Special Solutions

Functionality and Requirements

ODBC stands for Open Database Connectivity and is a connection which is used to allow a user to get information form a system e.g. VIP and into an external source e.g. Excel

- You can create your own reports in Excel using the VIP ODBC Tables

- The tables consists of fields found in the VIP System

- Within the report, once the data has been extracted, the user can:

  – Manipulate the information extracted

  – Add formulas and Charts

  – Create pivot tables and charts

- ODBC is also used in:

  – SMART Reporting

  – Sage Intelligence Reporting

System Requirements for ODBC, SMART and Sage Intelligence

- VIP must be mapped to a drive letter under computer e.g. V:\ and not to a server name e.g. \\servername

- Local admin rights on the C:\ or profile logging in on the terminal server and the VIP directory

- If users log in via a terminal connection, the profile will need the requirements listed

- Operating System: Windows 7, 8 and 10 (32 or 64-bit)

- Reporting tool: Minimum Office 2007 (for SMART Office 2010), Professional – activated and installed with all features and add-ins running from this computer (32-bit), only Sage Intelligence does work on 64-bit office packages

- User will need full local administrative rights (read/write/modify) on both the PC and the VIP directory

- Anti-Virus, Firewalls and Windows Defender must *exclude* the VIP directory as this can remove and restrict access to files.

- .NET Frameworks:

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  – 2 Service Pack 2

  – 3 Service Pack 2

  – 3.5 Service Pack 1

  – 4 Full client

  – 4.5.1

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