

# The XLerant NewsPak

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## Industry Buzz



Congratulate yourself for being ahead of the curve. BudgetPak's "unique approach [in] supporting a culture of budget accountability... while increasing accuracy and collaboration across the enterprise" was recognized by BPM partners, a prestigious third-party source.

## Welcome Back!

Greetings,

I hope you enjoy this second edition of The XLerant NewsPak where you can find out about new features, learn a clever way to do something, and find out what's happening in the XLerant community.



Warm Regards,  
-Joanne E. Brunn, VP Client Services

## Alert! BudgetPak 3.5 coming September 6th

### Our MAJOR new feature:

We are very excited to announce our new embedded excel solution, myXL, that will allow you to do **Dynamic Custom Reporting, Ad-hoc Analysis and Reporting, and Modeling and Calculations** securely inside your BudgetPak application.



myXL can be used for:

- Dynamic custom report workbooks that can be set up once and used by multiple departments throughout the year, filtered by selected departments, time periods, accounts, and versions
- Organization-specific additional calculations such as gross margins, EBITDA, and variance trending to reports
- Slicing and dicing, drilldowns and pivoting using Excel's pivot table functionality
- Ad-hoc analysis for expense reduction, revenue growth, headcount redistribution

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Whitepaper](#)

### Did You Know...

\*Bonus' can be accrued monthly in addition to the actual calendar date.\*

\*You can do a second raise in the middle of the year.\*

- Distribution of calculated amounts across many different departments all at once
- Pre-built complex revenue, allocations or other models  
[Click here to read more](#)



**Applause for our beta testers:** Jeff Ginsberg from Bunker Hill Community College and Dee Boyd from Baptist General Convention of Texas

Note: In order to upgrade to this release, you must be using Microsoft .NET framework 3.5 and SQL Server 2008 Reporting Services.

### How do I... ?

*Q. How do I set up occasional and part time employees to receive no insurance or retirement calculation?*



**A. We heard you.** In the September 1<sup>st</sup> release, we have enhanced BudgetPak to directly support separate calculations by employee class. These 2 additional formulas are:  
\$[A] Per Head by Employee Class  
[A]% of total compensation by Employee Class

The Configure Calculations screen now has a set of rows for each employee class, allowing the formula to be configured differently for each. For example, if there are two employee classes, Exempt and Non-Exempt the calculation for class 'Exempt' can be set to 5% of total compensation versus 7% of total compensation for class 'Non-Exempt'.

Prior to this, you would have had to put these employees in a separate unit, create 'dummy' salary accounts for each class of

employees, create a set of 'dummy' calculated accounts and then map employee events by class.

## Stretch Your Brain



### Leadership Business Officers Panel

September 27, 2011 2:00 EST

**Are you in EDU?** Hear how Business Officers like you have led efforts on their campuses to improve the budget process and embrace the new normal. [Register here](#)

Help your budget holders understand **why you choose BudgetPak** and how it helps to energize a culture of budget accountability by encouraging them to [View Webinar Archives](#) .

## Client Profile

*We wouldn't be us without you!*

This month we would like to profile **Drew University**. [Click here](#) to find out what happened when they invited their department heads to be involved in the selection process.



*Howard - Thank you for allowing us to interview you for this case study.*

## Odds N Ends

- Meet [Sal Arena](#), our new Vice President of Sales.

- Make plans to join us for our **User Conference Webinar in September** highlighting our exciting new embedded Excel solution - 'myXL.' Look for your invitation in a few weeks.



- Take a look at our new [Our Solution](#) section of XLERANT.com.

- Thanks to those of you who completed the on-line survey - if you

have received a link to **Survey Monkey** and haven't yet completed it - please take 10 minutes and do so - Thanks!

- Stay tuned for information coming out later this month about becoming a member of the **Client Advisory Board**.

## Talk to us!

- Do you have a BudgetPak question?
- Is there a feature that you would love to see in an upcoming release?
- Do you need a training refresher or consulting help?

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