

Problems with Exporting to Excel

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Experts, I have a question.

I have a requirement that the users would like some data pumped into Excel from our SQL Server database. I have the sp's written to extract the data. My problem lies in the export from SQL Server to Excel.

Since they want the reports to be delivered in 1 documents I've decided to use worksheets. I have the template .xls created and have that copied in.

The steps of the DTS are as follows:

- 1) Copy over template to \export directory.
- 2) Run stored procs to prep data
- 3) Export Data
- 4) Send .xls via mail

The problem is in step 3. I have 12 different pipes from the one source into the .xls. I did this to avoid having to have multiple sources and multiple sql tasks to run 1 stored proc. I'm having the following issues doing so.

- 1) Sometimes the pipes fail giving error that the document is in use and cant resubmit or reopen the pipe. I believe this is caused by one of the other pipes blocking the current pipe. I have found no way to sequence the pipes for priority or steps.
- 2) Sometimes on some of the sheets when I open the document appear to be blank, however, when I scroll down there is data. I'm getting 30-40 blank rows between the header and the first row of data.

Any help or ideas would be greatly appreciated. In the mean time, I'm going to start breaking this apart because I have that feelings that just how I have to do it.. :(

Thanks in advance!

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