot without retrieving data.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1						Actual					Budget	
2				Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Year	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4
3	Market	100	Profit									
4			Inventory									
5		200	Profit									
6			Inventory									
7		300	Profit									
8			Inventory									
9		400	Profit									
10			Inventory									
11		Diet	Profit									
12			Inventory									
13		Product	Profit									
14			Inventory									

Figure 40: Result of Pivoting (Navigate Without Data Enabled)

Navigating without data also works with the Keep Only and Remove Only commands.

- ▶ To navigate without data when using the Keep Only or Remove Only command:
  1. Select Qtr1 (cell D2) and Qtr2 (cell E2) and select Essbase > Keep Only.

Hyperion Essbase retains only the selected members and does not retrieve data.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1				Actual		Budget				
2				Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr1	Qtr2			
3	Market	100	Profit							
4			Inventory							
5		200	Profit							
6			Inventory							
7		300	Profit							
8			Inventory							
9		400	Profit							
10			Inventory							
11		Diet	Profit							
12			Inventory							
13		Product	Profit							

Figure 41: Result of Keep Only (Navigate Without Data Enabled)

2. Select products 300 (cell B7), 400 (cell B9), and Diet (cell B11) and select Essbase > Remove Only.

Hyperion Essbase executes the Remove Only command without actually querying the database for information.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1				Actual		Budget				
2				Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr1	Qtr2			
3	Market	100	Profit							
4			Inventory							
5		200	Profit							
6			Inventory							
7		Product	Profit							
8			Inventory							
9										

Figure 42: Result of Remove Only (Navigate Without Data Enabled)



➤ To turn off Navigate Without Data when you are ready to retrieve data:

1. Select Essbase > Navigate Without Data.

Hyperion Essbase removes the check mark next to the menu item.

**Note:** You can also disable Navigate Without Data by clearing the appropriate option in the Essbase Options dialog box (Global Tab) or by clicking the Navigate Without Data button on the Essbase toolbar (Excel only).

2. In cell A3, drill down (double-click) on Market.

Hyperion Essbase drills down on the Market dimension and also retrieves data into the worksheet.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1				Actual		Budget			
2				Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr1	Qtr2		
3	East	100	Profit	2747	3352	2880	3480		
4			Inventory	5384	4490	5200	3530		
5		200	Profit	562	610	960	1070		
6			Inventory	5957	6442	5610	5910		
7			Product Profit	5380	6499	6500	7550		
8			Inventory	25744	26214	24710	24030		
9	West	100	Profit	1042	849	2350	2130		
10			Inventory	8592	9656	10250	10950		
11		200	Profit	2325	2423	2570	2720		
12			Inventory	11755	11643	11070	10900		
13			Product Profit	7137	7515	8960	9290		
14			Inventory	38751	41574	39020	42820		

Figure 43: Result of Drilling down (Navigate Without Data Disabled)

**Note:** If you want to retrieve data without changing the current worksheet view, you can also retrieve data by simply double-clicking in any data cell or by selecting Essbase > Retrieve (after disabling Navigate Without Data).

## Suppressing Missing Values, Zero Values, and Underscore Characters

Several types of data can be returned to a worksheet view:

- Numeric data values
- #NoAccess strings, which are displayed when you do not have the proper security access to view a data value
- #Missing strings, which indicate that no data exists for that member intersection
- Zero data values

A missing value is not the same as a zero value that is loaded into the Hyperion Essbase database. When data does not exist for a data cell in Hyperion Essbase, a value of #Missing is returned to the worksheet. If any cell in a row contains a value, that row is not suppressed on a retrieval.

With Hyperion Essbase, you can suppress missing and zero values from the display in the worksheet. In addition, you can tell Hyperion Essbase to suppress underscore characters that are in some member names.

- ▶ To suppress rows that contain missing values from displaying in the worksheet:
  1. In cell C3, double-click the secondary mouse button to drill up on Profit.
  2. Pivot Measures (in cell C3) to Actual (in cell D1).

3. In cell B4, drill down (double-click) on product 100.

Notice that, in the South, the product 100–30 row contains all missing values, indicating that this product is not sold in the South. You may need to scroll down the worksheet to see this row.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1				Measures			
2			Actual		Budget		
3			Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr1	Qtr2	
4	East	100-10	2461	2940	2550	3050	
5		100-20	212	303	220	300	
6		100-30	74	109	110	130	
7		100	2747	3352	2880	3480	
8		200	562	610	960	1070	
9		Product	5380	6499	6500	7550	
10	West	100-10	1047	1189	1720	1900	
11		100-20	-67	-177	320	200	
12		100-30	62	-163	310	30	
13		100	1042	849	2350	2130	
14		200	2325	2423	2570	2720	
15		Product	7137	7515	8960	9290	
16	South	100-10	745	835	1160	1280	
17		100-20	306	363	570	660	
18		100-30	#Missing	#Missing	#Missing	#Missing	

Figure 44: Worksheet View Displaying Missing Data Values

4. Select Essbase > Options, and select the **Display** tab.
5. In the **Suppress** option group, select the **#Missing Rows** check box and click **OK**.

**Note:** The Suppress #Missing Rows and Zero Rows options are not available when any of the Formula Preservation options are selected in the Essbase Options dialog box. For more information on Formula Preservation, see [“Preserving Formulas When Retrieving Data”](#) on page 153.

6. Select Essbase > Retrieve to update the worksheet.

**Note:** After you change a worksheet option in the Essbase Options dialog box, you must perform a retrieval or drill operation to have the new setting take effect.

Hyperion Essbase suppresses product 100–30 from the South member group.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
4	East	100-10	2461	2940	2550	3050			
5		100-20	212	303	220	300			
6		100-30	74	109	110	130			
7		100	2747	3352	2880	3480			
8		200	562	610	960	1070			
9		Product	5380	6499	6500	7550			
10	West	100-10	1047	1189	1720	1900			
11		100-20	-67	-177	320	200			
12		100-30	62	-163	310	30			
13		100	1042	849	2350	2130			
14		200	2325	2423	2570	2720			
15		Product	7137	7515	8960	9290			
16	South	100-10	745	835	1160	1280			
17		100-20	306	363	570	660			
18		100	1051	1198	1730	1940			
19		200	1465	1540	1640	1700			
20		Product	3077	3267	4180	4410			
21	Central	100-10	843	928	1080	1180			

Figure 45: Result of Suppressing Missing Data Values

7. Select File > Close to close the worksheet. You do not need to save the worksheet.

**Note:** After you enable the Suppress #Missing Rows feature in the Essbase Options dialog box, any missing values suppressed during a data retrieval are not retrieved again by simply disabling the feature. If you disable the feature in the Essbase Options dialog box, missing values are retrieved *from only that point on*. For example, in the tutorial task described above, Hyperion Essbase could not go back and return the missing values for product 100–30. To return these missing values to the worksheet, you disable the Suppress #Missing Rows feature, drill up on a Product member, and then drill down again.

You can also suppress zeros and underscore characters as described in the task above by clicking the appropriate options in the Suppress option group in the Essbase Options dialog box (Display tab).

In addition to suppressing specific values and characters during retrieval, Hyperion Essbase enables you to define a label for missing values (#Missing) or for data you do not have access to (#NoAccess). If you define a replacement label for these values, Hyperion Essbase displays the replacement labels instead of the default labels. For more information on defining replacement labels for the #Missing and #NoAccess labels, see the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help.

## Formatting the Worksheet

Hyperion Essbase provides you with various ways to customize the worksheet view. For example, you may want to apply visual cues, or styles, to certain member names or to data cells in the worksheet, or you may want to display alternative names, or aliases, for member names. This section steps you through the following formatting procedures:

- [“Formatting Text and Cells” on page 77](#)
- [“Displaying Aliases for Member Names” on page 87](#)
- [“Displaying Both Member Names and Aliases” on page 89](#)
- [“Repeating Member Labels” on page 90](#)

This section of the tutorial starts with a new worksheet.

### Formatting Text and Cells

In a spreadsheet report, you may have many hierarchical levels of database information displayed. By defining and applying visual cues, or styles, to the text and cells in the worksheet, you can easily keep track of specific database members, dimensions, and cell functions. Styles are a great way to help view and distinguish data in Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in.

**Note:** Keep in mind that applying styles requires additional processing during a retrieval request. For more information, see [“Removing Styles” on page 86](#).

This section of the tutorial describes the following:

- “Applying Styles to Parent Members” on page 78
- “Applying Styles to Dimension Members” on page 81
- “Applying Styles to Data Cells” on page 84
- “Determining the Precedence of Overlapping Styles” on page 85
- “Removing Styles” on page 86

**Note:** For a discussion of the relationships among Hyperion Essbase database members, see “Database Outlines” on page 25.

## Applying Styles to Parent Members

Each dimension in a database may contain a large number of hierarchical levels. As you view data in the worksheet, you may not be familiar with all the hierarchical levels of the database outline. To indicate which members have underlying children, you can apply formatting styles to parent members, including those with attributes.

► To apply styles to parent members:

1. To open a new worksheet, select File > New or click the  icon.
2. Select Essbase > Retrieve.

**Note:** You should still be connected to the Sample Basic database. If you are not connected, follow the steps in “Connecting to a Database” on page 48.

3. In cell A2, drill down (double-click) on Year.
4. Select Essbase > Options.

- In the **Essbase Options** dialog box, select the **Style** tab.

**Note:** The **Style** tab is available only when you are connected to a database.

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Style** tab.

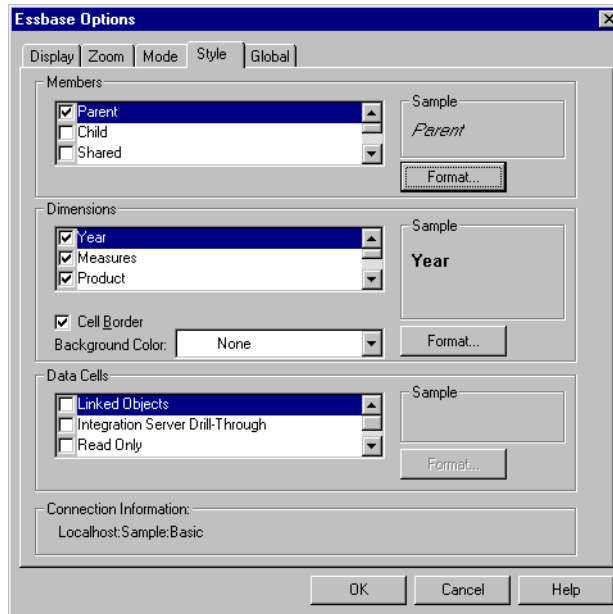


Figure 46: Essbase Options Dialog Box, Style Tab

In the Members area, you can define styles for various types of database members, such as parent, child, and shared members.

- In the **Members** group box, select the **Parent** check box.

Clicking this box defines a font and color style for parent member names. Hyperion Essbase defines a default color of navy for all parent members. You can select a font format by clicking the **Format** button to the right of the Members box and using the Font dialog box.

7. Click the **Format** button.

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Font** dialog box.

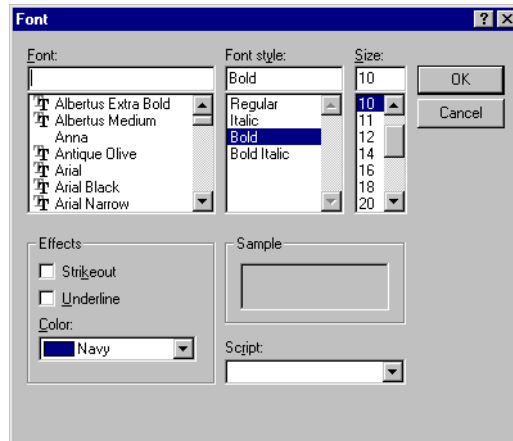


Figure 47: Font Dialog Box

8. In the **Font style** list box, select **Bold** and then click **OK**.

**Note:** Hyperion Essbase displays an example of the selected style in the Sample box.

9. Click **OK** again.

Even though you have defined styles, they are not enabled until you select the **Use Styles** check box from the **Essbase Options** dialog box and refresh the worksheet.

10. Select **Essbase > Options**, and select the **Display** tab.
11. In the **Cells** option group, select the **Use Styles** check box to enable your styles, and then click **OK**.
12. Select **Essbase > Retrieve** to refresh the worksheet and apply the styles.

Hyperion Essbase displays parent member names in bold, navy font.



13. In cell A2, drill down (double-click) on Qtr1.

Hyperion Essbase displays Jan, Feb, and Mar in a regular font, because these members do not have underlying children.

	A	B	C	D	E
1		<i>Measures</i>	<i>Product</i>	<i>Market</i>	<i>Scenario</i>
2	Jan	8024			
3	Feb	8346			
4	Mar	8333			
5	<i>Qtr1</i>	24703			
6	<i>Qtr2</i>	27107			
7	<i>Qtr3</i>	27912			
8	<i>Qtr4</i>	25800			
9	<i>Year</i>	105522			

Figure 48: Styles Applied to Parent Members

## Applying Styles to Dimension Members

In addition to applying styles to parent members (as you did in the previous section), you can also apply styles to members of a dimension in a database. Applying styles to dimensions makes it easy to view the various dimension members in Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in.

- ▶ To apply styles to dimensions:
  1. Select Essbase > Options and select the **Style** tab.
  2. In the **Dimensions** group box, select Year.
  3. Select the **Cell Border** check box to create a border around each cell that contains a member from the selected dimension.

- From the **Background Color** list box, select Yellow.

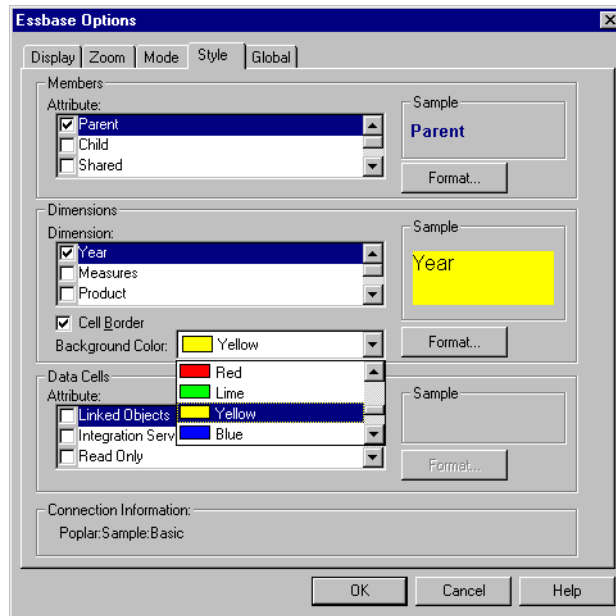


Figure 49: Selecting a Background Color from the Style Tab

- Click the **Format** button that is to the right of the Dimensions list. Hyperion Essbase displays the **Font** dialog box.
- From the **Font style** list box, select **Bold**, and then click **OK**.
 

**Note:** Hyperion Essbase displays an example of the selected style in the Sample box.
- From the list of dimensions, select the Measures dimension and, from the **Background Color** list box, select Fuschia.
- From the list of dimensions, select Product, and clear the **Cell Border** check box.
- From the **Background Color** list box, select Aqua.
- Scroll down the list of dimensions, and select Market.

11. Select the **Cell Border** check box, and click the **Format** button that is to the right of the Dimensions list.

When the **Font** dialog box is displayed, from the **Font style** list box select **Italic**, and then click **OK**.

12. From the list of dimensions, select Scenario, and from the **Background Color** list box, select Red.
13. Click the **Format** button, and from the **Color** list box, select White.
14. Click **OK** twice to return to the worksheet.

**Note:** When you define styles, your choices are saved to the `essbase.ini` file on your local machine. You can define one set of styles per database.

15. In cell D1, drill down (double-click) on Market.
16. Press and hold the Alt key and drill down (double-click) on Scenario (in cell E1).
17. Select Essbase > Retrieve to refresh the worksheet.

Hyperion Essbase redisplay the worksheet and implements the newly defined styles. For example, members of the Scenario dimension are displayed with a red background.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1			Measures	Product			
2			Actual	Budget	Variance	Variance %	Scenario
3	East	Jan	1732	2080	-348	-16.7308	1732
4		Feb	1843	2230	-387	-17.3543	1843
5		Mar	1805	2190	-385	-17.5799	1805
6		Qtr1	5380	6500	-1120	-17.2308	5380
7		Qtr2	6499	7550	-1051	-13.9205	6499
8		Qtr3	6346	7550	-1204	-15.947	6346
9		Qtr4	5936	6790	-854	-12.5773	5936
10		Year	24161	28390	-4229	-14.8961	24161
11	West	Jan	2339	2980	-641	-21.5101	2339
12		Feb	2394	2990	-596	-19.9331	2394
13		Mar	2404	2990	-586	-19.5987	2404
14		Qtr1	7137	8960	-1823	-20.346	7137

Figure 50: Dimensions with Styles Applied

## Applying Styles to Data Cells

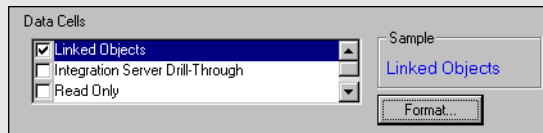
You can apply styles to data cells, such as read-only cells, read/write cells, linked object cells, and Hyperion Integration Server Drill-Through cells to distinguish them from other cells in the worksheet. The Sample Basic database that you are using for this tutorial does not contain data cells with any of these characteristics. In the advanced tutorial presented in Chapter 3, you attach a linked reporting object to a data cell and apply a style to the cell.

**Note:** You cannot perform the actions in shaded boxes.

In general, you apply styles to data cells by following these steps:

1. Select Essbase > Options, and select the **Style** tab.
2. In the **Data Cells** option group, select the **Linked Objects**, **Integration Server Drill-Through**, **Read Only**, or **Read/Write** check box.
3. Click **Format**.
4. In the **Font** dialog box, specify the font, font size, font style, color, and effects, and click **OK**.

**Note:** Hyperion Essbase displays an example of the selected style in the **Sample** box.



*Figure 51: Sample Style for Read/Write Data Cells*

5. Repeat steps 2–4 to set styles for other data cells.
6. Select the **Display** tab and select the **Use Styles** check box to apply styles to the worksheet.
7. Click **OK** to close the **Essbase Options** dialog box.
8. Select Essbase > Retrieve to display the new styles in the worksheet.

## Determining the Precedence of Overlapping Styles

The only way you can apply a background color to data is to define a style for dimensions. If dimension styles are defined, and the Use Styles setting is turned on, members of a dimension always have the background color defined for their dimension.

The text styles that you can apply to members, dimensions, and data cells have a hierarchy that determines which characteristics are applied. Member styles are at the top of that hierarchy. Thus, member styles are always applied (as long as styles are turned on). Note that in [Figure 50](#), the Qtr1 label in cell B6 is in bold, navy font, and has a yellow background. The navy font comes from the style defined for parent members, and the yellow background comes from the style defined for Year.

Hyperion Essbase uses the following order of precedence when applying multiple text styles:

- Linked object cells
- Integration Server Drill-Through cells
- Read-only cells
- Read/write cells
- Parent member cells
- Child member cells
- Shared member cells
- Cells containing formulas
- Dynamic calculation member cells
- Attribute cells
- Dimension cells

If you want to see a child member style, make sure that the parent member style is turned off. If you want to see a shared member style, make sure that both parent and child member styles are turned off.

## Removing Styles

Styles can be very helpful tools for keeping track of data in Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in. Applying styles, however, involves additional processing time during a retrieval request. This additional processing has a slight impact on the speed of Hyperion Essbase retrievals.

If you do not want to apply styles to the worksheet view, you can clear them. You can also turn off styles so they are not displayed when you refresh the view (by selecting Essbase > Retrieve, for example). So that the worksheet matches the illustrations presented in the following tasks, *do not* remove styles if you are stepping through the tutorial.

**Note:** If you have styles applied to the worksheet and you execute the FlashBack command, these styles are temporarily removed from the current view. The styles are re-applied whenever you initiate a retrieval. You cannot perform the actions in shaded boxes.

- ▶ To remove all styles from a worksheet:
  1. Select all cells in the worksheet.
  2. From the Excel menu bar, select Edit > Clear > Formats.
  
- ▶ To disable styles:
  1. Select Essbase > Options and, select the **Display** tab.
  2. In the **Cells** option group, clear the **Use Styles** check box, and click **OK**.

**Note:** If you turn styles off without clearing them from the worksheet, the styles remain in the current worksheet view when you refresh the view. The styles remain to avoid removing any styles that you may apply to individual cells using native worksheet formatting options.

## Displaying Aliases for Member Names

Aliases are alternate names for database members. You can create reports that use the database member name, which is often a stock number or a product code, or an alias name, which can be more descriptive. Aliases are defined by the Hyperion Essbase application designer. Each database can contain one or more alias tables.

For example, members of Product in the Sample Basic database are defined as codes, such as 100 and 200. A descriptive alias for each member of Product, such as Colas and Root Beer, is defined in an alias table. In some cases, alias names may vary depending on the combination of other database members. For example, a Product member may have a different alias for each market in which it is sold. For more information, see the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help or the *Hyperion Essbase Database Administrator's Guide*.

- ▶ To display the alias of a member rather than its database name:
  1. In cell C2, double-click the secondary mouse button to drill up on Actual.
  2. Press and hold the Alt key and drill down (double-click) on Product (in cell D1).
  3. Select Essbase > Options, and select the **Display** tab.
  4. In the **Aliases** option group, select the **Use Aliases** check box to display member aliases.

5. Select Default from the **Alias** list box.

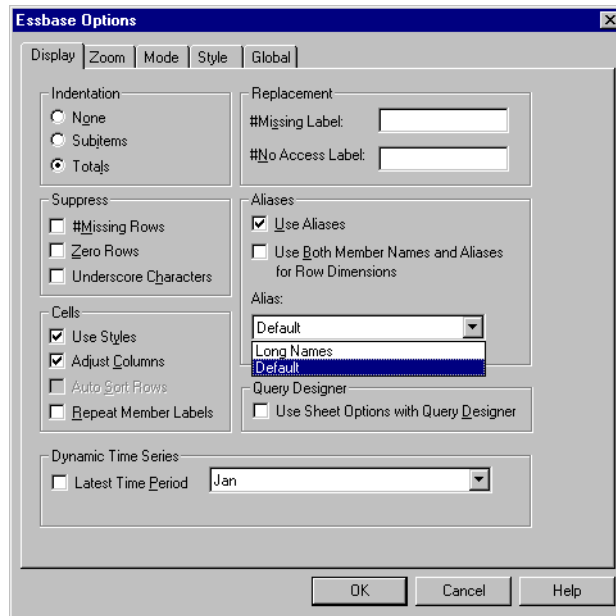


Figure 52: Enabling Aliases in the Essbase Options Display Tab

6. Click **OK**.



7. Select Essbase > Retrieve to refresh the worksheet and display the alias names.

Hyperion Essbase changes the Product codes (100, 200, and so forth) to their predefined aliases (Colas, Root Beer, Cream Soda, and so forth). In the Sample Basic database, Product is the only dimension with predefined aliases.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1					Measures		
2			Colas	Root Beer	Cream Soda	Fruit Sod	Diet Drinks
3			Scenario	Scenario	Scenario	Scenario	Scenario
4	East	Jan	924	158	184	466	181
5		Feb	888	242	200	513	185
6		Mar	935	162	207	501	189
7		Qtr1	2747	562	591	1480	555
8		Qtr2	3352	610	922	1615	652
9		Qtr3	3740	372	522	1712	644
10		Qtr4	2817	990	592	1537	557
11		Year	12656	2534	2627	6344	2408
12	West	Jan	378	752	755	454	663
13		Feb	337	781	797	479	683
14		Mar	327	792	811	474	679

Figure 53: Result of Displaying Aliases

Notice that Hyperion Essbase is still displaying the styles that you created and applied in the previous sections.

## Displaying Both Member Names and Aliases

In addition to displaying aliases for database members, you can also tell Hyperion Essbase to display both aliases and database member names in Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in.

- To display the name and alias of a member:
  1. In cell B8, double-click the secondary mouse button to drill up on Qtr2.
  2. In cell C2, select Colas, and then select Essbase > Pivot.
  3. In cell C3, select Year, and then select Essbase > Pivot.
  4. Select Essbase > Options, and select the **Display** tab.
  5. In the **Aliases** option group, select the check box for Use Both Member Names and Aliases for Row Dimensions.

Be sure that **Use Aliases** is already checked.

- Click **OK** to return to the worksheet, and select Essbase > Retrieve.

Hyperion Essbase displays both member names and their aliases for row dimensions. Because the only row dimension in this example that has preassigned aliases is Product, only the Product members display their aliases. Region members simply repeat the member name instead of displaying an alias.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1					<i>Year</i>	<i>Measures</i>
2					<i>Scenario</i>	
3	<b>100</b>	<i>Colas</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>East</i>	12656	
4			<i>West</i>	<i>West</i>	3549	
5			<i>South</i>	<i>South</i>	4773	
6			<i>Central</i>	<i>Central</i>	9490	
7			<i>Market</i>	<i>Market</i>	30468	
8	<b>200</b>	<i>Root Beer</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>East</i>	2534	
9			<i>West</i>	<i>West</i>	9727	
10			<i>South</i>	<i>South</i>	6115	
11			<i>Central</i>	<i>Central</i>	9578	
12			<i>Market</i>	<i>Market</i>	27954	
13	<b>300</b>	<i>Cream Soda</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>East</i>	2627	
14			<i>West</i>	<i>West</i>	10731	
15			<i>South</i>	<i>South</i>	2350	

Figure 54: Result of Displaying Both Member Names and Aliases

## Repeating Member Labels

By default, Hyperion Essbase displays member labels only once for each nested row and column group. If you are connected to a large database when using Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in, you may have to scroll down or across the worksheet to see additional data rows and columns. In some cases, as you scroll down or across, member labels may disappear from view. Hyperion Essbase provides a feature for repeating member labels in each row or column cell that represents a data point so that you can always see a member label in the worksheet view.

- To repeat member labels down and across the worksheet:
  1. Select Essbase > Options, and select the **Display** tab.
  2. In the **Aliases** option group, clear the **Use Both Member Names and Aliases for Row Dimensions** check box.
  3. In the **Cells** option group, select the **Repeat Member Labels** check box, and then click **OK**.

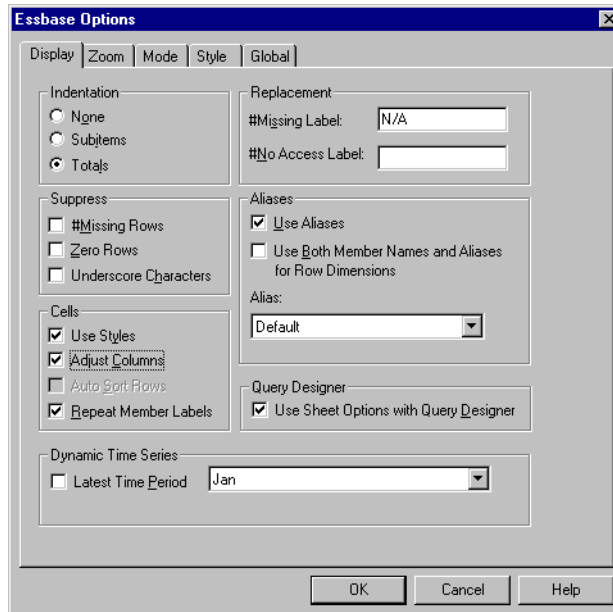


Figure 55: Enabling the Repeat Member Labels Option

4. In cell E1, drill down (double-click) on Year.

Hyperion Essbase displays a member label in every column and row cell. For the Sample Basic database that you are using for this tutorial, repeating member labels is probably not necessary because the database is relatively small. This feature is particularly helpful for keeping track of member labels when scrolling through large worksheets.

	A	B	C	D
1				Measures
2				Scenario
3	Qtr1	Colas	East	2747
4	Qtr1	Colas	West	1042
5	Qtr1	Colas	South	1051
6	Qtr1	Colas	Central	2208
7	Qtr1	Colas	Market	7048
8	Qtr1	Root Beer	East	562
9	Qtr1	Root Beer	West	2325
10	Qtr1	Root Beer	South	1465
11	Qtr1	Root Beer	Central	2369
12	Qtr1	Root Beer	Market	6721
13	Qtr1	Cream Soda	East	591
14	Qtr1	Cream Soda	West	2363
15	Qtr1	Cream Soda	South	561
16	Qtr1	Cream Soda	Central	2414

Figure 56: Result of Repeating Member Labels

**Note:** Even if you clear the **Repeat Member Labels** check box in the Essbase Options dialog box, Hyperion Essbase retains the repeated member labels in the worksheet view. To remove the repeated labels, you need to do one of the following: (1) clear the check box and open a new worksheet; (2) clear the check box and pivot the row group to a column group and then pivot it back to a row group (or vice versa); or (3) select Essbase > FlashBack and clear the check box.

5. Before returning to the tutorial, complete the following actions:
  - a. Select Essbase > Options, and select the **Display** tab.
  - b. In the **Cells** option group, clear the **Repeat Member Labels** check box, and then click **OK**.
  - c. Select File > Close to close the worksheet. You do not need to save the worksheet.

# Creating Queries Using Hyperion Essbase Query Designer

So far, you have seen how easy it is to retrieve data and navigate through Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in in an ad hoc fashion. Hyperion Essbase also provides a query designer so that you can define a database query for retrieving dimensions and database members into the worksheet. Hyperion Essbase Query Designer (EQD) is a new feature that replaces Retrieval Wizard, used to define queries in previous versions of Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in.

Before Hyperion Essbase actually retrieves data, Hyperion Essbase Query Designer provides a series of panels so you can request the data that you want to view in the worksheet. It is particularly helpful when you know exactly which data you want to retrieve from the server. In addition, you can save a query and use it again.

The Hyperion Essbase Query Designer window (Figure 57) consists of the following panels:

- The navigation panel provides access to the various features in Hyperion Essbase Query Designer. You can display all the dimensions used in a particular query and access the various properties of each dimension member.
- The hint panel provides a brief description of the feature that is selected from the navigation panel.
- The properties panel provides access to the following functions:
  - *Layout*: Design the layout of the spreadsheet report. To change the default layout, select a dimension tile and drag it to one of the other dimension boxes. To access the member select panel and to define a member for a query, double-click a dimension tile.
  - *Member Select*: Select members that you want to display in the rows of the spreadsheet report. To select a member, right-click the member, and select Add to Selection Rules. You can also double-click a member to add it to the selection rules.
  - *Member Filter*: Filter the member selection by attribute, generation name, level name, pattern string, or UDA.
  - *Data Filter*: Retrieve rows of data. The retrieval is based on the ranking of the rows within certain columns. Use this panel to access the data restriction panel.

- *Data Restriction:* Filter data by comparing it to a fixed data value, a set of data values, or #Missing data values.
- *Data Sort:* Sort rows in ascending or descending order. The sort is based on column data values.
- *Messages and Confirmation:* Turn on and turn off certain messages from Hyperion Essbase Query Designer.
- *Help:* Access documentation about Hyperion Essbase Query Designer.

## Creating and Changing Queries

To access any of the Hyperion Essbase Query Designer panels, select the appropriate feature listed in the navigation panel.

As you create a query or make changes to an existing query, the changes are reflected in the navigation panel. To view a dimension or a member of an open query, click on the specific dimension or member in the query outline that is displayed in the navigation panel. Selected members are displayed in the member selection panel on the right.

You can also revise an existing query in the member selection panel. For example, you can delete a member or add a member to the query by selecting a member in the navigation panel and making the appropriate changes in the properties panel.

**Note:** Files created in Retrieval Wizard can be opened in Hyperion Essbase Query Designer. However, if a query contains more than two member filters per selection rule or more than two data restrictions, the member filters may be out of order. To ensure correct results, rearrange the member filters in the navigation panel, if necessary.

For complete information on Hyperion Essbase Query Designer options, see the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help.

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**CAUTION:** Manipulation of worksheets in VBA such as naming worksheets or moving worksheets may not work when EQD is running.

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## Creating Queries

► To create a query using Hyperion Essbase Query Designer:

1. Select Essbase > Query Designer.

Hyperion Essbase displays the Hyperion Essbase Query Designer welcome panel.

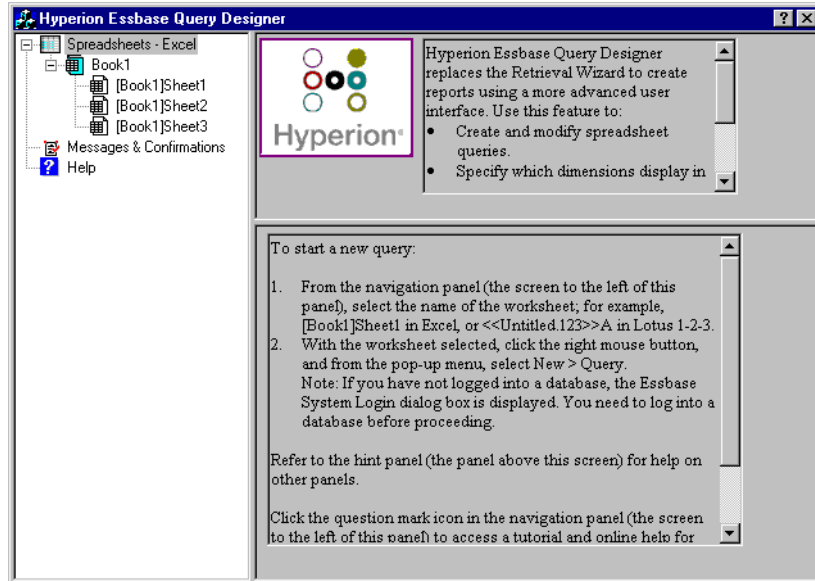


Figure 57: Hyperion Essbase Query Designer Displaying Welcome Panel

2. To create a new query, select [Book1]Sheet1, right-click, and select New > Query.

Hyperion Essbase displays the layout panel of Hyperion Essbase Query Designer.

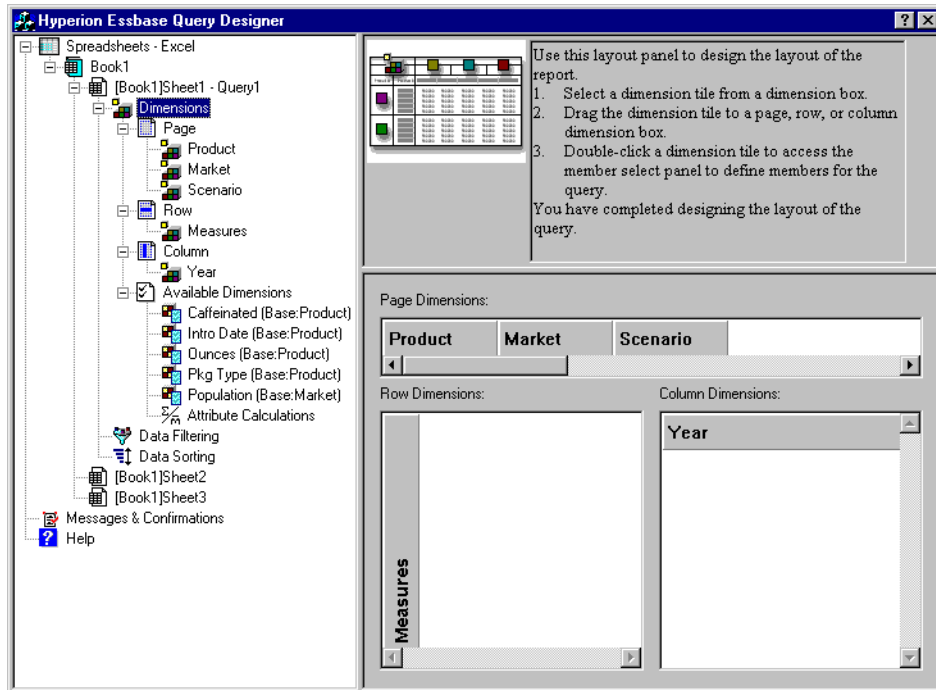


Figure 58: Hyperion Essbase Query Designer Displaying Layout Panel



3. Define the worksheet layout by dragging the dimension tiles as follows:
  - a. Drag Market and Product to the Row location.
  - b. Drag Measures to the Page location.
  - c. Drag Scenario below Year (in the Column location).

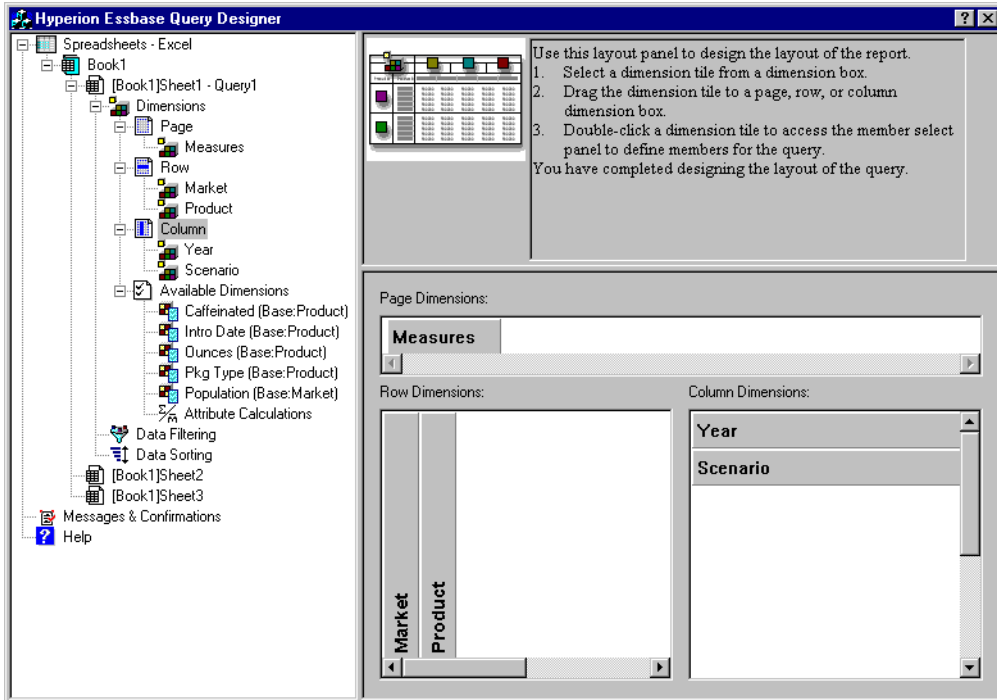


Figure 59: Changing the Worksheet Layout

4. To select the Measures dimension in the navigation panel, select the Measures icon. Alternatively, double-click the Measures tile in the layout panel.

Hyperion Essbase displays the member select panel, where you can select a member from the Measures dimension.

**Note:** You can select only one member from the dimension in the Page location.

5. Select Profit, right-click, and select Add to Selection Rules. Alternatively, double-click Profit to add it to the selection rules.

Profit is displayed in the selection rules list.

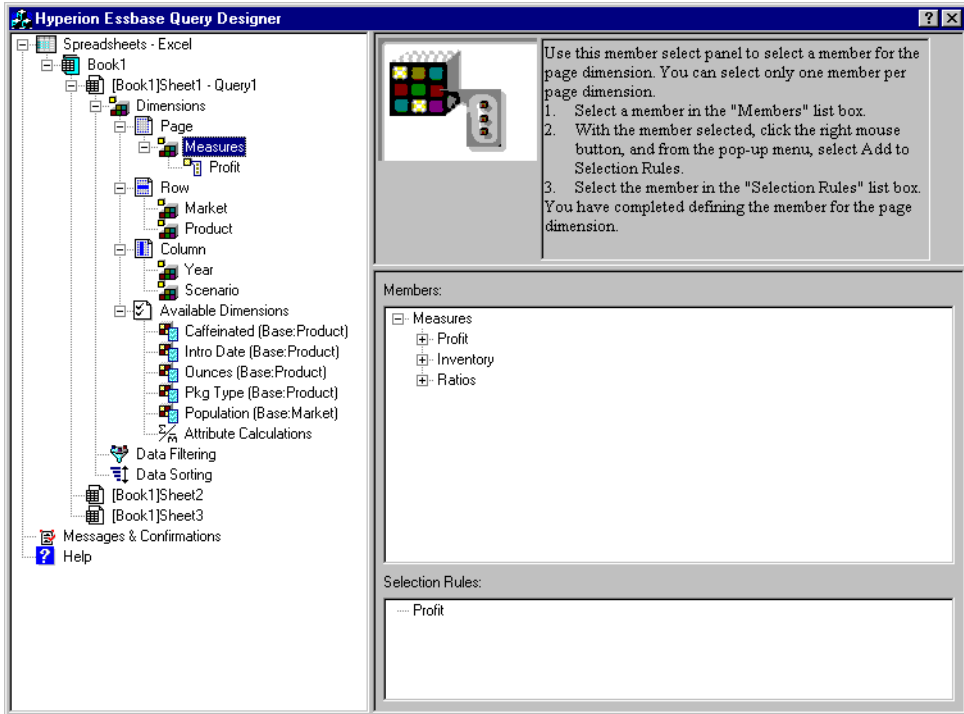


Figure 60: Hyperion Essbase Query Designer Displaying the Member Select Panel

**Note:** In Hyperion Essbase Query Designer, after you make your selections, you do not need to confirm them; for example, you do not have to click **OK**. If you do not select members from any given dimension, Hyperion Essbase uses the top member of the dimension.

6. To select members of the Year dimension, complete the following actions:
- In the navigation panel, click the Year icon. Alternatively, double-click the Year tile in the layout panel.

Hyperion Essbase displays the member select panel for the Year dimension.

- Select Qtr1, right-click, and select Add to Selection Rules.
- Add Qtr2, Qtr3, and Qtr4 to the selection rules in the same manner. Because Year is in a Column location, you can select one or more members.

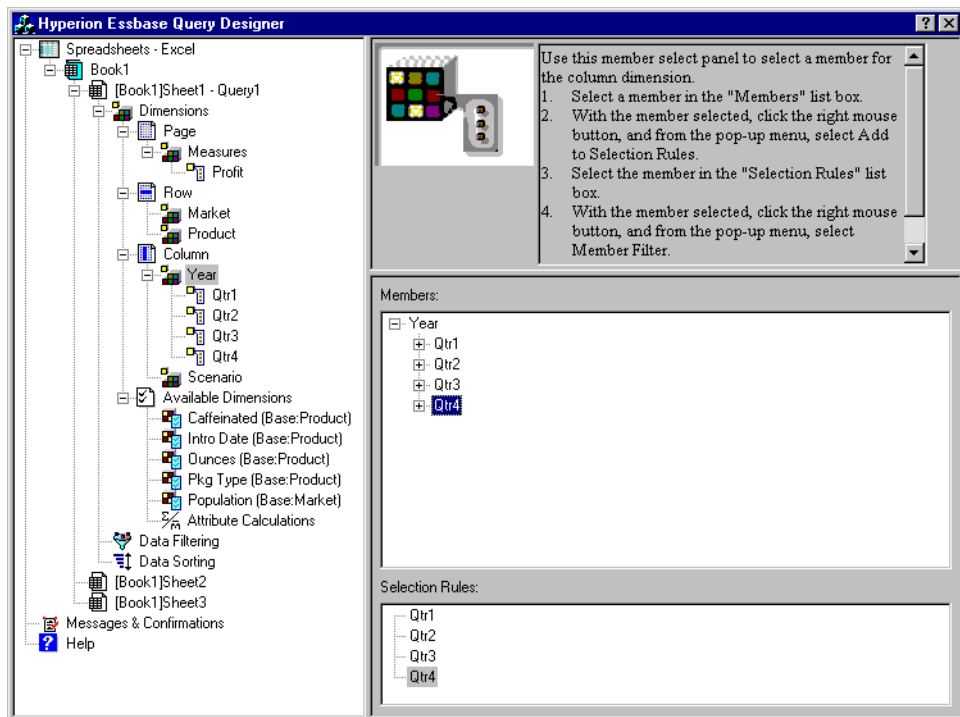


Figure 61: Adding Members to the Selection Rules

- 7.** To select members of the Scenario dimension, complete the following actions:
  - a.** In the navigation panel, select Scenario. Alternatively, double-click the Scenario tile in the layout panel.

The members of the Scenario dimension are displayed in the member select panel.
  - b.** Select Actual, right-click, and select Add to Selection Rules.

Actual is added to the Selection Rules box.
  - c.** In the same manner, add Budget to the Selection Rules box.
- 8.** To select members of the Product dimension, complete the following actions:
  - a.** In the navigation panel, select Product. Alternatively, double-click the Product tile in the layout panel.

The members of the Product dimension are displayed in the member select panel.
  - b.** Select product code 100, right-click, and select Add to Selection Rules.
  - c.** Repeat the process for product codes 200, 300, and 400.
  - d.** In the Selection Rules list box, select product code 100, right-click, and then, from the popup menu, choose Select > Children.

This action selects all children of 100. Hyperion Essbase displays All Children next to 100 in the Selection Rules list box.

- e. In the Selection Rules list box, select product code 400, right-click, and choose Select > Descendants.

Hyperion Essbase displays All Descendants next to 400 in the Selection Rules list box.

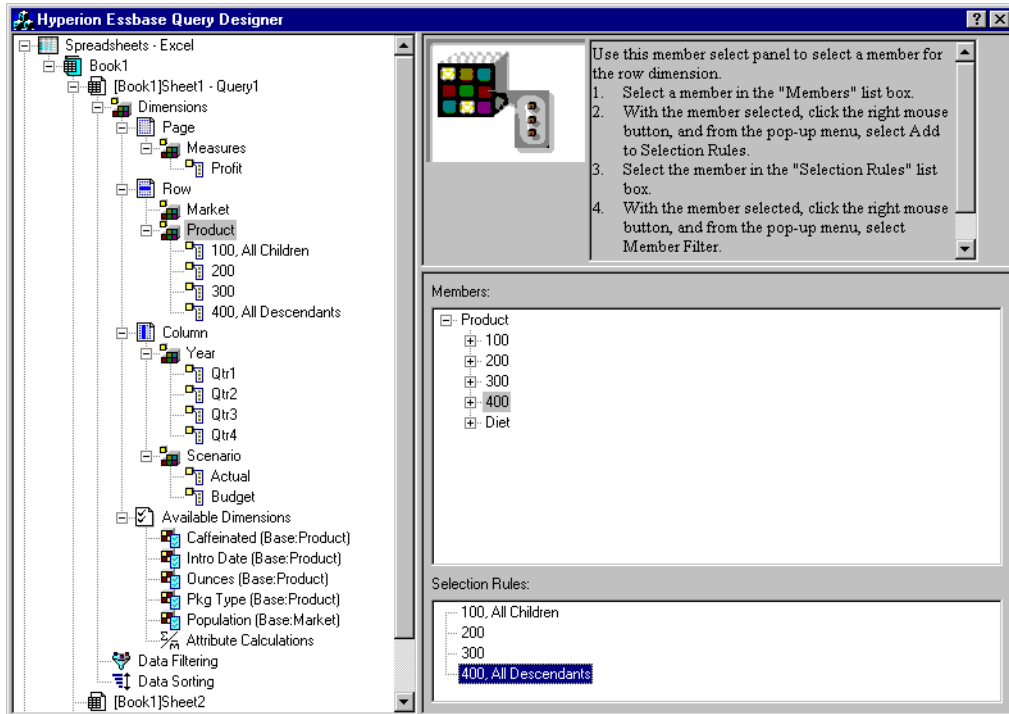
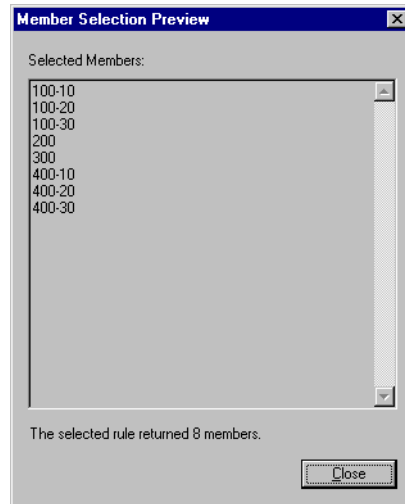


Figure 62: Selecting Members of Product

- f. To view the list of all product codes that will be retrieved into the worksheet, select any of the entries in the Selection Rules list box (for example, 200), right-click, and select Preview.

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Member Selection Preview** dialog box.



*Figure 63: Selected Members of Product Dimension*

- g. Click **Close** to close the **Member Selection Preview** dialog box.
9. To select members of the Market dimension, complete the following actions:
- a. In the navigation panel, select Market. Alternatively, double-click the Market tile in the layout panel.  
  
The members of the Market dimension are displayed in the member select panel.
  - b. In the Member list box, select East, right-click, and select View by > Generation.

- c. To pick the second generation of the Market dimension, in the Member list box, select **Region**, right-click, and select **Add to Selection Rules**. Alternatively, double-click **Region** to add it to the selection rules.  
Region is displayed in the Selection Rules list box.
- d. To view the list of members that will be retrieved into the worksheet, in the Selection Rules list box, select **Region**, right-click, and select **Preview**.  
Hyperion Essbase displays East, West, South, and Central in the **Member Selection Preview** dialog box.

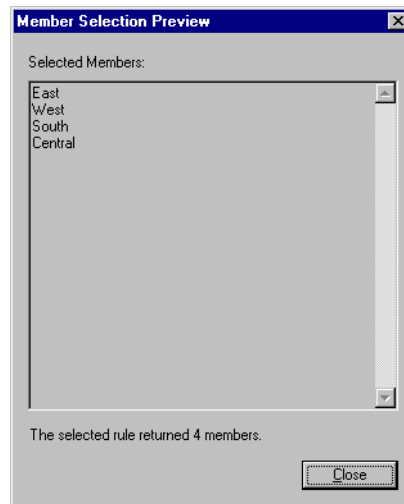


Figure 64: Generation Name Selection

- e. Click **Close** to close the **Member Selection Preview** dialog box.

You have now defined a basic Hyperion Essbase query. The outline of the query is displayed in the navigation panel.

10. In the navigation panel, select [Book1]Sheet1, Query1\, and then right-click and select Save Query.

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Hyperion Essbase Query Designer Save As Query** dialog box. You can save your query to the server or to your own client machine. To save to the server, you must have a security level of database designer or higher. Contact the Hyperion Essbase system administrator for more information.

11. Select Client.

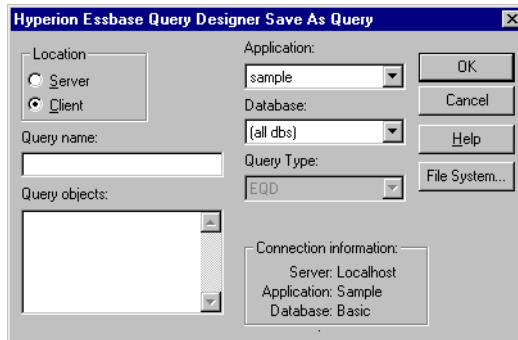


Figure 65: Hyperion Essbase Query Designer Save As Query Dialog Box

12. Click the **File System** button.

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Save As** dialog box.

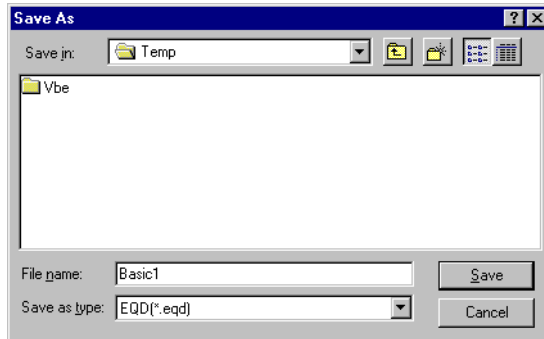


Figure 66: Save As Dialog Box



13. Select a location, in the **File name** text box, type **Basic1** and then click Save.  
You will use the Basic1 query again in Chapter 3.

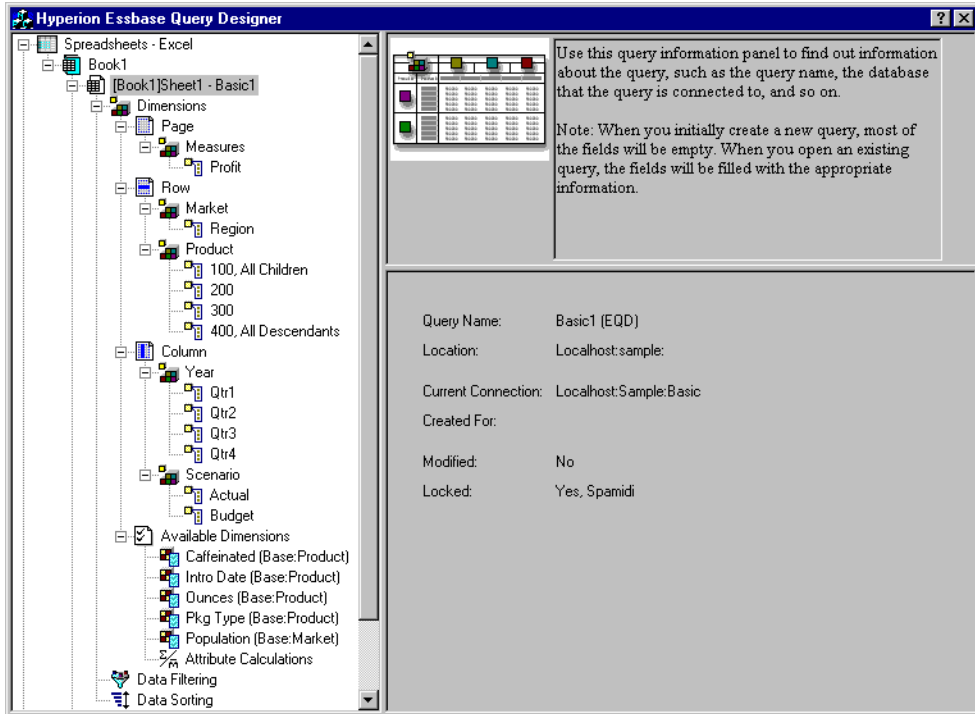


Figure 67: Hyperion Essbase Query Designer Displaying Query Information Panel

- In the navigation panel, select [Book1]Sheet1, Basic1. then right-click, and select Apply Query.

The result of the query is displayed in the worksheet.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1						Profit				
2										
3			Qtr1		Qtr2		Qtr3		Qtr4	
4	East	Cola	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
5		Diet Cola	2461	2560	2940	3050	3298	3440	2430	2410
6		Caffeine Free Cola	212	220	303	300	312	310	287	290
7		Root Beer	74	110	109	130	130	190	100	150
8		Cream Soda	562	960	610	1070	372	830	990	1500
9		Grape	591	770	922	1010	522	660	592	530
10		Orange	645	840	676	860	710	920	618	800
11		Strawberry	290	360	327	380	377	420	394	440
12	West	Cola	545	700	612	750	625	780	525	670
13		Diet Cola	1047	1720	1189	1900	1339	2120	1018	1780
14		Caffeine Free Cola	-67	320	-177	200	-154	250	-136	320
15		Root Beer	62	310	-163	30	-286	-130	-123	70
16		Cream Soda	2325	2570	2423	2720	2540	2820	2439	2840
17		Grape	2363	2620	2739	2970	2937	3230	2692	2850
18		Orange	1143	920	1167	960	1271	1020	1219	920
19		Strawberry	1002	810	1120	890	1192	1000	940	680
20	South	Cola	-738	-310	-783	-380	-900	-440	-779	-400
21		Diet Cola	745	1160	835	1280	1031	1490	965	1510
			306	570	363	660	281	570	247	550

Figure 68: Results of a Hyperion Essbase Query Designer Query

**Note:** In the Display tab under Essbase > Options, if you select Use Styles and Use Sheet Options with Query Designer, the styles you selected for dimension members will be applied to the initial query results. If you do not select Use Sheet Options with Query Designer, even if you have selected Use Styles, they will not be applied to the initial query results. To apply styles, select Essbase > Retrieve. When Hyperion Essbase returns the data to the worksheet, you are free to further investigate the data by performing Zoom, Keep Only, Remove Only, and Pivot operations.

## Deleting Queries

You can delete a query only from the location where you saved that query. For example, if you save a query in the `/essbase/client/sample` directory, you can delete the query from within the `sample` directory. You cannot delete the query from within Hyperion Essbase Query Designer.

## Viewing Messages and Confirmations

Hyperion Essbase Query Designer displays messages and confirmations about certain actions, such as moves and deletes, in the messages and confirmations panel.

- ▶ To turn on or turn off messages and confirmations:
  1. Select the Messages and Confirmations icon in the navigation panel.
  2. To turn on (enable) a message, select the check box that is displayed next to that message.

3. To turn off (disable) a message, select the check box again (clear the check box).

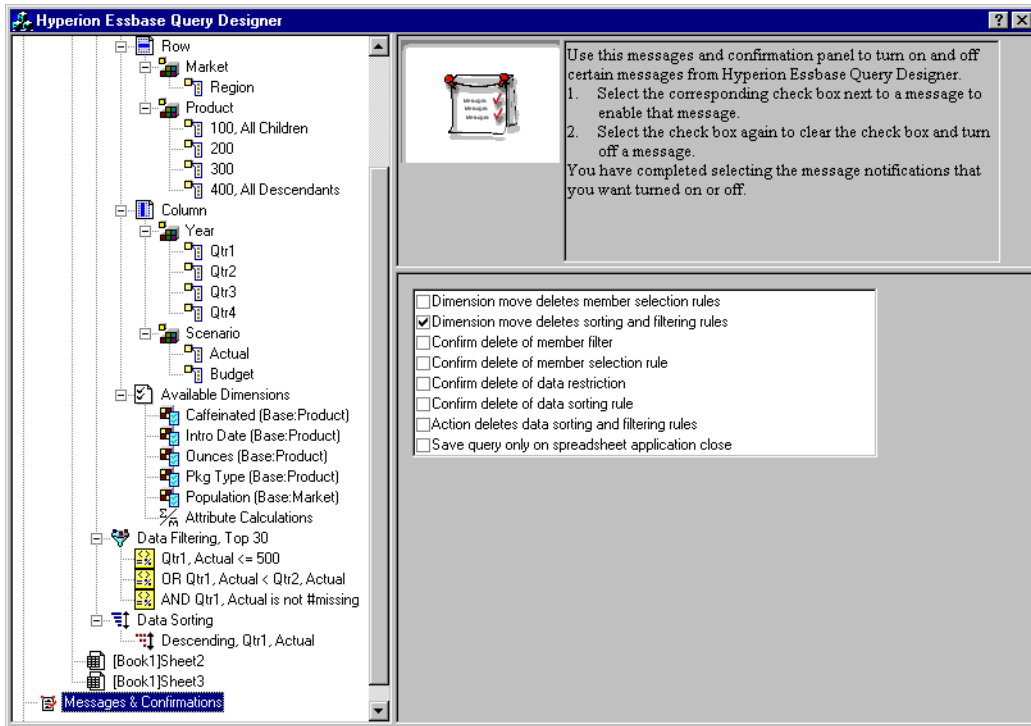


Figure 69: Messages and Confirmations Panel

## Accessing Help

Access online help or the tutorial for Hyperion Essbase Query Designer by using the help panel. To access the help panel, in the navigation panel, select Help. For more information on a particular topic, click the Online Help button in the properties panel. To access the online tutorial, click the Tutorial button in the properties panel.

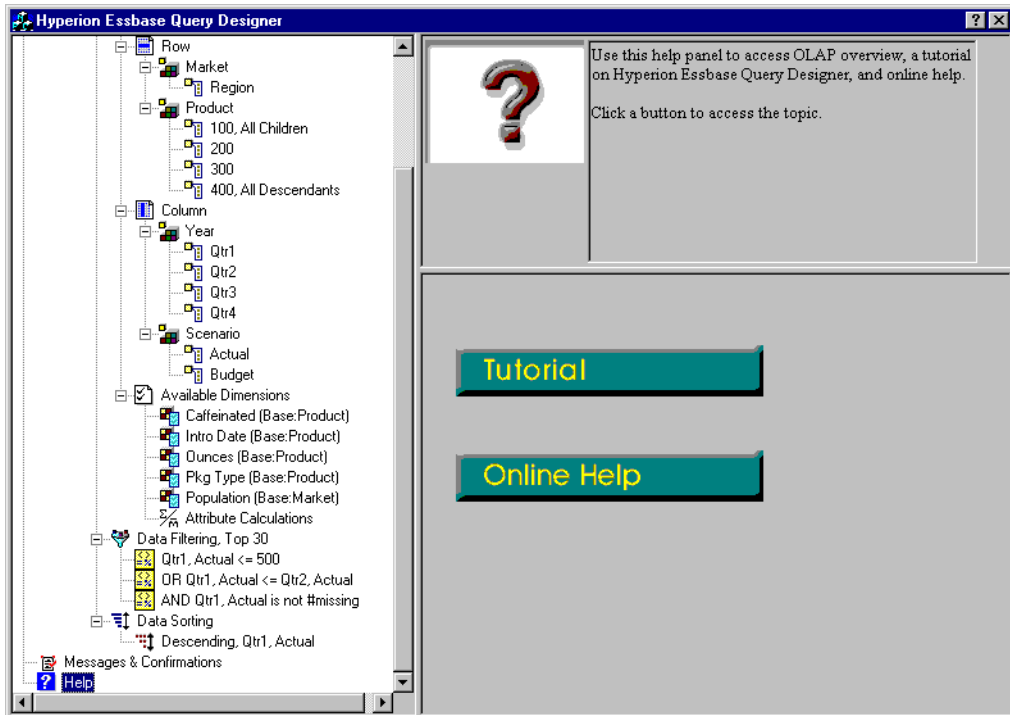


Figure 70: Hyperion Essbase Query Designer Help Panel

## Connecting to Multiple Databases from Hyperion Essbase Query Designer

You can connect to several databases and create separate queries on each database from Hyperion Essbase Query Designer.

- ▶ To connect to multiple databases from Hyperion Essbase Query Designer:
  1. Logon to Hyperion Essbase and connect to the server you want to access.
  2. Select Essbase > Query Designer to open Hyperion Essbase Query Designer.
  3. Select [Book1]Sheet1, right-click, and select Connect.

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Essbase System Login** dialog box.

**Note:** The book may be a number other than 1. For example, it may be [Book5], if four worksheets are already open.

4. Type your password, and click **OK**. Select Sample Basic, and click **OK**.
5. Select [Book1]Sheet2 (or Sheet3), right-click, and select Connect.

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Essbase System Login** dialog box.

6. Type your password, and click **OK**. Select Samppart Company, and click **OK**.

**Note:** You are restricted to one connection per worksheet. The connection information is displayed in the query information panel of the Hyperion Essbase Query Designer only when you open an existing query or create a new query.

7. To create a new query based on Sample Basic, select [Book1]Sheet1, right click, and select New > Query.
8. To create a new query based on Samppart Company, select [Book1]Sheet2, right-click, and select New > Query.
9. To open an existing query, right click, and select Open Query.

You are now ready to proceed with the process of creating queries or opening existing queries.

## Applying Worksheet Options to Hyperion Essbase Query Designer Results

You can also apply any of the worksheet options you have previously set from the Essbase Options dialog box to the results of a query created in Hyperion Essbase Query Designer.

- ▶ To enable Hyperion Essbase Query Designer to use your previously set worksheet options:

1. Select Essbase > Options.
2. In the **Essbase Options** dialog box, select the **Display** tab.
3. Select the Use Sheet Options with Query Designer check box, and select **OK**.
4. Select Essbase > Retrieve to refresh the worksheet.

Hyperion Essbase displays the results of the query you created in Hyperion Essbase Query Designer and implements your previously set worksheet options. For example, note that aliases, instead of the numeric codes, are now displayed for the Product dimension.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1						Profit				
2			Qtr1		Qtr2		Qtr3		Qtr4	
3			Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
4	East	Cola	2461	2550	2940	3050	3298	3440	2430	2410
5		Grape	645	840	676	860	710	920	618	800
6		Cream Soda	591	770	922	1010	522	660	592	530
7		Root Beer	562	960	610	1070	372	830	990	1500
8		Strawberry	545	700	612	750	625	780	525	670
9		Orange	290	350	327	380	377	420	394	440
10		Diet Cola	212	220	303	300	312	310	287	290
11		Caffeine Free Cola	74	110	109	130	130	190	100	150
12	West	Cream Soda	2363	2620	2739	2970	2937	3230	2692	2850
13		Root Beer	2325	2570	2423	2720	2540	2820	2439	2840
14		Grape	1143	920	1167	960	1271	1020	1219	920
15		Cola	1047	1720	1189	1900	1339	2120	1018	1780
16		Orange	1002	810	1120	890	1192	1000	940	680
17		Caffeine Free Cola	62	310	-163	30	-286	-130	-123	70
18		Diet Cola	-67	320	-177	200	-154	250	-136	320
19		Strawberry	-738	-310	-783	-380	-900	-440	-779	-400
20	South	Root Beer	1465	1640	1540	1700	1612	1710	1498	1330

Figure 71: Results of Query with Options Applied


5. Select File > Close to close the worksheet. You do not need to save the worksheet.

## Selecting Members

A Hyperion Essbase database may contain hundreds or even thousands of members, making it difficult to remember each member name. You can use the Essbase Member Selection dialog box to find and select members and to define the layout of members in the worksheet. In addition, you can use Boolean operators, such as AND, OR, and NOT, or other search parameters to specify criteria and conditions that members must meet for the member selection. Member selection is an important method of creating a spreadsheet report for the data you want to retrieve.

**Note:** For complete information on the Essbase Member Selection dialog box, see the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help.

► To view specific members from the Product dimension:

1. To open a new worksheet, select File > New or click the  icon.

**Note:** You should be connected to the Sample Basic database. If you are not connected, follow the steps in [“Connecting to a Database” on page 48](#).

2. Select Essbase > Retrieve.
3. Select Product and select Essbase > Pivot to display Product as a row, rather than a column, dimension.

A	B	C	D	E	F
1		Measures	Market	Scenario	
2	Product	Year	105522		
3					
4					
5					

Figure 72: Initial Worksheet for Member Selection



4. Select Product again, and select Essbase > Member Selection.

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Essbase Member Selection** dialog box. In the **Essbase Member Selection** dialog box, Hyperion Essbase displays the Product dimension in the Dimension list box and its children, Colas, Root Beer, Cream Soda, Fruit Soda, and Diet Drinks, in the Members list box.

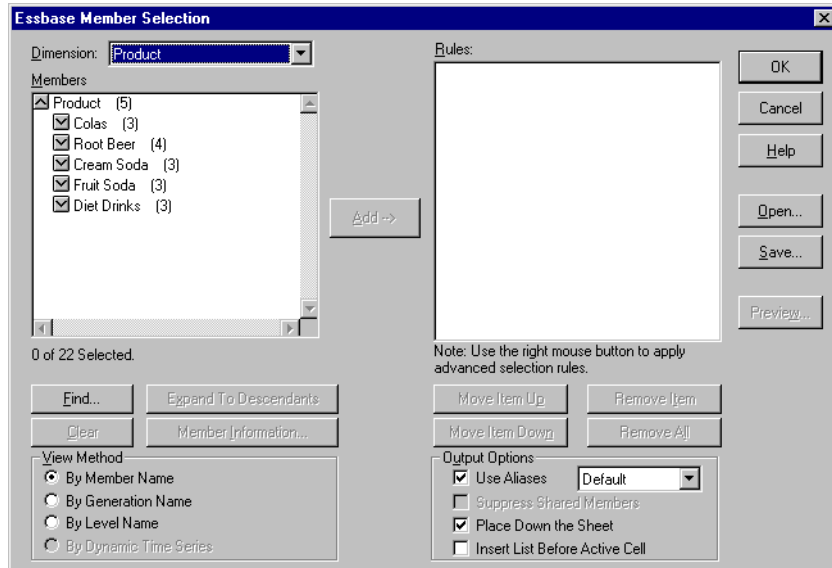


Figure 73: Essbase Member Selection Dialog Box

5. Select Colas and click the **Member Information** button.

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Member Information** dialog box. The dialog box provides information about the selected member, such as dimension, generation, level, storage setting, formula, UDAs, and member comments.

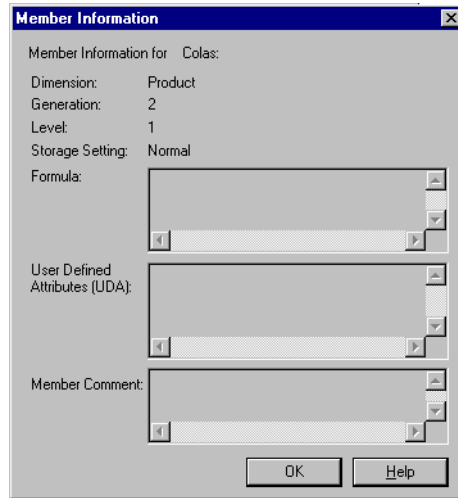


Figure 74: Member Information Dialog Box

6. To close the **Member Information** dialog box, click **OK**.
7. In the **Essbase Member Selection** dialog box, click **Add** to add Colas to the **Rules** list box.

**Note:** Alternatively, you can double-click an item in the **Members** list box to add the item.

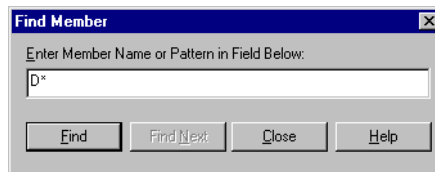
8. Select Cream Soda, and click the **Find** button.

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Find Member** dialog box.

In the **Find Member** dialog box, you can do pattern-match searches for members in the selected dimension. You can use Wildcard patterns—(trailing asterisk, \*) and (single-character match, ?). Hyperion Essbase locates the members that match the text string (in alphabetical order) and keeps them selected so that they can be selected as a group.

**Note:** You can use the trailing asterisk wildcard and single-character wildcard in the text string. The \* wildcard replaces a string of characters, whereas the ? wildcard replaces a single character. J?n and 100\* are examples of valid wildcard strings; \*-10 and J\*n are examples of invalid wildcard strings.

9. In the **Find Member** dialog box, type **D\*** in the text box.



*Figure 75: Find Member Dialog Box*

10. Click **Find** to locate all members that match D\*.

Hyperion Essbase locates and selects Diet Cream. Its parent, Cream Soda, is also selected because it was highlighted before the search.

11. To close the **Find Member** dialog box, click **Close**.
12. Clear Cream Soda, leaving only Diet Cream selected, and click **Add**. Hyperion Essbase displays Colas and the new selection, Diet Cream, in the **Rules** list box.

13. In the **Essbase Member Selection** dialog box, select Colas in the **Rules** list box, and then right-click. From the pop-up menu, select All Children and Member.

Hyperion Essbase displays All Children and Member next to Colas in the **Selection Rules** list box.

14. In the **Selection Rules** list box, select Colas, All Children and Member, and then right-click again.
15. From the pop-up menu, select Subset.

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Subset Dialog** box, where you can further define conditions for the selected member.

**Note:** You can define a maximum of 50 conditions in the **Subset Dialog** box.

16. In the **Subset Dialog** box, in the first list box, select Caffeinated. In the second list box, select Is. In the third list box select Caffeinated\_True.
17. Click the **Add as AND Condition** button.

Hyperion Essbase displays Caffeinated = Caffeinated\_True in the **Conditions** list box.

When you use **Add as AND Condition**, the subsetting condition in the **Conditions** list box is evaluated using AND logic. AND logic means that the selection must meet the current condition *and* the following condition in the **Conditions** list box.

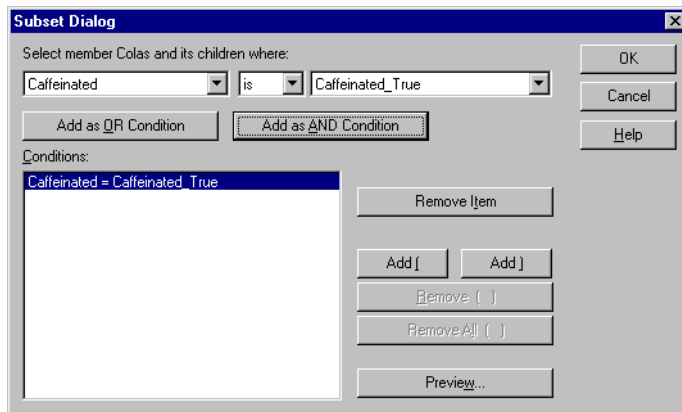


Figure 76: Subset Dialog Box (Before Adding Conditions)

**18.** In the first list box, select Ounces. In the second list box, select the logical operator “=”. In the third list box, select Ounces\_12.

**19.** Click the **Add as AND Condition** button.

Hyperion Essbase displays Ounces = Ounces\_12 in the **Conditions** box.

**20.** In the first list box, select Ounces. In the second list box, select the logical operator “<=”. In the third list box, select Ounces\_32.

**21.** Click the **Add as OR Condition** button.

Hyperion Essbase displays Ounces <= Ounces\_32 in the **Conditions** box.

When you use the **Add as OR Condition**, the subsetting condition in the **Conditions** list box is evaluated using OR logic. OR logic means that the selection must meet the current condition *or* the following condition in the **Conditions** list box.

**22.** In the first list box, select Pkg Type. In the second list box, select Is. In the third list box, select Bottle.

**23.** Click the **Add as AND Condition** button.

Hyperion Essbase displays Pkg Type = Bottle in the **Conditions** list box.

**24.** In the **Conditions** box, select Ounces <= Ounces\_32, and then click the **Add (** button.

**25.** Select Pkg Type = Bottle, and click the **Add )** button.

The **Add (** and **Add )** buttons add a left parenthesis and right parenthesis, respectively, to selected items. Use parentheses for grouping multiple subsetting conditions to determine the order of priority for analyzing the conditions. Each item in the **Conditions** list box can have either the left or right parenthesis, but not both. In this example, Hyperion Essbase first evaluates members that are equal to or less than 32 ounces and are packaged in a bottle. Hyperion Essbase then evaluates the results from this condition against members that are 12 ounces.

**Note:** Use the **Remove ( )** button to remove an individual group of parentheses from a selected item in the **Conditions** list box. Use the **Remove All ( )** button to remove all parenthetical groupings from the **Conditions** list box.

The **Subset Dialog** box is displayed as follows:

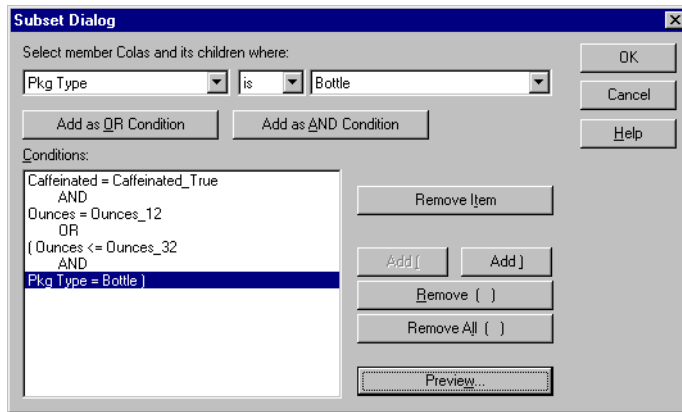


Figure 77: Subset Dialog Box (After Adding Conditions)

- 26. To open the **Member Preview** dialog box, click **Preview**.

In the **Member Preview** dialog box, you can view the member selection that results from the conditions you defined.

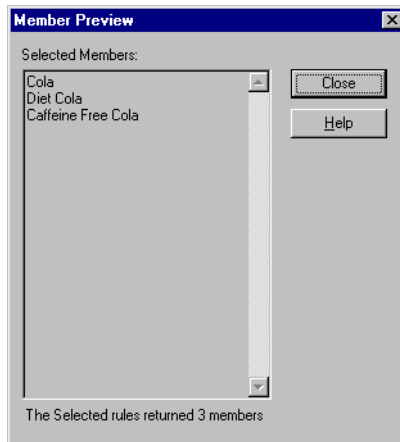


Figure 78: Member Selection That Results from Subsetting Conditions

27. To close the **Member Preview** dialog box, click **Close**.
28. To close the **Subset** dialog box and return to the **Essbase Member Selection** dialog box, click **OK**.

The conditions you set in the **Subset** dialog box are displayed in the **Selection Rules** list box.

29. To change the order in which Diet Cream is displayed in the worksheet, select Diet Cream and click the **Move Item Up** button.

Each time you click the **Move Item Up** or **Move Item Down** button, the selected item and its associated subset conditions move up or down one position in the Selection Rules list box. You can move only the top-level item (the item you added from the Members list box), not the individual subset conditions.

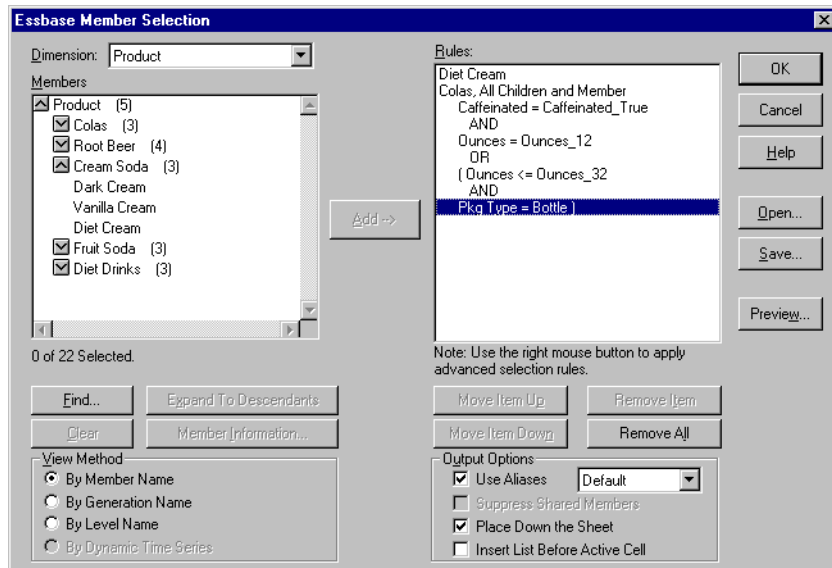


Figure 79: Selecting Members Completed

30. To preview the members that will be retrieved in the worksheet, click **Preview**.

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Member Preview** dialog box.

31. After previewing the list, click **Close**.

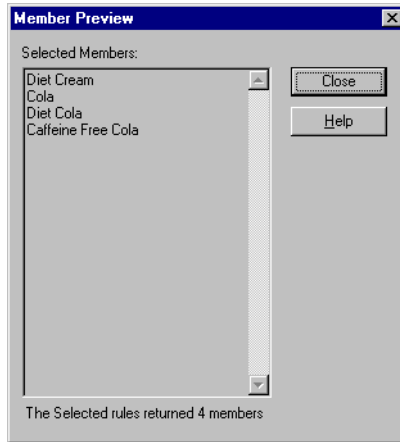


Figure 80: Members to be Retrieved in Worksheet

32. To close the **Essbase Member Selection** dialog box and insert the new members into the worksheet, click **OK**.

	A	B	C	D	E
1			Measures	Market	Scenario
2	Diet Cream	Year	105522		
3	Cola				
4	Diet Cola				
5	Caffeine Free Cola				

Figure 81: Result of Selecting Members

**Note:** The FlashBack command cannot undo a Member Selection action.

33. Starting with Diet Cream, type **Year** next to each product.

You need to do this step so that every product has a matching Year dimension associated with it in the report.

	A	B	C	D	E
1			Measures	Market	Scenario
2	Diet Cream	Year	105522		
3	Cola	Year			
4	Diet Cola	Year			
5	Caffeine Free Cola	Year			

Figure 82: Worksheet After Adding the Year Dimension to All States



34. To update the values in the worksheet, select Essbase > Retrieve.

Hyperion Essbase retrieves data for the members that you selected and also applies the styles you previously set.

	A	B	C	D	E
1			Measures	Market	Scenario
2	Diet Cream	Year	11093		
3	Cola	Year	22777		
4	Diet Cola	Year	5708		
5	Caffeine Free Cola	Year	1983		

Figure 83: Result After Retrieving with Member Selection

## Saving and Disconnecting

After performing basic retrieval, navigation, and formatting tasks, you can save worksheets and disconnect from Hyperion Essbase. This section instructs you in the following procedures:

- “Saving a Worksheet” on page 121
- “Disconnecting from Hyperion Essbase” on page 122
- “Logging Off” on page 123

### Saving a Worksheet

At any point during the Hyperion Essbase session, you can save the active worksheet with the Excel commands, File > Save or File > Save As. Thus, you can keep a personal library of database views. You can open the worksheet during a later session and retrieve the latest data values to update the view.

**Note:** Saving a worksheet saves the settings from the Essbase Options dialog box *unless the worksheet is protected*. Hyperion Essbase cannot save option settings for a protected worksheet.

## Disconnecting from Hyperion Essbase

When you finish retrieving and navigating through data, disconnect from the Hyperion Essbase server to free up a port (or user count) on the server for other Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in users.

► To disconnect from the server:

1. Select Essbase > Disconnect.

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Essbase Disconnect** dialog box, where you can disconnect any worksheet that is connected to a database.

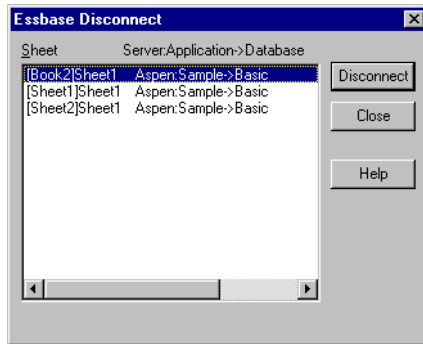


Figure 84: Hyperion Essbase Disconnect Dialog Box

2. From the list, select a worksheet name, and then click **Disconnect**.
3. Repeat step 2 until you have disconnected all active sheets.
4. Click **Close** to close the **Essbase Disconnect** dialog box.

**Note:** You can also disconnect from the server by simply closing Excel. An abnormal termination of an Excel session, such as a power loss or system failure, does not disconnect your server connection.

## Logging Off

Hyperion Essbase provides two administrative facilities that control user connections:

- *Forced Logout*, where an administrator disconnects users at any point in time. This logoff usually occurs when maintenance operations are performed on databases.
- *Auto Logout*, where Hyperion Essbase automatically disconnects users that are inactive for a time interval specified by an administrator.

For further information, contact the Hyperion Essbase system administrator.

## Moving on to Advanced Tasks

Now that you have completed the basic Hyperion Essbase tutorial, you are ready to move on to more complex tasks. In the next chapter, you will use the sample Excel files to see how to perform advanced tasks in Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in.



# An Advanced Hyperion Essbase Tutorial

The tutorial you completed in [Chapter 2](#) teaches basic data retrieval and navigation concepts for Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in. This chapter builds on your basic skills and expands your knowledge of Hyperion Essbase and Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in.

This chapter provides the following sections on advanced tasks:

- [“Preparing to Begin the Tutorial” on page 126](#)
- [“Performing Advanced Retrieval Tasks” on page 132](#)
- [“Using Linked Reporting Objects” on page 184](#)
- [“Connecting to Multiple Databases” on page 201](#)
- [“Accessing Linked Partitions” on page 202](#)
- [“Updating Data on the Server” on page 205](#)
- [“Calculating a Database” on page 209](#)
- [“Creating Multiple Worksheets from Data” on page 210](#)
- [“Working with Currency Conversions” on page 217](#)

In this advanced tutorial, you use several sample Microsoft Excel files that were installed as part of the default Hyperion Essbase installation. These files are stored in the `\Essbase\client\sample` directory. You also reconnect to the Sample Basic database.

## Preparing to Begin the Tutorial

Before you begin the advanced tutorial, complete the steps in the next two sections, “[Connecting to a Database](#)” on page 126 and “[Setting Hyperion Essbase Options](#)” on page 128. In addition, be sure to read “[Following Guidelines During the Tutorial](#)” on page 45 and “[Reviewing the Sample Basic Database](#)” on page 46 for important information about what you should expect as you perform the tutorial steps.

### Connecting to a Database

To access Hyperion Essbase data for the advanced tutorial, first connect to the Sample Basic database on the server. This tutorial assumes that you have the appropriate privileges to connect to a server, an application, and a database.

1. Select Essbase > Connect.

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Essbase System Login** dialog box.



*Figure 85: Essbase System Login Dialog Box*

**Note:** To complete the steps that follow, you need to know the name of the Hyperion Essbase server, your username, and your password. If you do not have this information, contact the Hyperion Essbase system administrator.

2. From the **Server** list box, select the server that you want to access. (If the server name that you want is not shown in the list, type the name of the server that you want to access.)
3. To move to the **Username** text box, press Tab and then, in the **Username** text box, type your username.
4. To move to the **Password** text box, press Tab, and then, in the **Password** text box, type your password.

**Note:** You can change your password when you are connected to a server. See “[Changing a Password](#)” on page 50.

5. To connect to the server, click **OK**.

Hyperion Essbase displays a list of available application/database pairs in the list box. A Hyperion Essbase server enables simultaneous access to multiple applications. An application can contain multiple databases. Only the databases to which you have security access appear in the list.

For this tutorial, you use the Sample Basic database. If the Sample Basic database was installed as part of the Hyperion Essbase installation, it is shown in the list. If Sample Basic is not shown in the **Application/Database** list, ask the Hyperion Essbase system administrator to install it.

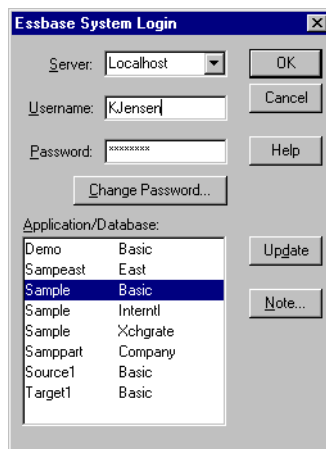


Figure 86: Available Application and Database Pairs

6. In the **Application/Database** list, double-click Sample Basic, or, from the **Application/Database** list select Sample Basic and then click **OK**.

If the application is not already running, Hyperion Essbase automatically starts it. There may be a brief pause as the application loads; the time required to start an application depends on the number of databases, the sizes of the databases, and the sizes of the indexes of the databases that are contained within the applications.

## Setting Hyperion Essbase Options

Before you begin the tutorial, make sure that the worksheet options are set to the initial settings shown in the [Figure 87](#) through [Figure 90](#).

**Note:** For information on each option in the Essbase Options dialog box, see the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help.

1. Select Essbase > Options.
2. In the **Essbase Options** dialog box, select the **Display** tab.
3. Select the appropriate check boxes and option buttons so that your display matches [Figure 87](#).

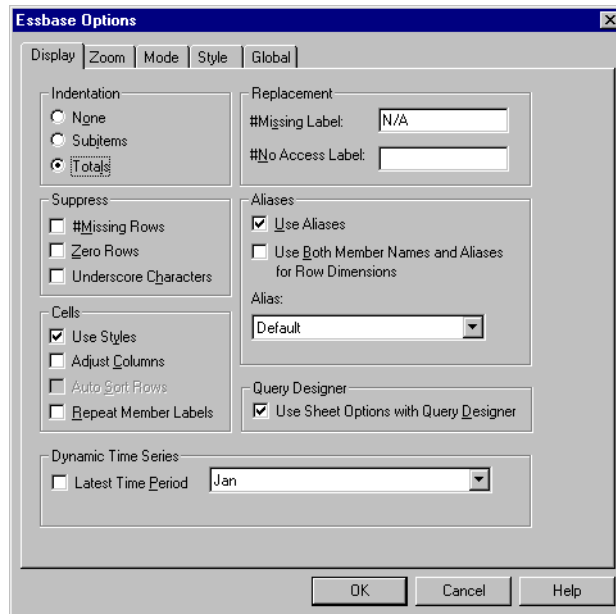
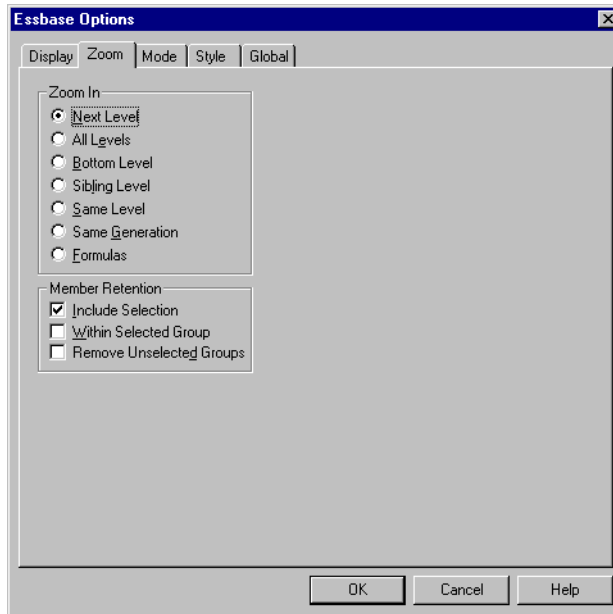


Figure 87: Initial Settings for Display Options



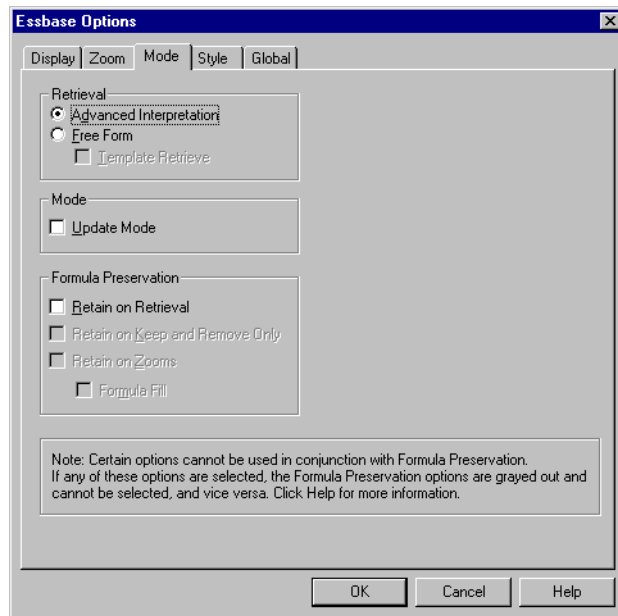
4. Select the **Zoom** tab.
5. Select the appropriate check boxes and option buttons so that your display matches [Figure 88](#).



*Figure 88: Initial Settings for Zoom Options*

6. Select the **Mode** tab.

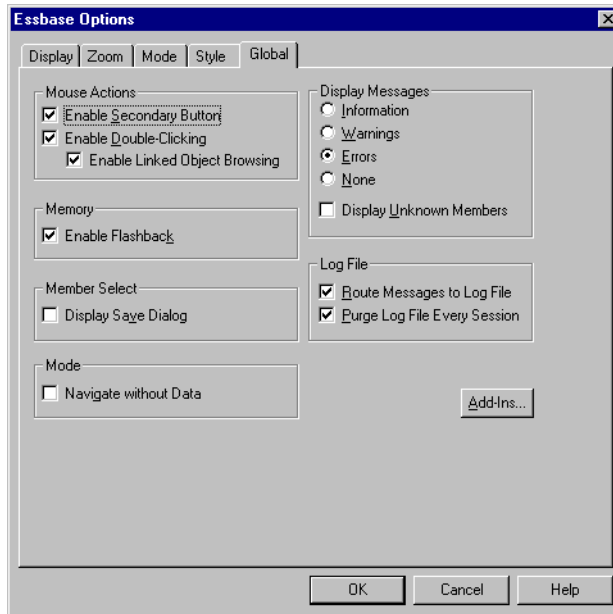
7. Select the appropriate check boxes and option buttons so that your display matches [Figure 89](#).



*Figure 89: Initial Settings for Mode Options*

8. Skip the **Style** tab.
9. Select the **Global** tab.

10. Select the appropriate check boxes and option buttons so that your display matches [Figure 90](#).



*Figure 90: Initial Settings for Global Options*

11. To save the settings for this session and close the **Essbase Options** dialog box, select **OK**.

**Note:** The settings in the Essbase Options dialog box may change as you access the various sample Excel files as part of the tutorial. Leave the settings as they are unless the tutorial advises you to change them. If you have different option settings, the illustrations presented in this chapter may not match the worksheet view.

## Performing Advanced Retrieval Tasks

The tutorial in [Chapter 2](#) describes how to perform basic data retrieval and navigation tasks in Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in. This section walks you through performing the following advanced retrieval tasks:

- [“Filtering Data” on page 133](#)
- [“Sorting Data” on page 140](#)
- [“Retrieving Data into Asymmetric Reports” on page 144](#)
- [“Working with Formatted Worksheets” on page 147](#)
- [“Preserving Formulas When Retrieving Data” on page 153](#)
- [“Retrieving a Range of Data” on page 157](#)
- [“Retrieving Data by Using a Function” on page 160](#)
- [“Retrieving Dynamic Calculation Members” on page 165](#)
- [“Specifying the Latest Time Period for Dynamic Time Series” on page 169](#)
- [“Using Free-Form Reporting to Retrieve Data” on page 173](#)

Remember that you can perform common data retrieval tasks in any of the following ways:

- Selecting commands from the Essbase menu on the Excel menu bar
- Clicking the appropriate buttons on the Hyperion Essbase toolbar
- Double-clicking the primary or the right-mouse button in the appropriate cell (for Retrieve, Zoom In, and Zoom Out commands only, and the Linked Objects command, if you have enabled that option).

## Filtering Data

Despite the ease and speed with which you can navigate through large Hyperion Essbase databases, it is not practical to use the capabilities of Excel to filter and sort very large databases; however, Hyperion Essbase OLAP Server includes powerful data filtering and sorting capabilities. In [Chapter 2](#), you learned to use Hyperion Essbase Query Designer to define a dimensional layout and to select members to view. Hyperion Essbase Query Designer also provides a powerful, yet easy-to-use tool to define conditional retrievals.

To become familiar with the capabilities of Hyperion Essbase Query Designer, work with the query, Basic1, that you saved in [Chapter 2](#), and perform the following steps:

**Note:** If you skipped the tutorial in [Chapter 2](#), follow the steps in “[Creating Queries Using Hyperion Essbase Query Designer](#)” on [page 93](#) to create and save the Basic1 query.

1. Select Essbase > Query Designer.

Hyperion Essbase displays the query information panel of Hyperion Essbase Query Designer.

2. [Book1]Sheet1
3. Right-click and select Open Query.

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Open Query** dialog box.

4. From the location that you specified in [Chapter 2](#), select the Basic1 file.
5. Click **OK**.

The member selection, displayed in the properties panel, remains unaltered from the last Hyperion Essbase Query Designer session.

6. From the navigation panel, select Data Filtering.

Hyperion Essbase displays the data filter settings in the data filter panel. The filter controls the number of data rows that are retrieved. The number is based on the column criteria that you define. You can define data filtering criteria on data values that reside in one or more columns of the view.

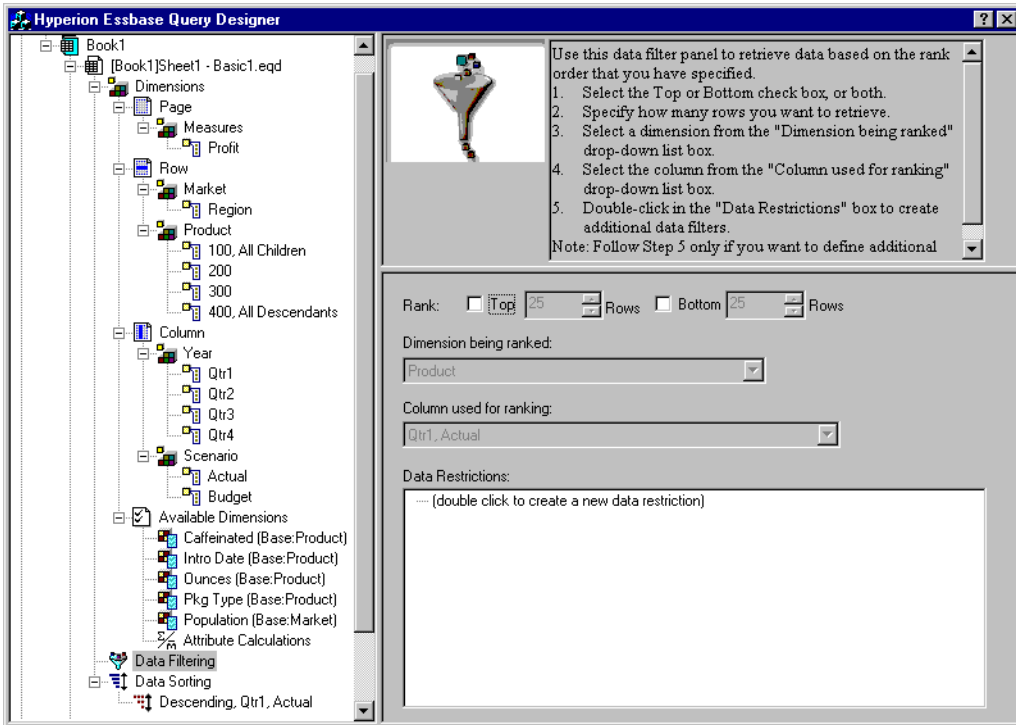


Figure 91: Data Filter Panel

7. The data filtering panel contains the following items:
  - A check box for ranking so many of top rows or so many bottom rows of data. You can select the highest or lowest rows. Your selection is based on previously selected row dimension members. When using the top or bottom criterion, you specify the number of rows, such as “top 10.” The default is the top 25 rows.
  - A **Dimension being ranked** list box to specify the dimension to which ranking should be applied.
  - A **Column used for ranking** list box to specify the data column on which data values are based.
  - A **Data Restrictions** box to specify standard data comparison operations, such as greater than, less than, and equal to. You can apply the comparison operator to data values in one or more data columns; you can even apply criteria to compare values between two columns.
  - Buttons for **OR** and **AND** operators. If you define more than one column criterion, you can use these operators to link the criteria.
8. Click the **Top** check box, and enter a value of 30 in the **Rows** text box.

When you apply the query, Hyperion Essbase retrieves the top thirty rows of the dimension.
9. From the **Dimension** list box, select Product. Product is the dimension to which ranking should be applied.
10. From the **Column** list box, select Qtr1, Actual. Qtr1, Actual is the column on which data values are based.

- In the navigation panel, select the Data Filtering icon. Right-click and select Apply Query.

Your query results should look as shown below.

1	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
2			Qtr1		Qtr2	Profit	Qtr3		Qtr4	
3			Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
4	East	Cola	2461	2550	2940	3050	3298	3440	2430	2410
5		Grape	645	840	676	860	710	920	618	800
6		Cream Soda	591	770	922	1010	522	660	592	530
7		Root Beer	562	960	610	1070	372	830	990	1500
8		Strawberry	545	700	612	750	625	780	525	670
9		Orange	290	350	327	380	377	420	394	440
10		Diet Cola	212	220	303	300	312	310	287	290
11		Caffeine Free Cola	74	110	109	130	130	190	100	150
12	West	Cream Soda	2363	2620	2739	2970	2937	3230	2692	2850
13		Root Beer	2325	2570	2423	2720	2540	2820	2439	2840
14		Grape	1143	920	1167	960	1271	1020	1219	920
15		Cola	1047	1720	1189	1900	1339	2120	1018	1780
16		Orange	1002	810	1120	890	1192	1000	940	680
17		Caffeine Free Cola	62	310	-163	30	-286	-130	-123	70
18		Diet Cola	-67	320	-177	200	-154	250	-136	320
19		Strawberry	-738	-310	-783	-380	-900	-440	-779	-400
20	South	Root Beer	1465	1640	1540	1700	1612	1710	1498	1330
21		Cola	745	1160	835	1280	1031	1490	965	1510
22		Cream Soda	561	810	529	770	591	840	669	930
23		Diet Cola	306	570	363	660	281	570	247	550
24	Central	Cream Soda	2414	2770	2579	2930	2648	2980	2450	2690
25		Root Beer	2369	3310	2457	3350	2481	3470	2271	4130
26		Grape	1050	1030	1155	1120	1220	1150	970	890
27		Orange	991	910	1075	1020	1073	1010	1070	890
28		Diet Cola	908	1130	1045	1320	1089	1340	889	1180

Figure 92: Data Filtering Query Results

You can further filter your data output by specifying data comparison operations in the **Data Restrictions** box.



12. In the navigation panel, select the **Data Filtering** icon.  
The data filters that you specified are displayed in the properties panel.
13. In the **Data Restrictions** box, double-click.  
The data restriction settings are displayed in the properties panel.
14. Select the **Value** option and type 500 in the **Value** box.  
Observe that the **is** option in the **Data** list box changed to **=**.
15. Click the down arrow of the **Data** list box and select **<=**.
16. Select Qtr1, Actual in the **Column** list box.
17. In the navigation panel, select the Data Filtering icon. Right-click, and select Apply Query.  
Notice that the query results now reflect only Actual and Budget data that are less than or equal to 500.
18. In the navigation panel, select the **Data Filtering** icon to display the data filter setting in the properties panel.
19. In the **Data Restrictions** box, select Qtr1, Actual **<=** 500, right-click and select New Data Restriction.
20. In the **Data** box, click the down arrow and select **<**.
21. In the data values list box, select Qtr2, Actual. Under **Combined With Other Restrictions**, click the Or button.
22. In the navigation panel, click the **Data Filtering** icon to access the data filter panel.
23. In the **Data Restrictions** box, double click to create a new data restriction.
24. In the **Data** box, click the down arrow and select **Is Not**.

**25.** Click the button for the **#Missing Value** option.

This option instructs Hyperion Essbase to discard data that have #Missing values.

**26.** In the Column list box, select Qtr1, Actual. Under **Combined With Other Restrictions**, select the **And** button.

The data restrictions should appear as follows:

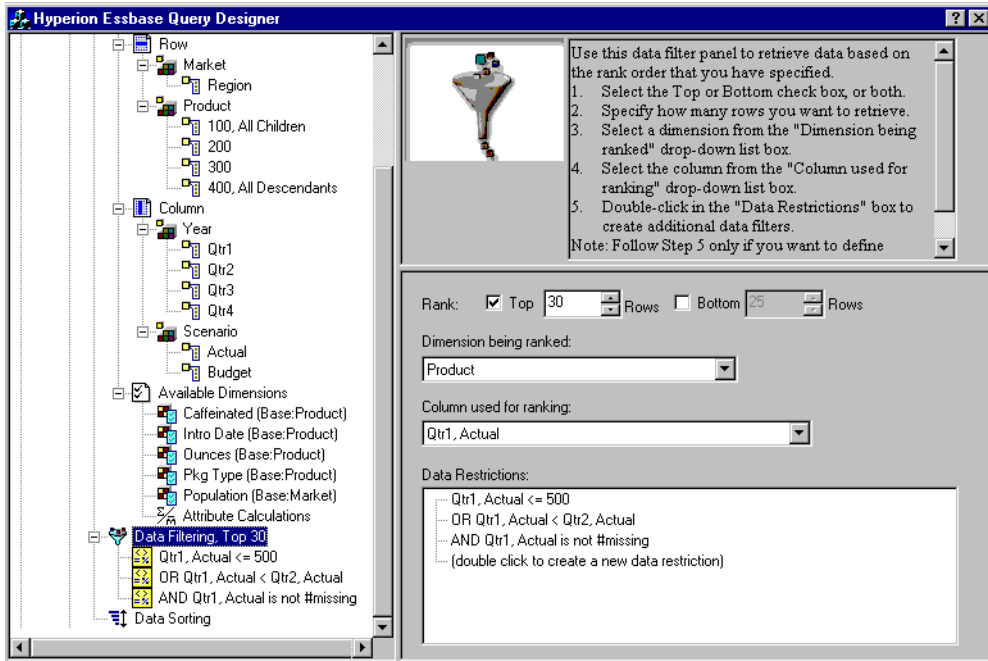


Figure 93: Data Filtering

**27.** Select the **Data Filtering** icon, right-click, and select **Apply Query**.

Hyperion Essbase retrieves data for all the quarters. Notice that the retrieved data for Qtr1, Actual is less than or equal to 500 or is less than Qtr2, Actual. The results should appear as follows:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1						Profit				
2			Qtr1		Qtr2		Qtr3		Qtr4	
3			Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
4	East	Cola	2461	2550	2940	3050	3298	3440	2430	2410
5		Grape	645	840	676	860	710	920	618	800
6		Cream Soda	591	770	922	1010	522	660	592	530
7		Root Beer	562	960	610	1070	372	830	990	1500
8		Strawberry	545	700	612	750	625	780	525	670
9		Orange	290	350	327	380	377	420	394	440
10		Diet Cola	212	220	303	300	312	310	287	290
11		Caffeine Free Cola	74	110	109	130	130	190	100	150
12	West	Cream Soda	2363	2620	2739	2970	2937	3230	2692	2850
13		Root Beer	2325	2570	2423	2720	2540	2820	2439	2840
14		Grape	1143	920	1167	960	1271	1020	1219	920
15		Cola	1047	1720	1189	1900	1339	2120	1018	1780
16		Orange	1002	810	1120	890	1192	1000	940	680
17		Caffeine Free Cola	62	310	-163	30	-286	-130	-123	70
18		Diet Cola	-67	320	-177	200	-154	250	-136	320
19		Strawberry	-738	-310	-783	-380	-900	-440	-779	-400
20	South	Root Beer	1465	1640	1540	1700	1612	1710	1498	1330
21		Cola	745	1160	835	1280	1031	1490	965	1510
22		Diet Cola	306	570	363	660	281	570	247	550
23	Central	Cream Soda	2414	2770	2579	2930	2648	2960	2450	2690
24		Root Beer	2369	3310	2457	3350	2481	3470	2271	4130
25		Grape	1050	1030	1155	1120	1220	1150	970	890
26		Orange	991	910	1075	1020	1073	1010	1070	890
27		Diet Cola	908	1130	1045	1320	1089	1340	889	1180
28		Cola	843	1080	928	1180	915	1170	793	1060
29		Caffeine Free Cola	457	620	500	610	556	690	567	730
30		Strawberry	77	90	87	90	130	140	205	210

Figure 94: Data Filtering Results

**Note:** To delete all data restrictions, select the Data Filtering icon in the navigation panel, right-click, and select Delete All Data Restrictions. Alternatively, select any data restriction in the Data Restriction box, right-click, and select Delete All Data Restrictions.

**Note:** To delete a particular data restriction, select the data restriction in the query outline, right-click, and select Delete Data Restriction. Alternatively, select the data restriction in the Data Restriction box, right-click, and select Delete Data Restriction.



## Sorting Data

Using the data sort panel, you can sort the output from the Basic1 query in ascending or descending order.

1. From the navigation panel, select the Data Sorting icon.

The data sorting settings are displayed in the properties panel. You can specify data sorting criteria that affect the order in which the selected rows are retrieved in the data sorting panel.

The data sorting panel contains the following items:

- A Dimension being sorted list box that lists the dimensions specified in row format in the query.
- A Column used for sort list box that you use to select one or more dimensions to be specified in column format in the query.
- An Ordering list box that you use to apply an ascending or descending sort order for the selected column. You can also specify sorting to occur over a specific row dimension group. For example, you can sort by Product or by Market.

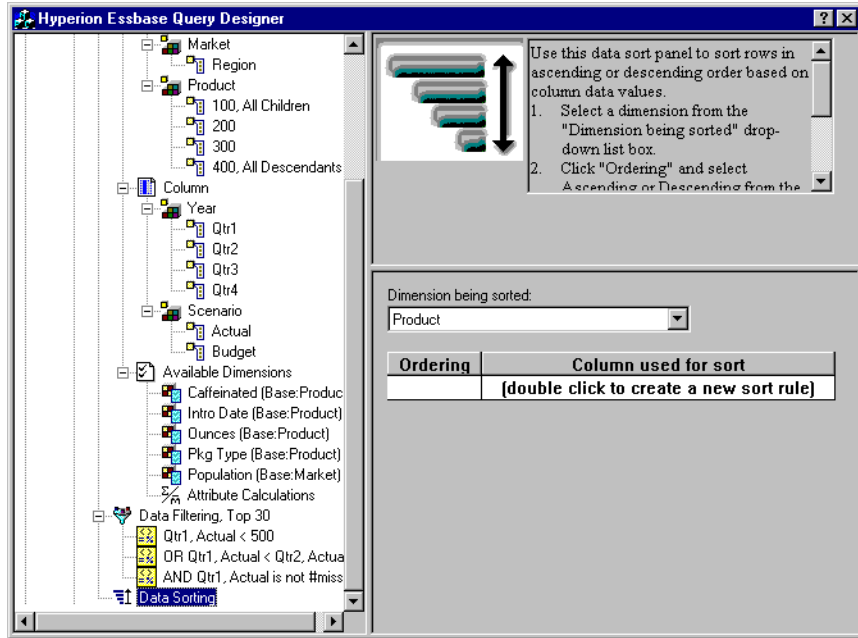


Figure 95: Data Sorting Panel

2. In the **Column used for sort** list box, double-click.  
The selection defaults to Qtr1, Actual. The sort order defaults to Ascending in the **Ordering** list box.
3. Click **Ascending**. A down arrow is displayed next to Ascending.
4. Click the down arrow. Descending is displayed below Ascending.

5. In the **Ordering** list box, select Descending.

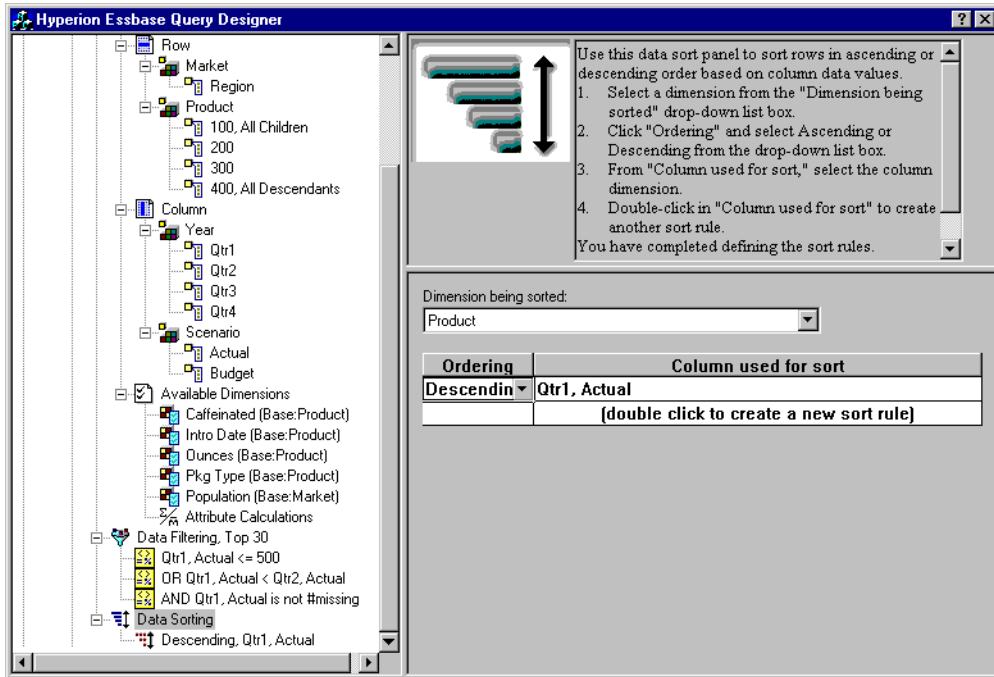


Figure 96: Specifying Data Sorting Order

6. In the next row of the **Column used for sort** list box, double click.  
The selection defaults to Qtr1, Actual.
7. Click the down arrow and select Qtr1, Budget.  
Observe that the order in the **Ordering** list box has defaulted to Ascending.
8. In the navigation panel, under Data Sorting, select Ascending, Qtr1, Budget. Right-click and select **Delete Sorting Rule**.  
The Ascending, Qtr1, Budget sorting rule is deleted from the query.

9. In the navigation panel, select the Data Sorting icon. Right-click and select Apply Query.

Hyperion Essbase returns the results sorted in descending order for each quarter, as shown below:

	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1					Profit				
2		Qtr1		Qtr2		Qtr3		Qtr4	
3		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
4	Cola	2461	2550	2940	3050	3298	3440	2430	2410
5	Grape	645	840	676	860	710	920	618	800
6	Cream Soda	591	770	922	1010	522	660	592	530
7	Root Beer	562	960	610	1070	372	830	990	1500
8	Strawberry	545	700	612	750	625	780	525	670
9	Orange	290	350	327	380	377	420	394	440
10	Diet Cola	212	220	303	300	312	310	287	290
11	Caffeine Free Cola	74	110	109	130	130	190	100	150
12	Cream Soda	2363	2620	2739	2970	2937	3230	2692	2850
13	Root Beer	2325	2570	2423	2720	2540	2820	2439	2840
14	Grape	1143	920	1167	960	1271	1020	1219	920
15	Cola	1047	1720	1189	1900	1339	2120	1018	1780
16	Orange	1002	810	1120	890	1192	1000	940	680
17	Caffeine Free Cola	62	310	-163	30	-286	-130	-123	70
18	Diet Cola	-67	320	-177	200	-154	250	-136	320
19	Strawberry	-738	-310	-783	-380	-900	-440	-779	-400
20	Root Beer	1465	1640	1540	1700	1612	1710	1498	1330
21	Cola	745	1160	835	1280	1031	1490	965	1510
22	Diet Cola	306	570	363	660	281	570	247	550
23	Cream Soda	2414	2770	2579	2930	2648	2980	2450	2690
24	Root Beer	2369	3310	2457	3350	2481	3470	2271	4130
25	Grape	1050	1030	1155	1120	1220	1150	970	890
26	Orange	991	910	1075	1020	1073	1010	1070	890
27	Diet Cola	908	1130	1045	1320	1089	1340	889	1180
28	Cola	843	1080	928	1180	915	1170	793	1060
29	Caffeine Free Cola	457	620	500	610	556	690	567	730
30	Strawberry	77	90	87	90	130	140	205	210

Figure 97: Result of Filtering and Sorting Data

**Note:** The values that you are ranking and sorting must be the same. For example, you cannot specify Product in the **Dimension being ranked** box and Market in the **Dimension being sorted** box. If you specify different values, Hyperion Essbase Query Designer automatically changes both values to the last specified value.

10. To close the worksheet, select File > Close. You do not need to save the worksheet.

## Retrieving Data into Asymmetric Reports

When you retrieve data into a worksheet, the resulting report can be either *symmetric* or *asymmetric*. Symmetric reports are characterized by repeating identical groups of members. For example, [Figure 97](#) shows a symmetric report that contains Actual and Budget members nested below Year members (Qtr1, Qtr2, Qtr3, and Qtr4).

An asymmetric report is characterized by groups of nested members that differ by at least one member. There can be a difference in the number of members or in the names of members.

You can create asymmetric reports in one of the following ways:

- Enter member names into the worksheet in free-form retrieval mode.
- Use a drill action with the Within Selected Group option selected from the Essbase Options dialog box (Zoom tab).
- Suppress rows that contain missing values, zero values, or underscore characters during data retrievals.

If you retrieve data into an asymmetric report, Hyperion Essbase must perform additional internal processing to maintain the asymmetric layout. This processing may increase the retrieval time on large reports. For more information regarding optimizing reports, see the *Hyperion Essbase Database Administrator's Guide*, Volume II.

As part of the default Hyperion Essbase installation, Hyperion Essbase provides a sample file, `ASymm.xls`, that illustrates how to create asymmetric reports.



- To view the sample file, `Asymm.xls`:
  1. Select File > Open.
  2. From the `\Essbase\client\sample` directory, open the `Asymm.xls` file.

Depending on how software is installed on your PC, the file may not be available or may be located in a different directory. Contact the Hyperion Essbase system administrator for more information.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Sales						
2							
3			<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Budget</i>	
4			<b>Qtr1</b>	<b>Qtr2</b>	<b>Qtr3</b>	<b>Qtr4</b>	
5	East	Colas	6292	6760	7300	5570	
6		Root Beer	5726	5650	5600	5780	
7		Fruit Soda	3735	4150	4350	3850	
8							
9	West	Root Beer	8278	7970	8320	7820	
10		Cream Soda	8043	7720	8300	7570	
11							

Figure 98: Asymmetric Report

In `Asymm.xls`, row and column dimension groups are asymmetric. Thus, the nested member groups from the Product dimension differ in member content within respective markets. For example, Colas and Fruit Soda are included in East but not in West. In addition, Actual data is displayed for Qtr1, whereas Budget data is displayed for Qtr2, Qtr3, and Qtr4. Also notice that the sample file displays styles for members of the Scenario and Year dimensions.

3. Leave the `Asymm.xls` file open for the next tutorial task.

## Pivoting in Asymmetric Reports

When you pivot a group of members in an asymmetric report, Hyperion Essbase keeps only unique members from dimensions that are not involved in the pivot.

► To use the open `Asymm.xls` file to illustrate this point:

1. Using the right-mouse button, drag East to the cell below Qtr1.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1					Sales				
2									
3		<i>Actual</i>		<i>Budget</i>		<i>Budget</i>		<i>Budget</i>	
4		<b>Qtr1</b>		<b>Qtr2</b>		<b>Qtr3</b>		<b>Qtr4</b>	
5		East	West	East	West	East	West	East	West
6	Colas	6292	6950	6760	8800	7300	9100	5570	8430
7	Root Beer	5726	8278	5650	7970	5600	8320	5780	7820
8	Fruit Soda	3735	8403	4150	5840	4350	6070	3850	5280
9	Cream Soda	4868	8043	4030	7720	3850	8300	3170	7570
10									

Figure 99: Result of Pivoting in an Asymmetric Report

Hyperion Essbase combines the Product members into all unique members. For example, Root Beer, which is displayed twice in [Figure 98](#), is displayed only once in the current view. Colas, which is displayed in only one market in [Figure 98](#), now is displayed in East and West.

Hyperion Essbase also removes the blank line between Product row groups. A pivot action always eliminates any rows or columns in which all cells are empty.

2. Close `Asymm.xls` without saving the changes.

## Working with Formatted Worksheets

In addition to providing flexible, ad hoc retrievals, Hyperion Essbase supports retrieving data into formatted worksheets. A worksheet can contain the following formats:

- Spaces between rows and columns
- Cell values that contain text or data that is not defined in the database outline
- Member names in noncontiguous locations at the top of a worksheet
- Excel formulas (see also [“Preserving Formulas When Retrieving Data” on page 153](#))
- Visual cues (styles)

After you format and save a worksheet, you may want to retrieve and navigate through new data in the existing worksheet format. This section provides the following information on working with formatted worksheets:

- [“Observing the Rules for Working with Formatted Worksheets” on page 147](#)
- [“Retrieving Data into Formatted Worksheets” on page 148](#)
- [“Pivoting Data on Formatted Worksheets” on page 151](#)

### Observing the Rules for Working with Formatted Worksheets

Observe the following rules when retrieving data into a formatted worksheet:

#### Rule 1

In the worksheet, no numeric cells can be located before the first Hyperion Essbase data cell. For example, in [Figure 100](#), the first Hyperion Essbase data cell is B6. Neither any cell in rows 1 through 5 nor cell A6 can contain numeric values. Also, these cells cannot contain formulas that resolve to numeric values.

## Rule 2

A cell that lies within a row or column of Hyperion Essbase data cannot contain text or numeric values. For example, in [Figure 100](#), the cells in columns B, C, D, and F and rows 6 through 9 and 11 through 14 cannot contain any nondata text or numbers, for such values may be overwritten (or emptied) by the retrieved data. These cells can contain formulas, however, if Formula Preservation options are used. For more information on Formula Preservation options, see [“Preserving Formulas When Retrieving Data” on page 153](#).

**Tip:** If you need to preserve text in a cell, define that text or value as an Excel formula, and use the Formula Preservation options.

## Rule 3

The Pivot command is not available when the Retain on Retrieval check box is selected in the Essbase Options dialog box (Mode tab).

## Rule 4

The Pivot command removes all cells that contain text other than database member names.

## Retrieving Data into Formatted Worksheets

As part of the default Hyperion Essbase installation, Hyperion Essbase provides a sample file, `P&1.xls`, that illustrates how to retrieve data into a formatted worksheet. The `P&1.xls` sample file illustrates how to retrieve data into a worksheet that contains formatted text, formulas, and protected cells.

► To view the P&L.xls worksheet:

1. Select File > Open.
2. From the \Essbase\client\sample directory, open the P&L.xls file.

Depending on how software is installed on your machine, the file may not be available or may be located in a different directory. Contact the Hyperion Essbase system administrator for more information.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Market: Central					The Beverage Company		
2	Product: 200					Planning Dept.		
3	Scenario: Budget							
4								
5		Jan	Feb	Mar		Qtr1	% Sales	
6	Misc	5	10	10		25	0.30	
7	Payroll	200	200	200		600	0.07	
8	Marketing	350	350	350		1050	12.47	
9	Total Expenses	555	560	560		1675	19.89	
10								
11	COGS	1170	1180	1200		3550	42.16	
12	Sales	2740	2820	2860		8420	100.00	
13	Margin	1570	1640	1660		4870	57.84	
14	Profit	1015	1080	1100		3195	37.95	
15								
16	<b>Ratio Analysis</b>							
17	Markup	57.3%	58.2%	58.0%		57.8%		
18	Marketing %	12.8%	12.4%	12.2%		12.5%		

Figure 100: A Sample Formatted Worksheet

3. Select Essbase > Options and select the **Display** tab.
4. In the **Cells** option group, make sure that **Adjust Columns** is checked.
5. Select the **Mode** tab.
6. In the **Formula Preservation** group, select the **Retain on Retrieval** check box to enable Formula Preservation mode.

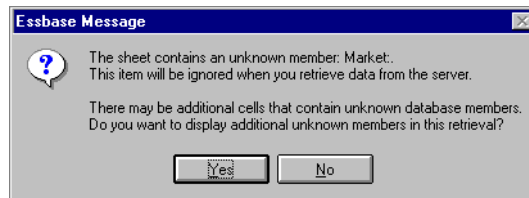
**Note:** When Retain on Retrieval is enabled, there may be a slight delay in retrieval time.

7. Click **OK**.

By default, a Hyperion Essbase retrieval overwrites Excel formula with data values in the retrieval area of a worksheet. The retrieval process also eliminates formulas in cells outside the retrieval area. However, the **Retain on Retrieval** option enables you to define retrievals that do not overwrite formulas in any area of the worksheet.

8. Select Essbase > Retrieve to update the worksheet with the latest data values.

Hyperion Essbase determines that some text cells in the worksheet do not correspond to database member names. When Hyperion Essbase is unable to resolve text in the worksheet, the following message is displayed:



*Figure 101: Hyperion Essbase Unknown Member Message*

In this example, the first unknown member detected is Market: (in cell A1). Hyperion Essbase does not recognize the colon (:) that follows Market in the cell. If you click **Yes**, Hyperion Essbase displays the next unknown member; if you click **No**, Hyperion Essbase continues with the retrieval.

**Note:** If you work with formatted worksheets often, you may want to tell Hyperion Essbase not to display this message. For more information, see [“Pivoting Data on Formatted Worksheets” on page 151](#).

- Click **No** to close the dialog box and continue with the retrieval.

Hyperion Essbase retrieves new data but retains the formatting and formulas in the worksheet.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	<b>Market:</b> Central					<b>The Beverage Company</b>		
2	<b>Product:</b> 200					Planning Dept.		
3	<b>Scenario:</b> Budget							
4								
5		Jan	Feb	Mar		Qtr1	% Sales	
6	Misc	#Missing	#Missing	#Missing		0	0.00	
7	Payroll	210	210	210		630	0.07	
8	Marketing	300	310	320		930	11.05	
9	Total Expenses	510	520	530		1560	18.53	
10								
11	COGS	1170	1180	1200		3550	42.16	
12	Sales	2740	2820	2860		8420	100.00	
13	Margin	1570	1640	1660		4870	57.84	
14	Profit	1060	1120	1130		3310	39.31	
15								
16	<b>Ratio Analysis</b>							
17	Markup	57.3%	58.2%	58.0%		57.8%		
18	Marketing %	10.9%	11.0%	11.2%		11.0%		

Figure 102: Result of Retrieving on a Formatted Worksheet

- Close P&L.xls without saving it.

**Note:** This chapter’s section on “[Preserving Formulas When Retrieving Data](#)” on page 153 provides additional tutorial tasks that show you how to take advantage of all the **Formula Preservation** options.

## Pivoting Data on Formatted Worksheets

With the Pivot command, you can produce ad hoc reports in both formatted and unformatted worksheets. However, a formatted worksheet may contain labels and formulas that make the result of a pivot operation ambiguous. The pivot is designed to compress and retain *only* the database elements represented in the worksheet. The worksheet also retains labels in areas that are not overwritten by pivoted data.

**Note:** Hyperion Essbase prevents pivot operations on worksheets that contain formulas when Formula Preservation mode is active.

Inv.xls, a sample file installed as part of the Hyperion Essbase installation process, illustrates how to pivot data in a worksheet. It was saved with the Retain on Retrieval option disabled so that you can pivot on its worksheets.



► To view the `Inv.xls` worksheet:

1. Select File > Open.
2. From the `\Essbase\client\sample` directory, open the `Inv.xls` file.

Depending on how software is installed on your PC, the file may not be available or may be located in a different directory. Contact the Hyperion Essbase system administrator for more information.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Market		<i>Inventory Analysis</i>				
2	Actual						
3			Jan	Feb	Mar		Qtr1
4							
5	Sales	100	8314	8327	8407		25048
6		200	8716	8960	8951		26627
7		300	7874	8046	8077		23997
8		400	6634	6736	6778		20148
9		Product	31538	32069	32213		95820
10							
11	Opening Inventory	100	29448	29124	28929		29448
12	* Adjusted for Audit	200	33000	32100	31125		33000
13		300	28865	28964	29095		28865
14		400	26092	26246	26409		26092
15		Product	117405	116434	115558		117405
16							
17	Stock to Sales		3.72	3.63	3.59		
18			=====	=====	=====		

Figure 103: Formatted Worksheet Before Pivoting

3. Select Essbase > Options and select the **Global** tab.
4. In the Display Messages group, clear the **Display Unknown Members** check box to avoid seeing the Hyperion Essbase messages when working with formatted worksheets.



- Using the right-mouse button, drag Sales (in cell A5) to the cell nested below Jan (C4).

Hyperion Essbase pivots the Sales member group so that it is nested below the monthly members. However, during the pivot, Hyperion Essbase retains only database elements. For example, all data for Stock to Sales and Adjusted for Audit is deleted during the pivot.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1			<i>Inventory Analysis</i>		Market		
2					Actual		
3		Jan		Feb		Mar	
4		Sales	Opening Inventory	Sales	Opening Inventory	Sales	Opening Inventory
5							
6	100	8314	29448	8327	29124	8407	28929
7	200	8716	33000	8960	32100	8951	31125
8	300	7874	28865	8046	28964	8077	29095
9	400	6634	26092	6736	26246	6778	26409
10	Product	31538	117405	32069	116434	32213	115558
11							
12		* Adjusted for Audit					
13							
14							
15							
16							
17	Stock to Sales						
18				=====	::	=====	

Figure 104: Result of Pivoting on a Formatted Worksheet

- Close `Inv.xls` without saving it.


## Preserving Formulas When Retrieving Data

In “Retrieving Data into Formatted Worksheets” on page 148, you used the Retain on Retrieval option to preserve formatting and formulas in an existing worksheet. Collectively, the Formula Preservation options enables you to retain formulas during data retrievals, keep and remove only operations, and drill operations. In addition, Hyperion Essbase can replicate formulas for additional members retrieved into the worksheet as part of a drilling operation. This section steps you through using all of the Formula Preservation options in a report that you create.

You must enable some options before you can enable other options. Keep in mind the following guidelines and restrictions when using the Formula Preservation options:

- On the Mode tab of the Essbase Options dialog box, you must have the Advanced Interpretation option selected to enable Retain on Retrieval. The Formula Preservation options do not work with free-form retrieval mode.
- You must enable Retain on Retrieval to enable Retain on Keep and Remove Only and Retain on Zooms.
- You must enable Retain on Zooms to enable Formula Fill.
- When you select the Retain on Retrieval check box, the Suppress #Missing Rows and Zero Rows options on the Display tab become disabled. Conversely, if you have either of the Display options selected, the Formula Preservation options are automatically disabled.
- When you select the Retain on Zooms check box, the Remove Unselected Groups option on the Zoom tab is disabled. When you enable the Remove Unrelated Groups option, Retain on Zooms is automatically disabled.
- When Retain on Retrieval is enabled, there may be a slight delay in retrieval time.
- As a general rule, insert a blank row as the last row in the formula range to ensure that the cell range in the formula expands properly when you drill down on members with Retain on Zooms enabled. For more information, see the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help.
- Formula arrays are not supported in Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in when the preserve formula option is on. If you have formula arrays in the worksheet, Hyperion Essbase does not preserve these types of formulas.

➤ To preserve formulas when retrieving or retaining data:

1. To open a new worksheet, select File > New or click the  button.
2. Select Essbase > Retrieve.
3. In cell A2, drill down (double-click) on Year.
4. Press and hold the Alt key and, in cell E1, drill down (double-click) on Scenario.
5. Select cell G3 and enter the following formula in the cell: =B3 / B7 \* 100

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1		Measures	Product	Market				
2		Actual	Budget	Variance	Variance %	Scenario		
3	Qtr1	24703	30580	-5877	-19.21844343	24703	=B3/B7*100	
4	Qtr2	27107	32870	-5763	-17.53270459	27107		
5	Qtr3	27912	33980	-6068	-17.85756327	27912		
6	Qtr4	25800	31950	-6150	-19.24882629	25800		
7	Year	105522	129380	-23858	-18.44025352	105522		
8								
9								
10								

Figure 105: Entering an Excel Formula into a Cell

6. Press Enter.

Excel calculates the formula that you entered in cell G3 and now reflects Qtr1 as a percentage of Year.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1		Measures	Product	Market				
2		Actual	Budget	Variance	Variance %	Scenario		
3	Qtr1	24703	30580	-5877	-19.21844343	24703	23.41028411	
4	Qtr2	27107	32870	-5763	-17.53270459	27107		
5	Qtr3	27912	33980	-6068	-17.85756327	27912		
6	Qtr4	25800	31950	-6150	-19.24882629	25800		
7	Year	105522	129380	-23858	-18.44025352	105522		
8								
9								
10								

Figure 106: Result of Excel Formula with Hyperion Essbase Data

7. Select Essbase > Options and select the **Mode** tab.
8. In the Formula Preservation area, select the check boxes for Retain on Retrieval and Retain on Keep and Remove Only. Click **OK**.

9. In cells D2, E2, and F2, respectively, select Variance, %Variance, and Scenario.
10. Select Essbase > Remove Only.

Hyperion Essbase removes the selected columns but retains the Excel formula that you entered, keeping it with the retained dataset.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		Measures	Product	Market			
2		Actual	Budget				
3	Qtr1	24703	30580	23.41028411			
4	Qtr2	27107	32870				
5	Qtr3	27912	33980				
6	Qtr4	25800	31950				
7	Year	105522	129380				
8							
9							
10							

Figure 107: Result of Removing Columns with Retain on Keep or Remove Only Enabled

11. Select Essbase > Options and select the **Mode** tab.
12. In the Formula Preservation area, click the box for **Retain on Zooms** and click **OK**.
13. In cell A3, drill down (double-click) on Qtr1.

Hyperion Essbase drills down on Qtr1 and moves the formula down with the Qtr1 member.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		Measures	Product	Market			
2		Actual	Budget				
3	Jan	8024	9940				
4	Feb	8346	10350				
5	Mar	8333	10290				
6	Qtr1	24703	30580	23.41028411			
7	Qtr2	27107	32870				
8	Qtr3	27912	33980				
9	Qtr4	25800	31950				
10	Year	105522	129380				
11							

Figure 108: Result of Drilling Down with Retain on Zooms Enabled

14. Select Essbase > FlashBack.
15. Select Essbase > Options and select the **Mode** tab.

16. In the Formula Preservation area, select the **Formula Fill** check box. Click **OK**.
17. In cell A3, drill down (double-click) on Qtr1.

Hyperion Essbase drills down on Qtr1 and replicates the formula for each member of Qtr1 (Jan, Feb, and Mar). To view the replicated formulas, click in cells D3, D4, D5, and D6 and look at the new syntax in the Excel formula bar.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1		Measures	Product	Market		
2		Actual	Budget			
3	Jan	8024	9940	29.60121002		
4	Feb	8346	10350	29.9011178		
5	Mar	8333	10290	32.29844961		
6	Qtr1	24703	30580	23.41028411		
7	Qtr2	27107	32870			
8	Qtr3	27912	33980			
9	Qtr4	25800	31950			
10	Year	105522	129380			
11						

Figure 109: Result of Drilling Down with Formula Fill Enabled

18. Before moving on with the tutorial, complete each of the following actions:
- Select Essbase > Options and select the **Mode** tab.
  - Clear all of the **Formula Preservation** options.
  - Select File > Close to close the worksheet. You do not need to save the worksheet.

## Retrieving a Range of Data

In a typical Excel worksheet, you can select a range of cells by dragging the mouse across the worksheet. You can also select a range of cells and tell Hyperion Essbase to restrict the data retrieval to the selected range in the worksheet. Retrieving a range of data is particularly useful in the following situations:

- A worksheet contains multiple reports.
- A worksheet contains extraneous information that is not supported in a formatted report retrieval.
- You need to retrieve only a small subset of values from the server, thus dramatically decreasing retrieval time for large datasets.
- You need to retrieve data to an area of the worksheet other than the first column.

As part of the default Hyperion Essbase installation, Hyperion Essbase provides a sample file, Profit.xls, that illustrates how to retrieve a range of data.

► To view the Profit.xls file:

1. Select File > Open.
2. From the \Essbase\client\sample directory, open the Profit.xls file.

Depending on how software is installed on your PC, the file may not be available or may be located in a different directory. Contact the Hyperion Essbase system administrator for more information.

Profit.xls has already selected a range of cells (B2 through F9) for you.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1								
2			100	Central				
3			Actual		Budget			
4			Sales	Profit %	Sales	Profit %		
5			Qtr1	1111	27.3	2222	34.5	
6			Qtr2	1111	28.4	2222	35.1	
7			Qtr3	1111	28.8	2222	35.3	
8			Qtr4	1111	27.6	2222	38.1	
9			Year	1111	28.1	2222	35.7	
10								
11								
12				Central	Actual	Profit %		
13			Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Year	
14		100-10	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	
15		100-20	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	
16		100-30	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	

Figure 110: Selected Range of Cells for Retrieval

- Select Essbase > Retrieve to update the selected range.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1								
2			100	Central				
3			Actual		Budget			
4			Sales	Profit %	Sales	Profit %		
5		Qtr1	8074	27.3	8200	34.5		
6		Qtr2	8701	28.4	8870	35.1		
7		Qtr3	8894	28.8	9060	35.3		
8		Qtr4	8139	27.6	7800	38.1		
9		Year	33808	28.1	33930	35.7		
10								
11								
12				Central	Actual	Profit %		
13			Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Year	
14		100-10	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	
15		100-20	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	
16		100-30	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	

Figure 111: Result of Retrieving First Range of Data

Hyperion Essbase updates only the data in the selected range of cells.

- Select cells B12 through G16.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1								
2			100	Central				
3			Actual		Budget			
4			Sales	Profit %	Sales	Profit %		
5		Qtr1	8074	27.3	8200	34.5		
6		Qtr2	8701	28.4	8870	35.1		
7		Qtr3	8894	28.8	9060	35.3		
8		Qtr4	8139	27.6	7800	38.1		
9		Year	33808	28.1	33930	35.7		
10								
11								
12				Central	Actual	Profit %		
13			Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Year	
14		100-10	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	
15		100-20	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	
16		100-30	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	

Figure 112: Selecting Cells for Retrieval

5. Select Essbase > Retrieve once again to update the selected range.

Hyperion Essbase updates the data in the selected range.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1								
2			100	Central				
3			Actual		Budget			
4			Sales	Profit %	Sales	Profit %		
5		Qtr1	8074	27.3	8200	34.5		
6		Qtr2	8701	28.4	8870	35.1		
7		Qtr3	8894	28.8	9060	35.3		
8		Qtr4	8139	27.6	7800	38.1		
9		Year	33808	28.1	33930	35.7		
10								
11								
12				Central	Actual	Profit %		
13			Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Year	
14		100-10	24.6	25.1	24.7	23.8	24.6	
15		100-20	29.6	31.3	32.1	29.7	30.7	
16		100-30	28.9	30.0	31.0	31.4	30.4	

Figure 113: Result of Retrieving Second Range of Data

6. Close Profit.xls without saving it.

## Retrieving Data by Using a Function

The Hyperion Essbase cell retrieve function, *EssCell*, retrieves a single database value into a worksheet cell. Enter an EssCell function directly into a worksheet or select an EssCell function from the Excel menu bar.

**Note:** You must be connected to a database to use EssCell.

EssCell retrieves data when you perform a Hyperion Essbase retrieval or when you recalculate a worksheet through Excel. As part of the default Hyperion Essbase installation, Hyperion Essbase provides a sample file, *Summary.xls*. This file has EssCell functions already set in cells B16 and B17.



➤ To view the `Summary.xls` file:

1. Select File > Open.
2. From the `\Essbase\client\sample` directory, open the `Summary.xls` file.

Depending on how software is installed on your PC, the file may not be available or may be located in a different directory. Contact the Hyperion Essbase system administrator for more information.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	200						
2	Texas						
3							
4		Budget					
5		Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Year	
6	Sales	1460	1560	1630	1320	5970	
7	COGS	560	590	630	500	2280	
8	Margin	900	970	1000	820	3690	
9	Marketing	160	160	170	120	610	
10	Payroll	60	60	60	110	290	
11	Misc	#Missing	#Missing	#Missing	#Missing	#Missing	
12	Total Expenses	220	220	230	230	900	
13	Profit	680	750	770	590	2790	
14							
15							
16	Year Sales	#N/A					
17	Year Margin %	#N/A					

Figure 114: Worksheet Containing EssCell Functions

Cells B16 and B17 in `Summary.xls` contain the EssCell function. If you select either of these cells, you can view the syntax for the EssCell function in the Excel formula bar at the top of the worksheet.

The EssCell function is defined in a cell as follows:

```
=EssCell(mbrList)
```

*mbrList* is one of the following:

- **A null value.** If the parameters of the function are empty, Hyperion Essbase returns the data value from the top of each dimension.
- **A comma-delimited list of member names.** Member names must be enclosed in double quotes, with only one member per dimension allowed. If you list no members from a particular dimension, the function returns the data value from the top member of the unspecified dimension. Furthermore, you can include aliases in the member list, subject to the same rules as member names.
- **An Excel cell reference.** The reference must point to a cell that contains a valid member name. Member names, such as 200 and 300-10, need to be formatted as text cells, rather than numeric cells.

For example, the syntax for the EssCell function in cell B16 in the *Summary.xls* file is the following:

```
=EssCell("Sales", A1, A2, B4, F5)
```

When you open the worksheet, the values in these cells are #N/A. To update the values with the data in your database, you must perform a retrieval from Hyperion Essbase.

3. Select Essbase > Retrieve.

Hyperion Essbase calculates the EssCell functions in cells B16 and B17.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	200						
2	Texas						
3							
4		Budget					
5		Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Year	
6	Sales	1460	1560	1630	1320	5970	
7	COGS	560	590	630	500	2280	
8	Margin	900	970	1000	820	3690	
9	Marketing	160	160	170	120	610	
10	Payroll	60	60	60	110	290	
11	Misc	#Missing	#Missing	#Missing	#Missing	#Missing	
12	Total Expenses	220	220	230	230	900	
13	Profit	680	750	770	590	2790	
14							
15							
16	Year Sales	5970					
17	Year Margin %	61.81					

Figure 115: Retrieval on a Worksheet Containing the EssCell Function

Now update the EssCell functions to retrieve data for a different state.

4. Change the contents of cell A2 from Texas to Florida.

The values in cells B16 and B17 are updated as soon as you update the cell. The update occurs because Excel has recalculated the worksheet (if you have configured Excel to calculate changes automatically). The remaining data cells do not change. To completely update the worksheet, you must retrieve data from the server.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	200						
2	Florida						
3							
4		Budget					
5		Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Year	
6	Sales	1460	1560	1630	1320	5970	
7	COGS	560	590	630	500	2280	
8	Margin	900	970	1000	820	3690	
9	Marketing	160	160	170	120	610	
10	Payroll	60	60	60	110	290	
11	Misc	#Missing	#Missing	#Missing	#Missing	#Missing	
12	Total Expenses	220	220	230	230	900	
13	Profit	680	750	770	590	2790	
14							
15							
16	Year Sales	5030					
17	Year Margin %	60.04					

Figure 116: Updating the EssCell Function

**Tip:** If the worksheet contains many EssCell functions, change Excel to manual calculation mode. This change prevents the cell retrieve from calculating until you retrieve data or calculate the worksheet manually. For more information, see the Microsoft Excel documentation.

5. Select Essbase > Retrieve to update the report.

Hyperion Essbase returns an error message if EssCell is unsuccessful. The following table lists messages that Hyperion Essbase displays in the EssCell cell and explains the conditions that cause the messages:

Message	Reason
#N/A	The worksheet is not connected to a database.
#VALUE!	A member name in the list or reference is invalid.
#NAME?	A text name in the function does not contain double quotation marks.

6. Close `Summary.xls` without saving it.

The sample file that you used for this tutorial task already had EssCell functions defined. To enter your own EssCell function into a worksheet, you do the following:

1. From the Excel menu bar, select Insert > Function.
  2. From the Function Category list, select Essbase Add-in.
- The Excel Function Wizard steps you through defining the EssCell function.

**Note:** For more information on EssCell functions, see the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help.

## Retrieving Dynamic Calculation Members

*Dynamic calculation members* are database members that are excluded from the batch calculation process, thus shortening the regular database calculation time. The Hyperion Essbase Application Designer tags dynamic calculation members in the database outline so that Hyperion Essbase knows not to calculate those members until a data retrieval requests them. This process is referred to as *dynamic calculation*. Dynamically calculating database members benefits the Hyperion Essbase server in the following ways:

- Reduced disk usage
- Reduced database restructuring time
- Reduced time to back up the database

Database values that Hyperion Essbase calculates dynamically take slightly longer to retrieve in Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in because Hyperion Essbase must perform calculations *before* retrieving data into the worksheet. For more information on dynamic calculation, see the *Hyperion Essbase Database Administrator's Guide*.

**Tip:** Enable the Navigate Without Data feature while you arrange the spreadsheet report so that Hyperion Essbase does not dynamically calculate the database when you are creating the report. For more information on the Navigate Without Data feature, see “[Navigating Through the Worksheet Without Retrieving Data](#)” on page 69.

Because there may be a performance impact on retrieving data for dynamic calculation members, define visual cues, or styles, for these members so that you can identify them in Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in.

To illustrate how to use Dynamic Calculation members, use the `Asymm.xls` file.

- ▶ To view the `Asymm.xls` file:
  1. Select File > Open.
  2. From the `\Essbase\client\sample` directory, open the `Asymm.xls` file.
  3. Drill up on Actual by double-clicking the right-mouse button in cell C3.
  4. In cell C3, drill down on Scenario to display all members of Scenario.

Hyperion Essbase displays only the Scenario members for Qtr1.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1					Sales		
2							
3			Actual	Budget	Variance	Variance %	Scenario
4			Qtr1	Qtr1	Qtr1	Qtr1	Qtr1
5	East	Colas	6292	5870	422	7.189097104	6292
6		Root Beer	5726	5460	266	4.671794872	5726
7		Fruit Soda	3735	3880	-145	-3.737113402	3735
8							
9	West	Root Beer	8278	7700	578	7.506493506	8278
10		Cream Soda	8043	6890	1153	16.73439768	8043

Figure 117: Displaying Scenario Members

5. Select Essbase > Options and select the **Style** tab.

**Note:** You must be connected to the Sample Basic database to display the Style tab. For more information on connecting to a database, see [“Connecting to a Database” on page 126](#).

6. In the Members group, scroll down until you see Dynamic Calculations.
7. Select the **Dynamic Calculations** check box and click the **Format** button.
8. In the **Font** style list, select **Bold Italic**.
9. In the **Color** list, select **Gray**.
10. Click **OK** and then select the **Display** tab.
11. In the **Cells** option group, click **Use Styles**. Click **OK**.

**12.** Select Essbase > Retrieve.

Hyperion Essbase displays the data and applies all the visual cues, or styles, that you set, including the newly set styles for dynamic calculation members and the styles you set in [Chapter 2](#). You can tell that the columns for Variance and Variance% are dynamically calculated because Hyperion Essbase displays these members in gray, bold, italicized font. (Variance and Variance% also have a red background because that style was previously set for all members of the Scenario dimension.)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1					Sales		
2							
3			Actual	Budget	Variance	Variance %	Scenario
4			Qtr1	Qtr1	Qtr1	Qtr1	Qtr1
5	East	Colas	6292	5870	422	7.189097104	6292
6		Root Beer	5726	5460	266	4.871794872	5726
7		Fruit Soda	3735	3880	-145	-3.737113402	3735
8							
9	West	Root Beer	8278	7700	578	7.506493506	8278
10		Cream Soda	8043	6890	1153	16.73439768	8043

*Figure 118: Result of Retrieving Dynamic Calculation Members*

**Note:** Occasionally, other styles you have set may override a style for dynamic calculation members. For example, if a parent member is also a dynamic calculation member, and if you have styles set for both parent and dynamic calculations, the style for the parent member overrides the style for the dynamic calculation member. In this case, you need to remove the style for parent members in order to see the style for dynamic calculation members. For more information on the precedence of styles, see [“Determining the Precedence of Overlapping Styles”](#) on page 85.

**13.** Close the ASYMM.XLS file without saving it.




## Specifying the Latest Time Period for Dynamic Time Series

*Dynamic Time Series members* are predefined database members that are used in dynamic, to-date reporting, such as year-to-date or month-to-date values. Dynamic Time Series members do not appear as individual members in the database outline; instead, they correspond to a generation name that uses a key term for time, such as year, month, or day.

For example, in the Sample Basic database, a generation name called Quarter was created for generation 2 in the Year dimension. Generation 2 includes the members for Qtr1, Qtr2, Qtr3, and Qtr4. When the generation name Quarter was created, Hyperion Essbase created a Dynamic Time Series member called Q-T-D, or quarter-to-date.

To take advantage of Dynamic Time Series in Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in, choose the latest time period for which you want data in a to-date calculation. The calculated value of the Dynamic Time Series member is derived when you define the latest time period to be reported. In the Sample Basic database, for example, the level 0 members of the Year dimension are the months of the year: Jan, Feb, Mar, and so on. If the current month is August, and you want to know the sales data for the quarter up to the current month, a quarter-to-date calculation gives you the sales data for the months of July and August.

► To illustrate the concept of Dynamic Time Series:

1. To open a new worksheet, select File > New or click the  button.
2. Select Essbase > Options and select the **Zoom** tab.
3. In the **Zoom In** option group, select **Next Level**.
4. Clear the **Within Selected Group** check box and click **OK**.
5. Select Essbase > Retrieve.
6. In cell B1, drill down (double-click) on Measures.
7. In cell B2, click Year.

- Type Q-T-D in cell B2 and press **Enter** to enter a predefined Dynamic Time Series member (Q-T-D):

	A	B	C	D	E
1			Product	Market	Scenario
2	Profit	Q-T-D	105522		
3	Inventory	Year	117405		
4	Ratios	Year	55.26162827		
5	Measures	Year	105522		
6					
7					

Figure 119: Entering a Dynamic Time Series Member into a Worksheet

**Note:** For a list of other possible Dynamic Time Series members, see the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help.

- Select Essbase > Options and select the **Display** tab.
- In the Dynamic Time Series area, select the **Latest Time Period** check box.
- From the list box, select May. Click **OK**.

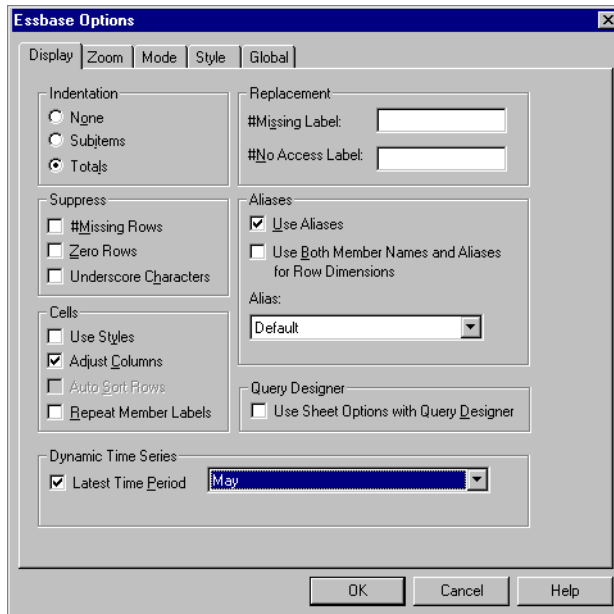


Figure 120: Specifying Latest Time Period in a Dynamic Time Series

**Note:** If you do not specify a latest time period, Hyperion Essbase uses the first level 0 member (Jan) as the default.

**12.** Select Essbase > Retrieve.

**Note:** The Retrieve & Lock, Zoom In, and Zoom Out commands are not supported with Dynamic Time Series members.

Hyperion Essbase displays data for the Q-T-D member. The data values in the worksheet are the aggregated values for April and May, because May is the month you specified as the latest month in the quarter-to-date Dynamic Time Series.

	A	B	C	D	E
1			Product	Market	Scenario
2	Profit	Q-T-D	17573		
3	Inventory	Year	117405		
4	Ratios	Year	55.26162827		
5	Measures	Year	105522		

*Figure 121: Result of Specifying Latest Time Period in a Dynamic Time Series*

**13.** To close the worksheet, select File > Close. You do not need to save the worksheet.

**Note:** You can also create a report like the one shown above by simply typing the name of the Dynamic Time Series member followed by the name of latest time period in parentheses: for example, Q-T-D (May). If you are using free-form retrieval mode, you must enter the Dynamic Time Series member and the latest time period in separate, adjacent cells. You can also select a Dynamic Time Series member and a latest time period through Hyperion Essbase Query Designer or through Member Selection.

**Note:** For more information on Dynamic Time Series, see the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help.

## Using Substitution Variables

The Hyperion Essbase application designer uses substitution variables to define global variables to represent values that are specific to Hyperion Essbase. For example, Latest can be a substitution variable representing the latest time period in a Dynamic Time Series. Using Hyperion Essbase Application Manager, Application Designer sets substitution variables and their corresponding values for a specific application. Hyperion Essbase stores these variables and their values on the Hyperion Essbase server. You can take advantage of the predefined substitution variables in Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in during Dynamic Time Series reporting.

For example, say the application designer sets a substitution variable on the server for the current month. The variable is called CurMnth and has a value of August. If you use the substitution variable in the worksheet, a retrieval returns values for August, because August is set as the current month on the server. If, at a later date, the application designer changes the value of the CurMnth substitution variable to October, a retrieval returns data for October.

The Sample Basic database you are using for this tutorial does not contain predefined substitution variables. If the application designer had set a substitution variable in the database you are using, you could enter a substitution variable directly into a worksheet. For example, you could open a blank worksheet and type member names as follows:

	A	B	C	D	E
1		Product	Measures	Market	Scenario
2	&CurMnth				
3					
4					
5					

Figure 122: Entering a Substitution Variable in a Worksheet

**Note:** Notice the substitution variable (CurMnth) in cell A2. When you enter a substitution variable directly into a cell, you must precede it with an ampersand (&).

In this example, a retrieval produces the following results:

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1		Product	Measures	Market	Scenario	
2	Aug	9545				
3						
4						
5						

Figure 123: Result of Retrieval on a Substitution Variable

Hyperion Essbase queries the server for the value of the substitution variable CurMnth, which is August. Data is returned only for August.

**Note:** If you save a worksheet containing a substitution variable as a template, make sure that you save the worksheet *before* you retrieve data. For example, if you save the worksheet shown in [Figure 123](#) as a template, each time you retrieve the template, August rather than the substitution variable CurMnth is displayed.

## Using Free-Form Reporting to Retrieve Data

So far, you have learned how to retrieve Hyperion Essbase data into a worksheet through ad hoc retrieval, Hyperion Essbase Query Designer queries, and Member Selection operations. In addition to these retrieval methods, Hyperion Essbase supports *free-form reporting*. Free-form reporting enables you to tell Hyperion Essbase specifically what you want to retrieve by simply typing data into the worksheet. Free-form reporting is especially useful when you are familiar with the dimensions and members in the database outline.

Hyperion Essbase provides two different retrieval modes for free-form reporting:

- Advanced Interpretation
- Free-Form

In both retrieval modes, enter member names directly into the worksheet. The following sections describe the similarities and differences between the two modes.


## Using Advanced Interpretation Mode

The Hyperion Essbase server contains an advanced spreadsheet interpretation engine that scans a worksheet and interprets its content when fulfilling retrieval requests. When you construct a report by entering names directly into a worksheet in Advanced Interpretation retrieval mode, Hyperion Essbase interprets the member names and creates a default view that is based on the location of the labels.

Keep in mind the following guidelines when you are working in Advanced Interpretation mode:

- Precede all member names that consist of numbers with a single quotation mark. For example, for Product dimension member 100, type '100 in the worksheet.
- If you define a report that does not contain all of the database dimensions, you may need to enter a dummy value, such as 0, in the first data cell. Hyperion Essbase overwrites this value with the contents of the database cell upon retrieval. Be sure to use a numeric value as the dummy value.

► To construct a free-form report in Advanced Interpretation retrieval mode:

1. To open a new worksheet, select File > New or click the  button.
2. Select Essbase > Options and select the **Mode** tab.
3. In the Retrieval option group, select **Advanced Interpretation** (the default setting) and click **OK**.
4. Enter member names and data as in the following illustration.

**Note:** If a member name consists of a number, such as 100, you must precede the member name with a single quotation mark (for example, '100). This rule also applies to member names with spaces between words.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Sales	East	Budget			
2						
3		Qtr1	Qtr2			
4	100					
5	200					
6	300					
7	400					
8						
9						

Figure 124: Creating a New Free-Form Report

5. Select Essbase > Retrieve or double-click in a data cell.

Hyperion Essbase retrieves data for the members you entered into the free-form report and implements the **Use Aliases** option that you set in the **Essbase Options** dialog box in the beginning of this chapter.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Sales	East	Budget			
2						
3		Qtr1	Qtr2			
4	Colas	5870	6760			
5	Root Beer	5460	5650			
6	Cream Soda	3680	4030			
7	Fruit Soda	3880	4150			
8						

Figure 125: Retrieving Data into a Free-Form Report

Now define a free-form report that does not contain all of the dimensions from the database. In Advanced Interpretation mode, you may need to enter a dummy data value, such as 0, into the first Hyperion Essbase data cell to tell Hyperion Essbase where the data starts in the worksheet. Be sure to use a numeric value as the dummy value.

For example:

1. Select Essbase > FlashBack.
2. Delete cells A1, B1, and C1.
3. In cell B4, type 0 in cell B4 to provide Hyperion Essbase with a data cell reference point.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1						
2						
3		Qtr1	Qtr2			
4	100	0				
5	200					
6	300					
7	400					
8						

Figure 126: Defining a Free-Form Report Without All Dimensions

4. Select Essbase > Retrieve.

Hyperion Essbase adds the dimensions that were omitted from the free-form report to the worksheet and retrieves data.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1						
2						
3		Measures	Market	Scenario		
4		Qtr1	Qtr2			
5	Colas	7048	7872			
6	Root Beer	6721	7030			
7	Cream Soda	5929	6769			
8	Fruit Soda	5005	5436			
9						

Figure 127: Retrieval in a Free-Form Report Without all Dimensions

5. Select File > Close to close the worksheet. You do not need to save the worksheet.

## Using Free-Form Mode

Similar to Advanced Interpretation mode, Free-Form mode enables you to enter member names into any location in a worksheet and then interprets the contents of the worksheet when fulfilling the retrieval request. In addition, with Free-Form mode, you can use Hyperion Essbase report script commands to retrieve data into a worksheet.


Report script commands are most useful for defining member references that can bring back the most current member information dynamically. For example, if you need to create a report that shows every product, including the products added since the last retrieval, standard retrieval mode reflects changes only when you zoom in on the product. If you use the report script command <IDESCENDANTS, Hyperion Essbase retrieves all descendants of a specified member, including the specified member. For more information on the syntax of report script commands and on guidelines for developing reports, see the online *Technical Reference* in the DOCS directory and the *Hyperion Essbase Database Administrator's Guide*.



Keep in mind the following guidelines when working in Free-Form retrieval mode:

- You must precede all member names that consist of numbers with a single quotation mark. For example, for the Product dimension member 100, you need to type '100 in the worksheet.
- You cannot cancel a retrieve in Free-Form mode.
- You cannot apply Hyperion Essbase styles in Free-Form mode.
- Hyperion Essbase removes blank rows and columns on any retrieval action.
- Do not use Report Writer formatting commands, such as {BRACKETS}, {DECIMAL}, and {EUROPEAN} in Free-Form mode, because they are incompatible with Excel's formatting features.
- When you are in Free-Form mode, an Auto Sort Rows option is enabled in the Display tab of the Essbase Options dialog box. If you select this feature, Hyperion Essbase retrieves data in symmetric rows. The rows are sorted according to the order specified in the database outline.
- Not all Formula Preservation and Modes options (Essbase Options dialog box, Mode tab) are available in Free-Form mode.
- To use Dynamic Time Series in Free-Form mode, do not put the Dynamic Time Series member and the latest time period (for example, Q-T-D (Feb)) in the same cell. You need to type the Dynamic Time Series member, Q-T-D in one cell, and the latest time period within parentheses, (Feb), in a separate, adjacent cell.

➤ To construct a free-form report in Free-Form retrieval mode:

1. To open a new worksheet, select File > New or click the  button.
2. Select Essbase > Options and select the **Mode** tab.
3. In the **Retrieval** option group, select **Free Form**.
4. Select the **Display** tab.
5. In the **Cells** option group, select **Auto Sort Rows**. Click **OK**.

- Enter the member names into the worksheet as shown in [Figure 128](#):

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Product	COGS				
2	Jan					
3	East					
4	Budget					
5	Actual					
6						
7						

Figure 128: Typing Member Names In a Free-Form Report

- Select Essbase > Retrieve.


Hyperion Essbase retrieves data for the members and creates a default view according to the location of the labels. Note that three members were pivoted from row groups to column groups.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1		Product	COGS	Jan	East	
2	Budget	2590				
3	Actual	3007				
4						
5						

Figure 129: Result of Retrieving in Free-Form Retrieval Mode

- Select File > Close to close the worksheet. You do not need to save the worksheet.

Now create a report by entering member names and a report script command:

- To open a new worksheet, select File > New or click the  button.
- Enter the member names into the blank worksheet as shown in [Figure 130](#).

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Actual	Sales	East			
2	Jan	Feb	Mar			
3						
4						
5						

Figure 130: Typing Member Names in a Free-Form Report

- In cell A3, type <IDESCENDANTS Product. Press Enter.

	A	B	C	D
1		Actual	Sales	East
2		Jan	Feb	Mar
3	<IDESCENDANTS			
4				
5				

Figure 131: Typing a Report Script Command in a Free-Form Report

- Select Essbase > Retrieve.

Hyperion Essbase retrieves data into the worksheet for all descendants of Product and for the members you entered in the worksheet.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1		Actual	Sales	East		
2		Jan	Feb	Mar		
3	Cola	1812	1754	1805		
4	Diet Cola	200	206	214		
5	Caffeine Free Cola	93	101	107		
6	Colas	2105	2061	2126		
7	Old Fashioned	647	668	672		
8	Diet Root Beer	310	310	312		
9	Sasparilla	#Missing	#Missing	#Missing		
10	Birch Beer	896	988	923		
11	Root Beer	1853	1966	1907		
12	Dark Cream	999	1012	1026		

Figure 132: Result of a Retrieve with a Report Script Command


**Note:** When Hyperion Essbase completes the retrieval, the report script command is overwritten by the data it returns. You can use FlashBack to restore the previous view in Free-Form mode.

- Select File > Close to close the worksheet. You do not need to save the worksheet.

## Using Attributes in Free-Form Reporting

Hyperion Essbase enables you to retrieve data selectively by specifying attributes that are associated with a base dimension. For example, in the Sample Basic database, the Product base dimension is associated with attributes such as packaging and size. You can enter an attribute name into the worksheet to retrieve data that is associated with that attribute.

► To use attributes in a free-form report:

1. To open a new worksheet, select File > New or click the  button.
2. Enter member names as shown in the [Figure 133](#).

Caffeinated is an attribute dimension associated with the Product base dimension. Bottle is a level 0 member of the Pkg\_Type attribute dimension. The Pkg\_Type dimension is associated with the Product base dimension. A level 0 member is the lowest level member in a dimension.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Caffeinated	Bottle	Profit	Qtr1	East
2					

*Figure 133: Using Attributes in Free-Form Reports*

3. Click in any empty cell and select Essbase > Retrieve or double-click in an empty data cell.

Hyperion Essbase retrieves information on profits for the first quarter of the year for all members of the Product base dimension that are associated with both the level 0 attribute members of the Caffeinated attribute dimension (Caffeinated\_True and Caffeinated\_False) and the level 0 member Bottle of the Pkg\_Type attribute dimension. The results should appear as shown below:

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1		Caffeinated	Bottle	Profit	Qtr1	East
2	Scenario	2604				
3						

*Figure 134: Result of Using Attributes in Free-Form Reports*

- You can drill down to data on the level 0 attribute members of the Caffeinated attribute dimension. The results should appear as shown below:

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1			Bottle	Profit	Qtr1	East
2	Caffeinated_True	Scenario	142			
3	Caffeinated_False	Scenario	2462			
4						

Figure 135: Drilling Down on Attributes in Free-Form Reports

- To drill down further for data on profits for the first quarter for all members of the East base dimension, double-click on cell E1. The results should appear as shown below:

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1				Bottle	Profit	Scenario
2	New York	Caffeinated_True	Year	-2050		
3		Caffeinated_False	Year	6754		
4		Caffeinated	Year	4704		
5	Massachusetts	Caffeinated_True	Year	30		
6		Caffeinated_False	Year	1577		
7		Caffeinated	Year	1607		
8	Florida	Caffeinated_True	Year	1727		
9		Caffeinated_False	Year	934		
10		Caffeinated	Year	2661		
11	Connecticut	Caffeinated_True	Year	1134		
12		Caffeinated_False	Year	742		
13		Caffeinated	Year	1876		
14	New Hampshire	Caffeinated_True	Year	-84		
15		Caffeinated_False	Year	842		
16		Caffeinated	Year	758		
17	East	Caffeinated_True	Year	757		
18		Caffeinated_False	Year	10849		
19		Caffeinated	Year	11606		


Figure 136: Result of Drilling Down on East

## Entering Generation and Level Names

In addition to entering database member names into a free-form report, you can enter generation or level names directly into a worksheet to retrieve specific members. The Hyperion Essbase application designer defines generation and level names for database dimensions in the database outline. You have two options for discovering what generation and level names are defined in the database:

- View generation and level names in the Essbase Member Selection dialog box or through Hyperion Essbase Query Designer.
- Contact the Hyperion Essbase application designer to see what generation and level names are defined in the database outline.

► To enter generation and level names directly into a free-form report:

1. To open a new worksheet, select File > New or click the  button.
2. Select Essbase > Options and select the **Mode** tab.
3. In the Retrieval option group, select **Advanced Interpretation**. Click **OK**.
4. Enter member names as shown in [Figure 137](#):

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1		Sales	Budget	West	Year	
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						

Figure 137: Entering Member Names in a Free-Form Report

5. Enter a generation name as shown in [Figure 138](#):

Family is a generation name in the Product dimension. The name is already defined in the Sample Basic database.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1		Sales	Budget	West	Year	
2	Family					
3						
4						
5						
6						

Figure 138: Entering a Generation Name in a Free-Form Report

6. Select Essbase > Retrieve.

Hyperion Essbase retrieves data for the member and generation names that you entered. The Family generation name expands to its individual members.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1		Sales	Budget	West	Year	
2	Colas	34830				
3	Root Beer	31810				
4	Cream Soda	30480				
5	Fruit Soda	22730				
6	Diet Drinks	35690				
7						

Figure 139: Result of Free-Form Retrieval with Generation Name

7. Change Year to a level name (Lev0,Year) as shown in the following illustration.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1		Sales	Budget	West	Lev0,Year	
2	Colas	34830				
3	Root Beer	31810				
4	Cream Soda	30480				
5	Fruit Soda	22730				
6	Diet Drinks	35690				
7						

Figure 140: Entering a Level Name in a Free-Form Report

**Note:** Be sure not to insert a space between the comma after 0 and the word Year. Generation and level names that are entered directly into a worksheet must be precise.

8. Select Essbase > Retrieve.

Hyperion Essbase retrieves data for the level 0 members of the Year dimension, which are the individual months (Jan, Feb, Mar, and so forth).

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1			Sales	Budget	West	
2	Jan	Colas	2860			
3		Root Beer	2540			
4		Cream Soda	2220			
5		Fruit Soda	1840			
6		Diet Drinks	2810			
7	Feb	Colas	2820			
8		Root Beer	2560			
9		Cream Soda	2310			
10		Fruit Soda	1840			
11		Diet Drinks	2900			
12	Mar	Colas	2820			

Figure 141: Result of Free-Form Retrieval with Level Name

9. Select File > Close to close the worksheet. You do not need to save the worksheet.

## Using Linked Reporting Objects

A *linked reporting object* is an external file, cell note, or World Wide Web resource that you link to a cell in a Hyperion Essbase database. The file, note, or Web resource (indicated by a URL, or Uniform Resource Locator) can then be retrieved by the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in users who have access to the database.

**Note:** If your organization has licensed and implemented Hyperion Essbase Partitioning option, you can also access *linked partitions* from cells in Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in. For more information on linked partitions, see [“Accessing Linked Partitions” on page 202](#).

This section describes the following procedures:

- “Linking a File to a Data Cell” on page 185
- “Linking a Cell Note to a Data Cell” on page 189



- “Linking a URL to a Data Cell” on page 190
- “Accessing and Editing Linked Reporting Objects” on page 193

**Note:** For additional information on using linked reporting objects, see the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help.

## Linking a File to a Data Cell

With the linked reporting objects feature, you can link an external file to a data cell in Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in. Hyperion Essbase stores the file on the Hyperion Essbase server. Users who have access to the database can then retrieve the file and view the data contained in the cell.

The following example uses the `Asymm.xls` sample worksheet with data from the Sample Basic database. It links a sample file, `Budasmp.txt`, to a cell containing the Budget figure. `Budasmp.txt` details the budgetary assumptions for the current year.

Follow these steps to link a file to a data cell:

1. Select File > Open.
2. From the `\essbase\client\sample` directory, open the `Asymm.xls` file.
3. Make sure that you are connected to the Sample Basic database. If you are not connected, see “Connecting to a Database” on page 126.
4. Select cell D5.

**Note:** You can link objects only to data cells, not to cells containing member names.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Sales							
2								
3			<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Budget</i>		
4			<b>Qtr1</b>	<b>Qtr2</b>	<b>Qtr3</b>	<b>Qtr4</b>		
5	East	Colas	6292	6760	7300	5570		
6		Root Beer	5726	5650	5600	5780		
7		Fruit Soda	3735	4150	4350	3850		
8								
9	West	Root Beer	8278	7970	8320	7820		
10		Cream Soda	8043	7720	8300	7570		
11								

Figure 142: Selecting a Data Cell for Linking an External File

5. Select Essbase > Linked Objects.

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Linked Objects Browser** dialog box.

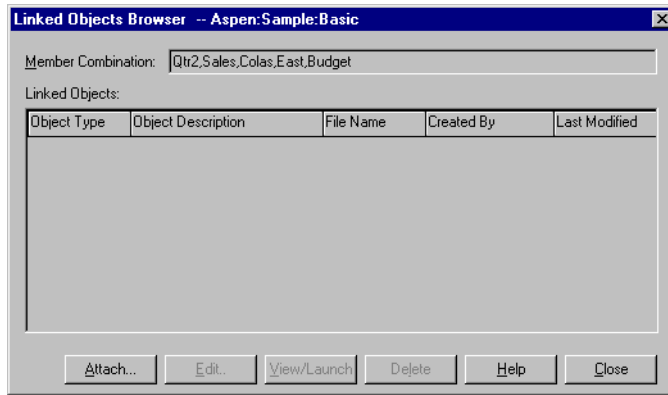


Figure 143: Linking a File

6. In the **Linked Objects Browser** dialog box, click the **Attach** button. Hyperion Essbase displays the **Attach Linked Object** dialog box.
7. Under the Attachment Type option group, select **File**.

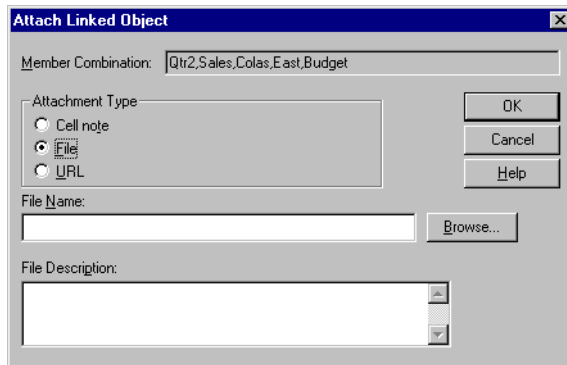
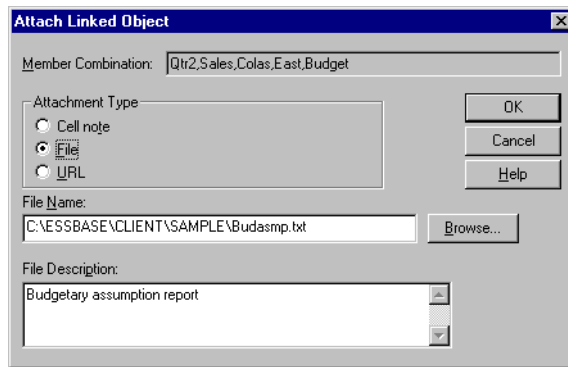


Figure 144: Linking a File to a Data Cell

8. Click the **Browse** button (next to the **File Name** text box).  
Hyperion Essbase displays the **Browse Files** dialog box.
9. Go to the `\Essbase\client\sample` directory and select the `Budasmp.txt` file.
10. Click **Open**.
11. Under File Description, enter a brief description for the file as indicated in [Figure 145](#).



*Figure 145: Selecting and Describing a File to Link*

**Note:** Entering text in the File Description text box is optional.

12. Click **OK** to close the dialog box and link the file to the cell.  
Hyperion Essbase copies the file to the server and establishes a link to the current data cell.
13. Click **Close** to close the **Linked Objects Browser** dialog box.
14. Do not close the `Asymm.xls` file. You use it in the next tutorial task.

To recognize cells that have linked reporting objects attached to them, you may want to apply a visual cue, or style, to the cells.

► To apply styles:

1. Select Essbase > Options and select the **Style** tab.
2. In the Data Cells area, select **Linked Objects**.
3. Click **Format**.
4. In the **Font style** list box, select Italic.
5. In the **Color** list box, select Purple. Click **OK**.
6. Select the **Display** tab.
7. In the **Cells** option group, select the **Use Styles** box. Click **OK**.
8. Select Essbase > Retrieve to refresh the worksheet and apply the styles.

Cell D5 (the cell you just attached the linked file to) is now displayed in purple, italic font. Hyperion Essbase also refreshes the worksheet with the other options set in the **Essbase Options** dialog box.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Sales					
2						
3			Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
4			Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4
5	East	Colas	6292	<i>6760</i>	7300	5570
6		Root Beer	5726	5650	5600	5780
7		Fruit Soda	3735	4150	4350	3850
8						
9	West	Root Beer	8278	7970	8320	7820
10		Cream Soda	8043	7720	8300	7570
11						

Figure 146: Result of Applying a Style to a Linked Reporting Object Cell

9. Leave the Asymm.xls file open for the next tutorial task.

## Linking a Cell Note to a Data Cell

In addition to linking external files to a data cell in Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in, you can also link individual cell notes that contain information on particular data cells. Cell notes can have no more than 599 characters. If you need to link information to a data cell that is longer than 599 characters, you need to create and save an external file and then link the file to the data cell.

► To link a cell note to a data cell:

1. In the `ASymm.xls` file, select cell C5.

**Note:** You can link objects only to data cells, not to cells containing member names.

2. Select `Essbase > Linked Objects`.

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Linked Objects Browser** dialog box.

3. In the **Linked Objects Browser** dialog box, click **Attach**.

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Attach Linked Object** dialog box.

4. Under the Attachment Type option group, select **Cell Note**.

5. In the **Cell Note** box, type the note as indicated in the following illustration:

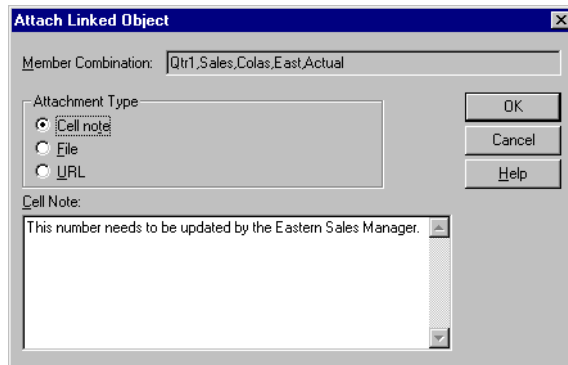


Figure 147: Creating a Cell Note to Link

6. To close the dialog box and link the cell note, click **OK**.  
Hyperion Essbase copies the note to the server and establishes a link to the current data cell.
7. To close the **Linked Objects Browser** dialog box, click **Close**.
8. Select Essbase > Retrieve to refresh the worksheet and apply the style you defined for linked objects.

Now Hyperion Essbase displays two data cells (C5 and D5) in purple, italic font to represent a cell that contains a linked reporting object.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Sales					
2						
3		Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget	
4		Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	
5	East	Colas	6282	6760	7300	5570
6		Root Beer	5726	5650	5600	5780
7		Fruit Soda	3735	4150	4350	3850
8						
9	West	Root Beer	8278	7970	8320	7820
10		Cream Soda	8043	7720	8300	7570
11						

Figure 148: Result of Creating a Linked Cell Note

9. Leave the `Asymm.xls` file open for the next tutorial task.

## Linking a URL to a Data Cell

A URL is an address string that identifies resources on the World Wide Web, such as documents, images, and downloadable files. With the linked reporting objects feature, you can link a URL to a data cell so that users who have access to the database can link directly to the specified URL. When you access the cell from Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in, your default Web browser opens and displays the specified URL.

**Note:** For more information on URL syntax, see the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help.

If you have a Web browser and Internet access, follow these steps to link a data cell to the Hyperion Web site:

1. In the `ASymm.xls` file, select cell E5.

**Note:** You can link objects only to data cells, not to cells containing member names.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Sales					
2						
3		Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget	
4		Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	
5	East	Colas	6282	6760	7300	5570
6		Root Beer	5726	5650	5600	5780
7		Fruit Soda	3735	4150	4350	3850
8						
9	West	Root Beer	8278	7970	8320	7820
10		Cream Soda	8043	7720	8300	7570
11						

Figure 149: Selecting a Data Cell for Linking to a URL

2. Select Essbase > Linked Objects.  
Hyperion Essbase displays the **Linked Objects Browser** dialog box.
3. In the **Linked Objects Browser** dialog box, click **Attach**.  
Hyperion Essbase displays the **Attach Linked Object** dialog box.
4. Under the Attachment Type option group, select URL.

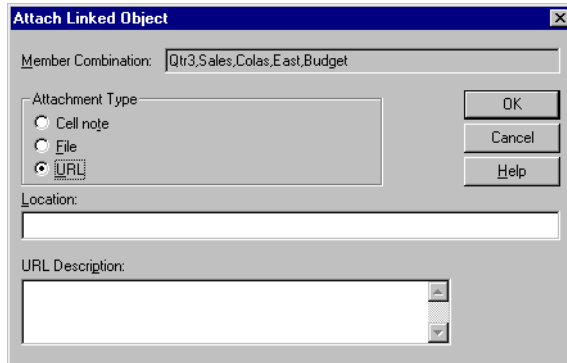
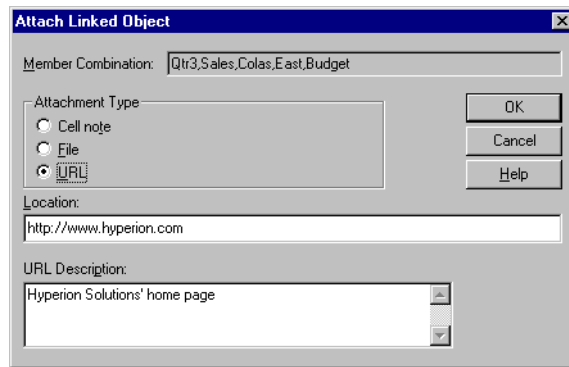


Figure 150: Linking a URL to a Data Cell

5. Enter a URL in the **Location** text box and a brief description in the **URL Description** text box, as indicated in [Figure 151](#).



*Figure 151: Entering and Describing a URL to Link*

**Note:** Entering text in the URL Description text box is optional. The text field for entering the URL location is limited to 512 characters. The text field for entering the URL description is limited to 80 characters.

6. To close the dialog box and link the URL to the cell, click **OK**.  
Hyperion Essbase copies the URL string to the server and establishes a link to the current data cell.  
**Note:** The syntax for the URL is not checked at creation time; Hyperion Essbase checks the syntax when the user accesses the URL from the worksheet. The default Web browser checks for the existence (or validity) of the URL.
7. To close the **Linked Objects Browser** dialog box, click **Close**.
8. Select Essbase > Retrieve to refresh the worksheet and apply the style that you defined for linked objects.
9. Leave the `ASymm.xls` file open for the next tutorial task.

Now that you have learned to create linked reporting objects, you are ready to learn how to access them from Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in.



## Accessing and Editing Linked Reporting Objects

You have two options for accessing and editing a linked reporting object that is attached to a data cell:

- Select the cell (as identified by the style applied to it) and select Essbase > Linked Objects.
- Enable double-clicking for linked object browsing.

**Note:** If you enable double-clicking for linked object browsing, double-clicking behavior changes for retrieving data and performing drill actions. For more information on these changes, see the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help.

For this tutorial, you access the linked reporting objects that you created in the previous sections by using the Essbase menu item instead of the double-clicking action.

## Accessing a Linked File

Sometimes you want to check an external file that is linked to a data cell.

- ▶ To access the external file that you previously linked to a data cell:
  1. In the `ASymm.xls` file, select cell D5.
  2. Select Essbase > Linked Objects.

3. In the **Linked Objects Browser** dialog box, select the `Budasmp.txt` file.

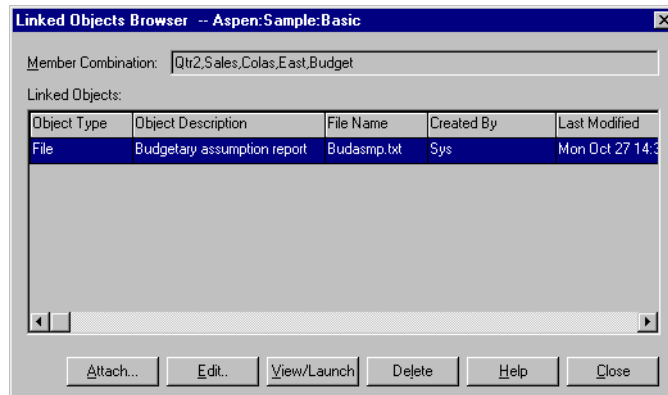


Figure 152: Accessing a Linked External File

4. To view the linked file, click **View/Launch**.

The `Budasmp.txt` file is opened from the source application.

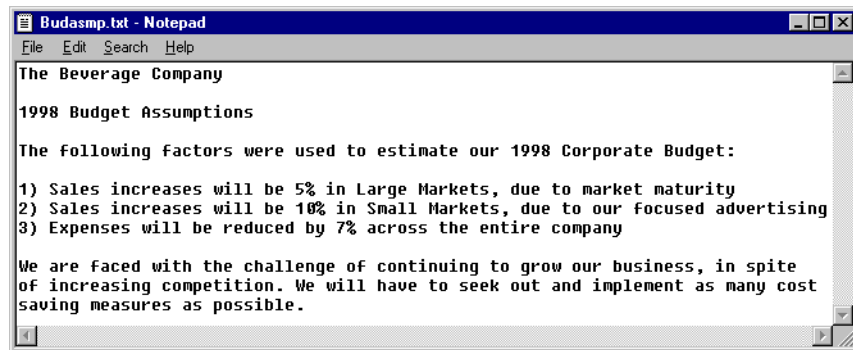


Figure 153: Viewing the Contents of a Linked External File

**Note:** Edit the contents of a file in the source application. After the edits are made and the file saved, you can re-attach the edited file by clicking the Edit button in the Linked Objects Browser dialog box. Hyperion Essbase displays the Re-attach Linked Object dialog box, which you can use to re-attach, or relink, the edited file to the data cell. For more information, see the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help.

5. Close the `Budasmp.txt` file and click Close to close the **Linked Objects Browser** dialog box.
6. Leave the `Asymm.xls` file open for the next task.

## Accessing a Linked Cell Note

Sometimes you have to edit a cell note that was previously created.

- ▶ To access and edit the cell note that you previously created:
  1. In the `Asymm.xls` file, select cell C5.
  2. Select Essbase > Linked Objects.

The **Linked Objects Browser** dialog box displays the cell note that is linked to the selected data cell.

3. In the **Linked Objects Browser** dialog box, select the cell note.

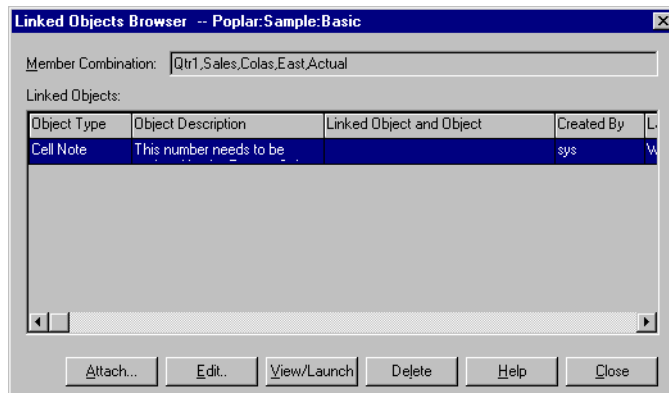


Figure 154: Accessing a Linked Cell Note

4. To edit the contents of the cell note, click **Edit**.

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Edit Cell Note** dialog box with the selected cell note displayed.

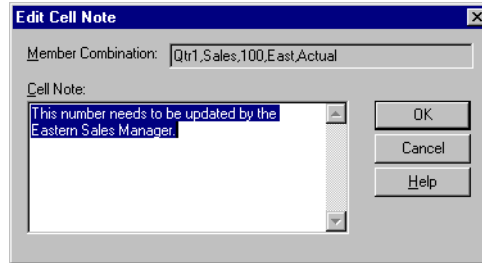


Figure 155: Editing the Contents of a Linked Cell Note

**Note:** If you simply want to view the contents of the cell note, click the View/Launch button instead of the Edit button in the **Linked Objects Browser** dialog box.

5. Edit the contents of the cell note as indicated in the following illustration:

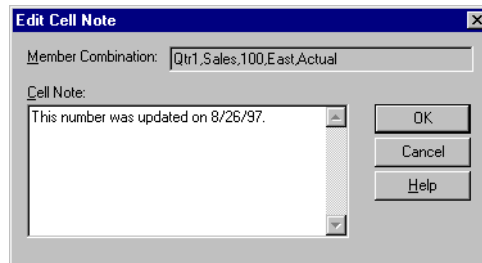


Figure 156: Result of Editing Cell Note Contents

6. Click **OK** to close the **Edit Cell Note** dialog box and save the edits you made to the note.

Hyperion Essbase saves the edits to the cell note on the server.

7. To close the **Linked Objects Browser** dialog box, click **Close**.
8. Leave the `Asymm.xls` file open for the next tutorial task.

## Accessing a Linked URL

If you followed the steps in “Linking a URL to a Data Cell” on page 190, you can access and edit the URL that you created.

- To access the URL:
1. In the `Asymm.xls` file, select cell E5.
  2. Select Essbase > Linked Objects.

The **Linked Objects Browser** dialog box displays the URL that is linked to the selected data cell.

3. In the **Linked Objects Browser** dialog box, select the URL.

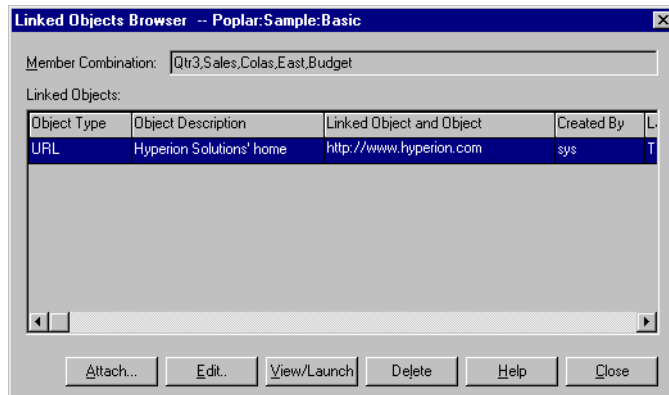


Figure 157: Accessing a Linked URL

4. To view the linked URL, click **View/Launch**.

Hyperion Essbase checks the syntax of the URL. If there are syntax errors, Hyperion Essbase displays an error message. If the URL syntax is correct, the default Web browser launches and connects to the specified site. In this case, the syntax for the URL is correct, so the default Web browser launches and connects to the Hyperion Web site.

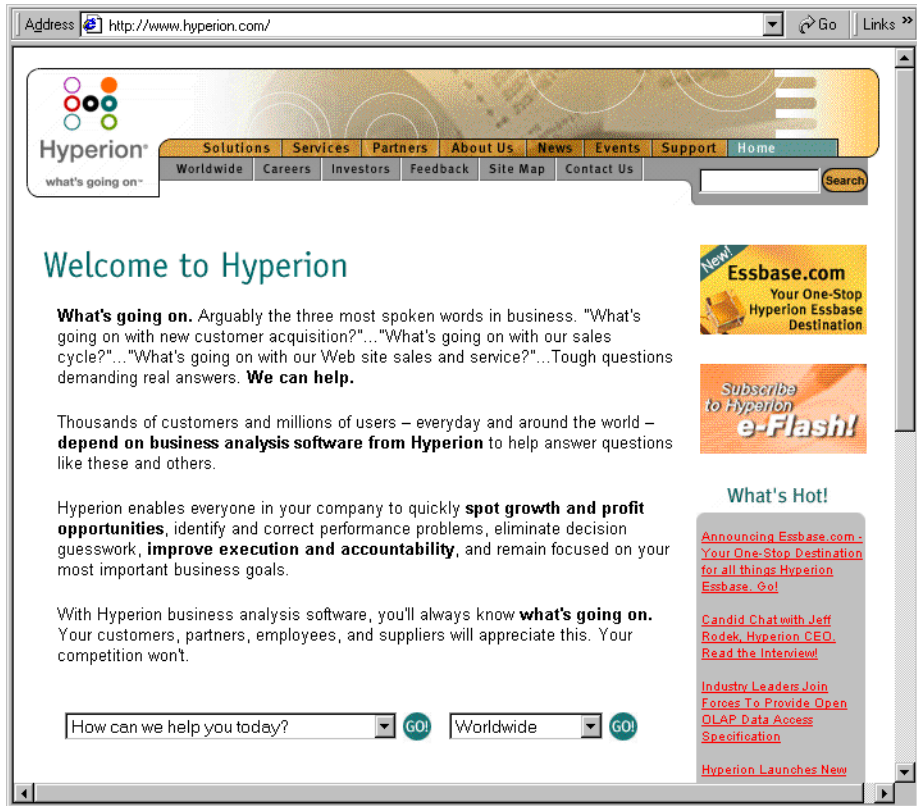


Figure 158: Viewing a Linked URL

5. Close the Web browser.

- ▶ To edit the URL:
  1. In the **Linked Objects Browser** dialog box, select the URL.
  2. To edit the linked URL, click **Edit**.

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Edit URL** dialog box with the selected URL displayed.

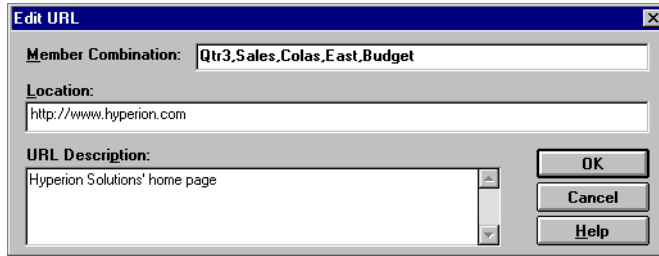


Figure 159: Preparing to Edit the Contents of a Linked URL

3. Edit the URL location and description as show in the following illustration:

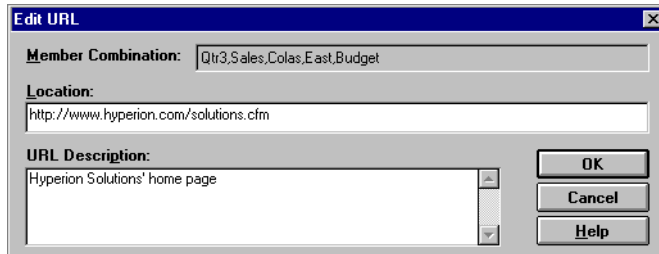


Figure 160: Editing the Contents of a Linked URL

4. To close the **Edit URL** dialog box and save the edits that you made, click **OK**.  
Hyperion Essbase saves the edits to the URL on the server.

5. To view the new URL, click **View/Launch**.

The Web browser launches and connects to the new URL.

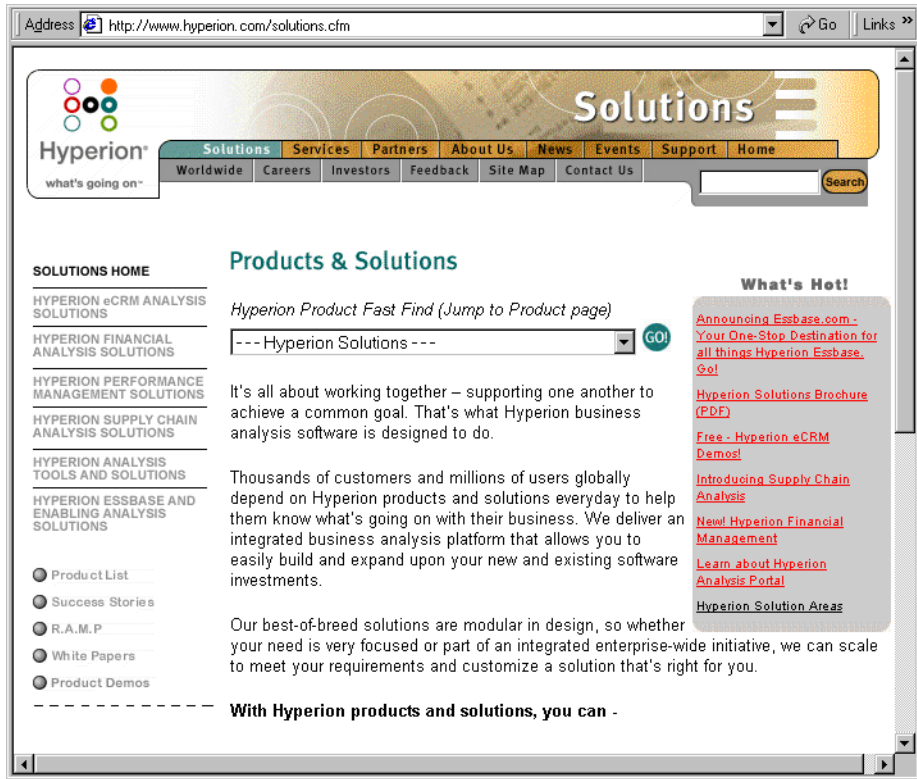


Figure 161: Viewing an Edited URL

6. Close the Web browser.
7. To close the **Linked Objects Browser** dialog box, click **Close**.
8. Close the `ASymm.xls` file without saving it.



## Connecting to Multiple Databases

Hyperion Essbase supports simultaneous access to multiple databases. The databases can be in different applications and can be stored on different servers. In Excel, you can open multiple worksheets, each of which can be connected to a different database. An individual worksheet can access only one database at a time. Use the Connect command from the Essbase menu to switch the connection between databases.

**Note:** Depending on the status of production applications at your site, you may not have access to additional applications or databases. Check with the Hyperion Essbase system administrator if you need access to other applications.

For this tutorial, you do not need to connect to another database.

To access multiple databases, use the following procedure:

1. Select Essbase > Connect.
2. In the **Essbase System Login** dialog box, select the server you want to access from the **Server** list box (or type in the name of the server).
3. Press Tab to move to the **Username** text box and type your username.
4. Press Tab to move to the **Password** text box and type your password.
5. Click **OK** to connect to the server.

When the server connection is complete, a list of available application and database pairs is displayed in the Application/Database list.

6. Double-click the Application/Database pair that you want to connect to in the Application/Database list. Alternatively, you can select the Application/Database pair and click **OK**.

If the application is not already running, Hyperion Essbase automatically starts it. There may be a brief pause as the application loads; the time required to start an application depends on number of databases, the sizes of the databases, and the sizes of the indexes of the databases contained within the application.

7. Open a new worksheet and repeat the steps to connect to additional databases. You can open one database at a time per worksheet.

For information on connecting to multiple databases from Hyperion Essbase Query Designer, refer to Chapter 2.

## Viewing Active Database Connections

If you frequently connect to multiple databases, you may need to check the active database for each worksheet. There are two ways to view the database connection status:

- The Style tab of the Essbase Options dialog box contains a Connection Information text box. This box displays connection information for the active worksheet.
- The Essbase Disconnect dialog box lists all active worksheets and their connection information. This dialog box also enables you to disconnect one or more worksheets from their respective databases.

## Accessing Linked Partitions

*Linked partitions* are part of the Hyperion Essbase Partitioning product. They provide the ability to link Hyperion Essbase databases that contain different dimensions without losing access to all dimensions of both databases. If your organization has purchased and implemented the partitioning product, you can take advantage of its powerful capabilities. The *Hyperion Essbase Database Administrator's Guide* describes how to design and implement a linked partition. Hyperion Essbase Application Designer usually sets up partitioning.

**Note:** The Partitioning product also enables the Hyperion Essbase application designer to set up transparent or remote partitions. For more information on partitioning, see the *Hyperion Essbase Database Administrator's Guide*.

You can set visual cues, or styles, for cells tagged as linked objects. These cells are access points to the linked partition within the linked database. You have two options for accessing a linked partition from a data cell in Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in:

- Select the cell and select Essbase > Linked Objects.
- Enable double-clicking for linked object browsing.

If you enable double-clicking for linked object browsing, double-clicking behavior changes for retrieving data and performing drill actions. For more information on these changes, see the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help.

When you select Essbase > Linked Objects from a linked partition cell, Hyperion Essbase completes the following actions:

- Hyperion Essbase displays the Linked Objects Browser dialog box, which contains a list of possible partitions to access. From this dialog box, select the partition to connect to.

**Note:** The Linked Objects Browser dialog box may also contain a list of linked reporting objects, such as cell notes and external files. For more information, see [“Using Linked Reporting Objects” on page 184](#).

- After you select a partition, Hyperion Essbase creates a new worksheet that contains corresponding members and dimensions for the cell in the linked partition.

**Note:** Hyperion Essbase does not preserve formulas across partitions.

- Hyperion Essbase retrieves data values from the linked partition.

You can now perform operations such as drill down and drill up to get more information on the new worksheet.

**Note:** The Sample Basic database that you are using for this tutorial does not contain a linked partition.

If the Hyperion Essbase application designer has a linked partition set up, use the following procedure to access the linked partition in Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in:

1. Locate a linked object cell, as indicated by the style applied to the cell.
2. Select Essbase > Linked Objects to open the **Linked Objects Browser** dialog box.  
**Note:** Alternatively, select the **Enable Linked Object Browsing** check box in the **Essbase Options** dialog box to enable double-clicking to view linked objects.
3. Select the partition that you want to connect to and click **View/Launch**.

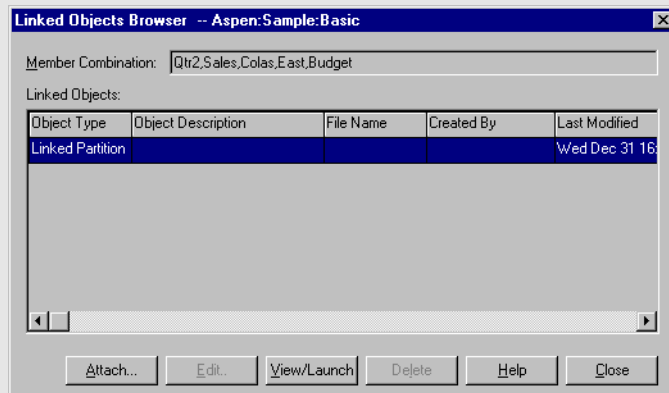


Figure 162: Linked Objects Browser Dialog Box, Linked Partition

Hyperion Essbase creates a new worksheet that contains the dimensions and members for the cell in the linked partition.

**Note:** You need to have the proper privileges to access a linked partition. If your user account and password match the account information for the linked partition, Hyperion Essbase establishes a connection with the linked partition. Otherwise, Hyperion Essbase displays the Essbase System Login dialog box for you to enter the user account and password information manually.

## Updating Data on the Server

Data values are changed frequently in applications that involve planning, budgeting, and forecasting. After you retrieve data into the worksheet, you can use Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in to change values, enter formulas, and format data. Hyperion Essbase is also designed to permit multiuser, concurrent database access and update. Depending on your security privileges, you may be able to modify all data values or a certain subset of values. To recognize cells to which you have read/write access, apply a visual cue, or style, to the cells. For more information, see [“Applying Styles to Data Cells” on page 84](#). To update data from a worksheet, you must lock the database area that contains the values that you want to change. Locking prohibits other users from changing the data that you want to update. Other users can retrieve locked data but cannot lock or change the data. You have exclusive update rights to that area.

**Note:** You cannot update attribute-related data on the server because attribute data is always calculated dynamically and, hence, is not saved.

You can lock data values in three ways:

- The Retrieve & Lock command retrieves data into the worksheet while locking the corresponding data area on the server. When you perform a subsequent retrieval, Hyperion Essbase automatically unlocks the previous data values.

**Note:** The Retrieve & Lock command is not supported with Dynamic Time Series members.

- The Lock command locks information that you have already retrieved. When you perform a subsequent retrieval, Hyperion Essbase automatically unlocks the previous data values.
- The **Update Mode** check box in the Mode tab of the Essbase Options dialog box automatically locks the corresponding database area for each retrieval.

To update the server with data values from the worksheet, use the Send command on the Hyperion Essbase menu. After updating the server, the Send command automatically unlocks data (unless you are in Update Mode). You must disable Update Mode to stop locking blocks automatically.

You can unlock data blocks in two ways:

- The Unlock command unlocks all blocks that you have locked.
- The server automatically unlocks data blocks that have been locked for the maximum time allowed as defined by the Hyperion Essbase system administrator. Automatic unlock ensures that blocks are not locked for extended periods of time.

P&1.xls, a sample Excel file installed as part of the default Hyperion Essbase installation, illustrates how to update data on the server.

► To view the P&1.xls worksheet:

1. Select File > Open.
2. From the \Essbase\client\sample directory, open the P&1.xls file.

3. Select Essbase > Retrieve & Lock.

Hyperion Essbase retrieves data and locks the appropriate area of the database.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	<b>Market:</b> Central		<b>The Beverage Company</b>					
2	<b>Product:</b> 200		Planning Dept.					
3	<b>Scenario:</b> Budget							
4								
5		<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Qtr1</b>	<b>% Sales</b>		
6	Misc	#Missing	#Missing	#Missing	0	0.00		
7	Payroll	210	210	210	630	0.07		
8	Marketing	300	310	320	930	11.05		
9	Total Expenses	510	520	530	1560	18.53		
10								
11	COGS	1170	1180	1200	3550	42.16		
12	Sales	2740	2820	2860	8420	100.00		
13	Margin	1570	1640	1660	4870	57.84		
14	Profit	1060	1120	1130	3310	39.31		
15								
16	<b>Ratio Analysis</b>							
17	Markup	57.3%	58.2%	58.0%	57.8%			
18	Marketing %	10.9%	11.0%	11.2%	11.0%			

Figure 163: P&L Worksheet After Retrieve & Lock

4. Change the value for Sales in Jan (cell B12) to 4000 and press Enter.

Hyperion Essbase changes the affected data values.



5. Select Essbase > Send to update the server with the new values.

Hyperion Essbase updates the server and unlocks the data blocks.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	<b>Market:</b> Central				<b>The Beverage Company</b>			
2	<b>Product:</b> 200				Planning Dept.			
3	<b>Scenario:</b> Budget							
4								
5		<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Qtr1</b>	<b>% Sales</b>		
6	Misc	5	10	10	25	0.30		
7	Payroll	200	200	200	600	0.07		
8	Marketing	350	350	350	1050	12.47		
9	Total Expenses	555	560	560	1675	19.89		
10								
11	COGS	1170	1180	1200	3550	42.16		
12	Sales	2740	2820	2860	8420	100.00		
13	Margin	1570	1640	1660	4870	57.84		
14	Profit	1015	1080	1100	3195	37.95		
15								
16	<b>Ratio Analysis</b>							
17	Markup	57.3%	58.2%	58.0%	57.8%			
18	Marketing %	12.8%	12.4%	12.2%	12.5%			

Figure 164: P&L Worksheet After Sending New Values to the Server

6. Close P&L .xls without saving it.

**Note:** Hyperion Essbase provides a worksheet update logging facility that tracks and logs all data updates sent from Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in to the server. The Hyperion Essbase system administrator enables this facility for extra protection against data loss. For more information, see the *Hyperion Essbase Database Administrator's Guide* or contact the Hyperion Essbase system administrator.



## Calculating a Database

Sending updated data to the server does not automatically recalculate the database. If you have the appropriate security privileges to perform database calculations, you can calculate the database from Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in with the Calculation command. For this tutorial, you will not actually calculate the Sample Basic database. For more information on Hyperion Essbase calculations, see the *Hyperion Essbase Database Administrator's Guide*.

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**CAUTION:** Do not perform any calculation operations for this tutorial.

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When you select Essbase > Calculation, Hyperion Essbase displays the Essbase Calculation dialog box.

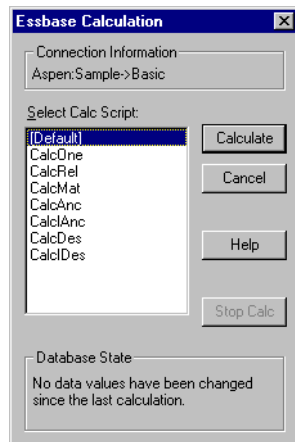


Figure 165: Essbase Calculation Dialog Box

The Essbase Calculation dialog box contains the following items:

- The Connection Information text box displays the active database connection.
- The Select Calc Script list box contains the server-based calculation scripts to which you have access.

- The Database State text box indicates the current calculation state of the database. The following states are possible:
  - Calculating—indicates that a calculation is currently running on the database.
  - Data values have been modified since the last calculation—indicates that data values have changed since the database was last calculated. The last calculation may have been an entire calculation of the database or a calculation of any subset of the database.
  - No data values have been changed since the last calculation—indicates that the data in the database has not changed since it was last calculated. The last calculation may have been an entire calculation of the database or a calculation of any subset of the database.

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**CAUTION:** If the last calculation was performed on a subset of the data, the entire database may not have been calculated since values last changed. To ensure that the results of calculations are up-to-date, you may want to run a calculation of the entire database. For more information, contact the Hyperion Essbase system administrator.

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## Creating Multiple Worksheets from Data

One frequent requirement of budgeting and planning applications is to send worksheets to various functional areas of an organization. After the worksheets have been distributed, the recipients can review the contents, make modifications, and send updates back to the distributor. Using the Hyperion Essbase Cascade feature, you can create multiple worksheet files based on a single database view. You can specify at what level of detail you want to replicate the worksheets to tailor the information to each recipient's needs.

The Sample Basic database contains data for beverage products sold in different states across the U.S. For example, assume that you want all product managers to review and respond to a proposed budget and to return their changes to the finance department. We must create a worksheet for each combination of budget and P&L data to distribute to the product managers for their respective products.

► To create this set of worksheets:

1. Select File > Open.
2. From the \Essbase\client\sample directory, open the P&L.xls file. This file contains the data that you need to replicate for each worksheet.
3. Select Essbase > Retrieve.

Notice that the retrieval uses the **Use Aliases** option, which is already set for this file in the **Essbase Options** dialog box. In this example, product 200 changes to Root Beer, which is its preassigned alias.

4. Select Central (in cell B1) and Root Beer (in cell B2) as the members to be represented in the resulting worksheets.
5. Select Essbase > Cascade.

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Essbase Cascade Options** dialog box.

6. Click the **Cascade Information** tab.

The **Cascade Information** page contains the list of members that you selected and the options for specifying the level at which the selected members are retrieved into the cascaded worksheets.

**Note:** For more information on each option, see the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help.

7. Select Central in the **Member** list box, and select **Same level** in the Choose Level for Selected Member option group.

8. Select **Root Beer** in the **Member** list box, and select **Next level** (the default setting).

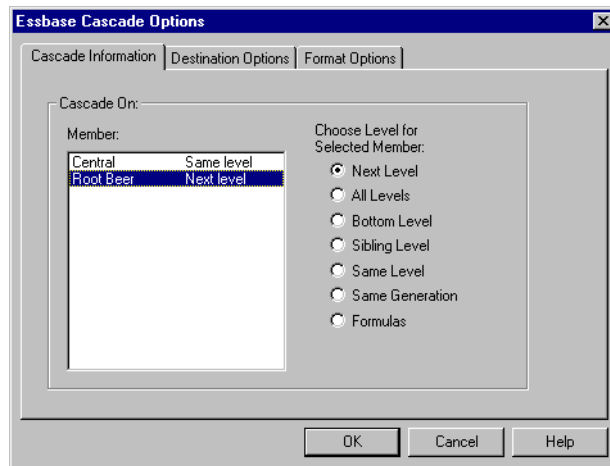


Figure 166: Cascade Information Tab

The replicated, or cascaded, spreadsheet reports now provide data for members at the *same* level as Central (East, West, and South) and for members at the level *below* Root Beer (Old Fashioned, Diet Root Beer, Sarsaparilla, and Birch Beer).

9. Click the **Destination Options** tab.
10. In the **Destination Directory** text box, enter `C:\temp` as the name of the directory where you want the cascaded worksheets to be stored.

You can also click **Browse** to select a destination directory from the **Browse** dialog box.

11. In the Destination Types option group, select **Separate Workbooks** (the default setting) to create separate Excel files for each cascaded worksheet.

You can also tell Hyperion Essbase to create only one workbook with separate worksheets for each cascaded report, or you can send the cascaded reports to the printer.

12. In the File Information option group, click **Overwrite Existing Files** (the default setting). This option tells Hyperion Essbase to overwrite any cascaded worksheets with the same file name.

You can also select Open Created Files to open each cascaded file in Excel as it is created.

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**CAUTION:** Depending on the number of replicated worksheets that you want to create, the Cascade command can create more worksheets than can be stored in the memory of your computer. Therefore, the Open Created Files option should not be used when you are replicating large numbers of worksheets.

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13. In the Naming Information option group, enter BUD in the **Prefix** text box.

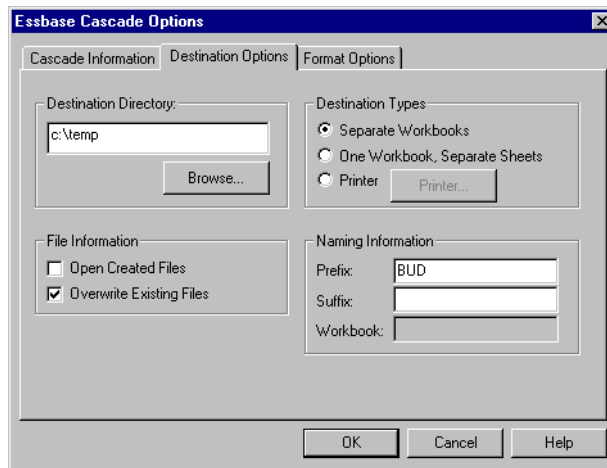


Figure 167: Destination Options Tab

When you assign a prefix or suffix in the Naming Information option group, the worksheet files that are generated as a result of executing the Cascade command are named with the prefix or suffix that you specify. The default is to generate worksheet names that are numbered 1 through  $n$ , where  $n$  is the total number of worksheets created. The syntax for the file names is *PrefixnSuffix.xls*. If you do not specify a prefix or suffix, Hyperion Essbase

creates the worksheets 1.xls, 2.xls, and so on. If you are creating a single workbook, the same naming convention is used for the worksheet tab names within the workbook.

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**CAUTION:** Do not specify a prefix and suffix combination that leaves no characters free for Hyperion Essbase to create unique file names. If file names are duplicated, Hyperion Essbase overwrites the duplicate file name with the last cascaded worksheet.

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14. Click the **Format Options** tab.
15. To copy the formatting of the source worksheet into each cascaded worksheet, select the **Copy Formatting** check box.

**Note:** Copy formatting copies only the visual cues set using Hyperion Essbase and the cell formatting that you set using the worksheet. It does not copy formulas, column formatting, worksheet formatting, or graphs.

In the Header and Footer text boxes, specify a header or footer name to be used for all of the cascaded worksheets.

16. In the Sheet Formatting group, select the **Suppress Missing Rows** check box so that rows containing only #Missing values are not replicated.
17. In the Table of Contents group, select the **Include Table of Contents** check box to create a text file that lists all replicated worksheets, their creation dates, and their member content.

By default, Hyperion Essbase names the Table of Contents file with the extension `.lst`.

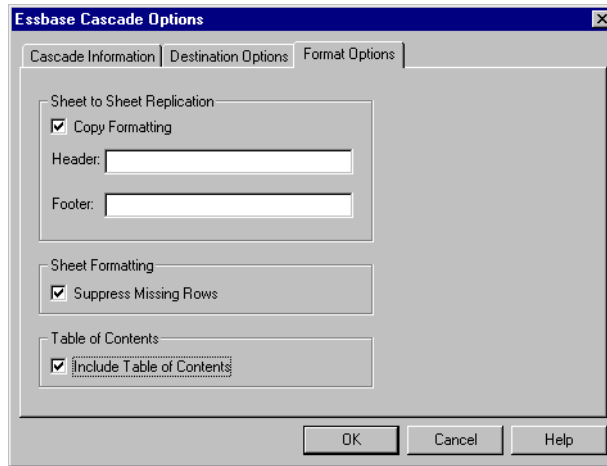


Figure 168: Format Options Tab

18. Click **OK** to create the cascaded worksheets.

Hyperion Essbase rapidly creates the cascaded worksheets (nine total worksheets in this example). As each worksheet is created, it is automatically saved, closed, and logged in the Table of Contents. Each individual file is saved in the directory that you specified, named `Bud1.xls` through `Bud9.xls`. When the Cascade is completed, Hyperion Essbase returns you to the original worksheet view (that is, the source file).

- Using a text editing application, open the Table of Contents file from the destination directory that you specified earlier. This file is named BUD0.LST and contains a list of all cascaded worksheets.

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/*****/
/* File name:      c:\temp\BUD0.lst */
/* Creation date:  Mon Nov 10 11:48:34 1997 */
/*****/
c:\temp\BUD1.xls      /* East, Old Fashioned */
c:\temp\BUD2.xls      /* East, Diet Root Beer */
c:\temp\BUD3.xls      /* East, Sasparilla */
c:\temp\BUD4.xls      /* East, Birch Beer */
c:\temp\BUD5.xls      /* West, Old Fashioned */
c:\temp\BUD6.xls      /* West, Diet Root Beer */
c:\temp\BUD7.xls      /* West, Sasparilla */
c:\temp\BUD8.xls      /* South, Old Fashioned */
c:\temp\BUD9.xls      /* South, Diet Root Beer */
c:\temp\BUD10.xls     /* South, Sasparilla */

```

*Figure 169: Table of Contents File for Cascaded Worksheets*

- Select File > Close to close the worksheet.

You do not need to save the worksheet.

**Note:** You can create multiple worksheet files based on the attributes of a product. Type in the attribute names in the top row of the worksheet. Select the attribute names and select Essbase > Cascade. Proceed as described in the above example.



## Working with Currency Conversions

Organizations with offices in different countries generally do business in the currency of the host country (known as the *local* currency). Such organizations must convert data entered in local currencies to a common currency for consolidation and analysis.

The Hyperion Essbase Currency Conversion product can be purchased separately for Hyperion Essbase. If your organization has purchased this product and has implemented a currency conversion application, you can take advantage of the powerful capabilities of Hyperion Essbase Currency Conversion. The *Hyperion Essbase Database Administrator's Guide* describes how to design and implement a currency conversion application.

The following sections provide a brief tutorial for working with currency conversions:

- [“Retrieving Currency Conversion Data” on page 217](#)
- [“Connecting to the Sample Currency Databases” on page 218](#)
- [“Performing Ad Hoc Currency Reporting” on page 221](#)

### Retrieving Currency Conversion Data

This section focuses on basic currency conversion concepts, including the easy-to-use Currency Report command.

A currency conversion application consists of two databases:

- A main database that contains data in local and converted values
- A currency rates database that contains exchange rates

Apply exchange rates from the currency rates database to local values from the main database to derive converted values. The Hyperion Essbase OLAP Server product installation includes a sample currency conversion application (installation options) that consists of two sample databases: a main database called *Interntl* and a currency rates database called *Xchgrate*.

The Sample Interntl database consists of five dimensions: Year, Measures, Product, Market, and Scenario. All but the Market and Scenario dimensions are identical to the Sample Basic database. The Market dimension includes Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal, France, Germany, Spain, and the UK. The Scenario dimension handles different currency types (such as Actual and Budget) in both local and converted currencies. In this database, all local currencies are converted to the common currency of U.S. dollars.

The Sample Xchgrate database, which is a subset of the main database, contains four dimensions:

- The CurTime dimension accommodates different exchange rates by month.
- The CurName dimension contains names of currencies from their respective markets.
- The CurCategory dimension contains the names of the various currency categories that may be applied to the categories of Measures. For example, one rate is applied to Profit and Loss items and another rate is applied to Balance Sheet items.
- The CurType dimension enables a currency database to contain rates for different scenarios, such as Actual and Budget.

## Connecting to the Sample Currency Databases

To complete the following exercises, the Sample Interntl and Sample Xchgrate databases must be installed on the server. Contact the Essbase system administrator if these application and database pairs are unavailable.

- ▶ To retrieve data from the Sample Interntl database:
  1. Select Essbase > Connect.
  2. Select the Sample Interntl database and click **OK** to complete the connection.

The Hyperion Essbase installation also includes sample Excel files that illustrate currency conversion concepts.

3. From the \Essbase\client\sample directory, open Local.xls.

The worksheet contains actual (Act) and budget (Bud) data entered in local currencies for New York and Germany.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1		Jan	100-10			
2						
3		<i>Act</i>		<i>Bud</i>		
4		<b>New York</b>	<b>Germany</b>	<b>New York</b>	<b>Germany</b>	
5	Sales	678	210	640	190	
6	COGS	271	84	260	80	
7	Margin	#Missing	#Missing	#Missing	#Missing	
8						
9	Marketing	94	27	80	20	
10	Payroll	51	31	40	20	
11	Misc	0	0	#Missing	#Missing	
12	Total Expenses	#Missing	#Missing	#Missing	#Missing	
13						
14	Margin %	#Missing	#Missing	#Missing	#Missing	
15	Profit %	#Missing	#Missing	#Missing	#Missing	
16						
17						
18						

Figure 170: Retrieving Local Data

4. From the \Essbase\client\sample directory, open Convert.xls.

5. Select Essbase > Retrieve.

The worksheet contains values for Actual and Budget as they appear after conversion.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		Jan	100-10				
2							
3		<i>Actual</i>		<i>Actual @ Bud.XChg</i>		<i>Budget</i>	
4		<b>New York</b>	<b>Germany</b>	<b>New York</b>	<b>Germany</b>	<b>New York</b>	<b>Germany</b>
5	Sales	678	130	678	210	640	133
6	COGS	271	52	271	84	260	56
7	Margin	407	78	407	126	380	77
8							
9	Marketing	94	17	94	27	80	14
10	Payroll	51	19	51	31	40	14
11	Misc	0	0	0	0	#Missing	#Missing
12	Total Expenses	145	36	145	58	120	28
13							
14	Margin %	60.03	60.00	60.03	60.00	59.38	57.89
15	Profit %	38.64	32.38	38.64	32.38	40.63	36.84

Figure 171: Retrieving Converted Data Values

Notice that the worksheet contains data that is converted to U.S. dollars. Values for New York remain the same, but Germany values are converted. Hyperion Essbase converts the values by using the exchange rates from the Sample Xchgrate database.

- From the \Essbase\client\sample directory, open Rates.xls. Connect to the Sample Xchgrate database.
- Select Essbase > Retrieve.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1				Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
2	US\$	Actxchg	P&L	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3			B/S	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4		Bud xchg	P&L	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5			B/S	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	CN\$	Actxchg	P&L	1.53	1.53	1.53	1.53	1.53	1.53	1.53
7			B/S	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.55
8		Bud xchg	P&L	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
9			B/S	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
10	Mark	Actxchg	P&L	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62
11			B/S	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63
12		Bud xchg	P&L	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7

Figure 172: Retrieving Exchange Rates from a Currency Database

The worksheet contains all possible combinations of exchange rate scenarios, categories, and types by month. Because this example converts to U.S. dollars (US\$), the sample file contains a base rate of 1 for US\$. Therefore, the local and converted figures remain the same for New York. Hyperion Essbase converts the figures for Germany, however, by using data values in the currency database, as follows:

- Hyperion Essbase divides data values from Actual by values in the Act xchg currency type.
- Hyperion Essbase divides data values from Actual @ Bud xchg by values in the Bud xchg currency type.
- Hyperion Essbase divides data values from Budget by values in the Bud xchg currency type.
- Hyperion Essbase bases all figures in `Convert.xls` on the CurCategory of P&L and the CurTime of Jan.

**Note:** A conversion can be defined as a multiplication or division operation on exchange rates. The definition is determined by the application designer.

## Performing Ad Hoc Currency Reporting

A main database, such as Sample Interntl, usually contains values that are converted and stored in the database. You may want to perform currency conversions dynamically, as well. Hyperion Essbase provides this capability with the Currency Report command. This command enables you to interactively change the currency rates and types applied to the retrieval.

- ▶ To perform an ad hoc conversion on data in the `Convert.xls` file:
  1. From the `\Essbase\client\sample` directory, open `Convert.xls`.  
The worksheet contains data that is already converted to U.S. dollars.
  2. Select Essbase > Connect and connect to the Sample Interntl database.
  3. Select Essbase > Retrieve.

4. Select Essbase > Currency Report.

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Essbase Currency Report** dialog box.

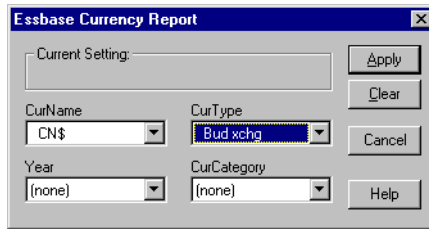


Figure 173: Essbase Currency Report Dialog Box

The **Essbase Currency Report** dialog box enables you to interactively modify the exchange rates applied to the retrieval. The box contains options for currency settings, names, categories, and years. For more information on these options, see the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help.

**Note:** The dimension names CurName, CurType, and CurCategory are default names for a currency database. The application designer can use different names for any of these dimensions.

5. Select the currency settings that you want to apply.

For example, select CN\$ from the **CurName** list box and Bud xchg from the **CurType** list box.

6. Click **Apply** to apply the settings.

7. Select Essbase > Retrieve to refresh the data in the worksheet with the results of the ad hoc conversion.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		Jan	Cola				
2							
3							
4		<i>Actual</i>		<i>Actual @ Bud XChg</i>		<i>Budget</i>	
5		<b>New York</b>	<b>Germany</b>	<b>New York</b>	<b>Germany</b>	<b>New York</b>	<b>Germany</b>
5	Sales	452	61	452	69	427	62
6	COGS	181	24	181	27	173	26
7	Margin	271	36	271	41	253	36
8							
9	Marketing	63	8	63	9	53	7
10	Payroll	34	9	34	10	27	7
11	Misc	0	0	0	0	#Missing	#Missing
12	Total Expenses	97	17	97	19	80	13
13							
14	Margin %	60.03	60.00	60.03	60.00	59.38	57.89
15	Profit %	38.64	32.38	38.64	32.38	40.63	36.84
16							

Figure 174: Performing an Ad Hoc Currency Conversion

Hyperion Essbase converts the New York and Germany figures to Canadian dollars (CNS\$).

8. Click the **Clear** button in the **Essbase Currency Report** dialog box to disable currency reporting and return to standard retrieval mode.

**Note:** Performing a currency report retrieval does not change values in the database. It simply performs a temporary conversion as part of the retrieval. Converted data values may not always balance, because the ad hoc conversion is performed on values that were previously calculated or previously consolidated in another currency.

If values must balance and verify, they must be converted to the target currency in the database, calculated, and retrieved. This procedure differs from the ad hoc currency conversion retrievals described in this section; see the Hyperion Essbase system administrator for more information.





# Using Hyperion Integration Server Drill-Through

Hyperion Integration Server is a product that works with Hyperion Essbase and Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in for Microsoft Excel and Lotus 1-2-3. Hyperion Integration Server is a suite of tools and data integration services that serves as a bridge between relational data sources and the Hyperion Essbase OLAP Server. Hyperion Integration Server Drill-Through is one of these tools. Drill-Through enables you to view and customize spreadsheet reports that display data retrieved from relational databases. Your organization must license Hyperion Integration Server for you to use the Drill-Through tool.

This chapter provides the following information:

- A brief overview of the Drill-Through feature
- A description of the sample database, Microsoft Excel file, and Drill-Through report used for the tutorial
- A tutorial that guides you through tasks for using Drill-Through

## What Is Drill-Through?

Despite the benefits of the multidimensional database for storing analytic data, some data elements required for analysis are better suited to the relational structure of a relational database. The scope of data residing in a Hyperion Essbase database is typically at a summary level, where data is summarized and calculated for planning and analysis. Detailed, transactional data usually is not examined during the planning and analysis of a business.

For example, say you are using Hyperion Essbase to analyze retail sales for the first quarter in the Eastern region. Detailed data, such as a list of customers who purchased a particular product in a particular size, is not used during the normal course of analyzing business performance. However, as you analyze sales results, you may want to view more detailed information. Drill-Through is a tool that enables you to drill from the summarized and calculated data stored in the Hyperion Essbase OLAP Server of your organization into detailed data stored in a relational database.

The database administrator predefines a data mapping for you from Hyperion Essbase to the relational source. For example, the Hyperion Essbase members East, West, South, and Central might map to a field called Region in a relational database. As you navigate through data in the spreadsheet, Hyperion Essbase knows how the current data maps to the relational source. For example, suppose you select cell B3 in the following sheet:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1		Actual	Marketing	Market					
2		Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Year
3	Cola	667.00	673.00	683.00	2,023.00	2,200.00	2,367.00	2,083.00	8,673.00
4	Diet Cola	443.00	450.00	455.00	1,348.00	1,474.00	1,511.00	1,348.00	5,681.00
5	Caffeine Free Cola	191.00	189.00	183.00	563.00	588.00	591.00	587.00	2,329.00
6	Colas	1,301.00	1,312.00	1,321.00	3,934.00	4,262.00	4,469.00	4,018.00	16,683.00
7	Root Beer	1,527.00	1,554.00	1,570.00	4,651.00	4,790.00	4,995.00	4,672.00	19,108.00
8	Cream Soda	1,322.00	1,356.00	1,361.00	4,039.00	4,278.00	4,574.00	4,186.00	17,077.00
9	Fruit Soda	1,073.00	1,067.00	1,075.00	3,215.00	3,386.00	3,484.00	3,284.00	13,369.00
10	Diet Drinks	1,328.00	1,358.00	1,367.00	4,053.00	4,256.00	4,430.00	4,081.00	16,820.00
11	Product	5,223.00	5,289.00	5,327.00	15,839.00	16,716.00	17,522.00	16,160.00	66,237.00
12									

Figure 175: Example of Drill-Through Sheet

The dimensional attributes of the cell are as follows: Actual, Marketing, Market, Jan, and Cola. The combination of one or more of these attributes becomes the basis of a Drill-Through query that returns data from the relational source.

From Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in, you can access a predefined Drill-Through report that is based on the dimension or member intersections of Hyperion Essbase data cells in the sheet. Using a Hyperion Integration Server tool called Hyperion OLAP Builder, an administrator at your organization sets up Drill-Through reports for you to access; that is, each Drill-Through report is already defined in terms of what to retrieve from the relational source.

In Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in, you can access Drill-Through reports from the Linked Objects Browser dialog box. When you select a Drill-Through cell in the sheet and select Essbase > Linked Objects, the Linked Objects Browser dialog box displays an entry for Drill-Through that you can select and launch.

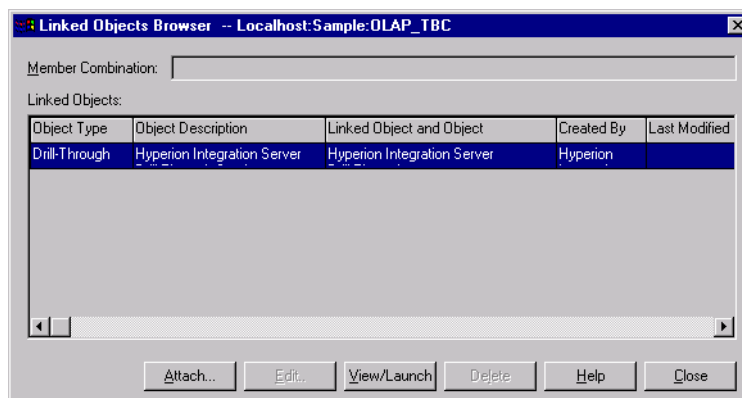


Figure 176: Linked Objects Browser Dialog Box with Drill-Through Entry

You can define a style for cells tagged as Drill-Through to identify which cells in the spreadsheet are associated with Drill-Through reports. For more information, see [“Accessing Drill-Through from the Spreadsheet”](#) on page 237.

## What Is the Drill-Through Wizard?

An administrator at your organization can predefine Hyperion Integration Server Drill-Through reports for you to view or customize. The person who develops a report determines whether the report can be customized by Drill-Through users. If a report can be customized, use the Hyperion Integration Server Drill-Through Wizard to customize it. The Drill-Through Wizard is a graphical user interface that steps you through the following customization tasks:

- Selecting columns to retrieve from the relational data source  
Decide which columns from the predefined report you need to see.
- Selecting the display order for columns  
Change the default display order of columns across the sheet.
- Selecting a sort order for data  
Select an ascending or descending sort order for a particular column; for example, sort a list of managers in alphabetical order.
- Selecting data filters  
Define a filter on a column so that only data meeting certain criteria is retrieved.

## Before You Start

Before starting the tutorial, you should have a working familiarity with the Hyperion Essbase product through the use of the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in interface. Review in this guide [Chapter 2, “A Basic Hyperion Essbase Tutorial”](#) and [Chapter 3, “An Advanced Hyperion Essbase Tutorial”](#) as prerequisite reading.

A sample Hyperion Essbase database is the basis for the examples in this tutorial. The database administrator creates this sample Hyperion Essbase database using the sample metaoutline supplied with Hyperion Integration Server. For more information, see the *Hyperion Essbase OLAP Builder User’s Guide*. A sample Microsoft Excel file, `Essdt.xls`, contains a sheet with the appropriate member intersections for the sample Drill-Through report. For more information on the sample database, Microsoft Excel file, and Drill-Through report, see [“About the Samples Used in This Tutorial” on page 236](#).

If you plan to follow the examples in a live working session, check with the person at your organization who installs the Hyperion Integration Server product family for information on the sample database you need for Drill-Through, and to which Hyperion Essbase server you should connect.

Before starting the tutorial, make sure you meet the following requirements:

- You must install the following components on your client PC:
  - A 32-bit version of Excel (for example, Excel 97 or Excel 2000)
  - Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in for Excel
  - Drill-Through

The Drill-Through module is installed automatically when you install Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in. This module is transparent until you invoke it from the Linked Objects Browser. For more information on installation, contact the Hyperion Essbase System Administrator.

- The Hyperion Essbase System Administrator must install the Hyperion Essbase server.
- You must have access to Hyperion Integration Server and to the Hyperion Essbase server. For more information, contact the Hyperion Essbase System Administrator or the person who administers Hyperion Integration Server at your organization.
- You must have access to the underlying relational database (typically using a user name and password that are different from those you use for Hyperion Essbase). For more information, contact the Hyperion Essbase System Administrator or the person who administers Hyperion Integration Server at your organization.
- Make sure that the sample Excel file, `Essdt.xls`, is available in the `\Essbase\client\sample` directory.
- In order to use the sample Drill-Through report, `Essdt.xls`, you need to login to a machine that has both the Hyperion Essbase server and Hyperion Integration Server installed. You must run member and data load and calculate the data for the sample Hyperion Integration Server database that you will access from Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in.

- The sample database that contains the Drill-Through report must be set up and running. The sample Drill-Through reports used in this tutorial (called “Product Supplier Report” and “Regional Director”) are available with the sample database. Contact the person at your organization who installs Hyperion Integration Server to find out the name of the sample database needed for Drill-Through.

**Note:** For more information on Hyperion Integration Server installations, see the *Hyperion Integration Server Installation Guide*. For more information on Hyperion Essbase installations, see the *Hyperion Essbase Installation Guide*.

Keep in mind the following guidelines during the tutorial:

- Each tutorial task builds upon the previous one, and tasks must be followed in succession.
- Tasks that should *not* be performed as part of the tutorial are displayed in gray boxes. These tasks are included for your reference. You can find more information on these tasks in the Hyperion Integration Server Drill-Through online help.
- The examples used in this tutorial are based on the sample database that is included with the Hyperion Integration Server installation. Contact the person at your organization who installs Hyperion Integration Server for information about accessing the sample database.
- Set the options in the Hyperion Essbase Options dialog box as described in the following section, “[Setting Hyperion Essbase Options](#)” on page 231. If the option settings are different, the illustrations presented in this chapter may not match the spreadsheet view.
- If you make a mistake during the tutorial, select Essbase > FlashBack to return to the previous spreadsheet view.

## Setting Hyperion Essbase Options

Before you begin the tutorial, make sure that the spreadsheet options are set to the initial settings, as illustrated in [Figure 177](#) through [Figure 181](#). If your option settings are different, the illustrations presented in this chapter may not match the spreadsheet view.

**Note:** For information about each option in the Essbase Options dialog box, click Help to see the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in online help.

- To set Hyperion Essbase options:
  1. From the spreadsheet menu, select Essbase > Options.
  2. In the **Essbase Options** dialog box, select the **Display** tab.
  3. Select the appropriate check boxes and option buttons so that your display matches the following illustration:

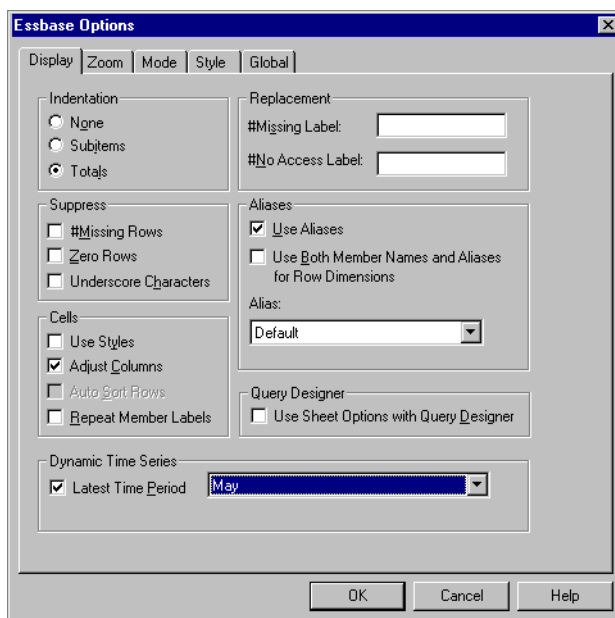
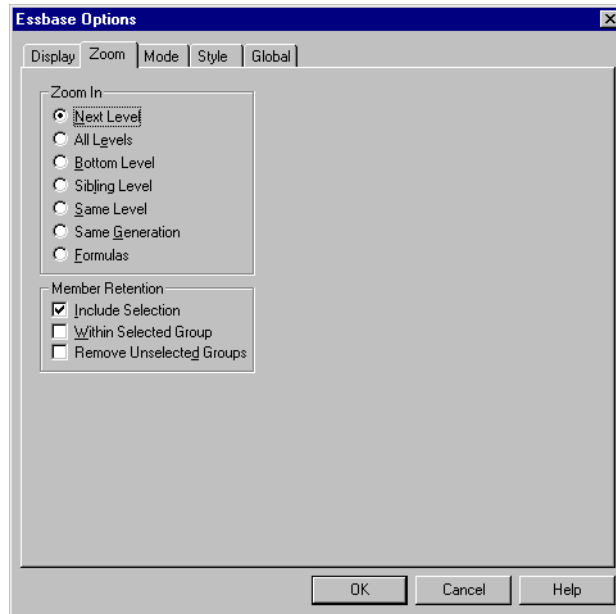


Figure 177: Initial Settings for Display Options

4. Select the **Zoom** tab.
5. Select the appropriate check boxes and option buttons so that your display matches the following illustration:



*Figure 178: Initial Settings for Zoom Options*

6. Select the **Mode** tab.



7. Select the appropriate check boxes and option buttons so that your display matches the following illustration:

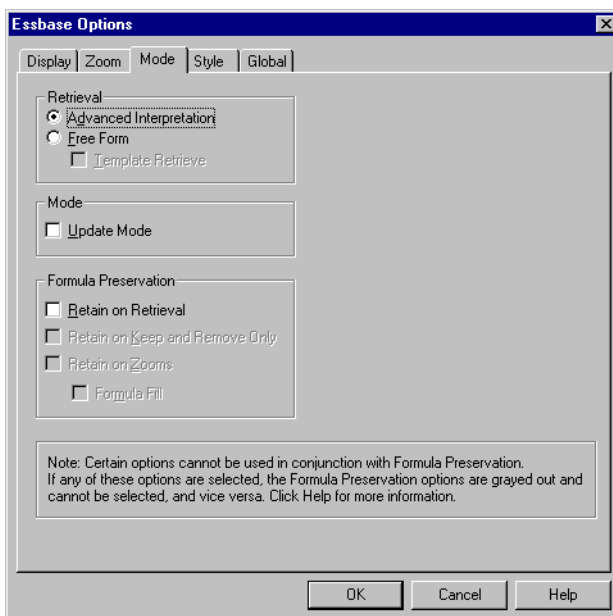


Figure 179: Initial Settings for Mode Options

8. Select the **Style** tab.

9. Select the appropriate check boxes and option buttons so that your display matches the following illustration:

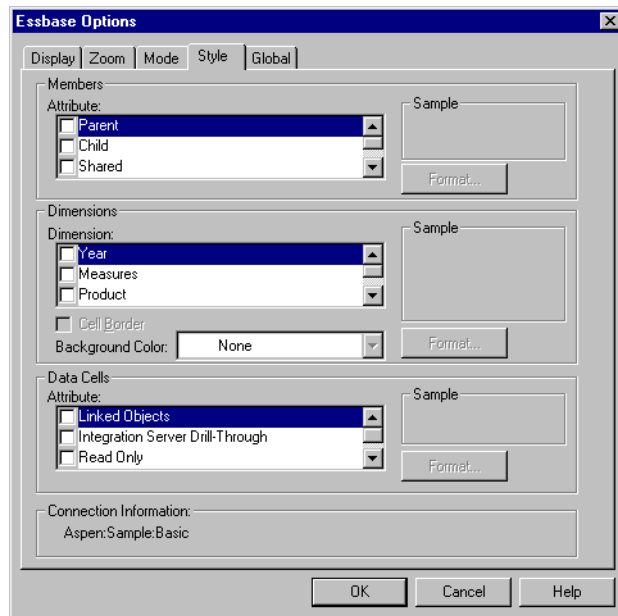


Figure 180: Initial Settings for Style Options

10. Select the **Global** tab.

11. Select the appropriate check boxes and option buttons so that your display matches the following illustration:

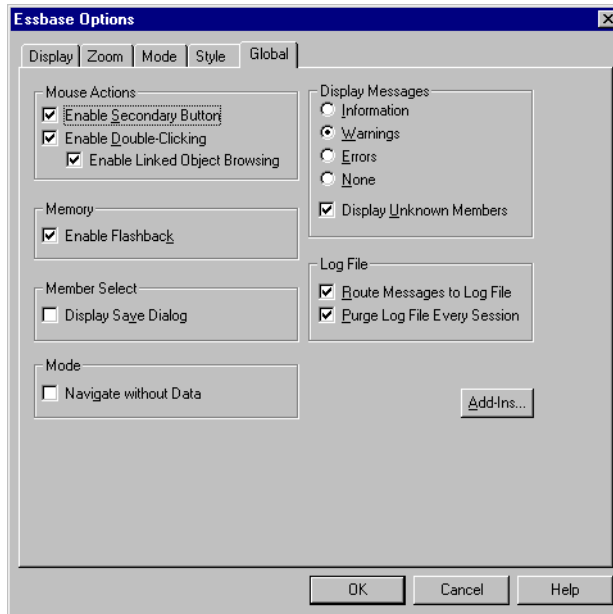


Figure 181: Initial Settings for Global Options

12. Click **OK** to save the settings for this session and close the **Essbase Options** dialog box.

## About the Samples Used in This Tutorial

The sample database used for this tutorial contains the following dimensions: Scenario, Product, Market, Measures, and Year. The sample Excel file shown in [Figure 182](#) provides a particular view from this database:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1		Actual	Marketing	Market					
2		Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Year
3	Cola	667.00	673.00	683.00	2,023.00	2,200.00	2,367.00	2,083.00	8,673.00
4	Diet Cola	443.00	450.00	455.00	1,348.00	1,474.00	1,511.00	1,348.00	5,681.00
5	Caffeine Free Cola	191.00	189.00	183.00	563.00	588.00	591.00	587.00	2,329.00
6	Colas	1,301.00	1,312.00	1,321.00	3,934.00	4,262.00	4,469.00	4,018.00	16,683.00
7	Root Beer	1,527.00	1,554.00	1,570.00	4,651.00	4,790.00	4,995.00	4,672.00	19,108.00
8	Cream Soda	1,322.00	1,356.00	1,361.00	4,039.00	4,278.00	4,574.00	4,186.00	17,077.00
9	Fruit Soda	1,073.00	1,067.00	1,075.00	3,215.00	3,386.00	3,484.00	3,284.00	13,369.00
10	Diet Drinks	1,328.00	1,358.00	1,367.00	4,053.00	4,256.00	4,430.00	4,081.00	16,820.00
11	Product	5,223.00	5,289.00	5,327.00	15,839.00	16,716.00	17,522.00	16,160.00	66,237.00
12									

*Figure 182: View from Sample Database*

For this spreadsheet view, detail-level data exists in a relational data source—data that is not available from Hyperion Essbase. For example, the relational source contains columns of data for product suppliers, regional directors, and expenses by product. This tutorial walks you through a sample Hyperion Integration Server Drill-Through session, where you will drill down from the data shown in [Figure 182](#) into the detail data from the relational source.

This tutorial uses two sample Drill-Through reports, “Product Supplier,” which is not customizable, and “Regional Director,” which is customizable. As with all Drill-Through reports, these reports have been predefined to retrieve specific columns from the relational source. You will use the Drill-Through Wizard to customize the report, “Regional Director.”

**Note:** The sample file also contains another sample report called “Expenses by Product,” which you can use for Drill-Through practice.

# Using Drill-Through

Drill-Through consists of the following tasks:

- Accessing Drill-Through from Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in
- Selecting Drill-Through Reports to View or Customize
- Selecting and Ordering Columns
- Sorting Data
- Filtering Data

The following sections describe each of these tasks and step you through a live working Drill-Through session.

## Accessing Drill-Through from the Spreadsheet

From Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in, you can access detail-level Drill-Through reports that are based on the member intersections of Hyperion Essbase data cells in the sheet. Each Drill-Through report has been predefined by an administrator at your organization; that is, each Drill-Through report is already set up to retrieve specific columns from the relational source, to sort data in these columns in specific ways, and so forth. Using the Drill-Through Wizard, you can customize these predefined Drill-Through reports to retrieve only the data you want, displayed in a specific way.

To access the predefined Drill-Through report, double-click a Drill-Through cell in the spreadsheet (or select a range of cells and select Essbase > Linked Objects). You can set styles for cells tagged as Drill-Through to help identify which cells in the sheet are associated with Drill-Through reports. When you double-click a Drill-Through cell, Hyperion Essbase displays the Linked Objects Browser dialog box, which displays a Drill-Through report entry. A single cell can have multiple reports associated with it. The Linked Objects Browser dialog box also displays entries for linked partitions and other linked object types, such as cell notes, URLs, and application files. After you view or customize the Drill-Through report, Hyperion Integration Server retrieves data from the relational source and displays the results in a new spreadsheet.

Before starting the Drill-Through tutorial, perform the following tasks:

1. Open a sample Excel file that contains the appropriate member intersections from the sample database for the Drill-Through report. This file, `Essdt.xls`, is provided as part of the default Hyperion Essbase installation.
  2. Set a style for data cells that are associated with Drill-Through reports.
- To access the sample file and sample database:
1. Start Excel.
  2. Select File > Open and open the `Essdt.xls` file from the `Essbase\client\sample` directory.

The sample file should look like this:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1		Actual	Marketing	Market					
2		Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Year
3	Cola	667.00	673.00	683.00	2,023.00	2,200.00	2,367.00	2,083.00	8,673.00
4	Diet Cola	443.00	450.00	455.00	1,348.00	1,474.00	1,511.00	1,348.00	5,681.00
5	Caffeine Free Cola	191.00	189.00	183.00	563.00	588.00	591.00	587.00	2,329.00
6	Colas	1,301.00	1,312.00	1,321.00	3,934.00	4,262.00	4,469.00	4,018.00	16,683.00
7	Root Beer	1,527.00	1,554.00	1,570.00	4,651.00	4,790.00	4,995.00	4,672.00	19,108.00
8	Cream Soda	1,322.00	1,356.00	1,361.00	4,039.00	4,278.00	4,574.00	4,186.00	17,077.00
9	Fruit Soda	1,073.00	1,067.00	1,075.00	3,215.00	3,386.00	3,484.00	3,284.00	13,369.00
10	Diet Drinks	1,328.00	1,358.00	1,367.00	4,053.00	4,256.00	4,430.00	4,081.00	16,820.00
11	Product	5,223.00	5,289.00	5,327.00	15,839.00	16,716.00	17,522.00	16,160.00	66,237.00
12									

Figure 183: Sample Excel File for Drill-Through

The sample file shows data for specific members of a Hyperion Essbase database. This sample file contains the following three predefined Drill-Through reports, indicated by the tabs of the spreadsheet: “Product Supplier Report,” “Regional Director,” and “Expenses by Product.” Using Drill-Through, you can access these reports and customize them so that Hyperion Integration Server retrieves only the data you need and displays it in the desired format.

3. Select the **Product Supplier Report** tab on the spreadsheet.
4. Select Essbase > Connect and connect to the appropriate sample database, such as TBC (The Beverage Company), which is shipped with Hyperion Integration Server.

**Note:** For information on the sample database, contact the person at your organization who installs Hyperion Integration Server.

5. Select Essbase > Options and select the **Style** tab.
6. In the **Data Cells** option group, select the **Integration Server Drill-Through** check box and click **Format**.

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Font** dialog box.

7. Select **Bold Italic** from the **Font style** list box.
8. Select **Red** from the **Color** drop-down list, and click **OK** to return to the **Essbase Options** dialog box.

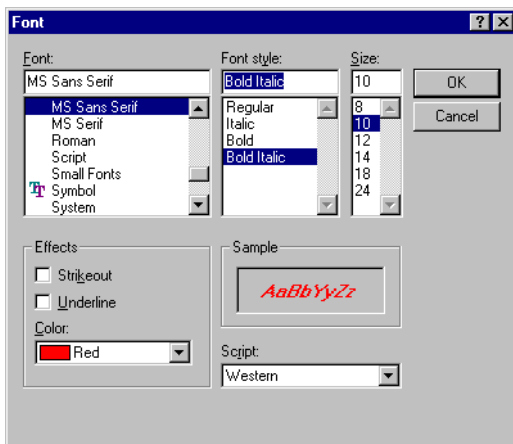


Figure 184: Font Dialog Box Selection

**Note:** In the **Essbase Options** dialog box, Hyperion Essbase displays an example of the selected style in the **Sample** box.

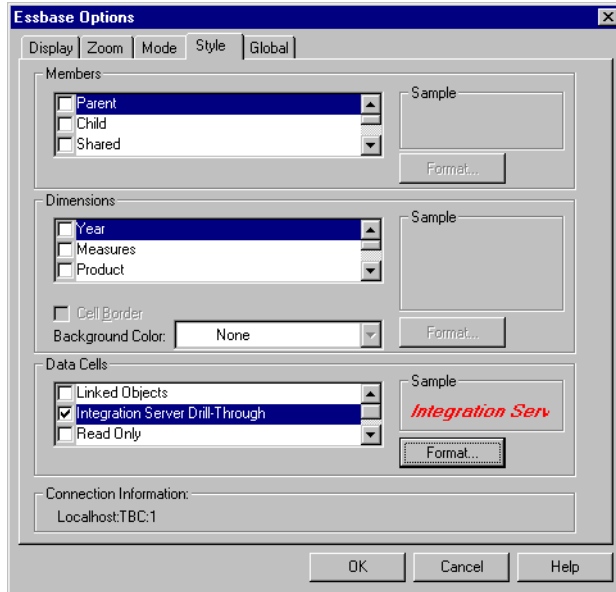


Figure 185: Sample Style for Integration Server Drill-Through Data Cells

9. In the **Essbase Options** dialog box, select the **Display** tab, and then select the **Use Styles** check box.

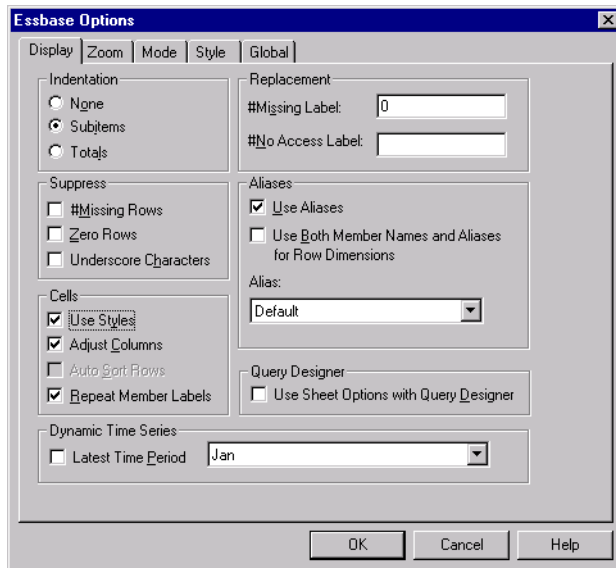


Figure 186: Setting the Use Styles Option



10. Click **OK** to close the **Essbase Options** dialog box.
11. Select **Essbase > Retrieve** to display the new style in the spreadsheet.

In **Figure 187**, the sample Drill-Through report is associated with the data cells for Cola, Diet Cola, and Caffeine Free Cola at the month level, so that these data cells are displayed in red, bold, italic font.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1		Actual	Marketing	Market					
2		Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Year
3	Cola	<b><i>667.00</i></b>	<b><i>673.00</i></b>	<b><i>683.00</i></b>	2,023.00	2,200.00	2,367.00	2,083.00	8,673.00
4	Diet Cola	<b><i>443.00</i></b>	<b><i>450.00</i></b>	<b><i>455.00</i></b>	1,348.00	1,474.00	1,511.00	1,348.00	5,681.00
5	Caffeine Free Cola	<b><i>191.00</i></b>	<b><i>189.00</i></b>	<b><i>183.00</i></b>	563.00	588.00	591.00	587.00	2,329.00
6	Colas	1,301.00	1,312.00	1,321.00	3,934.00	4,262.00	4,469.00	4,018.00	16,683.00
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11	Product	5,223.00	5,289.00	5,327.00	15,839.00	16,716.00	17,522.00	16,160.00	66,237.00
12									

*Figure 187: Sample Excel File with Drill-Through Style Applied*

- ▶ To access the sample Drill-Through report from Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in:

1. Select any Drill-Through cell; for example, cell B3.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1		Actual	Marketing	Market					
2		Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Year
3	Cola	<b><i>667.00</i></b>	<b><i>673.00</i></b>	<b><i>683.00</i></b>	2,023.00	2,200.00	2,367.00	2,083.00	8,673.00
4	Diet Cola	<b><i>443.00</i></b>	<b><i>450.00</i></b>	<b><i>455.00</i></b>	1,348.00	1,474.00	1,511.00	1,348.00	5,681.00
5	Caffeine Free Cola	<b><i>191.00</i></b>	<b><i>189.00</i></b>	<b><i>183.00</i></b>	563.00	588.00	591.00	587.00	2,329.00
6	Colas	1,301.00	1,312.00	1,321.00	3,934.00	4,262.00	4,469.00	4,018.00	16,683.00
7	Root Beer	1,527.00	1,554.00	1,570.00	4,651.00	4,790.00	4,995.00	4,672.00	19,108.00
8	Cream Soda	1,322.00	1,356.00	1,361.00	4,039.00	4,278.00	4,574.00	4,186.00	17,077.00
9	Fruit Soda	1,073.00	1,067.00	1,075.00	3,215.00	3,386.00	3,484.00	3,284.00	13,369.00
10	Diet Drinks	1,328.00	1,358.00	1,367.00	4,053.00	4,256.00	4,430.00	4,081.00	16,820.00
11	Product	5,223.00	5,289.00	5,327.00	15,839.00	16,716.00	17,522.00	16,160.00	66,237.00
12									

*Figure 188: Selecting a Drill-Through Cell*

**Note:** You can also select a continuous range of cells in the sheet to display all Drill-Through reports associated with cells you select. In this example, we have only one Drill-Through report attached to the range of cells.

2. Select Essbase > Linked Objects to open the **Linked Objects Browser** dialog box.

Alternatively, select the **Enable Linked Object Browsing** check box in the **Essbase Options** dialog box (**Global** tab), which enables you to double-click a linked object cell to open the **Linked Objects Browser** dialog box. This option works only with single-cell selection. If you select a range of cells, use the Essbase > Linked Objects menu command.

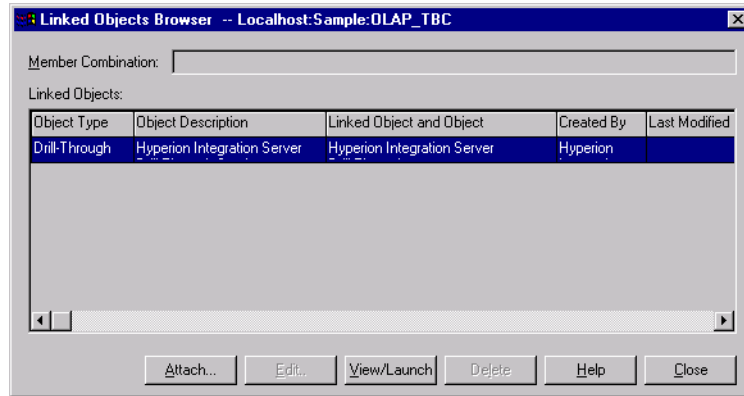


Figure 189: Linked Objects Browser Dialog Box with Drill-Through Entry Selected

3. Select the Drill-Through report entry and click **View/Launch**.

The results of the Drill-Through are displayed in a spreadsheet.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	SUPPLIERID	SUPPLIERNAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY	ZIP
2		1 High Tech Drinks	1344 Crossman Ave	Sunnyvale	CA	USA	94675
3		2 East Coast Beverage	900 Long Ridge Rd	Stamford	CT	USA	92001
4		3 Cool Canadian	1250 Boul Rene Levesque	Montreal	PQ	Canada	H3B-W4B
5							

Figure 190: Results of Product Supplier Drill-Through Report

**Note:** If there is only one report available for the cells you select in the spreadsheet, and if that report is not designed to be customized, Drill-Through generates the report and immediately displays the results in the spreadsheet. The person at your organization who develops Drill-Through reports specifies whether you can customize a report and whether you need to log in to Hyperion Integration Server and the relational data source.

4. Follow the steps in the next section, “[Selecting Drill-Through Reports to View or Customize](#)” on page 243 to select a report to customize.

## Selecting Drill-Through Reports to View or Customize

After you launch Drill-Through from the Linked Objects Browser dialog box, Hyperion Integration Server displays the Select Drill-Through Report dialog box under the following conditions:

- More than one Drill-Through report exists for the cell or cell range that you select in the spreadsheet, or
- Only one report exists, but you have the option of customizing it using the Drill-Through Wizard.

The Select Drill-Through Report dialog box displays the list of Drill-Through reports available for the cells you select in the spreadsheet. Depending on how a report is defined in Hyperion OLAP Builder, you may have access only to view, not customize, the report.

The sample report used for this tutorial is the Regional Director report. You will use the Drill-Through Wizard to customize this sample report. To execute a predefined Drill-Through report without customizing it, perform these tasks:

1. Select the report that you want to view from the **Available Reports** list box.
2. Click **Execute**.

Hyperion Integration Server retrieves the data from the relational source and displays the results in a new spreadsheet. The new sheet is added before the current sheet.

► To customize the sample Drill-Through report:

1. In `Essdt.xls`, select the **Regional Director** tab.

1	A	B	C	D	E	F
2		Year	Measures	Product		
3		Actual	Budget	Variance	Variance %	Scenario
3	Central	38,262.00	46,290.00	(8,028.00)	(17.34)	38,262.00
4	Connecticut	3,093.00	3,960.00	(867.00)	(21.89)	3,093.00
5	Florida	5,029.00	5,900.00	(871.00)	(14.76)	5,029.00
6	Massachusetts	6,712.00	7,300.00	(588.00)	(8.05)	6,712.00
7	New_Hampshire	1,125.00	2,010.00	(885.00)	(44.03)	1,125.00
8	New_York	8,202.00	9,220.00	(1,018.00)	(11.04)	8,202.00
9	East	24,161.00	28,390.00	(4,229.00)	(14.90)	24,161.00
10	South	13,238.00	17,520.00	(4,282.00)	(24.44)	13,238.00
11	California	12,964.00	14,190.00	(1,226.00)	(8.64)	12,964.00
12	Nevada	4,039.00	5,330.00	(1,291.00)	(24.22)	4,039.00
13	Oregon	5,062.00	6,270.00	(1,208.00)	(19.27)	5,062.00
14	Utah	3,155.00	5,240.00	(2,085.00)	(39.79)	3,155.00
15	Washington	4,641.00	6,150.00	(1,509.00)	(24.54)	4,641.00
16	West	29,861.00	37,180.00	(7,319.00)	(19.69)	29,861.00
17	Market	105,522.00	129,380.00	(23,858.00)	(18.44)	105,522.00

Figure 191: Initial Drill-Through Report for Regional Director

2. Select `Essbase > Connect` and connect to the appropriate sample database, such as TBC (The Beverage Company), which is shipped with Hyperion Integration Server.
 

**Note:** For information on the sample database, contact the person at your organization who installs Hyperion Integration Server.
3. Select `Essbase > Options` and select the **Style** tab to define styles for this sheet.
4. In the **Data Cells** option group, select the **Integration Server Drill-Through** check box and click **Format**.

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Font** dialog box.

**Note:** The style for Integration Server Drill-Through cells may already be set as red, bold, italic font because you set the style in the previous exercise. If this is the case, then go to step 7.

5. Select **Bold Italic** from the **Font style** list box.

6. Select **Red** from the **Color** drop-down list, and click **OK** to return to the **Essbase Options** dialog box.

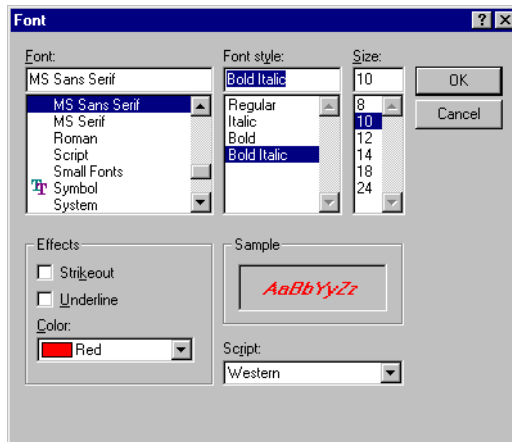


Figure 192: Font Dialog Box Selection

**Note:** In the **Essbase Options** dialog box, Hyperion Essbase displays an example of the selected style in the **Sample** box.

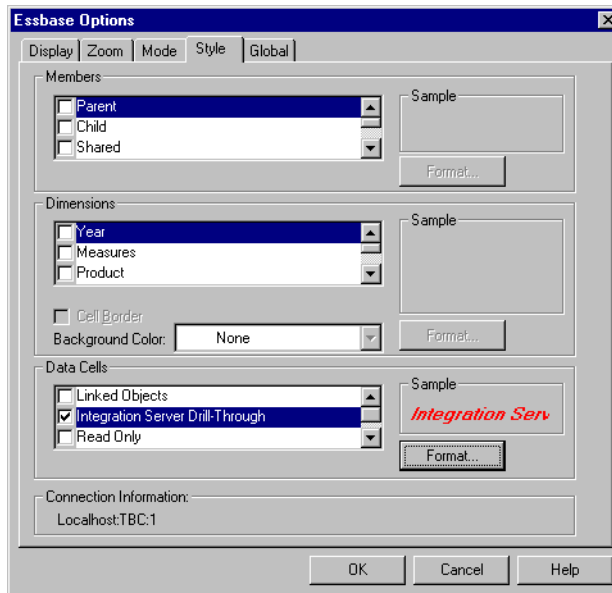


Figure 193: Sample Style for Integration Server Drill-Through Data Cells

7. In the **Essbase Options** dialog box, select the **Display** tab and select the **Use Styles** check box.

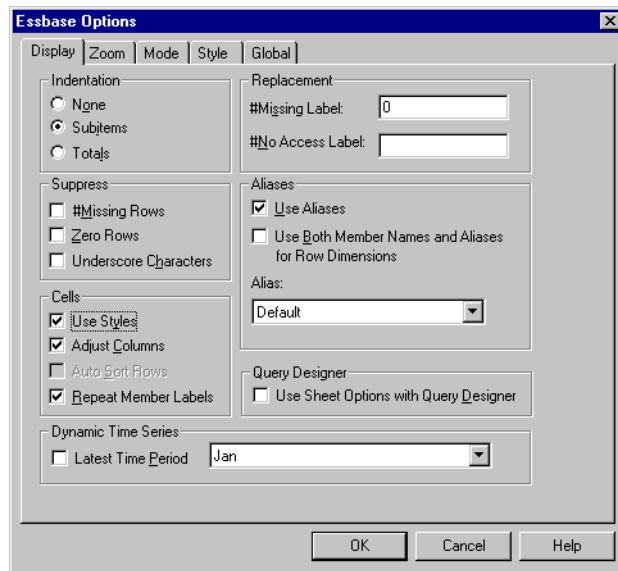


Figure 194: Setting the Use Styles Option

8. Click **OK** to close the **Essbase Options** dialog box.

9. Select Essbase > Retrieve to display the new style in the spreadsheet.

In this example, the sample Drill-Through report is associated with every member intersection at the state level, so that all data cells associated with a state are now displayed in red, bold, italic font.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1		Year	Measures	Product		
2		Actual	Budget	Variance	Variance %	Scenario
3	Central	38,262.00	46,290.00	(8,028.00)	(17.34)	38,262.00
4	Connecticut	<b><i>3,093.00</i></b>	<b><i>3,960.00</i></b>	<b><i>(867.00)</i></b>	<b><i>(21.89)</i></b>	<b><i>3,093.00</i></b>
5	Florida	<b><i>5,029.00</i></b>	<b><i>5,900.00</i></b>	<b><i>(871.00)</i></b>	<b><i>(14.76)</i></b>	<b><i>5,029.00</i></b>
6	Massachusetts	<b><i>6,712.00</i></b>	<b><i>7,300.00</i></b>	<b><i>(588.00)</i></b>	<b><i>(8.05)</i></b>	<b><i>6,712.00</i></b>
7	New_Hampshire	<b><i>1,125.00</i></b>	<b><i>2,010.00</i></b>	<b><i>(885.00)</i></b>	<b><i>(44.03)</i></b>	<b><i>1,125.00</i></b>
8	New_York	<b><i>8,202.00</i></b>	<b><i>9,220.00</i></b>	<b><i>(1,018.00)</i></b>	<b><i>(11.04)</i></b>	<b><i>8,202.00</i></b>
9	East	24,161.00	28,390.00	(4,229.00)	(14.90)	24,161.00
10	South	13,238.00	17,520.00	(4,282.00)	(24.44)	13,238.00
11	California	<b><i>12,964.00</i></b>	<b><i>14,190.00</i></b>	<b><i>(1,226.00)</i></b>	<b><i>(8.64)</i></b>	<b><i>12,964.00</i></b>
12	Nevada	<b><i>4,039.00</i></b>	<b><i>5,330.00</i></b>	<b><i>(1,291.00)</i></b>	<b><i>(24.22)</i></b>	<b><i>4,039.00</i></b>
13	Oregon	<b><i>5,062.00</i></b>	<b><i>6,270.00</i></b>	<b><i>(1,208.00)</i></b>	<b><i>(19.27)</i></b>	<b><i>5,062.00</i></b>
14	Utah	<b><i>3,155.00</i></b>	<b><i>5,240.00</i></b>	<b><i>(2,085.00)</i></b>	<b><i>(39.79)</i></b>	<b><i>3,155.00</i></b>
15	Washington	<b><i>4,641.00</i></b>	<b><i>6,150.00</i></b>	<b><i>(1,509.00)</i></b>	<b><i>(24.54)</i></b>	<b><i>4,641.00</i></b>
16	West	29,861.00	37,180.00	(7,319.00)	(19.69)	29,861.00
17	Market	105,522.00	129,380.00	(23,858.00)	(18.44)	105,522.00
18						

Figure 195: Sample Excel File with Drill-Through Style Applied

- To access the sample Drill-Through report from the Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in:

1. Select any Drill-Through cell; for example, cell B11.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1		Year	Measures	Product		
2		Actual	Budget	Variance	Variance %	Scenario
3	Central	38,262.00	46,290.00	(8,028.00)	(17.34)	38,262.00
4	Connecticut	<b><i>3,093.00</i></b>	<b><i>3,960.00</i></b>	<b><i>(867.00)</i></b>	<b><i>(21.89)</i></b>	<b><i>3,093.00</i></b>
5	Florida	<b><i>5,029.00</i></b>	<b><i>5,900.00</i></b>	<b><i>(871.00)</i></b>	<b><i>(14.76)</i></b>	<b><i>5,029.00</i></b>
6	Massachusetts	<b><i>6,712.00</i></b>	<b><i>7,300.00</i></b>	<b><i>(588.00)</i></b>	<b><i>(8.05)</i></b>	<b><i>6,712.00</i></b>
7	New_Hampshire	<b><i>1,125.00</i></b>	<b><i>2,010.00</i></b>	<b><i>(885.00)</i></b>	<b><i>(44.03)</i></b>	<b><i>1,125.00</i></b>
8	New_York	<b><i>8,202.00</i></b>	<b><i>9,220.00</i></b>	<b><i>(1,018.00)</i></b>	<b><i>(11.04)</i></b>	<b><i>8,202.00</i></b>
9	East	24,161.00	28,390.00	(4,229.00)	(14.90)	24,161.00
10	South	13,238.00	17,520.00	(4,282.00)	(24.44)	13,238.00
11	California	<b><i>12,964.00</i></b>	<b><i>14,190.00</i></b>	<b><i>(1,226.00)</i></b>	<b><i>(8.64)</i></b>	<b><i>12,964.00</i></b>
12	Nevada	<b><i>4,039.00</i></b>	<b><i>5,330.00</i></b>	<b><i>(1,291.00)</i></b>	<b><i>(24.22)</i></b>	<b><i>4,039.00</i></b>
13	Oregon	<b><i>5,062.00</i></b>	<b><i>6,270.00</i></b>	<b><i>(1,208.00)</i></b>	<b><i>(19.27)</i></b>	<b><i>5,062.00</i></b>
14	Utah	<b><i>3,155.00</i></b>	<b><i>5,240.00</i></b>	<b><i>(2,085.00)</i></b>	<b><i>(39.79)</i></b>	<b><i>3,155.00</i></b>
15	Washington	<b><i>4,641.00</i></b>	<b><i>6,150.00</i></b>	<b><i>(1,509.00)</i></b>	<b><i>(24.54)</i></b>	<b><i>4,641.00</i></b>
16	West	29,861.00	37,180.00	(7,319.00)	(19.69)	29,861.00
17	Market	105,522.00	129,380.00	(23,858.00)	(18.44)	105,522.00
18						

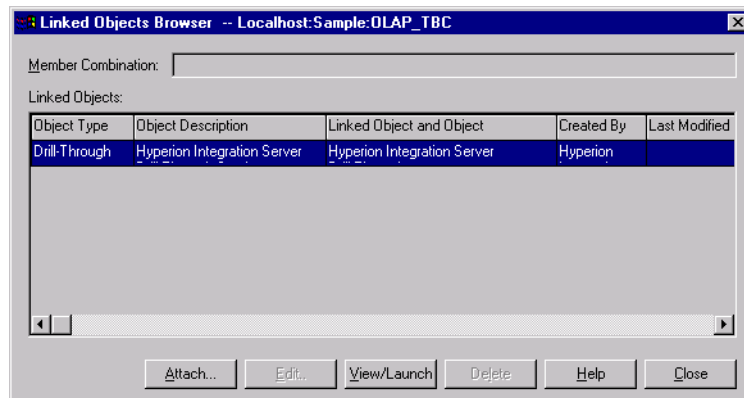
Figure 196: Selecting the Drill-Through Cell for the Regional Director Report

Hyperion Essbase launches Drill-Through and displays the **Select Drill-Through Report** dialog box.

**Note:** If Hyperion Integration Server is not running, Drill-Through does not launch properly. For more information, contact the Hyperion Essbase System Administrator.

2. If you are prompted with the Drill-Through Login dialog box to connect to Hyperion Integration Server and the relational data source, enter the appropriate connection information. The person at your organization who administers Hyperion Integration Server and develops Drill-Through reports should provide you with this information.
3. Select Essbase > Linked Objects to open the **Linked Objects Browser** dialog box.

Alternatively, select the **Enable Linked Object Browsing** check box in the **Essbase Options** dialog box (**Global** tab), which enables you to double-click a linked object cell to open the **Linked Objects Browser** dialog box. This option works only with single-cell selection. If you select a range of cells, use the Essbase > Linked Objects menu command.



*Figure 197: Linked Objects Browser Dialog Box with Drill-Through Entry Selected*



4. Select the Drill-Through report entry and click **View/Launch**.

The **Select Drill Through Report** dialog box is displayed.

**Note:** In the **Select Drill Through Report** dialog box, if the **Customize** button is selectable, then you can customize the report. If more than one Drill-Through report is displayed, then you can select from the different Drill-Through reports. In this tutorial, only one report, “Regional Director,” is displayed and customizable.

5. Select the Regional Director report from the **Available Reports** list box.

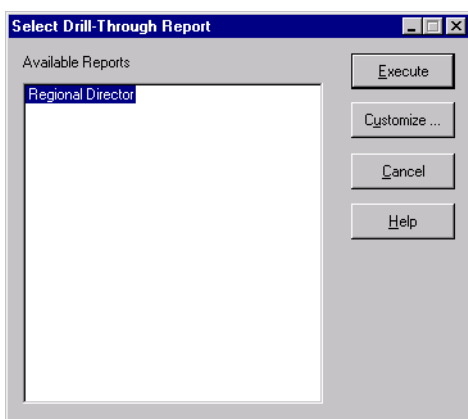


Figure 198: Selecting the Sample Drill-Through Report

6. Click **Customize**.

**Note:** The **Customize** button may be selectable or not selectable for any given report, depending on how the report was defined in Hyperion Integration Server Desktop.

Hyperion Integration Server displays the first screen of the Drill-Through Wizard.

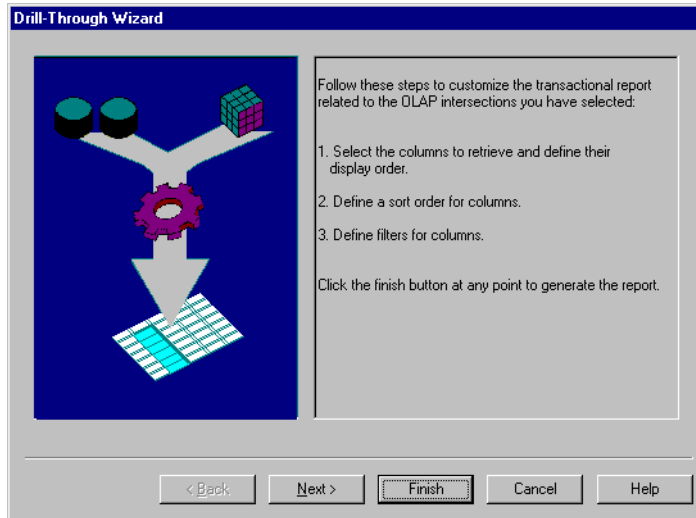


Figure 199: Drill-Through Wizard Dialog Box, Introductory Screen

- Click **Next** to display the **Select Columns and Display Order** dialog box.

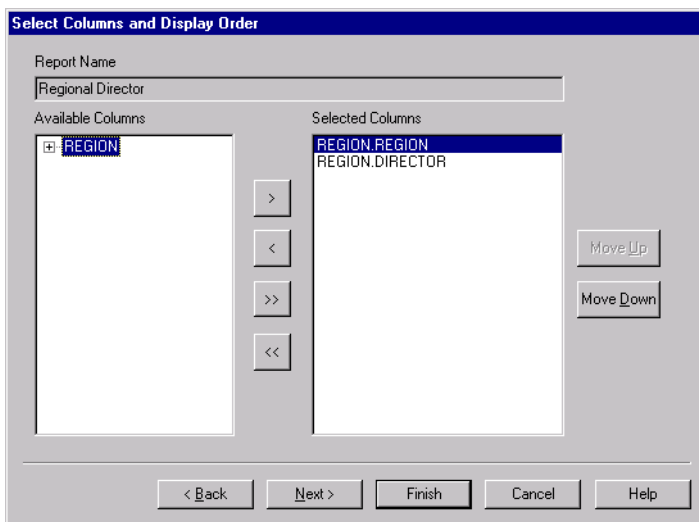


Figure 200: Select Columns and Display Order Dialog Box

- Follow the steps in the next section, “[Selecting and Ordering Columns](#)” on [page 251](#), to select and order rows for the customized report.

## Selecting and Ordering Columns

Using the Drill-Through Wizard, you can customize predefined Drill-Through reports. The first task in the Drill-Through Wizard is selecting and ordering columns to retrieve from the relational database. These columns contain detailed information that is not available in the Hyperion Essbase database.

In the Select Columns and Display Order dialog box, you can select which columns you want Hyperion Integration Server to retrieve from the relational data source. From this dialog box, you can also specify how the columns are displayed in the resulting report.

The Available Columns list box displays a list of columns available from the relational data source for this report (as defined in Hyperion OLAP Builder). The Selected Columns list box displays the columns from the Available Columns list box in expanded form. You can remove columns from the Selected Columns list box to exclude them from the Drill-Through report.

In this example, the columns from the Available Columns list box are selected for inclusion in the sample Regional Director report. These columns are displayed in expanded form in the Selected Columns list box.

- ▶ To remove one of the selected columns from the Drill-Through report:
  1. In the **Selected Columns** list box, select the REGION.DIRECTOR column.

**Note:** To select multiple columns in the list that are not adjacent to each other, hold down the Ctrl key and select each column. To select a range of columns, hold down the Shift key and click the first and last columns in the list, which also selects all columns in between them.

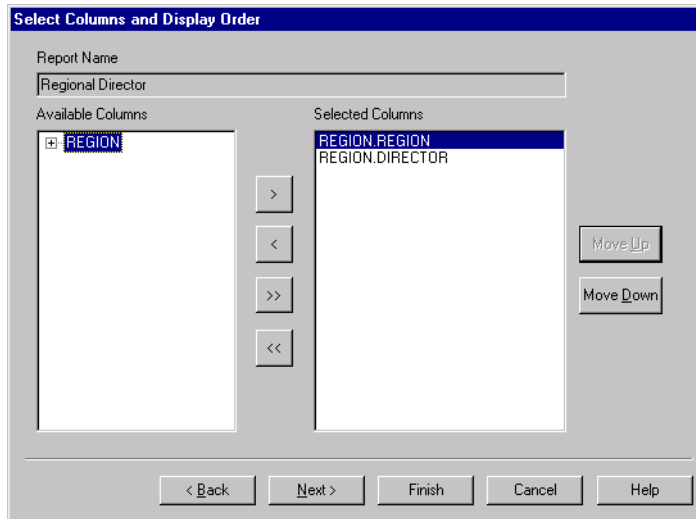


Figure 201: Selecting Columns to Remove From the Drill-Through Report

2. Click  to move the selected column from the **Selected Columns** list box back to the **Available Columns** list box.

**Note:** To move a column from one list box to another, click  or .

To move all columns from one list box to another, click

or .

3. Click **Next** to display the **Select Data Sort Order** dialog box, and follow the steps in the following section, “[Ordering Data](#)” on page 253 to further customize the report.

**Note:** When you finish customizing the report, click **Finish** at any time to generate the report and view the results in a new sheet. The new sheet is placed before the current sheet.

The sample report used in this tutorial, Regional Director, does not have enough columns to fully illustrate how to rearrange the display order of columns. To reorder the display of columns in the resulting spreadsheet, perform these tasks:

1. Select an item in the **Selected Columns** list box.
2. Click the **Move Up** button or **Move Down** button to change the order in which the columns are displayed in the spreadsheet.

The customized report will display the columns in the **Selected Columns** list box in the order in which they are listed. The top most column will be displayed as the first (left-most) column, the second column will be displayed to the right of the first column, and so forth.

## Ordering Data

In the Select Data Sort Order dialog box, you can select an ascending or descending sort order for the data in a column. Sort order determines the order in which rows will be displayed in the Drill-Through report. For example, you can sort the contents of a REGION.REGION column in ascending order, which presents the regions in alphabetical order in the Drill-Through report.

- To define the sort order of rows in the Drill-Through report:

1. In the **Available Columns** list box, select the REGION.REGION column.

The columns in the **Available Columns** list box are those that you selected in “[Selecting and Ordering Columns](#)” on page 251. The columns in the **Column** list box are those for which a sort order has already been defined in Hyperion Integration Server Desktop.

If a data sort order was selected when the report was created in Hyperion Integration Server Desktop, the **Order By** list box displays that selection. Otherwise, the default sort order is Ascending.

2. Click  to move the REGION.REGION column to the **Column** list box so that you can define a sort order for the column.

To move a column from one list box to another, click  or . To move all columns from one list box to another, click  or .

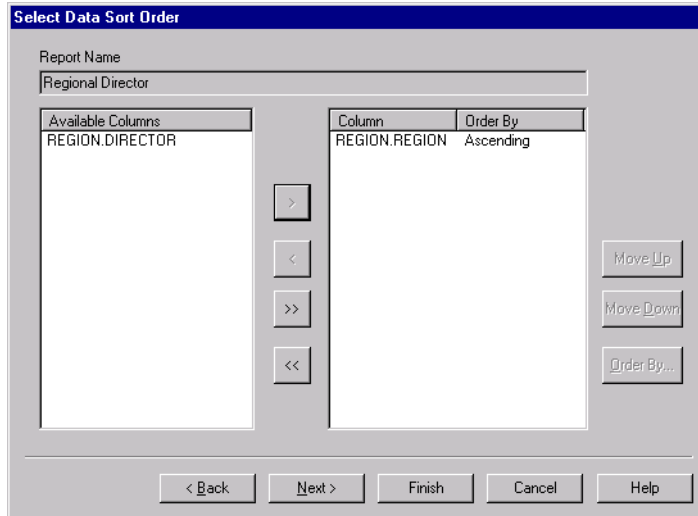


Figure 202: Moving a Column to the Column List Box for Sorting

- 3. In the **Column** list box, double-click the REGION.REGION column to change the data sort order from Ascending to Descending so that region values are displayed in alphabetical order in the Drill-Through report.

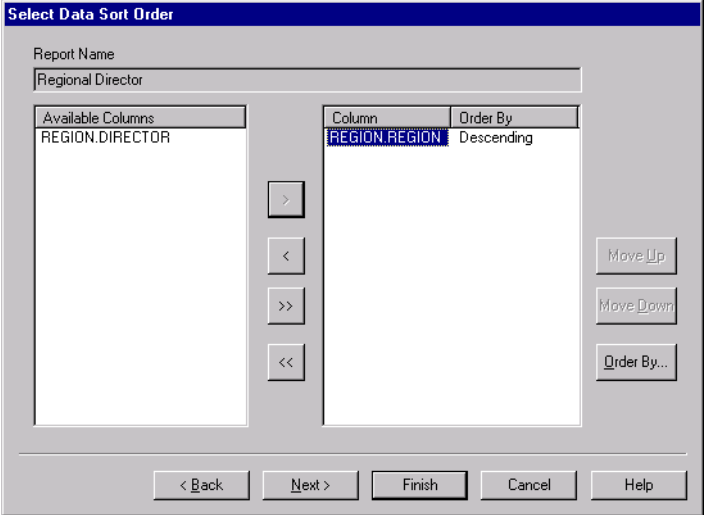


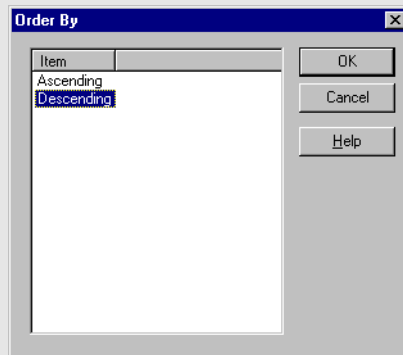
Figure 203: Selecting the Data Sort Order

4. Click **Next** to display the **Select Data Filters** dialog box, and follow the steps in the following section, “[Filtering Data](#)” on page 257 to further customize the report.

To change the data sort order for multiple columns at one time, perform these tasks:

1. Hold down the Ctrl key and select the desired columns from the **Column** list box.
2. Click **Order By**.

Hyperion Integration Server displays the **Order By** dialog box.



*Figure 204: Order By Dialog Box*

3. Select **Ascending** or **Descending** and click **OK** to return to the **Selecting Data Sort Order** dialog box.



## Filtering Data

You can apply filters to determine what Hyperion Integration Server retrieves for the Drill-Through report. For any given column, you may want to retrieve only data that meets certain conditions. For example, the REGION.REGION column in the sample database contains all regions. In the sample Drill-Through report, if you did not apply a filter to this list of regions, Hyperion Integration Server would retrieve all regions from the relational source, because the sample Drill-Through report applies to all regions in the United States. In this section, you will apply a filter to the REGION.REGION column so that only the Western region is included in the report.

► To define a filter:

1. Select the REGION.REGION column from the **Column** list box.

The columns in the **Column** list box are those that you selected in “[Selecting and Ordering Columns](#)” on page 251.

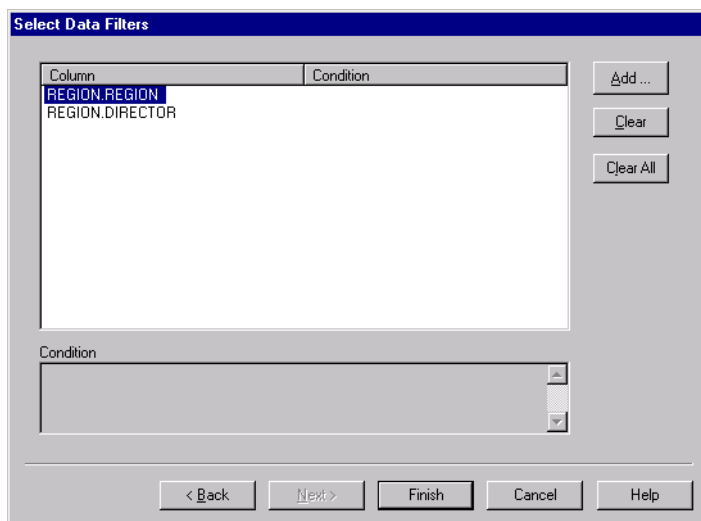


Figure 205: Select Data Filters Dialog Box

**Note:** If there is a filter already attached to the column, it is displayed in the **Condition** list box. The full string of the filter is displayed in the lower **Condition** text box.

2. With the REGION.REGION column selected, click **Add**.

The **Set Filter on Column** dialog box is displayed.

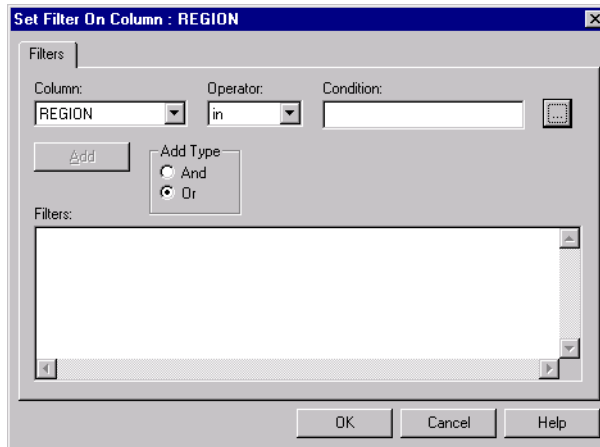



Figure 206: Set Filter on Column Dialog Box

3. Select the REGION column from the **Column** drop-down list box.

The column displayed in the **Column** drop-down list box is the one that you selected in “Filtering Data” on page 257.

4. Select the **in** operator from the **Operator** drop-down list box.

**Note:** You can select multiple values at one time only if you have selected **in** or **not in** as the filter operator. For more information on filter operators, see the Hyperion Integration Server Drill-Through online help.

5. Click the **Browse**  button to open the **Select Filter Values from the List** dialog box, which lists all possible values for that column.

The **Select Filter Values from the List** dialog box is displayed.

**Note:** Hyperion Integration Server retrieves these values directly from the relational data source. If the relational data source contains many values, Hyperion Integration Server confirms if you want to view them all before it retrieves them from the data source.

6. In the **Select Filter Values from the List** dialog box, select **West** and click **OK**. The **Set Filter On Column** dialog box is displayed.

**Note:** You can select multiple values at one time only if you have selected **in** or **not in** as the filter operator.

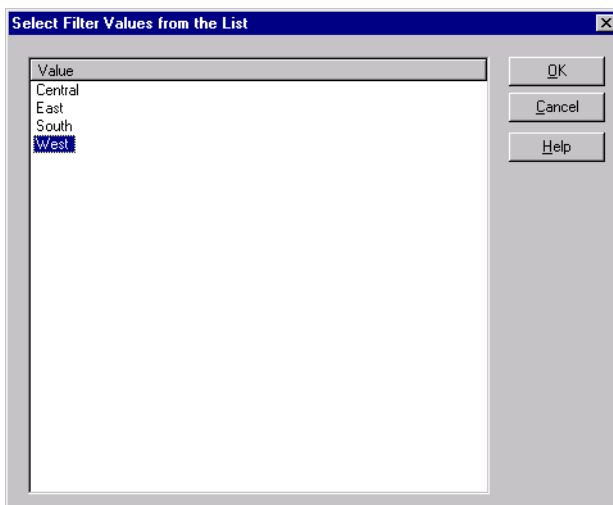
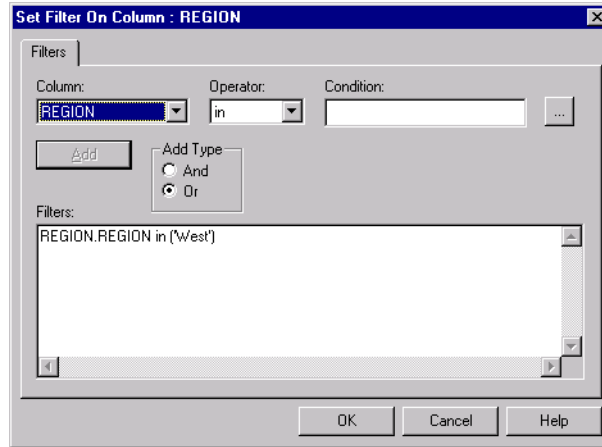


Figure 207: Selecting Filter Values from the List

7. Click **Add** to add the condition to the **Filters** list box.

**Note:** For information on using multiple filter conditions, see the Hyperion Integration Server Drill-Through online help.

The **Set Filter on Column** dialog box should now look like this:



*Figure 208: Defining a Filter for a Column*

The filter defined above causes only West data to show in the Drill-Through report.

**Note:** The **Add** button becomes unselectable after creating the first filter, but becomes selectable when you create another filter. In this tutorial, you are creating only one filter. The **And** and **Or** options are used when combining multiple filters. The default value is **Or**, which means that Hyperion Integration Server applies the filter if *any* of the conditions you specify are met. If you select **And**, Hyperion Integration Server applies the filter only if *all* the conditions are met.

- Click **OK** to return to the **Select Data Filters** dialog box.

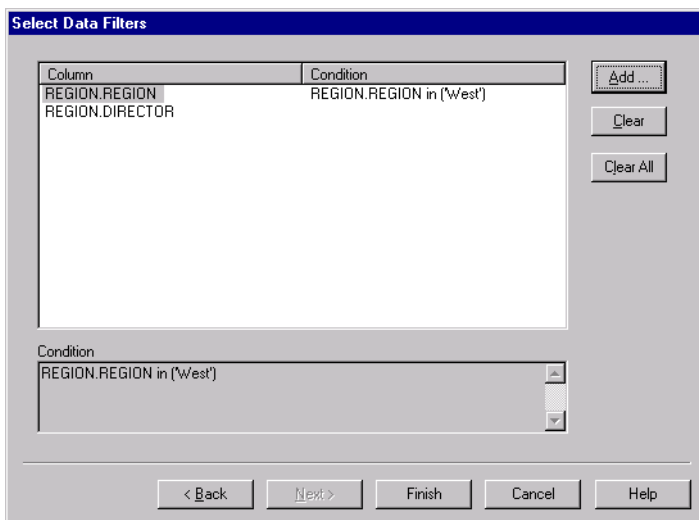


Figure 209: Result of Defining a Filter for a Column

**Note:** You can also create a filter by typing the filter conditions directly into the **Filters** list box of the **Set Filter on Column** dialog box. For more information, see the Hyperion Integration Server Drill-Through online help.

To delete a filter, select the filter and click **Clear**. To delete all filters, click **Clear All**.

- Click **Finish**.

Hyperion Integration Server generates the customized Drill-Through report and displays the results in a new spreadsheet. The new spreadsheet is added to the workbook before the current spreadsheet.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	REGION	DIRECTOR			
2	West	Michael Sun			
3					

Figure 210: Customized Drill-Through Report

In this sample, the customized Drill-Through report reflects the specifications that you set using the Drill-Through Wizard:

- The REGION column is sorted in ascending order.
- The only regional director retrieved from the relational source is the regional director for West, as you specified in the filtering part of the Drill-Through Wizard.

## Disconnecting from Hyperion Essbase

When you finish using Drill-Through, disconnect from the Hyperion Essbase server to free up a port on the server for other Hyperion Essbase Spreadsheet Add-in users.

► To disconnect from the server:

1. Select Essbase > Disconnect.

Hyperion Essbase displays the **Essbase Disconnect** dialog box, where you can disconnect any spreadsheet that is connected to a database.

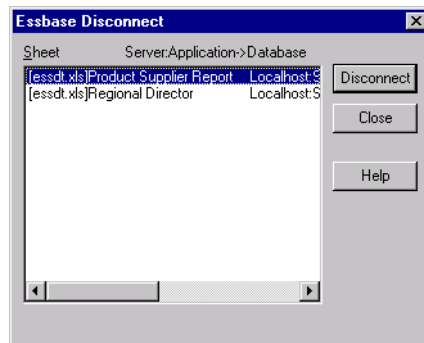


Figure 211: Essbase Disconnect Dialog Box

**Note:** Hyperion Essbase may return an error message when you attempt to disconnect after using Drill-Through. If an error message is returned, select Essbase > Retrieve from the sheet and then disconnect.

2. Select a sheet name from the list and click **Disconnect**.
3. Repeat Step 2 until you have disconnected from all active sheets.
4. Click **Close** to close the **Essbase Disconnect** dialog box.

**Note:** You can also disconnect from the server by closing Excel. An abnormal termination of an Excel session, such as a power loss or system failure, does not disconnect your server connection.





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