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Overview

X-Author for Excel addresses two key areas for using Excel and Salesforce together.

For Salesforce applications like CRM, Apttus CPQ or other custom applications. X-Author lets you use Microsoft Excel natively as a user interface (UI) for tasks that really need Excel rather than a browser UI. You can use a new or existing spreadsheet to connect to Salesforce, or you can launch a spreadsheet directly from within Salesforce. X-Author for Excel can accommodate many formats (not just grids), simultaneously use multiple objects, and access data that is spread across multiple worksheets, and make use of powerful query capabilities.

For traditional stand-alone spreadsheets. In many companies, there are hundreds of thousands of spreadsheets. In these companies, people route spreadsheets through email and shared drives. This means you don't always know who has the latest version. If worksheets are being cut and pasted into other spreadsheets, it takes a lot of time to get properly consolidated reporting, and integrity is often questionable. For these use cases, consider having some or all the data in these spreadsheets housed in Salesforce. With X-Author, you can retain the Microsoft Excel UI and formats, but the data is instantly available in the Salesforce cloud for easy enterprise control, reporting, and routing. Because X-Author centralizes the Microsoft Excel templates in Salesforce, you can create and enforce security and version control over the data even though it's being used in Microsoft Excel.

In both cases, you can use just the Microsoft Excel UI and the data will move between Excel and Salesforce. Or, if you still need the actual Microsoft Excel file for audit purposes—or perhaps because it contains more data than what you might choose to store in Salesforce—X-Author offers file check-in and check-out capabilities to provide centralized control.

Installing X-Author for Excel

The following table summarizes the components required to install and begin working with X-Author for Excel. Refer to Release Notes for the most current versions.

Component	Type	Notes
Apttus X-Author for Excel (Apttus_XApps / Runtime).	Salesforce Managed Package	This package must be installed first.
Apttus X-Author Designer for Excel (Apttus_XAppsDS / Designer).	Salesforce Managed Package	
Apttus X-Author for Excel: Designer + Runtime	Microsoft Excel Add-in	This add-in allows you to work with the X-Author Excel and X-Author Designer tabs in Microsoft Excel (Designers and Admins).
Apttus X-Author for Excel: Runtime Only	Microsoft Excel Add-in	This add-in allows you to work with the X-Author Excel tab in Microsoft Excel (Runtime users).
The following packages are optional and may be required in addition to the above components based on your license(s).		
Apttus X-Author for Excel (Admin)	Salesforce Managed Package	Required for Power Admin licenses or the legacy Data Migration product.

Component	Type	Notes
Apttus Document Generation	Salesforce Managed Package	Required for X-Author Presto licenses. This package must be installed first.
Apttus X-Author for Excel Document Generation	Salesforce Managed Package	Required for X-Author Presto licenses.

Minimum Packages Required by Role

The following table describes the minimum Salesforce package licenses required for specific X-Author roles.

Role	Salesforce Package(s) Licensed
Runtime User	X-Author for Excel
Designer	X-Author for Excel, X-Author Designer for Excel
Power Admin	X-Author for Excel, X-Author Designer for Excel, X-Author for Excel (Power Admin)
Presto User	X-Author for Excel, Document Generation, X-Author for Excel Document Generation

Setting Salesforce Permissions

After you install X-Author, you must provide users with the proper permissions for accessing the managed packages. Additionally, you must set field-level permissions on the App object that is created during the installation of the managed package.

Assigning User Profile Permissions

You must assign the following permissions in Salesforce to the user profiles of users who will use X-Author for Excel. Unless they have a System Administrator profile, users will not automatically have access to the package contents that are required to access X-Author functionality. The following permissions must be configured.

Runtime Users	
Custom App Settings	Apttus X-Author for Excel: Visible
Tab Settings	X-Author for Excel: Default on
Custom object permissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apps: Read • App Assignments: Read • App Files: Read / Create / Edit / Delete
Enabled Apex Class Access	Apttus_XApps.AppBuilderWS
Enabled Visualforce Page Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apttus_XApps.SearchSelectAction • Apttus_XApps.Landing
Designer Users	
Custom App Settings	Apttus X-Author for Excel: Visible

Designer Users	
Tab Settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • X-Author for Excel: Default on • X-Author Designer: Default on • Apps: Default on • App Licenses: Default on
Custom object permissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apps: Read / Write • App Assignments: Read / Write • App Files: Read / Create / Edit / Delete
Enabled Apex Class Access	Apttus_XApps.AppBuilderWS
Enabled Visualforce Page Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apttus_XApps.SearchSelectAction • Apttus_XApps.Landing • Apttus_XApps.LicenseManager • Apttus_XAppsDS.DesignerInfo • Apttus_XAppsDS.AppAssignmentOverview • Apttus_XAppsDS.AppAssignmentUsers • Apttus_XAppsDS.AppAssignmentProfiles

Default Permission Sets

From the May release onwards, the X-Author for Excel Designer and Runtime packages comprise the default permission sets for designer and runtime users with requisite permissions needed to design and run apps respectively.

Assigning Field-Level Permissions

The Activated and UniqueId fields on the App object must be set to visible. Usually, these permissions will be set during the installation of the managed package. However, depending on org-specific security settings, you might need to set these permissions manually.

To set the field-level permissions

1. In Salesforce App Setup, go to Create > Objects > App.
2. Click Custom Fields and Relationships.
3. Click Activated.
4. Click Set Field Level Security.
5. Make sure that the Visible check box is selected for every profile that requires app access.
6. Repeat steps 3 through 5 for the UniqueId custom field definition.
7. Click Save.

Apttus X-Author for Excel Objects

The following objects contain fields that are maintained in the corresponding tables for the objects.

X-Author for Excel Object	Purpose of the Object
App	Apttus X-Author Excel Application
App Assignment	Assignment of X-Author for Excel App to user or profile
App File	Apttus X-Author for Excel™ Application Files for Check-in and Check-Out functionality

X-Author Add-ins

There are two executable files:

- X-Author Designer, which comes bundled with X-Author for Excel
- X-Author for Excel, which is to be installed for end users who will not be designers

The installation process creates a folder on your computer that contains the files required to use the X-Author Designer and the X-Author for Excel add-ins. Depending on the version of Windows you are using, the folder is created either in your Program Files or Program Files (x86) directory.

Installation Requirements

Your computer must meet the minimum requirements listed below.



The Mac OS X operating system is not supported; however X-Author can be used on a Mac that is running a Windows Virtual Machine in a VMWare or Parallels environment.

Component	Requirement
Microsoft	Microsoft Excel 2010 (32 bit & 64 bit), Microsoft Excel 2013 (32 bit & 64 bit)
Microsoft	Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5
Microsoft	Microsoft Visual Studio 2010 Tools for Office Runtime
Microsoft	Microsoft Office 2010 Primary Interop Assemblies
Salesforce	Any Salesforce edition that provides API support for the Salesforce objects that will be accessed in an X-Author for Excel App.

Before you install X-Author Designer:

- You must be connected to the Internet.

- You must have access to the X-Author for Excel or X-Author Designer executable file.
- You must have Administrator permissions on the computer being used for the install.
- You must close all instances of Microsoft Excel.

To Install X-Author Designer or X-Author for Excel

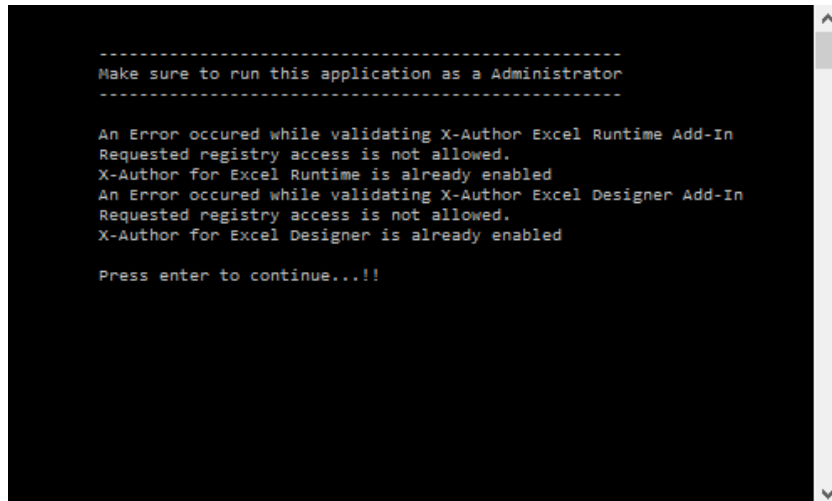
1. Double-click the installer executable to display the InstallShield Wizard. In rare instances, a restart of Windows may be required. Click Yes to confirm the restart and, once you log in to Windows, the installer should resume automatically.
2. Click Next to start the wizard.
3. On the License Agreement screen, select I accept. and click Next. If you do not accept the terms of the agreement, X-Author will not be installed on your computer.
4. Click Install to begin the installation process. If any components need to be installed for X-Author to work as expected, they will be automatically detected as missing and installed. If components are required but cannot be accessed through the Internet, an appropriate message will be displayed and the install will need to be completed after all missing components have been manually installed.
5. Click Finish to close the wizard and complete the installation.
6. Open Microsoft Excel.

The X-Author Designer and/or X-Author for Excel ribbon tab should be available in Excel. If the ribbon tab is not displayed, you may need to register X-Author Designer or X-Author for Excel with Excel.

Correcting Missing X-Author Add-in tabs

From the May Patch 1 release onwards, the X-Author for Excel, Designer, and Runtime Tabs in Excel need not be enabled from COM Add-ins in Excel manually every time an instance of Microsoft Excel is opened. A registry diagnostic tool that Apttus provides fixes the Registry load setting behavior of Microsoft Excel. When a user installs our regular build, the diagnostic utility will be a part of it in the install directory. A shortcut for the Diagnostic Utility is also created on the desktop.

You need to have administrator rights in the system you want to run the diagnostic tool in. Run the appbuilder_diagnosis executable and Press Enter.

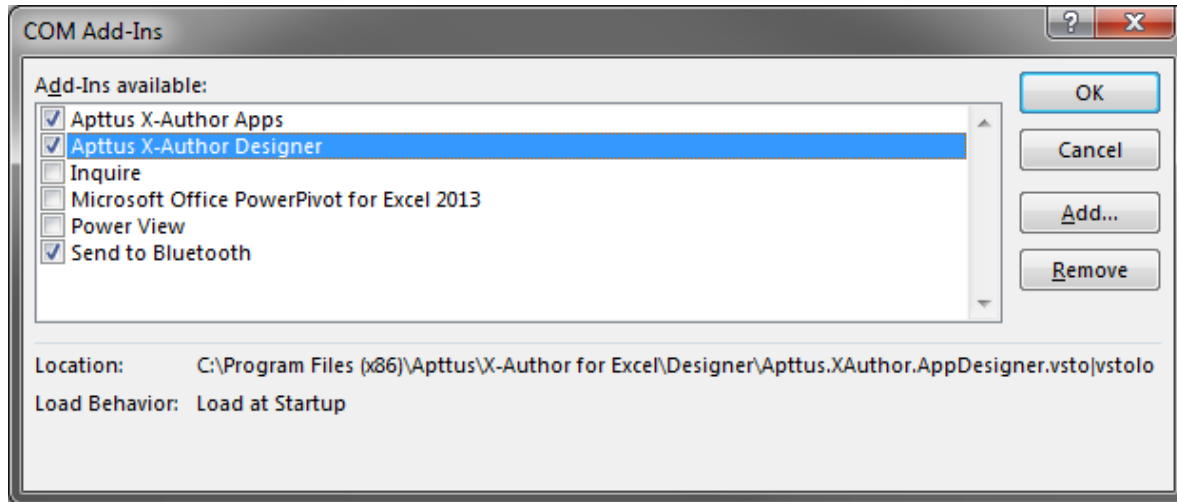


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Make sure to run this application as a Administrator  
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An Error occured while validating X-Author Excel Runtime Add-In  
Requested registry access is not allowed.  
X-Author for Excel Runtime is already enabled  
An Error occured while validating X-Author Excel Designer Add-In  
Requested registry access is not allowed.  
X-Author for Excel Designer is already enabled  
  
Press enter to continue...!!
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In rare cases, the X-Author Designer or X-Author for Excel tabs are not properly installed and, therefore, are not visible in your Microsoft Excel ribbon menu. If this occurs, you must manually register the X-Author add-in to add it to the Excel ribbon.

To manually register the Add-Ins

1. Start Excel and select File > Options to display the Excel Options dialog.
2. Click Add-Ins, select COM Add-ins from the Manage list, and click Go.
3. Click the Apttus X-Author Designer and X-Author for Excel check boxes and click OK.



The add-ins will now be available in the Excel ribbon; however, you may need to restart Excel for it to display as expected.

Enabling Proxy Authentication

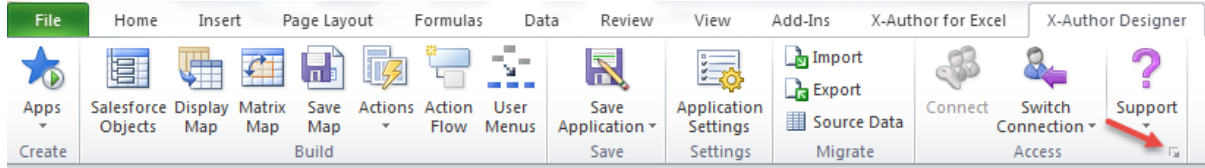
By default, X-Author for Excel will use your Microsoft Internet Explorer (IE) proxy settings. Because the IE settings are used to connect to your Salesforce org, the default configuration will work for X-Author in most cases. However, if your work environment is behind a firewall and you need to manually configure proxy authentication to connect to Salesforce, you must complete the procedure in this section.


i Microsoft Internet Explorer Proxy Settings

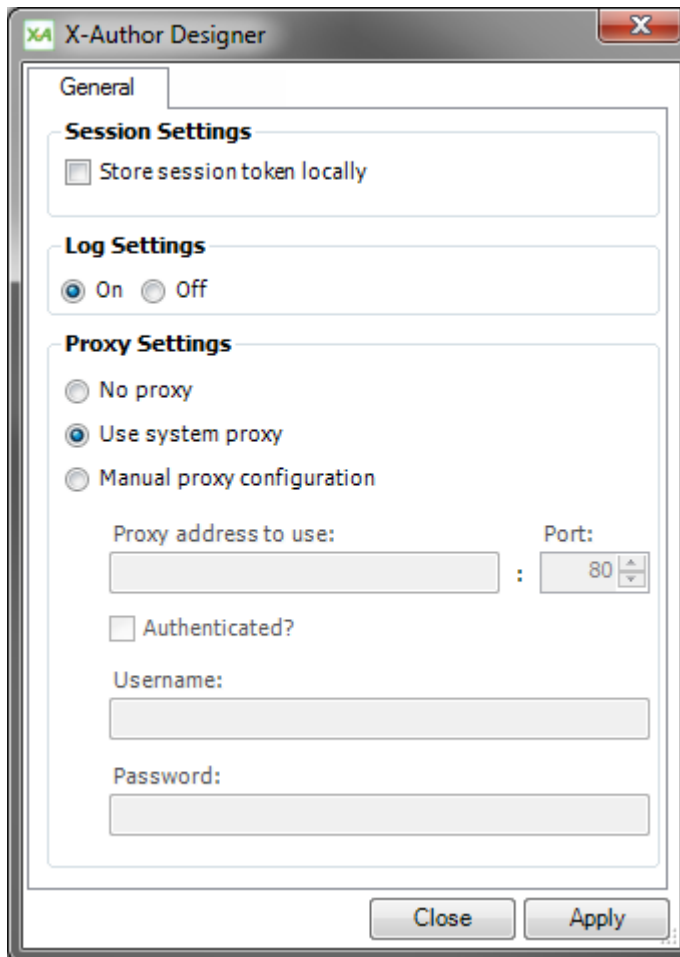
Proxy server settings in IE are located at Tools > Internet Options > Connections > LAN Settings. However, the location of the proxy server settings in IE may be different due to your IE version. Refer to Microsoft IE's documentation for more information.

To enable X-Author for proxy authentication

1. Open Excel and click either the X-Author Designer or X-Author for Excel tab.



2. In the lower right corner of the Access section, click . The X-Author Designer dialog opens.



3. On the General tab, click one of the following radio buttons.

Setting	Description
No proxy	Click this radio button if you do not use a proxy connection.
Use system proxy	Click this radio button to use the Microsoft Internet Options setting to determine your proxy server settings. If you choose this option, X-Author will automatically resolve the connection so that you can successfully login to X-Author and connect to your Salesforce org. This is the default setting.
Manual proxy configuration	Click this radio button to enter the settings for the proxy server you will be using. If you choose this option, you must enter the address and port number of your proxy server in the Proxy Address to Use and Port fields, respectively. If you are required to provide authentication information, click the Authenticated check box and enter a user name and password in the provided fields.

4. Click Apply and Close.

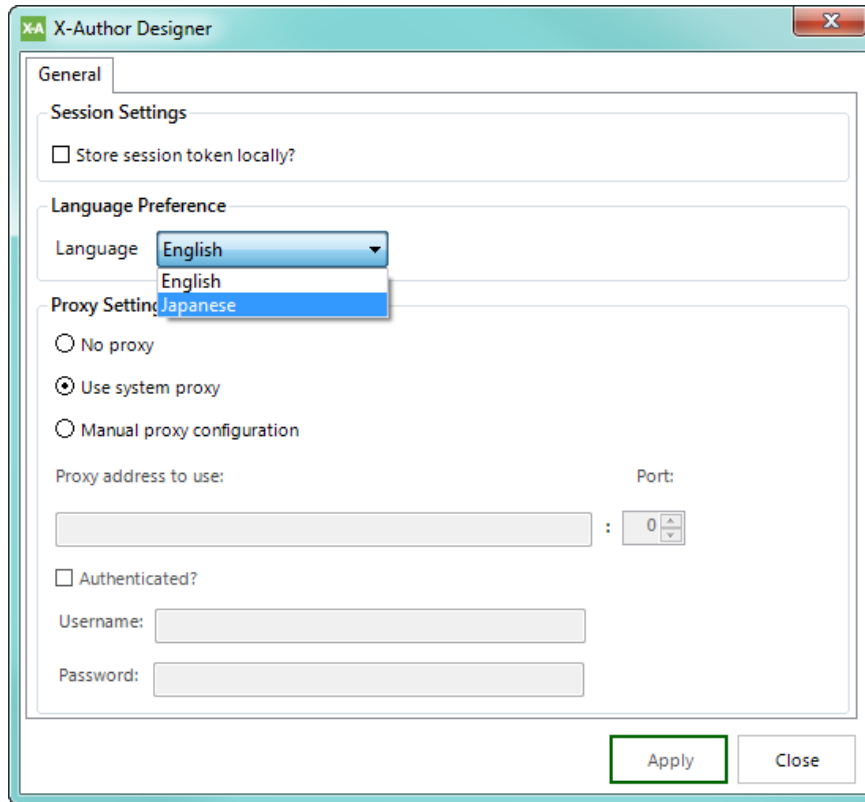
Your system proxy settings are now associated with X-Author Designer and will take effect the next time you log in.

Multi-Language Support

X-Author for Excel is available in the Japanese (Nihongo) language. Currently, the application supports Validation Messages, Captions, Labels, Error Messages, and Warnings in the Japanese (Nihongo) language. The actual data remains as in the Salesforce org.

From the May Patch 2 release onwards, you can now choose a language to display the data in X-Author for Excel. Currently the supported languages are English and Japanese.

Go to Support > General Settings and set the language preference as English or Japanese. After changing this option, restart Microsoft Excel.

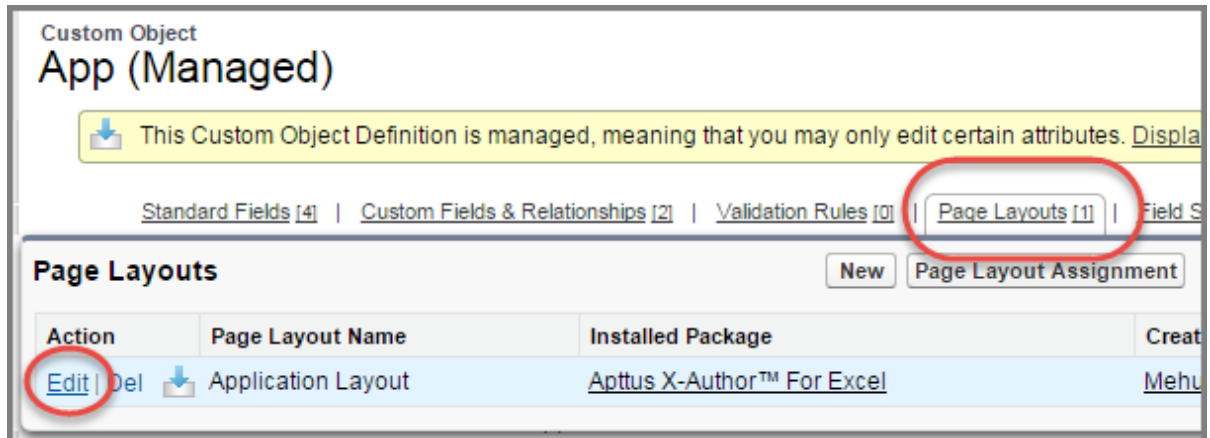


Completing Setup for Designers

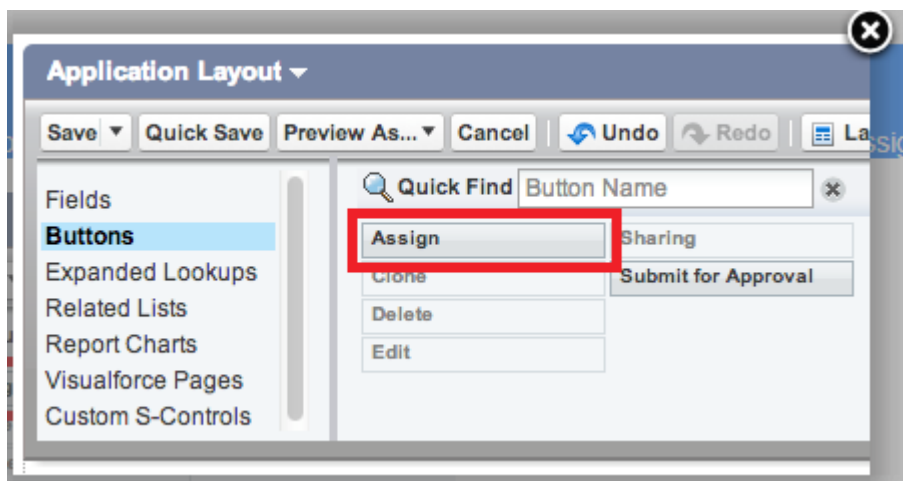
Designers must have two buttons added to their layouts before they can use X-Author Designer: the Assign button and the Excel Setup button.

To add the Assign button

1. Go to Setup > App Setup > Create > Objects.
2. Click the App object.
3. Hover over the Page Layouts button (located at the top of the page) and click Edit next to Application Layout.



4. In the left panel, click Buttons.
5. If the Assign button isn't in the displayed as shown in the following figure, you will need to add it for designers.



i Add the assign button to the layout which leads you to the user profile page.

To add the Edit in Excel Setup button

Designers must have the Edit in Excel Setup button added to their layout on the Apps List view in order to use the Launch from Salesforce feature.

1. Go to Salesforce Setup > Create > Objects and click App.
2. In the Search Layouts section, click Edit next to Apps List View and move the Edit in Excel Setup to Selected Buttons.

Search Layouts			
Action	Layout	Columns Displayed	Buttons Displayed
Edit	Search Results	Application Name	
Edit	Lookup Dialogs	Application Name	N/A
Edit	Lookup Phone Dialogs	Application Name	N/A
Edit	Apps Tab	Application Name	N/A
Edit	Apps List View	N/A	New,Accept,Change Owner,Edit In Excel Setup
Edit	Search Filter Fields		N/A

3. Click Save.

Getting Started with X-Author for Excel

This section contains information to help you get started with X-Author for Excel.

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Required Licenses

App creation requires a combination of licenses and user assignment:

Apttus Licenses

- One or more X-Author for Excel product editions e.g. X-Author Enterprise or X-Author Power Admin

User Assignment:

- X-Author Designer Package—Assignment to this package is required for app designers.
- X-Author for Excel Package —Assignment to this package is required for designer and runtime users who can run any app that has been both activated and assigned to them by a designer.
- X-Author for Chatter Package —Assignment to this package is required to use the embedded X-Author for Chatter functionality.

Salesforce Licenses

- To access Salesforce.com from Microsoft Excel using any X-Author for Excel edition, a user must have an API-enabled Salesforce.com license to the objects they need to access.
- To use X-Author for Chatter, Salesforce Chatter licenses with API access are required.

Apps and Where They're Stored

An X-Author for Excel application (app) is created within Microsoft Excel using X-Author Designer. There is no coding because all configuration is accomplished through the point-and-click designer.

An app is the combination of:

- A Microsoft Excel template that contains the Excel workbook layout.
- An XML file that contains the app-specific User Menus, Action Flows, maps, and other user-experience elements.

Apps are stored in the Applications object within a Salesforce org. Each App is represented by one application record in which the Microsoft Excel spreadsheet template, an XML file, and other configuration data are stored in the Notes and Attachments. (These files should not be edited without using the X-Author Designer or it may corrupt the App.)

X-Author for Excel apps are not related to the Salesforce definition of an application or app. A single X-Author App can include any number of objects that span any number of Salesforce applications.

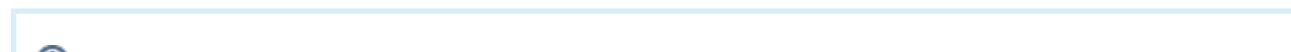
About App Creation and Execution


Apps can take as little as 5 minutes to create using the individual X-Author Designer components or less than a minute with the Quick App function. Using the full Designer, Apps are built by working from left to right on the X-Author Designer ribbon, starting with the Apps button and ending with the Application Settings button.

During runtime, the order is reversed. The end user clicks a ribbon button that calls an action flow, which executes a sequential set of actions that retrieve, save, or manipulate the data.

App Migration and Cloning

Using X-Author for Excel's import and export capabilities, you can quickly transfer apps from one Salesforce org to another.




 The objects and fields in the source Salesforce org (the org you are exporting from) must also exist in the target Salesforce org.

You can also clone apps using the Clone function located in the Save Application menu in the X-Author Designer ribbon.

Testing Apps

App design is performed in the X-Author Designer tab, but app testing is performed in the X-Author for Excel tab. The Preview button switches the app from design into runtime mode.

 Make sure you have saved your app before clicking Preview.

Switching Between Design and Runtime instances

If you have both Design and Runtime instances open at the same time, switch between them using the task bar and not the Add-in tabs.

Connecting to Salesforce from Excel

Now that you have installed X-Author, you need to open Excel and connect X-Author to your Salesforce org. You can create connections to multiple Salesforce orgs, switch between orgs without leaving Excel, and revoke existing connections.

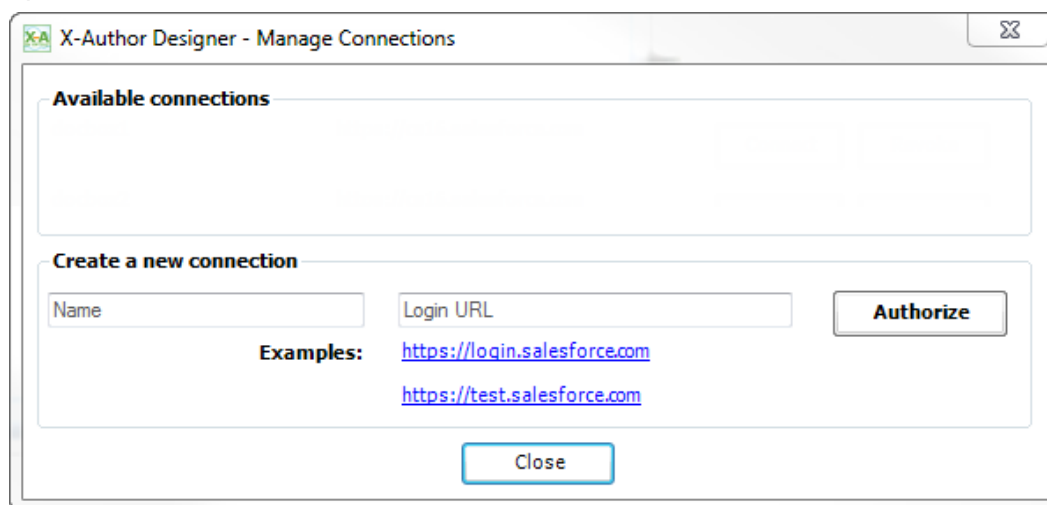
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Connecting to Salesforce from Excel

Use the following process to connect to your Salesforce org.

To connect to Salesforce from X-Author Designer

1. Open Excel.
2. In the X-Author Designer or X-Author for Excel ribbon menu, click Connect.
If this is the first time you have connected to Salesforce, the Manage Connections window opens.



3. Under the Create a new connection section and in the Name field, enter the Salesforce.com user name.



If you have previously connected to Salesforce, but need to connect to a different org, refer to *Switching Salesforce Connections*.

4. In the Login URL field, type the URL you use to log in to Salesforce (In many cases, the URL is login.salesforce.com for production orgs and test.salesforce.com for sandboxes. You can click the shortcut for either of these in the Examples section).
5. Click Authorize. The Salesforce login window opens.

6. Type your username and password in the provided fields and click Log in to Salesforce.

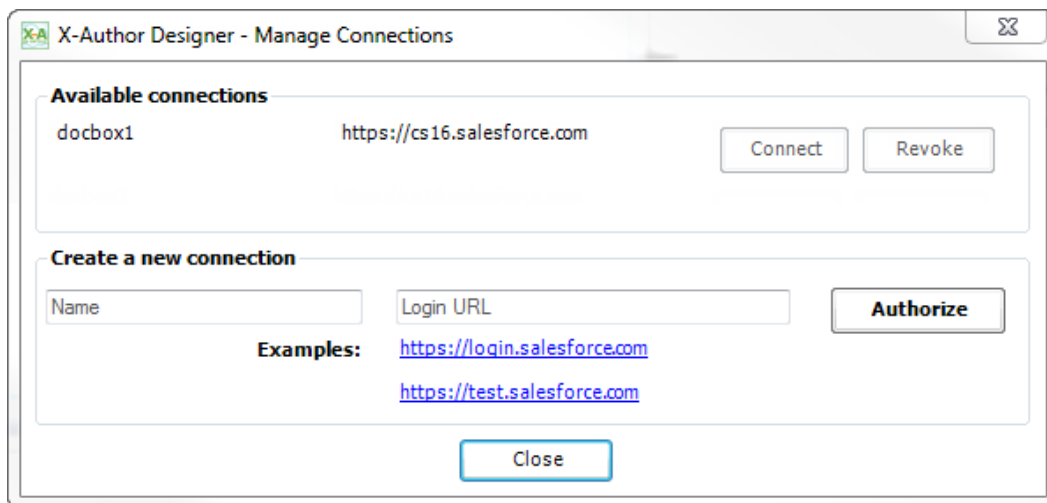
The X-Author Designer ribbon is fully enabled. Now you can start designing an app or using existing apps.

Adding More Connections

If you use X-Author for Excel with more than one Salesforce org, you can connect to multiple instances of Salesforce.

To add a Salesforce connection

1. Open Excel.
2. In the X-Author Designer or X-Author for Excel ribbon menu, click Switch Connection and select Manage Connections. The Manage Connections window opens.



3. Under the Create a New Connection section, enter the Salesforce.com user name.
4. In the Login URL field, type the URL you use to log in to Salesforce (In many cases, the URL is login.salesforce.com for production orgs and test.salesforce.com for sandboxes. You can click the shortcut for either of these in the Examples section).
5. Click Authorize. The Salesforce login window opens.
6. Type your username and password in the provided fields and click Log in to Salesforce.

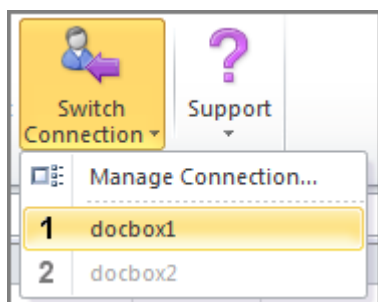
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Switching Salesforce Connections

If you have previously connected to a Salesforce org and now need to connect to a different org, you will need to switch connections because the connection will default to the org you most recently connected to. Use the following procedure to switch from one org to another, regardless of whether or not you are already connected to an org.

To switch Salesforce connections

1. In the X-Author Designer or X-Author for Excel ribbon menu, click Switch Connection.



2. Select a connection from the drop-down menu. The Salesforce login window opens.
3. Type your password and click Log in to Salesforce.

The X-Author Designer ribbon is fully enabled. Now you can start designing an app or using existing apps.

Revoking Connections

If you no longer need to connect to a Salesforce org, you can revoke the connection. After a connection is revoked, you will no longer see that connection as an option when switching or managing connections.

To revoke a Salesforce connection

1. Open Excel.

2. In the X-Author Designer ribbon menu, click Switch Connection and select Manage Connections. The Manage Connections window opens.
3. Click the Revoke button next to the connection you want to remove. The Revoke Access confirmation window opens.
4. Click Yes to confirm the revocation.

The connection will no longer be available in X-Author.

Follow the installation instructions to get the packages and add-ins installed and to connect to your Salesforce org.

Activating and Assigning Apps

Once you have created an app, you need to activate the app in Salesforce and assign it to runtime users.

Activating Apps

After you create an app in X-Author for Excel, the app must be activated in Salesforce.

To activate apps

1. Login to Salesforce.
2. In the [Force.com](#) app menu, click X-Author for Excel.
3. Click Apps.
4. Click Edit next to the newly created app.
5. Click the Activate check box and click Save.

The app has been activated. Now you can assign it to users.

Assigning Apps to Runtime Users

Now that you have activated the app, you need to assign it to runtime users. Assigning the app allows specific users or users with specific profiles to access the app in the X-Author for Excel ribbon menu in Excel.

To assign apps to runtime users

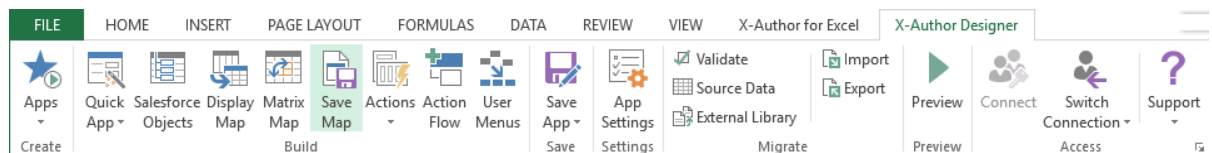
1. Login to Salesforce.
2. In the [Force.com](https://force.com) app menu, click X-Author for Excel.
3. Click Apps.
4. Click Assign next to the newly created app.
5. Check the boxes for the appropriate users or profiles.
6. Click Save.

Previewing Apps


Now that you have created an app, you can preview the app, running it as a user would.

To preview an app

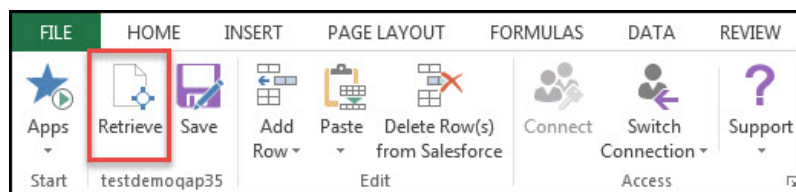
1. After creating an app, click the Preview button in the ribbon menu.



The app opens in the X-Author for Excel tab.

 When you click Preview, a new worksheet opens and X-Author for Excel must reconnect to the Salesforce org. This may take a few seconds.

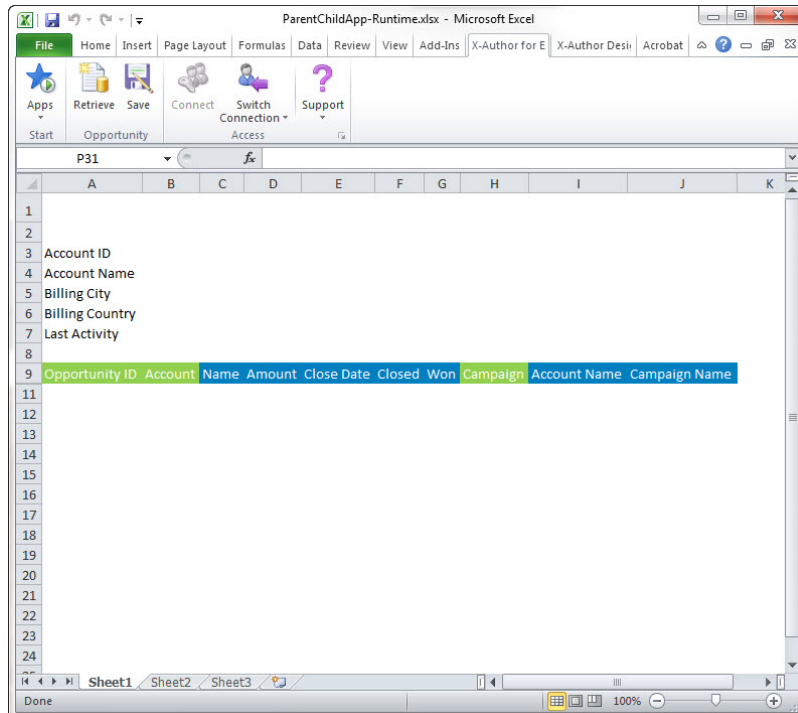
2. In the ribbon menu, click the Retrieve button to download data from Salesforce into Excel.



You can now test your app by retrieving data and adding, pasting, and deleting rows.

Example of Previewing an App

In this example, we will preview a parent-child app (Accounts and Opportunities, respectively) that allows us to search by Account Name or Billing City. This is what our app looks like when it first opens.



In this example, Display fields are indicated by the blue background and Save fields are indicated by the green background. These colors can be set when creating apps.

When you click the Retrieve button, the Search Account window opens. (Account is the parent object in our app.)

Search Account

Search Across Filters: Search Clear Hide Filters

Account Name: Billing City:

19 Account record(s) retrieved

Account Name	Billing City	Billing Country	Last Activity
Acme	New York	USA	
salesforce.com	San Francisco	USA	
Global Media	Toronto	Canada	
Automation Account			
VN Account Test1			
ExclusionBAccount			
ValidationAccount			
ExclusionAccount			
Automation Assets Account			
AutoPerfTestAccount			
Automation Multi-Location Account			
Automation Exclusion Account			
Automation Multi-Location Account...			
Automation Ramp Account			
Auto Price Breakup			
Automation MLL Account			
Auto PRPG Account			

Next Cancel

Notice that you can search by Account Name, Billing City. These are the fields that were set as Search fields for the Accounts object when the app was designed.

Notice that the Account Name, Billing City, Billing Country, and Last Activity fields are all displaying in the results panel. These are the fields that were set as Results fields when the app was designed.

If you want to see all Opportunities for only the Toronto office of Global Media, you can type search text in both search fields.

To search all available search fields at one time, you would type your search text in the Search Across Filters text box.

For this example, we will search for all opportunities in Toronto, Canada.

Search Account

Search Across Filters : Search Clear [Hide Filters](#)

Account Name : Billing City :

1 Account record(s) retrieved

Account Name	Billing City	Billing Country	Last Activity
Global Media	Toronto	Canada	

Next Cancel

Double-click the search result you want to retrieve data from, or select a row and click Next. The Search Opportunities window opens. (Opportunities is the child object in our app.)

Search Opportunity

Search Across Filters : Search Clear [Hide Filters](#)

Account : Campaign :

Won : ☐ Close Date :

Account Name : Campaign Name :

☐ Select All 3 Opportunity record(s) retrieved

	Account	Name	Amount	Close Date	Closed	Won	Campaign	Account Name	Campaign Name
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	001i0000007fx...	salesforce.co...	500000	2011-01-05	true	true		Global Media	
<input type="checkbox"/>	001i0000007fx...	salesforce.co...	50000	2011-01-05	true	true		Global Media	
<input type="checkbox"/>	001i0000007fx...	Global Media ...	40000	2011-03-08	false	false		Global Media	

Next Cancel

Again, all of the search fields available on this page are the fields that were configured to be search fields for the Opportunities object when the app was created. You can use these search fields to narrow your results.

In our case, we want to retrieve all three of the opportunities that were retrieved, so we will click the Select All check box and click Next.

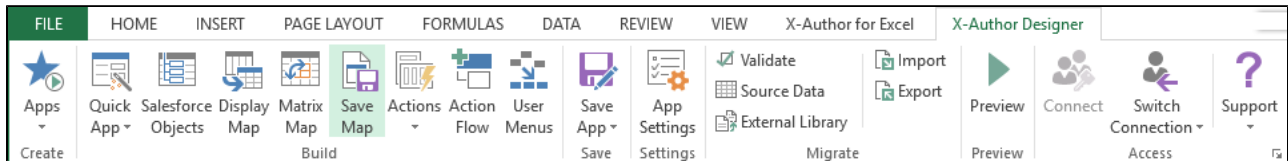
The search window closes and our data is retrieved and added to our Excel worksheet.

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1										
2										
3	Account ID	001i0000007fxwDAAQ								
4	Account Name	Global Media								
5	Billing City	Toronto								
6	Billing Country	Canada								
7	Last Activity									
8										
9	Opportunity ID	Account	Name	Amount	Close Date	Closed	Won	Campaign	Account Name	Campaign Name
11	006i0000003Y7gHAAS	001i0000007fxwDAAQ	salesforce.com - 5000 Widgets	500,000.00	1/5/2011	TRUE	TRUE		Global Media	
12	006i0000003Y7gIAAS	001i0000007fxwDAAQ	salesforce.com - 500 Widgets	50,000.00	1/5/2011	TRUE	TRUE		Global Media	
13	006i0000003Y7gJAAS	001i0000007fxwDAAQ	Global Media - 400 Widgets	40,000.00	3/8/2011	FALSE	FALSE		Global Media	
14										
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Designing Apps

All of the controls you need to use X-Author Designer are located in the X-Author Designer ribbon menu in Microsoft Excel.



Before you start designing apps, you should familiarize yourself with the X-Author for Excel components that are accessed through the X-Author Designer ribbon menu. Click the link in the first column to learn more about the component.

Component	Description
Apps	Click this button to create a new app, change the app type, or open an existing app. (Click the Quick App button to instead create a simple single-object app or a parent-child-type app.)
Salesforce Objects	Click this button to specify the Salesforce objects and fields you will use in the app. (This section only covers single object and parent-child objects.)
Display Map	Click this button to define the associations between Excel spreadsheet cells and Salesforce fields for the Salesforce data to be retrieved. When data is retrieved from Salesforce, using one of the X-Author data invoking actions, it is temporarily stored in Excel memory before being placed into the worksheet. X-Author then uses a Display Map to place the data in the correct Excel cells.
Save Map	Click this button to define relationships between Salesforce fields and Excel cells for data that will be saved to Salesforce.
Actions	

Component	Description
	Click this button to assign actions to your app. Actions can be used to retrieve, display, and save data. They can also automate tasks in Excel worksheets and call Salesforce methods.
Action Flow	Click this button to define a sequence of one more actions that will be executed when end users click buttons on the app's ribbon menu.
User Menus	Click this button to create the ribbon menus that your end users will see in the X-Author for Excel ribbon in Excel.
Matrix Map	Click this button to define a matrix map. Matrix maps extend the capabilities of X-Author for Excel well beyond list formats. In lists, one Salesforce record is represented per Excel row or column. Using matrices, a record can be represented by one or more cells by mapping columns and rows (the X and Y axes) of a matrix as well as the data contained in the cell at the intersection of the mapped column and row. Depending on the type of matrix, various data cells can be updated by a user. If no value exists in a cell, adding a value can create a new record depending on the matrix design.
Save App	Click this button to save or clone your application.
App Settings	Click this button to restrict runtime functions (such as saving, printing, rich-text editing) and password-protect worksheets.
Importing and Exporting an Application	Click these buttons to migrate X-Author for Excel apps from one Salesforce org to another. Note: All Salesforce objects used in the source org must also exist in the destination org.
Migrating Applications	Click this button to easily migrate data from one Salesforce org to another using X-Author for Excel.

Component	Description
Connect	Click this button to connect to your Salesforce org, to switch to another org, or to revoke a previously configured connection.
External Library	As an application designer, you can choose to create additional custom actions apart from the ones provided in the X-Author for Excel executable packages. For example, you can create a custom action to populate missing External IDs for the Custom Objects in your org.

About Designing Apps

Apps can be created in two ways — using the full featured designer components or with a Quick App. When you use the Designer, each of the components must be configured manually (for example, Display Map and Save Map).

Note

A third type of app can be created using the Data Migration Wizard. This app is specifically designed for migrating data between two organizations. For information on creating a Data Migration app, refer to [Using the Data Migration Wizard](#).

A Quick App is a 1 – 2 minute wizard experience where a designer can create a simple single object list on its own (for example, Opportunities) or a list filtered by a parent object (for example, Opportunities by Account).

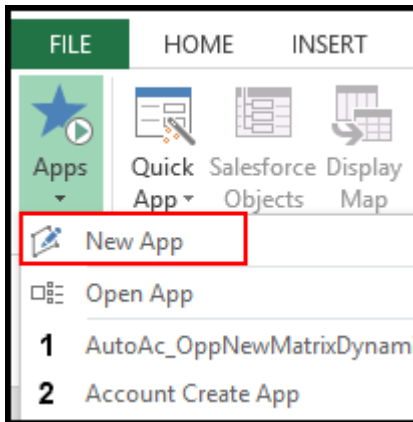
The Quick App produces a complete, ready to run app that includes:

- Two (max) objects
- One Display Map, one Save Map, two Action Flows (Data Retrieve and Save), and two User menus (Retrieve and Save). No additional components are available. The Quick App functionality equates to the X-Author Essentials license. A Quick App can be edited using the Quick App editing function but if a Quick App is opened and customized using the full Designer, it can no longer be an X-Author Essentials app.

To learn how to create a Quick App, refer to [Creating Apps with Quick Apps](#).

To create an Enterprise, Presto, Reporting, or Power Admin app

1. In the ribbon menu, click the Apps button and select New App.

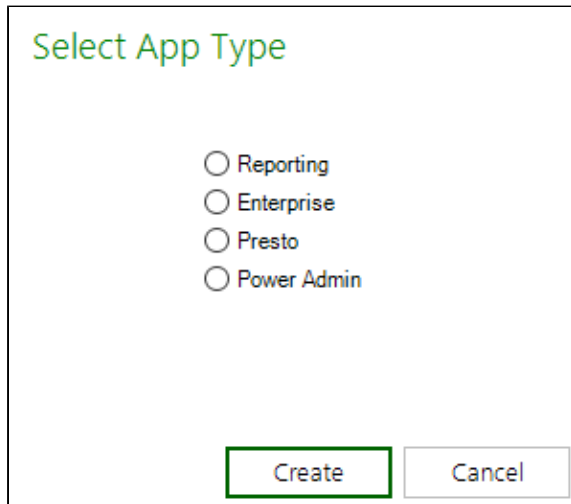


2. Type the app name in the App Name field. This name will display as the window title in the Excel worksheet at runtime.



Give your app a name that is concise but also summarizes the basic purpose of the app.

3. To use a new Excel template, click the New radio button. Although most existing templates can be used, it is sometimes easier to start with a clean workbook unless users are very familiar with the existing file and change management is a concern.
4. To create an app from an existing Excel file, click the Existing radio button and then click Browse to select the template file.
5. Click Next.



6. From the Select App Type pop-up, select the app edition.
7. Click Create.
8. In the ribbon menu, click Save App.

You have created an app shell and you are ready to add the various Designer components.

Creating Apps with Quick Apps

i Prerequisite

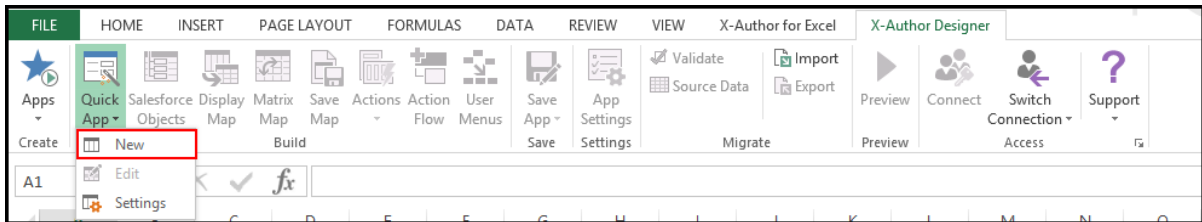
Before you can create an app, you must connect to a Salesforce org that is configured for X-Author for Excel. For information on configuring and connecting to Salesforce, refer to [Setting Salesforce Permissions](#) and [Connecting to Salesforce from Excel](#).

Click the links below to see how to create single-object and parent-child Quick Apps, and to learn how to change your app's color scheme.

To create a Single Object App

To create a Single Object App

1. Click Quick App and select New.



The Build a Quick App window opens.

2. Type the application name into the App Name field.



Give your app a name that is concise but also summarizes the basic purpose of the app.

3. Click the Single Object List radio button and then click Next. The Build a Quick App page opens.

 A screenshot of the 'Build a Quick App' dialog box. At the top, it says 'Build a Quick App' in green, followed by the instruction 'Provide App name and select App type.' Below this is a text field for 'App Name' containing the text 'Acc Create App'. Underneath is the 'Select App Type' section, which contains two radio button options. The first option, 'Single Object List', is selected (indicated by a green circle) and features an icon of a grid. Its description is: 'Allows for retrieval, editing, and saving of Salesforce data for a list of records for one object based on user selected fields.' The second option, 'Parent Child', is unselected and features an icon of two connected grids. Its description is: 'Allows for retrieval, editing, and saving of Salesforce data for both a parent record and a list of child object records based on user selected fields.' At the bottom of the dialog are three buttons: '< Back', 'Next >' (which is highlighted with a red rectangle), and 'Cancel'.

4. Click the Object drop-down menu and select a Salesforce object. The Select Fields section will display the fields associated with the object.
5. Click the check box next to the fields you want to include in your app. (Notice that the object's two primary fields are selected by default.)



You can search for Salesforce fields using the Search Fields search box. Click Clear to clear search terms and view the full list.

6. Click Next.

Build a Quick App

Select an Object and Fields.

Object : Account

Search Fields : [Clear](#)

	Field Id	Field Name	Data Type
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Id	Account ID	String
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name	Account Name	String
<input type="checkbox"/>	Description	Account Description	Textarea
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fax	Account Fax	String
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Phone	Account Phone	String
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AccountSource	Account Source	Picklist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Type	Account Type	Picklist
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apttus_Config2__Active__c	Active	Picklist
<input type="checkbox"/>	AnnualRevenue	Annual Revenue	Decimal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attachment	Attachment	Attachment
<input type="checkbox"/>	BillingAddress	Billing Address	NotSupported

The Select Field Options window opens, displaying the fields that you selected in the previous step.

7. Select from the options in the following table.

Column	Description

Column	Description
Data Criteria	Select the method you would like to use to retrieve data. Query —Select this method to have the query automatically run, based on your app's predetermined search filters, and retrieve the data without user intervention. User Selection —Select this method to allow users to apply search filter criteria before retrieving data.
Select All	
Display Fields	Click this check box to include all object fields in the Display Map.
Save Fields	Click this check box to include all object fields in the Save Map. Note: This check box is inactive unless Display Fields is checked.
Grid Columns	
Display	Click this check box to include this field's data in the data retrieved from Salesforce and displayed in the Excel workbook.
Order	This represents the order, left to right, that fields will be displayed in. Click in the cell to edit the order.
Save	Click this check box to allow users to change the data in these cells in the Excel workbook and then save those changes to Salesforce. Note: Fields that are not Display fields cannot be Save fields.
Search Fields	Click this check box to add a runtime search filter for this field. These filters will be used to limit the type of records returned when the runtime user retrieves data. For example, might make Billing Country a Search field so that you can retrieve data from only those accounts who have a billing address in Canada. This field appears only when the Data Criteria is set to User Selection. Note: You must select at least one field, and ID fields are not searchable.

Column	Description
Result Fields	Click this check box to display this field in the search results when retrieving and filtering data from Salesforce. This field appears only when the Data Criteria is set to User Selection. Note: You must select at least one field and ID fields cannot be used.

As shown in the following images, the displayed columns will vary based on the Data Criteria you select.

Selecting Field Options with *Query* Data Criteria

Build a Quick App
Select Field Options.

Object :

Data Criteria :

Select All

☒ Display Fields

☐ Save Fields

Field Name	Display	Display Order	Save
Account ID	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Account Name	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Account Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Account Phone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Account Source	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>

< Back Next > Cancel

Selecting Field Options with *User Selection* Data Criteria

Build a Quick App
Select Field Options.

Object :


Data Criteria :


Select All
☒ Display Fields
☒ Save Fields

Field Name	Display	Display Order	Save	Search Fields	Result Fields
Account ID	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Account Name	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Account Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Account Phone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Account Source	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

8. To add a filter to the data, click Filters.

Complete the fields described in the following table to build your filter.

Field	Description
Salesforce Object and Field	Click  to select the object and field that you want the filter to apply to. Note: You cannot type the field name in the text field.
Value Type	Select the value type from the drop-down menu. The value types change based on the Salesforce field or object selected. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input—Select this value to allow users to type in a value to search for. For example, if the field is Account ID, you might choose to let them type or paste the account ID in the filter at runtime. • Static—Select this value to prevent users from changing the Value field at

Field	Description
	<p>runtime.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System Variable—Select this value to specify a system variable, such as <code>CurrentUser</code> or <code>CurrentDate</code>, as the filter value. • User Input— Select this value to allow users to change the Value field at runtime.
Operator	<p>Select a relational operator from the drop-down menu.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equals—The field value is equal to the specified value. • Not equal to—The field value is not equal to the specified value. • Starts with—The field value begins with the specified value. • Contains—The field value contains the specified value string. • Not contains—The field does not contain the specified value string. • In—The field value is in the specified list of hard-return-separated values. • Not In—The field value is in the specified list of hard-return-separated values.
Value	<p>Type the comparison value in this field or select the value from the drop-down menu. Your options will vary depending on the type of field you are filtering on.</p>
	<p>Click this button to delete a filter row.</p>
Add Row	<p>Click this button to add a new filter row.</p>
Clear All	<p>Click this button to remove all filter rows.</p>
Add Filter Logic	<p>Click this button to display the Filter Logic field and define the Boolean logic used to relate filters. For example, you might want display results only when all of your filter conditions are met or you might want to display results when any filter conditions are met. You can use filter logic to do this. Filter logic in X-Author for Excel works the same as it does in Salesforce.com. Learn more</p>

9. Click Save.
10. Click Next.
11. On Provide App Settings page, provide requisite information as described in the table.

Field	Description
Enable App Launch from Salesforce	Select this check box to allow users to open this X-Author app from within the Salesforce application (as well as from within Excel).
Enable Save for Google Sheets	Select this check box to allow users to open this X-Author app from within the Google Sheets application (as well as from within Excel).
Worksheet Title	Type the title of the Excel worksheet. The title appears in the top row of the worksheet.
Max Column Width	Type the maximum width of an Excel column (in characters).
View Gridlines	Select this check box to display the gridlines in the Excel worksheet.
Display Filters	Clear this check box if you do not want the filters that you created to appear in the Excel worksheet.
Group Label	Type the ribbon menu group name. This value appears beneath the buttons in the X-Author for Excel ribbon tab.
Retrieve Data Button Label	Type the text you want to appear on the ribbon menu button used for data retrieval.

Field	Description
Save Data Button Label	Type the text you want to appear on the ribbon menu button used for saving data to the Salesforce database.
Enable Add Row	Select this check box to allow users to add rows to the Excel worksheet. This option could be used to add records to the workbook so those records can be uploaded to Salesforce.
Enable Delete Row	Select this check box to allow users to delete rows from the Excel worksheet.

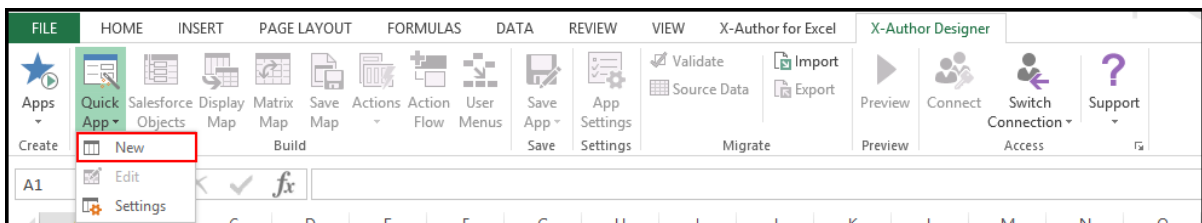
12. Click Finish.

An App has been created with all design functions complete. You can now [Preview the app](#), run the app, or use X-Author Designer to make additional modifications.

To create a Parent Child app

To create a Parent Child app

1. Click Quick App and select New.



The Build a Quick App window opens.

2. Type the application name into the App Name field.




Give your app a name that is concise but also summarizes the basic purpose of the app.

3. Click the Parent Child radio button and then click Next. The Build a Quick App page opens.


Build a Quick App
Provide App name and select App type.

App Name :

Select App Type :

☐  **Single Object List**

Allows for retrieval, editing, and saving of Salesforce data for a list of records for one object based on user selected fields.

☒  **Parent Child**

Allows for retrieval, editing, and saving of Salesforce data for both a parent record and a list of child object records based on user selected fields.

< Back **Next >** Cancel

4. Click the Object drop-down menu and select a Salesforce object. The Select Fields section will display the fields associated with the object.
5. Click the check box next to the fields you want to include in your app. (Notice that the object's two primary fields are selected by default.)



You can search for Salesforce fields using the Search Fields search box. Click Clear to clear search terms and view the full list.

6. Click Next. The Select Field Options window opens, displaying the fields that you selected in the previous step.

Build a Quick App
Select Field Options.

Parent Object :

Data Criteria :

☒ Display Fields
☒ Save Fields

Field Name	Display	Display Order	Save	Search Fields	Result Fields
Account ID	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Account Name	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Account Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Account Phone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Annual Revenue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Account Source	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Attachment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

7. Select the Child Object and the fields that you want to include in your app.

Build a Quick App
Select an Object and Fields.

Child Object: Opportunity (AccountId) ▼

Search Fields : [Clear](#)

	Field Id	Field Name	Data Type
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AccountId	Account	Lookup
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name	Name	String
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Id	Opportunity ID	String
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amount	Amount	Decimal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apttus_Approval_Approva...	Approval Status	Picklist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Attachment	Attachment	Attachment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Automation_Month_c	Automation_Month	Lookup
<input type="checkbox"/>	CampaignId	Campaign	Lookup
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CloseDate	Close Date	Date
<input type="checkbox"/>	IsClosed	Closed	Boolean
<input type="checkbox"/>	CreatedById	Created By	Lookup

< Back Next > Cancel

As shown in the following images, the displayed columns will vary based on the Data Criteria you select.

Selecting Field Options with *Query* Data Criteria

Build a Quick App

Select Field Options.

Child Object:

Data Criteria :

Select All
☒ Display Fields
☒ Save Fields

Field Name	Display	Display Order	Save
Opportunity ID	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Account	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Name	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amount	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Close Date	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Opportunity Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Attachment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Account (Name)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Selecting Field Options with *User Selection* Data Criteria

Build a Quick App

Select Field Options.

Parent Object :

Data Criteria :

Select All

☒ Display Fields

☒ Save Fields

Field Name	Display	Display Order	Save	Search Fields	Result Fields
Account ID	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Account Name	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Account Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Account Phone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Annual Revenue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Account Source	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Attachment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

8. Select from the options in the following table.


Column	Description
Data Criteria	Select the method you would like to use to retrieve data. Query —Select this method to have the query automatically run, based on your app's predetermined search filters, and retrieve the data without user intervention. User Selection —Select this method to allow users to apply search filter criteria before retrieving data.
Select All	
	Click this check box to include all object fields in the Display Map.


Column	Description
Display Fields	
Save Fields	Click this check box to include all object fields in the Save Map. Note: This check box is inactive unless Display Fields is checked.
Grid Columns	
Display	Click this check box to include this field's data in the data retrieved from Salesforce and displayed in the Excel workbook.
Order	This represents the order, left to right, that fields will be displayed. Click in the cell to edit the order.
Save	Click this check box to allow users to change the data in these cells in the Excel workbook and then save those changes to Salesforce. Note: Fields that are not Display fields cannot be Save fields.
Search Fields	Click this check box to add a runtime search filter for this field. These filters will be used to limit the type of records returned when the runtime user retrieves data. For example, might make Billing Country a Search field so that you can retrieve data from only those accounts who have a billing address in Canada. This field appears only when the Data Criteria is set to User Selection. Note: You must select at least one field, and ID fields are not searchable.
Result Fields	Click this check box to display this field in the search results when retrieving and filtering data from Salesforce. This field appears only when the Data Criteria is set to User Selection. Note: You must select at least one field and ID fields cannot be used.

9. To add a filter to the data, click Filters.

Complete the fields described in the following table to build your filter.

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Field	Description
Salesforce Object and Field	<p>Click  to select the object and field that you want the filter to apply to.</p> <p>Note: You cannot type the field name in the text field.</p>
Value Type	<p>Select the value type from the drop-down menu. The value types change based on the Salesforce field or object selected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input—Select this value to allow users to type in a value to search for. For example, if the field is Account ID, you might choose to let them type or paste the account ID in the filter at runtime. • Static—Select this value to prevent users from changing the Value field at runtime. • System Variable—Select this value to specify a system variable, such as <code>CurrentUser</code> or <code>CurrentDate</code>, as the filter value. • User Input— Select this value to allow users to change the Value field at runtime.
Operator	<p>Select a relational operator from the drop-down menu.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equals—The field value is equal to the specified value. • Not equal to—The field value is not equal to the specified value. • Starts with—The field value begins with the specified value. • Contains—The field value contains the specified value string. • Not contains—The field does not contain the specified value string. • In—The field value is in the specified list of hard-return-separated values. • Not In—The field value is in the specified list of hard-return-separated values.
Value	<p>Type the comparison value in this field or select the value from the drop-down menu. Your options will vary depending on the type of field you are filtering on.</p>

Field	Description
	Click this button to delete a filter row.
Add Row	Click this button to add a new filter row.
Clear All	Click this button to remove all filter rows .
Add Filter Logic	Click this button to display the Filter Logic field and define the Boolean logic used to relate filters. For example, you might want display results only when all of your filter conditions are met or you might want to display results when any filter conditions are met. You can use filter logic to do this. Filter logic in X-Author for Excel works the same as it does in Salesforce.com . Learn more .

10. Click Save.
11. Click Next.
12. On Provide App Settings page, provide requisite information as described in the table.

Field	Description
Enable App Launch from Salesforce	Click this check box to allow users to open this X-Author app from within the Salesforce application (as well as from within Excel).
Enable Save for Google Sheets	Select this check box to allow users to open this X-Author app from within the Google Sheets application (as well as from within Excel).
Worksheet Title	Type the title of the Excel worksheet. The title appears in the top row of the worksheet.

Field	Description
Max Column Width	Type the maximum width of an Excel column (in characters).
View Gridlines	Select this check box to display the gridlines in the Excel worksheet.
Display Filters	Clear this check box if you do not want the filters that you created to appear in the Excel worksheet.
Group Label	Type the ribbon menu group name. This value appears beneath the buttons in the X-Author for Excel ribbon tab.
Retrieve Data Button Label	Type the text you want to appear on the ribbon menu button used for data retrieval.
Save Data Button Label	Type the text you want to appear on the ribbon menu button used for saving data to the Salesforce database.
Enable Add Row	Select this check box to allow users to add rows to the Excel worksheet. This option could be used to add records to the workbook so those records can be uploaded to Salesforce.
Enable Delete Row	Select this check box to allow users to delete rows from the Excel worksheet.

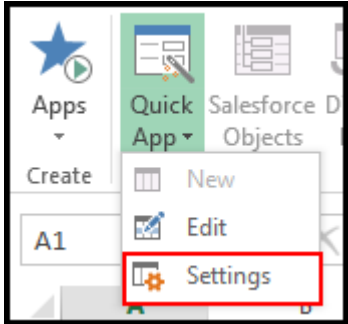
13. Click Finish.

An App has been created with all design functions complete. You can now [Preview the app](#), run the app, or use X-Author Designer to make additional modifications.

To customize the color scheme

To customize the color scheme

1. In the ribbon menu, click Quick App and select Settings.



The Format Options window opens.

2. Provide requisite information in the Format Options window as described in the table.

Field	Description
Worksheet Title	
Fill Color	Click this field to open the color picker and specify the background color for the worksheet title.
Text Color	Click this field to open the color picker and specify the text color for the worksheet title.
Font	Click this field to open the Font window and specify font properties for the worksheet title.
Header Display Fields	
Fill Color	Click this field to open the color picker and specify the background color for the Display fields.
Text Color	Click this field to open the color picker and specify the text color for the the Display fields.

Field	Description
Font	Click this field to open the Font window and specify font properties for the the Display fields.
Header Save Fields	
Fill Color	Click this field to open the color picker and specify the background color for the Save fields.
Text Color	Click this field to open the color picker and specify the text color for the Save fields.
Font	Click this field to open the Font window and specify font properties for the Save fields.

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Format Options

	Fill Color	Text Color	Font
Worksheet Title			Calibri, 15.75pt, sty
Header			
Display Fields			Calibri, 11.25pt
Save Fields			Calibri, 11.25pt

Apply Close

Example: Quick App for Opportunities by Account

You will use the Quick App wizard to create your first app, and it will take you only a few minutes.

You will build your app in only four steps.

1. Specify which type of app you need.
2. Select your objects and fields.
3. Select your display and save options and specify a method for getting the data from Salesforce.
4. Format your workbook.

Let's get started. Using these four steps, you are going to create an app that will:

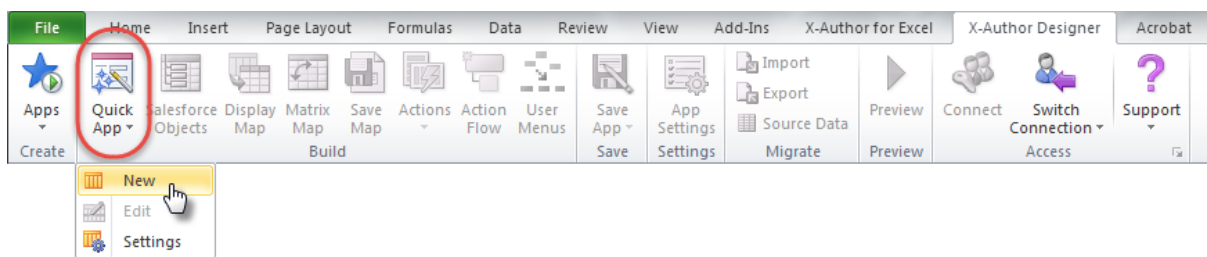
- Retrieve data from the Account and Opportunity objects in Salesforce.
- Place that data in a Microsoft Excel worksheet.

- Allow you to edit the data in Excel and then save your changes in Salesforce.

Prerequisite

Before you can create an app, you must connect to a Salesforce org that is configured for X-Author for Excel. For information on configuring and connecting to Salesforce, refer to [Setting Salesforce Permissions](#) and [Connecting to Salesforce from Excel](#).

1. Click Quick App and select New.



The Build a Quick App window opens.


2. In the App Name field, type the application name. The name appears as the Excel window title (located at the top of the Excel window) in the completed app.

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Build a Quick App
Provide App name and select App type.

App Name :

Select App Type :

☐  **Single Object List**

Allows for retrieval, editing, and saving of Salesforce data for a list of records for one object based on user selected fields.

☒  **Parent Child**

Allows for retrieval, editing, and saving of Salesforce data for both a parent record and a list of child object records based on user selected fields.

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Give your app a name that is concise but also summarizes the basic purpose of the app.

For this example, you are going to create an Opportunity forecasting app. The app allows you to search for and select an account record, and then displays all of the account's related opportunities, so type "Opportunities by Account" in the App Name field.

3. Click the appropriate radio button and select an app type.

Single Object List apps allow you to retrieve data from a single object, such as Accounts. If you need to retrieve data from more than one object, you will need to create a Parent Child app. For this example, you need to retrieve data from both the Accounts object and the Opportunity object, so select Parent Child and click Next. Now, you will select the parent object and fields to use in the app.

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Build a Quick App
Select an Object and Fields.

Parent Object :

Search Fields : [Clear](#)

Field Id	Field Name	Data Type
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4. The parent object for your app will be the Account object, so click the Parent Object drop-down menu and select Account. The Account fields are displayed in the field list.

Build a Quick App
Select an Object and Fields.

Parent Object : Account

Search Fields : [Clear](#)

	Field Id	Field Name	Data Type
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Id	Account ID	String
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name	Account Name	String
<input type="checkbox"/>	Description	Account Description	Textarea
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fax	Account Fax	String
<input type="checkbox"/>	Phone	Account Phone	String
<input type="checkbox"/>	AccountSource	Account Source	Picklist
<input type="checkbox"/>	Type	Account Type	Picklist
<input type="checkbox"/>	AnnualRevenue	Annual Revenue	Decimal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approval_Preview_Status__c	Approval Preview Status	Picklist
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approval_Status__c	Approval Status	Picklist
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attachment	Attachment	Attachment

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Notice that the two primary fields are selected by default. Select the Account fields that you will use in your app. Click the check box next to the following fields:

- Type
- Region
- Owner
- Industry
- Website



You can find fields by scrolling through the list, but it might be easier to use the Search Fields feature. Just type the field name or field ID in the search box. You can also sort the fields by Data Type by clicking on the top of the Data Type column.

5. Click Next.

6. The child object for your app is the Opportunity object, so click the Child Object drop-down menu and select Opportunity. The Opportunity fields are displayed in the field list.

Build a Quick App
Select an Object and Fields.

Child Object: Opportunity (AccountId)

Search Fields: [Clear](#)

	Field Id	Field Name	Data Type
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AccountId	Account	Lookup
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name	Name	String
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Id	Opportunity ID	String
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amount	Amount	Decimal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approval_Preview_Status__c	Approval Preview Status	Picklist
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apttus_Approval_Approva...	Approval Status	Picklist
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attachment	Attachment	Attachment
<input type="checkbox"/>	CampaignId	Campaign	Lookup
<input type="checkbox"/>	CloseDate	Close Date	Date
<input type="checkbox"/>	IsClosed	Closed	Boolean
<input type="checkbox"/>	CreatedById	Created By	Lookup

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7. Select the Opportunity fields to be used in your app. In a child object, the primary lookup field is also preselected. For this app, you want to allow the user to add new opportunities, so you must select all the required fields for creating a new opportunity record. (With Quick App, this only applies to the child, not to the parent. When creating apps using X-Author Designer, the app can include an ability to create both parent and child records simultaneously.) For this example, the following additional fields are required, so click the check box next to each of these fields.

- Amount
- Close date
- Stage

8. Click Next.

Now we go to step nine, where we decide which fields to display on the Excel workbook, which fields to allow your users to save back to Salesforce, and which method to use to get the data from Salesforce.

Build a Quick App
Select Field Options.

Parent Object : Account
Data Criteria : User Selection

Select All
☒ Display Fields
☐ Save Fields

Field Name	Display	Display Order	Save	Search Fields	Result Fields
Account ID	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Account Name	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Account Type	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Website	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Owner	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Region	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Owner (Name)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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9. Select the fields that you want displayed to the user in the Excel workbook. Notice that both the owner ID—which we previously selected—and its lookup name are available. You can select all the fields by clicking the Display Fields check box in the Select All section (you can change their display order later), or you can individually select the fields in the order you want them displayed. The parent object fields will display vertically in Excel. For your app, select the Display fields shown in the illustration below.

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Build a Quick App
Select Field Options.

Parent Object : Account

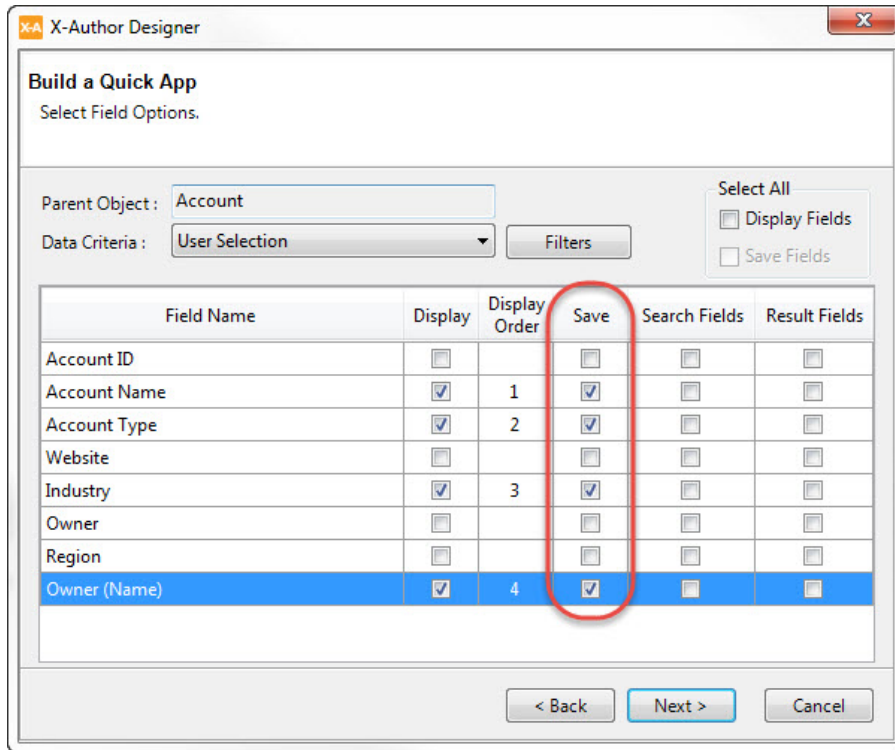
Data Criteria : User Selection Filters

Select All
☐ Display Fields
☐ Save Fields

Field Name	Display	Display Order	Save	Search Fields	Result Fields
Account ID	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Account Name	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Account Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Website	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Owner	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Region	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Owner (Name)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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- Next, specify which fields your users can update and save back to Salesforce by clicking the corresponding check box in the Save column. Once again, you can use the Save Fields check box in the Select All section or individually select the fields. Notice that you cannot select fields that were not specified as Display fields in the previous step. For your app, select the following Save fields.



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Build a Quick App
Select Field Options.

Parent Object :

Data Criteria :

Select All
☐ Display Fields
☐ Save Fields

Field Name	Display	Display Order	Save	Search Fields	Result Fields
Account ID	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Account Name	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Account Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Website	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Owner	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Region	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Owner (Name)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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- Specify how to retrieve the data from Salesforce by selecting an option from the Data Criteria drop-down menu. For the parent record, Quick App provides only one option, User Selection, which allows the user to input search criteria, view the search results, and then select the record they want to retrieve from Salesforce. This assumes you are opening the app from Excel. If you open the app by launching it from an account page in Salesforce, then that account is automatically selected as the parent record.

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Build a Quick App
Select Field Options.

Parent Object:

Data Criteria:

Select All
☐ Display Fields
☐ Save Fields

Field Name	Display	Display Order	Save	Search Fields	Result Fields
Account ID	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Account Name	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Account Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Website	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Owner	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Region	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Owner (Name)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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This is how the Display fields will appear when you run the app and retrieve data from Salesforce.

Opportunities by Account 1

Account Name Acme
Account Type Integrator 2
Industry Consulting
Owner Name Jerret Kasper

Name	Stage	Account Name
Demo app 10/34	Prospecting	Acme
Acme Opp Gold	Prospecting	Acme
Sierra Semiconductor Deals11	Prospecting	Acme
Tesla Save	Prospecting	Acme
Acme Opp Powerplus	Prospecting	Acme
Acme Opp Platinum	Prospecting	Acme
Acme Silver 111	Needs Analysis	Acme

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1 Worksheet title

2 Parent Object Fields

3 Child Object Fields

☐ Display Fields

☒ Save Fields

12. Specify the fields that you want your app users to be able to use as search filters when they click the corresponding check box in the Search Fields column. For this app, select the following Search fields.

Build a Quick App
Select Field Options.

Parent Object : Account
Data Criteria : User Selection

Select All
☐ Display Fields
☐ Save Fields

Field Name	Display	Display Order	Save	Search Fields	Result Fields
Account ID	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Account Name	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Account Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Website	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Owner	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Region	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Owner (Name)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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13. Specify the fields that you want to be displayed in the search results by clicking the corresponding check box in the Result Fields column. For this app, select the Result fields shown in the following illustration.

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Build a Quick App
Select Field Options.

Parent Object :

Data Criteria :

Select All
☐ Display Fields
☐ Save Fields

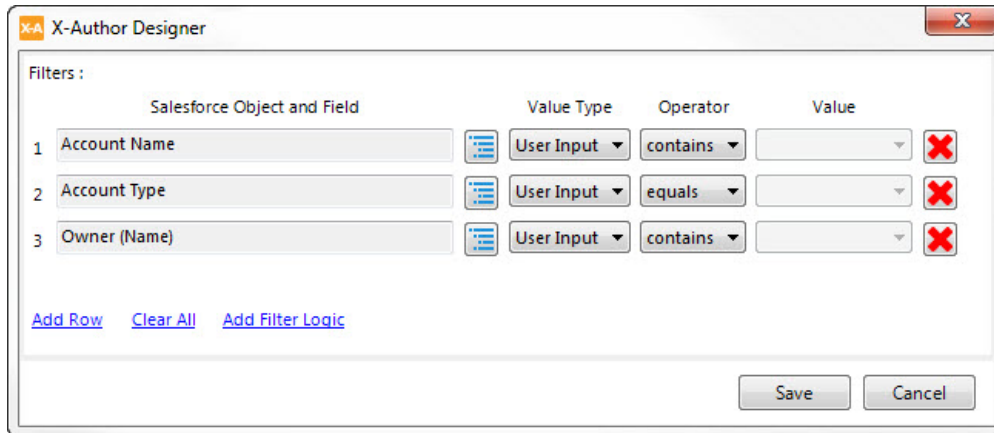
Field Name	Display	Display Order	Save	Search Fields	Result Fields
Account ID	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Account Name	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Account Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Website	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Owner	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Region	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Owner (Name)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Did you know...?

By specifying fields to be used as Search Fields, you just created filters. In the upcoming steps, you will see how to add other filters based on the fields that weren't selected as Search Fields.

- Next, you will add two filters that will allow users to further filter search results. Start by clicking the Filters button. The Filters window opens.




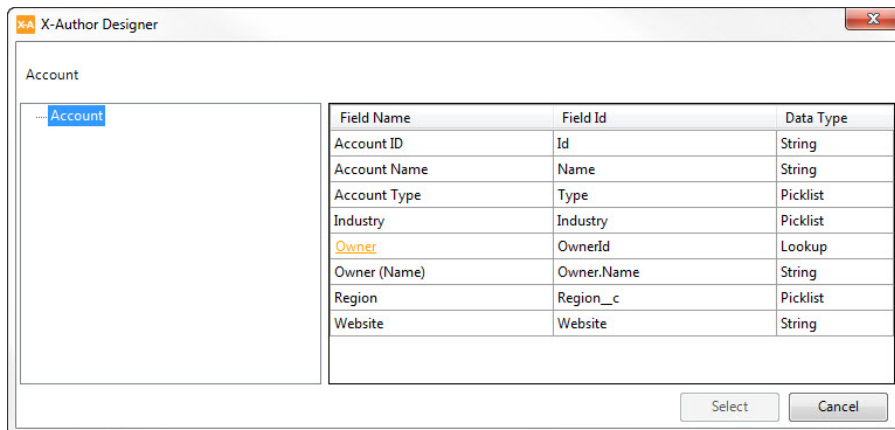
The X-Author Designer Filters dialog box shows three filters defined:

	Salesforce Object and Field	Value Type	Operator	Value	
1	Account Name	User Input	contains		✗
2	Account Type	User Input	equals		✗
3	Owner (Name)	User Input	contains		✗

Buttons at the bottom: [Add Row](#), [Clear All](#), [Add Filter Logic](#), [Save](#), [Cancel](#)

Notice that the three fields you specified as Search Fields are already present as User Input filters. You are going to add two more filters now, one to show only those opportunities in manufacturing, and another to allow your app users to further filter opportunities by region.

15. Click the Add Row button to add a new filter.
16. In the new row, click the Salesforce Object and Field button () to select a field.



The dialog box shows the 'Account' object selected. The table below lists the available fields:

Field Name	Field Id	Data Type
Account ID	Id	String
Account Name	Name	String
Account Type	Type	Picklist
Industry	Industry	Picklist
Owner	OwnerId	Lookup
Owner (Name)	Owner.Name	String
Region	Region__c	Picklist
Website	Website	String

Buttons at the bottom: [Select](#), [Cancel](#)

17. Double-click the Region row to add that field to your filters.

The X-Author Designer window displays a table of filters. Each filter row includes a number, a text input for the Salesforce Object and Field, a dropdown for Value Type, a dropdown for Operator, a dropdown for Value, and a red X icon for removal.

	Filters :	Salesforce Object and Field	Value Type	Operator	Value	
1		Account Name	User Input	contains		X
2		Account Type	User Input	equals		X
3		Owner (Name)	User Input	contains		X
4		Industry	Static	equals	Agriculture	X

Below the table are links: [Add Row](#), [Clear All](#), and [Add Filter Logic](#). At the bottom right are [Save](#) and [Cancel](#) buttons.

18. For your app, you only want to see those opportunities that are in the Manufacturing industry, so click the Value drop-down menu in the Industry row and select Manufacturing.
19. Follow the same process to add another filter. This time, choose the Region field to filter on.
20. Change the Value Type to User Input and, instead of setting a value, change the Operator from "equals" to "in" so your users can select from the drop-down list and filter data by region.

Now your filters should look like this.

The X-Author Designer window now shows five filters. The Industry filter has been updated to 'Manufacturing' and a new Region filter has been added.

	Filters :	Salesforce Object and Field	Value Type	Operator	Value	
1		Account Name	User Input	contains		X
2		Account Type	User Input	equals		X
3		Owner (Name)	User Input	contains		X
4		Industry	Static	equals	Manufacturing	X
5		Region	User Input	in		X

Below the table are links: [Add Row](#), [Clear All](#), and [Add Filter Logic](#). At the bottom right are [Save](#) and [Cancel](#) buttons.



By default, filters are all related by the AND Boolean condition, which means that, in this case, all five of these conditions must be met for a record to be returned as a search result.

To change the way the filters are related, you can add Boolean logic to the filters by clicking the Add Filter Logic button. Filter logic in X-Author for Excel works the same as it does in Salesforce.com. [Learn more.](#)

21. Click Save.

This is how your search filters and results fields will look when you run the app.

Account Name	Account Type	Industry	Owner (Name)
Acme1	Customer	Manufacturing	Jerret Kasper
ABC Corporation12	Customer	Manufacturing	Jerret Kasper
ABC Corporation, Japan	Customer	Manufacturing	Jerret Kasper
ABC Corporation International	Customer	Manufacturing	Jerret Kasper
ABC Corporation, UK	Customer	Manufacturing	Jerret Kasper

22. You are done configuring the parent object, so click Next to move on to the child object, Opportunity.

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Build a Quick App
Select Field Options.

Child Object :

Data Criteria :

Select All
☐ Display Fields
☐ Save Fields

Field Name	Display	Display Order	Save
Opportunity ID	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Account	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Name	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Stage	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Amount	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Close Date	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Owner	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Account (Name)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Owner (Name)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

This window should look familiar to you. It looks different than the window where we configured parent-object options (it has fewer columns) because the data criteria is set to Query.

23. If the Data Criteria field is not set to Query by default, set it to Query now.
24. Select the following Display and Save fields. (Note that the fields from the child object will render horizontally.)

Build a Quick App
Select Field Options.

Child Object: **Opportunity** 1

Data Criteria: **Query** 2 3 **Filters**

Select All
☐ Display Fields
☐ Save Fields

Field Name	Display	Display Order	Save
Opportunity ID	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Account	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Name	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Stage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amount	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Close Date	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Account (Name)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Now, you will add two filters to ensure that you see only those opportunities worth a certain dollar value and in a particular sales stage.

25. Click the Filters button.


Filters :

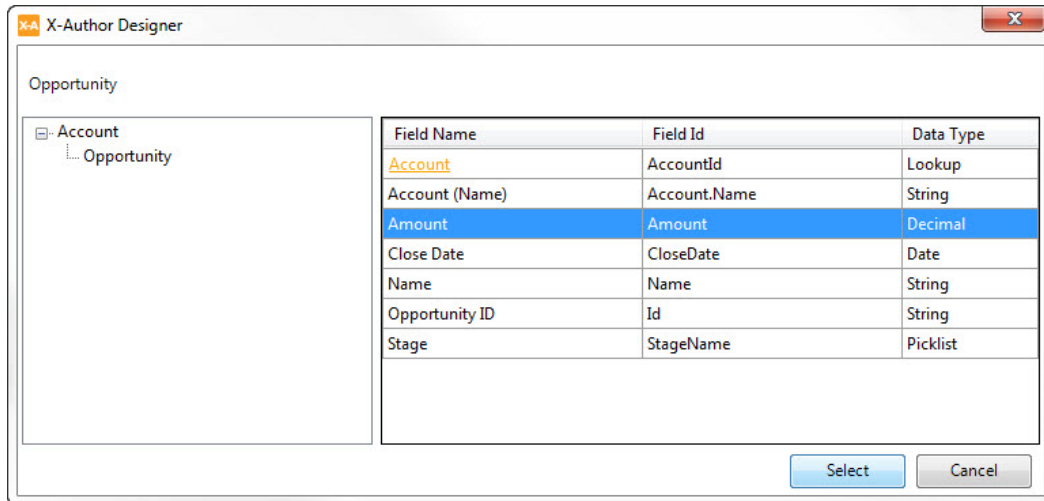
	Salesforce Object and Field	Value Type	Operator	Value
1	Account	Input	equals	Account.Account X
2				X

[Add Row](#) [Clear All](#) [Add Filter Logic](#)

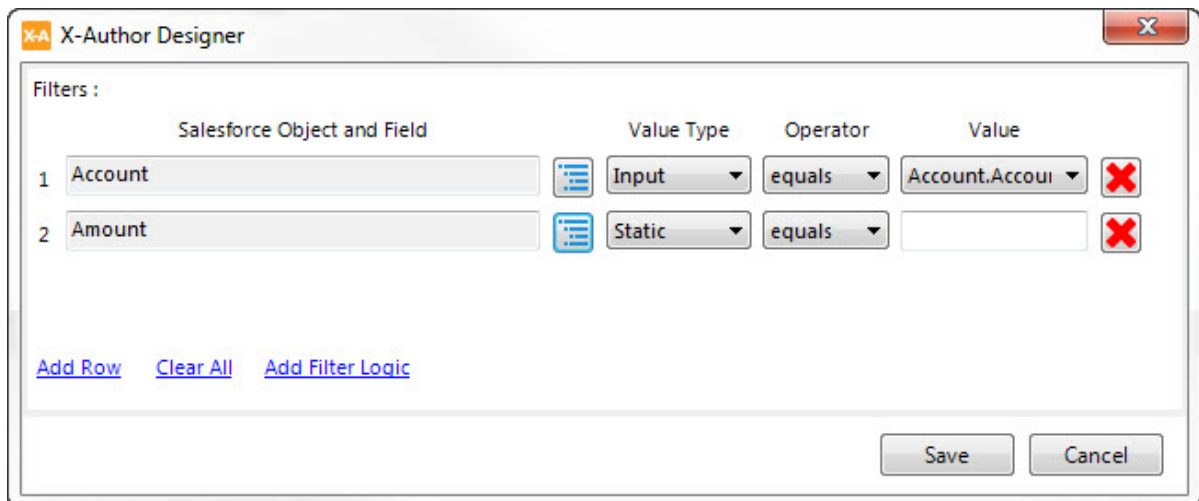
Save Cancel

Notice that the parent object is already present as an Input filter. You are going to add two more filters to ensure that you see only those opportunities worth more than \$20,000 and only those that are not set to the stage of Closed Won.


26. Click the Add Row button to add a new filter. A new row is added.
27. In the new row, click the Salesforce Object and Field button () to select a field.



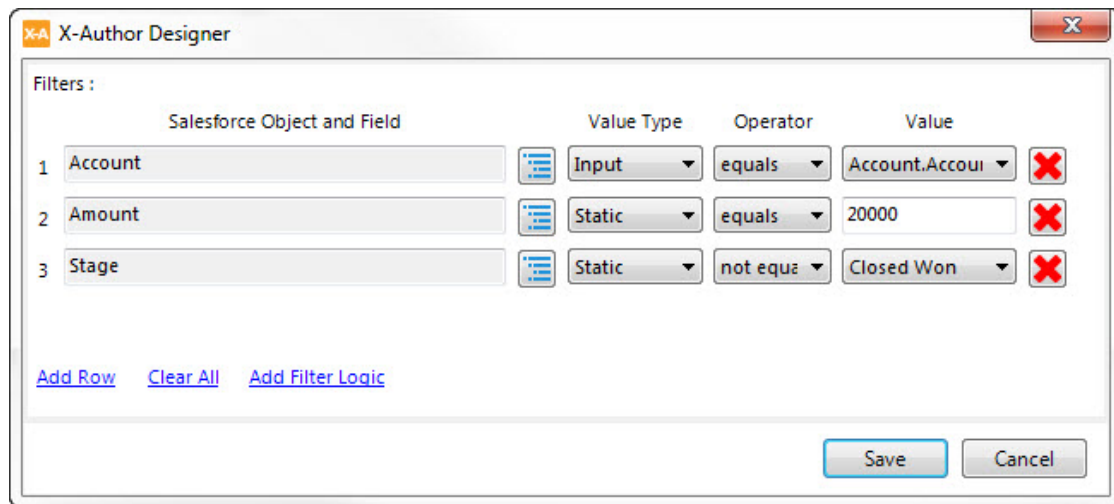
28. Click the Amount field and then click Select.



29. For the Amount field, click the Operator drop-down menu and select "greater than".
30. In the Value text box, type 20000.

31. Click the Add Row button to add a new filter. A new row is added.
32. In the new row, click the Salesforce Object and Field button () to select a field.
33. Click the Stage field and then click Select.
34. For the Stage field, click the Operator drop-down menu and select "not equal to".
35. Click the Value drop-down menu and select Closed Won.

Your filters should now look like this.



The screenshot shows the 'X-Author Designer' window with a 'Filters' section. It contains a table with the following columns: 'Salesforce Object and Field', 'Value Type', 'Operator', and 'Value'. There are three rows of filters, each with a red 'X' icon in the final column.

	Salesforce Object and Field	Value Type	Operator	Value	
1	Account	Input	equals	Account.Account	X
2	Amount	Static	equals	20000	X
3	Stage	Static	not equal to	Closed Won	X

Below the table are three links: [Add Row](#), [Clear All](#), and [Add Filter Logic](#). At the bottom right are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons.

36. Click Save.
37. Click Next. The App Settings window opens.

X-Author Designer

Build a Quick App
Provide App Settings.

General Settings

☐ Enable App Launch from Salesforce

Worksheet Settings

Worksheet Title :

Max Column Width :

☐ View Gridlines

☒ Display Filters

Menu Settings

Group Label :

Retrieve Data Button Label :

Save Data Button Label :

☐ Enable Add Row

☐ Enable Delete Row

< Back Next > Finish

All you have to do now is some label work, allow users to add or delete rows in the worksheet, and decide whether the app should be launchable from within Salesforce, and you are done.

38. If this is an app that users will access from a button on a Salesforce page, select the Enable App Launch from Salesforce check box. The app you have just built would be a great candidate for this because, when the user is on an account in Salesforce and wants to edit the related Opportunity list, they can just click on a button and do their editing in Excel. (You will also need to do some setup work inside Salesforce, such as putting the button on the right page. For more information, refer to [Launching an X-Author for Excel App from Salesforce.](#))
39. In the Worksheet Title text box, type Opportunities by Account. Remember, this title will appear in field A1 on your Excel workbook.
40. Change the Group Label to "Opportunities."
41. Click the Enable Add Row check box.
42. Click Finish.

Congratulations! You've completed your first Quick App. Now, you can [preview the app to see how it works](#).

Adding Salesforce Objects to your App

Use the *Salesforce Objects* button to select the Salesforce objects and fields to be used in an app.

Object Behavior

All objects used in an app are assigned a behavior and this which determines their availability in maps and actions. There are two behaviors:

- Individual: Work with an individual record at a time for that object.
- List: Work with more than one record for that object.

Default Object Behavior

All objects used in an app are assigned a behavior, which determines their availability in maps and actions. Object behavior can be changed at any time by right-clicking on any object once it has been added to *Selected Objects*. There are two behaviors:

- Individual: Work on an individual record for that object.
- List : Work on more than one record simultaneously for that object.

Object Combinations

- Any number of objects can be selected.
- The same object can be selected multiple times in different hierarchies if it needs to be used in different ways.
- A combination of related and unrelated objects can be selected.

Changing Objects

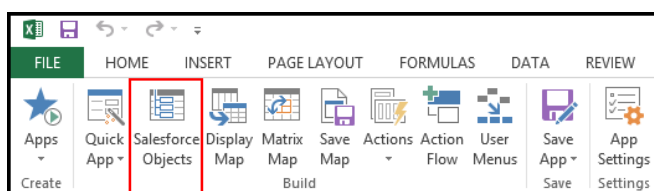
Removing an object will invalidate any maps and actions in the app. You must remove those links manually before you remove the object. Generally, if you have selected the incorrect objects and have already created maps and actions, you should start over. If it is just unrelated objects that need to be changed, then you can remove that object after you correct the maps and actions. Then you can add in a new object.

Selecting Fields

- Select as many fields as necessary for each object.
- The following fields are automatically selected and cannot be deselected
 - ID
 - Name, if there is a Name field
 - Look-up for a parent object that is selected as part of the object hierarchy.
- All other fields must be manually selected. The Search Fields box provides a type-ahead that searches for fields across both the field ID and field Name columns. The middle column displays the field names and is sorted alphabetically. (You can also sort the fields in data type order by clicking at the top of the data type column.)
- You must click Apply to save your field selections as you move between objects. When you are done with all objects, click Save and Close.
- When a picklist field is selected, all picklist values will automatically be retrieved during runtime. Regular, dependent and multi-select picklists are supported.

To add objects and fields

1. In the ribbon menu, click the Salesforce Objects button. The Select Objects window opens.



2. From the Objects Hierarchy section, select an object or drill down to other objects by clicking the + next to the object name.
3. To select one object, click Add Parent Object to move the object to Selected Objects.
4. To add one or more nested objects, click Add Child Objects to add all child objects below the parent object.

Salesforce Objects

Select Objects

- ☒ Account
- ☐ Account Billing Summary
- ☐ Account Contact Role
- ☐ Account Hierarchy
- ☐ Account History
- ☐ Account Location
- ☐ Account Share
- ☐ Action Link Group Template
- ☐ Action Link Template
- ☐ Activity History
- ☐ Ad Group
- ☐ Additional Directory Number
- ☐ Adjustment Line Item

Selected Objects

..... Account (List)

Select Fields

Fields for Selected Object

Name: Account [Id: Account]

Search Fields :

[Clear](#)

	Field Id	Field Name	Data Type
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Id	Account ID	String
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name	Account Name	String
<input type="checkbox"/>	CurrencyIsoCode	Account Currency	Picklist
<input type="checkbox"/>	Description	Account Description	Textarea
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fax	Account Fax	String
<input type="checkbox"/>	Phone	Account Phone	String
<input type="checkbox"/>	AccountSource	Account Source	Picklist
<input type="checkbox"/>	Type	Account Type	Picklist
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apttus_Config2__Active__c	Active	Picklist
<input type="checkbox"/>	AnnualRevenue	Annual Revenue	Decimal

* operations are auto-saved

Apply

Save and Close

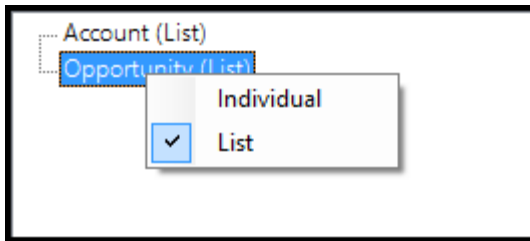
Cancel




When you select Event Object from the Salesforce Objects dialog in X-Author for Excel Designer and Runtime editions, you can now select fields of type Subject of datatype Editable picklist.

Additionally, In Salesforce a lookup field can belong to multiple objects, for e.g : Task Object > Related To Field (What ID) and Contact Field (WhoID) are multi-objects lookup. We now support multi-object lookups in X-Author for Excel.

5. Object behavior can be changed by right-clicking on an object in Selected Objects.



6. In the Select Fields section, click the check box next to at least one field for a selected object to add fields to your app.

 Primary fields are selected by default and cannot be deselected.

Select Fields Fields for Selected Object Name: Opportunity [Id: Opportunity]

Search Fields: [Clear](#)

	Field Id	Field Name	Data Type
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name	Name	String
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Id	Opportunity ID	String
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AccountId	Account	Lookup
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amount	Amount	Decimal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Apttus_Approval_Approval_Status__c	Approval Status	Picklist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Attachment	Attachment	Attachment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Automation_Month__c	Automation_Month	Lookup
<input type="checkbox"/>	CampaignId	Campaign	Lookup
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CloseDate	Close Date	Date
<input type="checkbox"/>	IsClosed	Closed	Boolean

* operations are auto-saved

[Apply](#) [Save and Close](#) [Cancel](#)

7. Click Apply.

Salesforce Objects

Select Objects

- Account
- Account Billing Summary
- Account Contact Role
- Account History
- Account Location
- Account Share
- Activity History
- Ad Group
- Additional Directory Number
- Adjustment Line Item
- Admin
- Agreement
- Agreement Adjustment Line Item

Add Parent Object *

Add Child Object *

Remove Object *

Selected Objects

- Account (List)
- Opportunity (List)

Select Fields Fields for Selected Object Name: Account [Id: Account]

Search Fields: [Clear](#)

	Field Id	Field Name	Data Type
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Id	Account ID	String
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name	Account Name	String
<input type="checkbox"/>	Description	Account Description	Textarea
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fax	Account Fax	String
<input type="checkbox"/>	Phone	Account Phone	String
<input type="checkbox"/>	AccountSource	Account Source	Picklist
<input type="checkbox"/>	Type	Account Type	Picklist
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apttus_Config2__Active__c	Active	Picklist
<input type="checkbox"/>	AnnualRevenue	Annual Revenue	Decimal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attachment	Attachment	Attachment

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Apply

Save and Close

Cancel

8. After you have selected all of the objects and fields you need for your app, click Save and Close.

Salesforce Objects

Select Objects

- Account
- Account Billing Summary
- Account Contact Role
- Account History
- Account Location
- Account Share
- Activity History
- Ad Group
- Additional Directory Number
- Adjustment Line Item
- Admin
- Agreement
- Agreement Adjustment Line Item

Add Parent Object *

Add Child Object *

Remove Object *

Selected Objects

- Account (List)
- Opportunity (List)

Select Fields Fields for Selected Object Name: Account [Id: Account]

Search Fields : [Clear](#)

	Field Id	Field Name	Data Type
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Id	Account ID	String
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name	Account Name	String
<input type="checkbox"/>	Description	Account Description	Textarea
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fax	Account Fax	String
<input type="checkbox"/>	Phone	Account Phone	String
<input type="checkbox"/>	AccountSource	Account Source	Picklist
<input type="checkbox"/>	Type	Account Type	Picklist
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apttus_Config2__Active__c	Active	Picklist
<input type="checkbox"/>	AnnualRevenue	Annual Revenue	Decimal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attachment	Attachment	Attachment

* operations are auto-saved

The Salesforce objects and fields for the app have been selected and saved and are available to be used in maps and actions.

You can now create maps or actions.

Linking Salesforce fields to Excel cells

Display Maps are accessed from the Display Map button in the ribbon menu. A Display Map is used to link Salesforce fields to Excel cells for data that will be retrieved from Salesforce. When data is retrieved from Salesforce using one of the X-Author data-getter actions, it is temporarily stored in Excel memory before being placed into the worksheet. X-Author then uses a Display Map to place the data in the correct Excel cells.

Each field from Salesforce Objects can be linked in a Display Map and is presented by the object behavior types (Individual and List).

This section comprises the following sections:

- [To create a Display Map](#)
- [To edit an existing Display Map](#)
- [To delete an existing Display Map](#)
- [To add Individual Object fields to a Display Map](#)
- [To add List Object fields to a Display Map](#)

The following table describes the display map features.

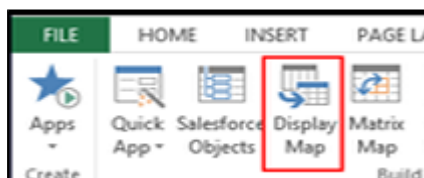
Unlimited Display Maps	There is no limit to the number of Display Maps in a single app.
Unlimited Objects	A Display Map can include fields from multiple objects.
Multiple Worksheets	A Display Map can cross worksheets, but not workbooks.
Changing Layout	You can insert columns or rows after you have created a Display Map. When you save the app, the cell locations in a Display Map are adjusted based on the new layout. If you need to move a field, please see Moving and Removing Fields .

Template Presentation	To prepare the template for the end user once a field has been mapped, place your cursor in a cell and delete the value in the brackets using the <i>Delete</i> key. Do not delete the row.
Removing Fields	To remove selected fields from Excel, select the fields from the <i>Mapped Details</i> section in the bottom right hand window of the Display Map and click Remove Fields. If you remove a field that is already part of a Save Map, a warning message is displayed that the field will be removed from the Save Map as well. Do not delete a field from the worksheet in any other way, otherwise the name range that governs that field will not get properly removed.

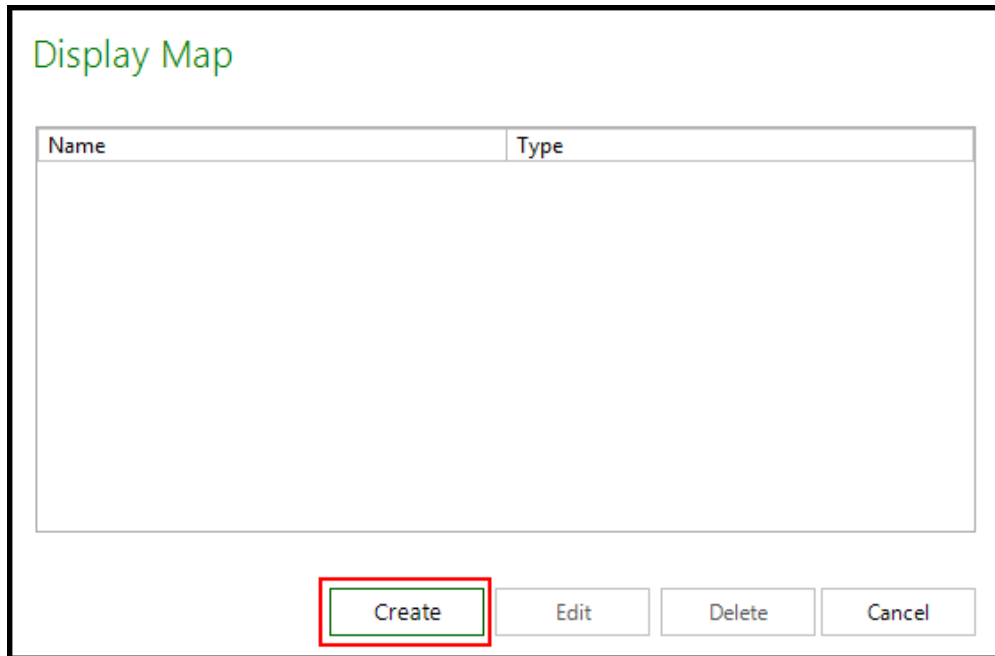
To create a Display Map

You must have at least one object selected in Salesforce Objects menu.

1. In the ribbon menu, click Display Map.



2. Click Create. The Display Map panel opens in Excel.



Display Map

Name	Type
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Create Edit Delete Cancel

3. In the Name field, type the display map name.
4. Select an object type from the Type picklist menu to see the fields for those objects.



Objects are listed based on the object behavior from Salesforce Objects: Individual or List. Individual fields are displayed by default. You can switch to List fields from the Type list.

5. Add a field to the Display Map by dragging it from the Display Map panel and dropping it on the worksheet. Fields can be searched by using the Search box.

Display Map

Name : Type :

Search : [Clear](#)

Fields Options

Layout : ☒ Vertical ☐ Horizontal

[-] Account

- Account Currency
- Account Description
- Account Fax
- Account ID
- Account Name
- Account Phone
- Account Source

Mapped Details

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Location	Type	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Account.Account Currency	Sheet1!\$H\$1	List	

Remove Fields

Save

Close

6. Click Save.

Display Map

Name : Type :

Fields Options

Layout : ☒ Vertical ☐ Horizontal

Account

- Account ID
- Account Name

Opportunity

- Account(Account)
- Account ID
- Account (Name)
- Amount

Mapped Details

Name	Location	Type	
<input type="checkbox"/> Opportunity.Account (Name)	Sheet1!\$A\$1	List	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Opportunity.Amount	Sheet1!\$B\$1	List	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Opportunity.Approval Status	Sheet1!\$D\$1	List	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Opportunity.Attachment	Sheet1!\$E\$1	List	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Opportunity.Close Date	Sheet1!\$F\$1	List	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Click Close.
8. Save the application by clicking Save Application.

You have created a Display Map.

To edit an existing Display Map

1. In the ribbon menu, click Display Map.
2. From the list of existing Display Maps, select one and click Edit.
3. Make appropriate changes and click Save and Close.

The updated Display Map is saved.

To delete an existing Display Map

Note

You cannot delete a Display Map that is being used by a Display Action.

1. From the ribbon, click the Display Map button.
2. From the list of display maps, select a display map and click Delete.

The Display Map is deleted.

To add Individual Object fields to a Display Map

1. In the Display map dialog, set the Type field to Individual. All Individual objects and their fields will be displayed.
2. Drag the field from the Display Maps panel and drop it in a cell on the worksheet.



- You can place the field anywhere on any worksheet except in the same row that contains fields from a List object.
- Based on the [hierarchical navigation](#), you can also select any field from a related list object and drag it.

The mapped field is displayed in brackets and the field label will display on the left. The mapped field/cell link is displayed in Mapped Details.

To add List Object fields to a Display Map

1. From the Type picklist, select List.
2. Click the Vertical radio button. (Horizontal layouts are covered later in this section.)
3. Drag the field from the Display Map panel and drop it in a cell on the worksheet.

When fields from List objects are mapped, they form a list range. Based on the [hierarchical navigation](#), you can select any field from a related list object and place it in the same row. They do not need to be placed adjacent to each other, but there must be a start and end cell that represent the list range. For example, you could have mapped fields in A5, C5, and F5 with formulas in B5, D5, and E5.

The mapped field is displayed in brackets and the field label will display above. The mapped field /cell link is displayed in Mapped Details. For more information about List objects and ranges, refer to [List Ranges](#).

Hierarchical Navigation

There are various areas within the Designer where hierarchical navigation is used. Fields can be added to the Display Map from either the object listed in the window or from a related object in an object hierarchy. The objects and the specific fields required for the Display Map must have all been selected in Salesforce Objects.

To add a field from the listed object, click on a field, hold the left mouse button down, and drag it onto the worksheet. To add a field from a related object, click on a + key (designates a related object is available) and navigate to the object.

You can now edit the parent object fields in the hierarchy from the same display map. In order to enable this feature, you must drag and drop the appropriate fields from the parent object to your display map. For example, Account is the parent object and Opportunity is the child object, then you can update the Account object fields and Opportunity object fields from the same display map. Then, you can simply edit and save your data in the entire hierarchy during runtime.

List Ranges

This section contains the rules and guidelines that apply to the use of list ranges.

Must include the record id if you are planning to save data	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you are planning to save back to Salesforce any data that has been retrieved into a List Range, you must include the record ID somewhere in the range. The best place to put this field is at the end of the range but it can be placed anywhere.• The record ID is used to make sure that the Excel rows and Salesforce records remain connected should the end user sort data in the range.
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Formulas in a List Range	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formulas can be added into either mapped or non-mapped cells in a List Range. Formulas are inserted into the List Range cells as each record is retrieved into the worksheet via the Display Map. Formulas in cells where Salesforce data is being retrieved and displayed will be overwritten by the Salesforce data but are still very useful if you allow users to add rows. This is covered in <i>Adding Rows to Worksheets</i>.
List Rows are Inserted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As each List Salesforce record is retrieved and displayed, an Excel row is inserted in the workbook. Anything you have placed below or alongside a List Range (for example: a total formula below the range or a pivot table), is pushed down accordingly.
Fields from related objects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fields selected from related objects in the hierarchy (see Hierarchy Navigation above) can also be included on the same row in the List Range. You can elect to save related object fields by including them in the Save Map. See Save Maps for more information.
List Ranges for different objects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These can be created below other ranges or on other worksheets.

List Range Sorting and Grouping

For List ranges, you can set some basic sorting and other settings in the Options tab. The native Excel sorting and grouping options are more flexible in many cases.

To sort and group List Ranges

1. Select List from the Type field.
2. Click the Options tab.
3. Type a description in the Header field to display above the label row of the list range.

4. In Sort by Field 1 and Sort by Field 2, select an individual column to sort by.
5. In Group by Field 1 and Group by Field 2, select a column in the repeating range to group by. These fields should be at the leftmost side of the list range.
6. Click Save.

Display Map

Name : Type :

Fields Options

Objects :

Header :

Layout :

Sort by field 1:

Sort by field 2:

Group by field 1:

Group by field 2:

Total fields

Sorting and Grouping Options have been selected and saved.

From the May release onwards, for both single and two levels of grouping in Display Maps, we support the following

- You can now total all numbers, decimals and currency fields
- You can now create totals on all Formula fields. Totals is displayed for formula fields having datatype as number, decimal and currency.

Vertical and Horizontal Layouts

Records in a List object can be displayed either vertically or horizontally. In vertical layouts, records are presented as rows with each column being a field. For horizontal layouts, each record is a column and the rows are represented by the fields. The steps are the same as you would use to [create a Display Map](#), but select the Horizontal radio button instead of the Vertical radio button.

Horizontal Layout Restrictions

Records can be retrieved and updated but you cannot add or delete records.

Field Lookups

Field lookups (also referred to as Look Aheads) allow designers to create field lookups for runtime users. For example, when a user is adding an opportunity, they can look up the account name. There are two types of lookups and both are initiated from double-clicking a cell. FieldMapping source fields are populated from selected search and select action's result fields. FieldMapping target fields are populated from the selected retrieve map's selected repeating group.


- Online: these lookups are real-time Salesforce data and are more flexible than offline. See the procedure for details.
- Offline: these lookups are for data that is already available in Excel (it might have been placed there from any source). For example, from a data invoking action (Query or Search and Select), data that was already in the template, or data that is generated from a macro into a list and made available to the offline lookup feature.

Prerequisite

Before creating a field lookup, you must have an existing field mapping in a Display or Save Map.

To create an online lookup

A Search and Select Action on the object that corresponds to the lookup value field must exist. For example, if you need an account lookup, there must be a Search and Select Action on the Account object.

1. Click Display Map.
2. Select a display map and click Edit. The Display Map panel opens.
3. In the Mapped Details section of the Display Map pane, click  to open lookup properties for that field.
4. Click the Search And Select Action tab.
5. Select the applicable Search and Select Action.
6. To set Online Lookup as the default lookup method, select the Is Active check box. Either Offline or Online lookup can be active at a given time. To provide an online lookup when the user is online and an offline lookup when the user is offline, create both types of lookups and select the Is Active check box in the online lookup.
7. In the Mapped Record ID field, select the record ID field and click Save.

This ensures that the correct lookup will be returned to the record. To remove an existing Online Lookup, click Remove.

Look Ahead

Excel

Search And Select Action

Configure a Search and Select Data Source

Search and Select Actions

Account Action

☒ Is Active☐ Enable Field Mapping

At runtime, the mapped field below will be populated with the record ID from the above Search and Select Action

Mapped Record ID fieldAccount.Account ID

Save

Remove

Close

Look Ahead

Excel

Search And Select Action

Configure a Search and Select Data Source

Search and Select Actions

Search Agreements

☒ Is Active
 ☒ Enable Field Mapping

At runtime, the mapped field below will be populated with the record ID from the above Search and Select Action

Mapped Record ID field Account.Opportunity.Agreement.Record ID

Field Mappings : Agreement

	Source Fields		Target Fields
1	Agreement Name	->	Account.Opportunity.Agreement.Agre
2	Agreement End Date	->	Account.Opportunity.Agreement.Agre
3	Agreement Start Date	->	Account.Opportunity.Agreement.Agre

Save

Remove

Close

8. Click Close.

To create an online lookup where new rows are added for each record selected in the lookup

The Enable Field Mapping check box allows you to design a lookup where the data is fetched from the Search and Select Action. The check box also enables you to add new rows and data for each record selected by the user in the record search.

1. Follow the steps to create an online lookup and also click Enable Field Mapping.

2. For each field in the Search and Select Action, select a corresponding Target Field from the Display Map.









The Enable Field Mapping check box in a look ahead dialog allows you to design a look ahead where the data is fetched from the Search and Select Action. The check box enables you to add or replace new rows and data for each record selected by the user in the record search.

In the Result Selection of the Search and Select action, decide whether the user can select a single or multiple results that are returned to Excel, and select a Result selection. (You can only select Multiple for a List object.). You can set any of the following options:

- Single: Replaces the selected record.
- Multiple: Creates a new record.

To create an offline lookup for single column

1. Click Display Map.
2. Select a display map and click Edit. The Display Map panel opens.
3. In the Mapped Details section of the Display Map pane, click  to open lookup properties for that field. The X-Author Designer window opens.

Mapped Details			
	Name	Location	Type
<input type="checkbox"/>	Account.Account ID	Sheet1!\$A\$5	Individual
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Account.Account Name	Sheet1!\$A\$6	Individual 
<input type="checkbox"/>	Opportunity.Name	Sheet1!\$A\$8	List 
<input type="checkbox"/>	Opportunity.Opportunity ID	Sheet1!\$B\$8	List 
<input type="checkbox"/>	History: Agreement.Created Date	Sheet1!\$A\$15	List 
<input type="checkbox"/>	History: Agreement Entity History ID	Sheet1!\$B\$15	List 

4. Click the Excel tab and from the Column Mapping section, select Single Column.



The single-column option must be used only when the list of values does not contain duplicate lookup values because it returns only the lookup value. If there are duplicates, the first value found in Salesforce is populated in the lookup field, and that may not be the value intended by the user.

5. Enter the range representing the lookup values. This can be done in the following ways.
 - In New Range, type the single column cell range that contains the list of values to be searched and click Save to save the data source.
 - Highlight the list values in the worksheet and click Get Current Selection.
6. To make offline lookup the default lookup method, select the Is Active check box. Either Offline or Online can be active at a given time.
7. To provide an online lookup when the user is online and an offline lookup when the user is offline, create both types of lookups and select the Is Active check box of online lookup. When the user is online, the Online Lookup will be active. When the user goes offline, the offline lookup will automatically become active.



The first time a lookup is initiated by the end user, the lookup function loads data from the worksheet and stores it in the Lookup window for quick results on successive lookups. If you expect changes in lookup data, then refresh the lookup fields every time you load the lookup by selecting the Refresh on Every Data Loadcheck box.

8. Click Save.

Look Ahead

Excel Search And Select Action

Configure an Excel Data Source

Mapped Field : Account.Account Name

Column Mapping

☒ Single Column ☐ Multi Column

Selected Excel Columns

	Primary Return Column	
	Secondary Return Column	
	Target Field	

Current Selected Range :

Highlight the Excel cell range and click on Get Current Selection


New Range : Sheet1!\$A\$5:\$A\$6

☒ Refresh data on every load ☒ Is Active

Get Current Selection

Save Remove Close

To create an offline lookup for multiple columns

1. Click Display Map.
2. Select a display map and click Edit. The Display Map panel opens.
3. In the Mapped Details section of the Display Map pane, click  to open lookup properties for that field.

Mapped Details			
	Name	Location	Type
<input type="checkbox"/>	Account.Account ID	Sheet1!\$A\$5	Individual
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Account.Account Name	Sheet1!\$A\$6	Individual
<input type="checkbox"/>	Opportunity.Name	Sheet1!\$A\$8	List
<input type="checkbox"/>	Opportunity.Opportunity ID	Sheet1!\$B\$8	List
<input type="checkbox"/>	History: Agreement.Created Date	Sheet1!\$A\$15	List
<input type="checkbox"/>	History: Agreement Entity History ID	Sheet1!\$B\$15	List

- Click the Excel tab and, under the Column Mapping section, select Multi-Column.

Note

This is the preferred lookup option for offline lookups because it handles duplicate lookup values correctly.

- Enter the range representing the lookup values. This can be done in one of the following ways.
 - In New Range, type the multicolumn cell range that has the list of values to be searched and click Save to save the data source.
 - Highlight the list values in the worksheet and click Get Current Selection.

Your range must always include the record ID of the lookup value (for example, Account ID). The column identifiers appear in the display columns.

- Select the Primary Return Column. This is the column that matches the lookup value (for example, Account Name).
- Select the Secondary Return Column. This must always be the column that has the record ID of the lookup value.
- Select the Target Field. This must be the record ID field for the lookup name.
- To make the Offline Lookup the default lookup method, click the Is Active check box.
Note: Either Offline or Online can be active at a given time.
- To provide an online lookup when the user is online and offline lookup when the user is offline, create both types of lookups and click the Is Active check box for online lookup. When the user is online, online lookup will be active. When the user goes offline, the offline lookup will automatically become active.

- The first time a lookup is initiated by the end user, the Lookup function loads data from the worksheet and stores it in the Lookup window for quick results on successive lookups. If you expect changes in lookup data, refresh the lookup fields every time you load the lookup by clicking the Refresh on Every Data Load check box.

Rich Text Fields

When a Salesforce field is of type Rich Text, that field can be edited in Excel using a rich-text editor that opens as a new panel.

Note

Rich-text editing is supported only for List objects.

When you are designing an app, you add rich-text fields the same way you would add any field.

When running an app, rich-text fields appear as Click here to Edit link.

Rich-Text Editor will not be loaded or is not supported if a rich-text field is added as a save-only field in the repeating group and if a rich-text field is added as an individual retrieved field or as an individually save-only field.

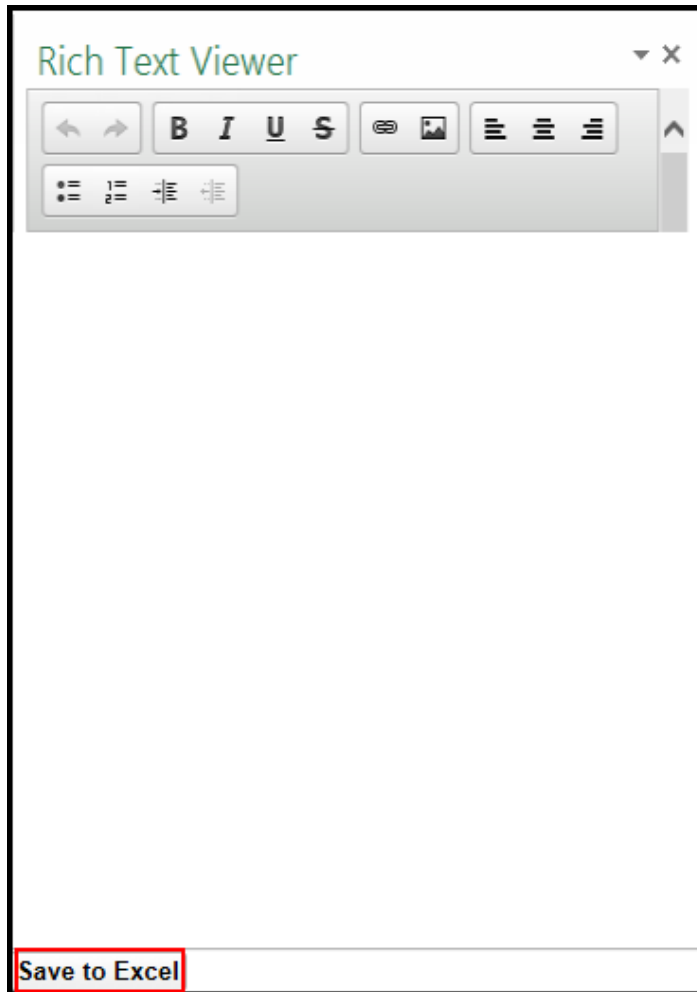
To edit field data when running an app

- Do one of the following:
 - Click Click here to Edit to edit a field that already contains data.
 - Click Click here to Add to edit a field that does not contain data.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1						
2	Opportunity ID	Opportunity Name	Stage	Amount	Close Date	Rich Text Field
4	006i0000003Y7gHAAS	Paste2	Closed Won	2,32,566.00	09-04-2016	Click here to Add
5	006i0000003Y7gIAAS	Paste3	Closed Won	95,000.00	10-04-2016	Click here to Add
6	006i0000003Y7gJAAS	Paste5	Id. Decision Makers	23,250.00	09-04-2016	Click here to Edit
7	006i0000003Y7gKAAS	Widget - 1,200 Widgets	Value Proposition	1,40,000.00	07-02-2012	Click here to Add
8	006i0000003Y7gLAAS	Widget - 600 Widgets	Needs Analysis	70,000.00	05-04-2011	Click here to Add

The rich-text editor opens.

- Edit the field data.
- Click the Save to Excel button to save the changes to your Excel spreadsheet.



4. Save the changes to Salesforce.

Working with Fields and Columns

This section outlines the procedures to move, edit, and delete fields and columns.

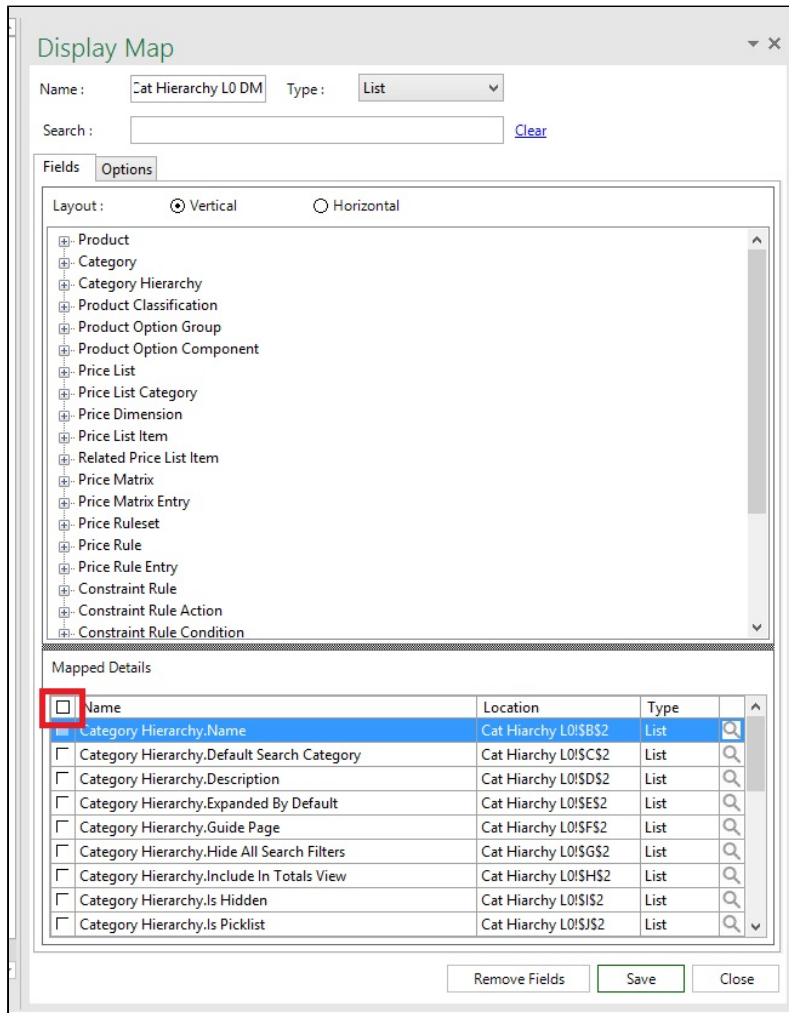
Moving and Removing Fields

X-Author can easily adjust its map links when fields need to be relocated, provided these changes are performed correctly. The only way to properly remove a field from a Display or Save Map is through the Remove Fields function in the lower right section of the map. Deleting the cell contents by placing your cursor in the cell and clicking Delete will have no impact and using Excel's native delete row or column functions will corrupt the app.

If you remove a field from a Display Map that is already part of a Save Map, a warning message is displayed that the field will be removed from the Save Map as well. Do not delete a field from the worksheet in any other way; otherwise the name range that governs that field will not be properly removed.

To Remove a Field from a Display Map

1. Click Display Map.
2. Click Edit for the display map you want to remove the field from.
3. In Mapped Details select the field to be removed. If you want to remove all the fields, select the check box next to the left of the Name column.
4. Click Remove Fields.



5. Click Save.

6. Click Close.

To Move a field from one cell to another

1. Close all Display Maps.
2. Place your cursor in the cell to be moved. Right mouse click and select Cut.
3. Place your cursor in the target cell. Make sure there is not already a mapped field in that cell. Right mouse click and select Paste.

4. The label (which may be above or alongside the field) will also need to be moved or just re-entered. Moving the label does not move the data field itself. You can simply drag the label to the new location, it has no impact on the Display Map.
5. Click Save App. It is this last step that relocates the mapping so you must save the application after you do any moves.

Now you can open any Display Map and the adjusted locations will be visible in *Mapped Details*.

Inserting and deleting columns and rows

This section provides the procedure to insert or delete columns or rows.

To insert or delete Columns or Rows

1. Click Save App.
2. Close all Display and Save Maps.
3. Insert or delete columns or rows.
4. Click Save App.

Now you can open any Display Map or Save Map and the adjusted locations will be visible in *Mapped Details*.

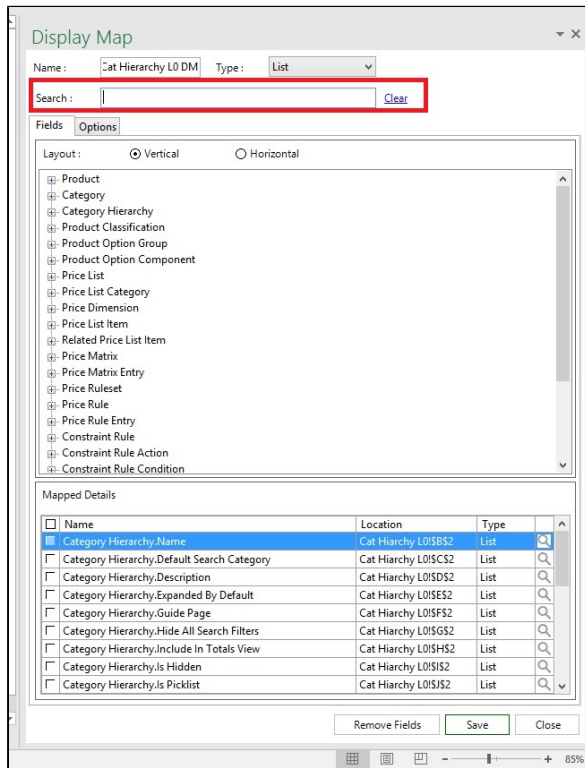
To move a column

1. Highlight the column. Right mouse click and select Cut.
2. Highlight the target column. Right mouse click and select Paste.
3. Click Save App.

To search fields in the Display Map and Tree View

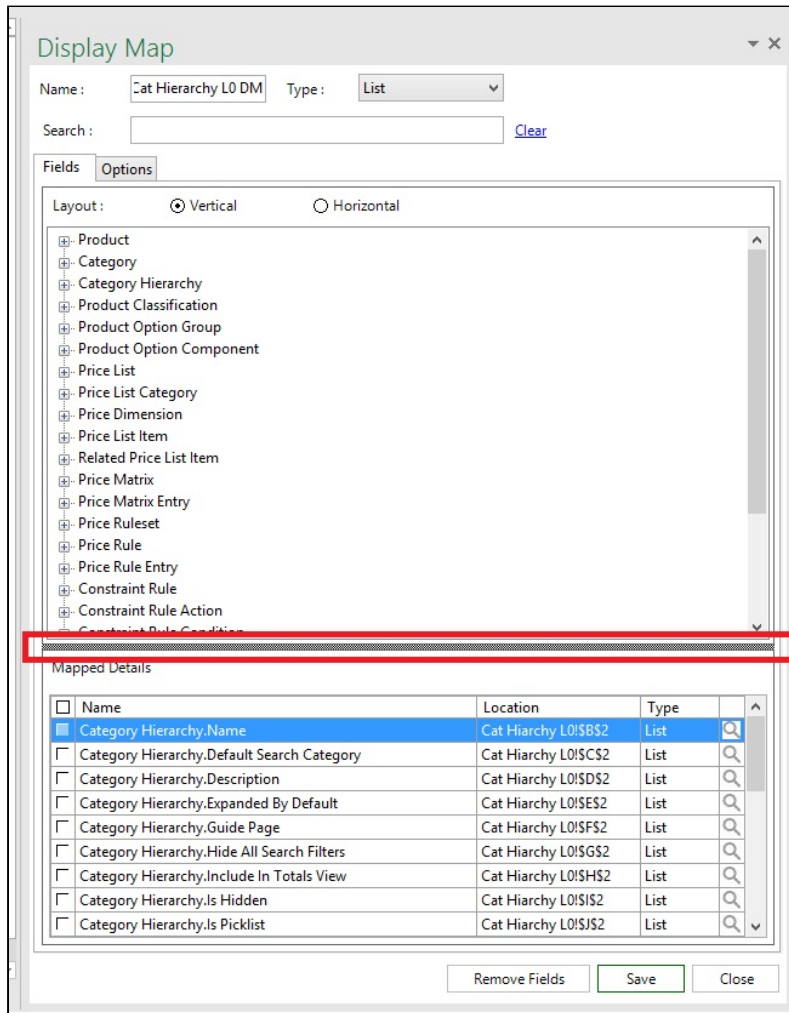
1. Click Display Map.
2. Click Edit for the display map whose fields you want to view.

3. Enter the name of the field or option you want to search for in the Search text box. The Search operation occurs in the tree view as well as on Mapped Details simultaneously. The Tree view of objects is collapsed. As you start typing in the search bar, the tree view expands to display fields matching the searched key word. In the Mapped Details table, the displayed rows are limited based on the searched key word.



To resize the Display Map and Mapped Details area:

1. Click Display Map.
2. Click Edit for the display map you want to verify the resize feature for.
3. Click and drag the horizontal line between the Tree view and Mapped table upwards or downwards to resize the Tree view or Mapped table area.



Adding and Updating Records to Salesforce

This section covers the following procedures:

- [Updates](#)
- [Inserts](#)
- [Deletes](#)
- [Working with Save Maps](#)
 - [To create a Save Map](#)

- [To edit an existing Save Map](#)
- [To delete an existing Save Map](#)
- [Creating Preloaded Grids](#)
 - [To create a Preloaded Grid](#)

Save Maps are accessed from the Save Map button in the ribbon menu. Save Maps are used to link Salesforce fields to Excel cells for data that is to be saved to Salesforce. X-Author for Excel supports updates, inserts, upserts, and deletes.

Updates

Updates assume that records were retrieved from Salesforce and the data from one or more fields in that record were placed on the worksheet via a Display Map. Using the Display Field function in a Save Map, user modifications to any cell are updated on the record.

Even though a record was retrieved via Salesforce, and the data from one or more fields in that record were placed on the worksheet via a Display Map, you might also want to update a field that was **not** retrieved. In this case, you can use the Other Field function. Since no value is retrieved from Salesforce for this field, it will always be updated to the value in the Excel cell.

Inserts

New records can be created in three ways:

- When a new data row has been added by the user via the Add Row menu button
- When the App automatically adds a new data row via the Add row Action + pasting data into that new row.
- Using the preloaded grids feature (see the procedures below)

Deletes

Rows can be deleted from Display Map lists by the user clicking the Delete Rows from Salesforce menu button. To delete one or more records from a List, the Display Delete Row from Salesforce must be checked in User Menus and there must be a Save Map with at least one field in it.

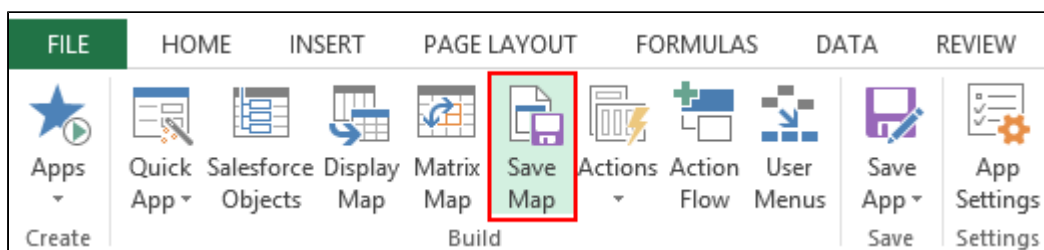
Working with Save Maps

This section provides the procedure to create a Save Map. The table highlights the features of Save Maps.

Unlimited Save Maps	There is no limit to the number of Save Maps.
Unlimited Objects	A Save Map can include fields from any number of objects.
Multiple Worksheets	A Save Map can cross worksheets (but not workbooks).

To create a Save Map

1. On X-Author ribbon, click Save Map.



2. Click Create. The Save Map pane opens on the right side of Excel.
3. Type a Name for the Save Map. If you are just creating one Save Map, you can just use *Map* or any other name. If you are using multiple Save Maps, then you need a more descriptive name to identify each one.
4. Add fields to the Save Map.
 - If you want to save data that has been retrieved via a Display Map and modified by the user, click Add Display Map Fields and select the fields to save. You can use the filter to narrow down the field list, and then click Apply.

Save Map

Name :

Main Map

Add Display Map Fields

Add Matrix Map Sections

Add Other Fields

[Show Preloaded Grid](#)

Mapped Fields

	Name	Location	Type	Field Type	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Account.Account ID	Sheet1!\$A\$5	Individual	Display	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Account.Account Name	Sheet1!\$A\$6	Individual	Display	
<input type="checkbox"/>	History: Agreement.Entity History ID	Sheet1!\$I\$15	List	SaveOnly	
<input type="checkbox"/>	History: Agreement.New Value	Sheet1!\$G\$15	List	SaveOnly	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Opportunity.Name	Sheet1!\$A\$8	List	Display	

Remove Fields

Save

Close

Add Display Fields

Filter by: Display Map 1

	Field	Location	Type	Display Map
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Opportunity.Opportunity ID	Sheet1!\$B\$8	List	Display Ma
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	History: Agreement.Created Date	Sheet1!\$A\$15	List	Display Ma
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	History: Agreement.Old Value	Sheet1!\$E\$15	List	Display Ma

☒ Select All Apply Close

- For other cell data (not retrieved) that needs to be saved, you use the Add Other Fields functionality to map the cell to a Salesforce field. Click Add Other Fields. Select Individual or List to display the objects you need and then drag the field to the cell. Click Add to Save Map.

Save Map

Name :

Main Map

Add Display Map Fields

Add Matrix Map Sections

Add Other Fields

[Show Preloaded Grid](#)

Mapped Fields

	Name	Location	Type	Field Type	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Account.Account ID	Sheet1!\$A\$5	Individual	Display	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Account.Account Name	Sheet1!\$A\$6	Individual	Display	
<input type="checkbox"/>	History: Agreement.Entity History ID	Sheet1!\$I\$15	List	SaveOnly	
<input type="checkbox"/>	History: Agreement.New Value	Sheet1!\$G\$15	List	SaveOnly	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Opportunity.Name	Sheet1!\$A\$8	List	Display	

Remove Fields

Save

Close

Add fields to Save Map ▼ ✕

Name : Type :

Fields

Layout : ☒ Vertical ☐ Horizontal

- Opportunity
 - Name
 - Opportunity ID
- History: Agreement
 - Created Date
 - Entity History ID
 - New Value
 - Old Value

Mapped Details

	Name	Location	Type	
<input type="checkbox"/>	History: Agreement.New Value	Sheet1!\$G\$15	List	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	History: Agreement.Entity History ID	Sheet1!\$I\$15	List	

- Add Matrix Map Sections allows you to add any specific sections of the matrix maps.

Save Map

Name : Main Map

Add Display Map Fields Add Matrix Map Sections Add Other Fields

[Show Preloaded Grid](#)

Mapped Fields

	Name	Location	Type	Field Type	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Account.Account ID	Sheet1!\$A\$5	Individual	Display	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Account.Account Name	Sheet1!\$A\$6	Individual	Display	
<input type="checkbox"/>	History: Agreement.Entity History ID	Sheet1!\$I\$15	List	SaveOnly	🔍
<input type="checkbox"/>	History: Agreement.New Value	Sheet1!\$G\$15	List	SaveOnly	🔍
<input type="checkbox"/>	Opportunity.Name	Sheet1!\$A\$8	List	Display	

Remove Fields Save Close

5. Click Save.
6. Click Close.
7. Click Save App.

To edit an existing Save Map

1. Click Save Map.
2. From the list of existing Save Maps, select one and click Edit.
3. Make the desired changes and then click Save.
4. Click Close.

The modified Save Map is saved.

To delete an existing Save Map



You cannot delete Save Maps that are used in a Save action.

1. Click Save Map.
2. From the list of existing Save Maps, select one and click Delete.

The Save Map is deleted.

Creating Preloaded Grids

There are three ways to add records to Salesforce.

- Click Add Row during runtime.
- Copy and then the X-Author Paste Values or Paste All functions.
- Rows can be added in the Designer that become added rows automatically in runtime without the user having to take any action.

A preloaded grid can only be used to add new records, not for retrieval and update. For example, you might have a six-row-by-three-column grid with three rows of formulas and an empty row between each. The formulas recalculate based on values elsewhere in the workbook. You want each of the three rows to be inserted as Salesforce records each time the input values change and the user clicks Save.

To create a Preloaded Grid

1. In a Save Map, click on Show Preloaded Grid.
2. In the Preloaded Grid window, select the List Object for which you are creating the grid.
3. Enter the number of rows for the Preloaded Grid.
4. Click the check mark when finished. The object will now have an identifier in brackets for the number of rows added. To change the number of rows, enter in a new number in Preloaded Rows.
5. Click Save.

Customizing the App Experience

Actions are used to create a specific user experience. They include being able to query data, display and save it as well being able to manipulate it within the workbook.

The top section of the Actions menu button provides access to existing Actions. Click the down arrow at the bottom of the button to create new Actions.

Click on the Action name in the following table for more information on the action.

Action Name	Action Type
Add Row Action	Adds a row to the top or bottom of your Display Map.
Check-In	Saves the Excel file to Notes and Attachments in Salesforce and unlocks the file.
Check-Out	Opens a previously saved X-Author for Excel file from Salesforce Notes and Attachments and then locks the file to prevent editing by any other user.
Clear	Clears cell data.
Dataset Action and Other Functionality to Overcome 20K SOQL Character Limit	Combines outputs of Query Actions to overcome SOQL limitations.
Display	Places retrieved data in the worksheet based on a Display Map.
Macro	Runs an existing macro.
Paste Action	Counts the rows from which data has been copied and then pastes the copied data into those rows.
Query	Queries data from Salesforce.

Action Name	Action Type
Salesforce Method	Calls a Salesforce Method.
Save	Saves worksheet data to Salesforce based on a Save Map.
Save Attachment	Saves the entire Excel file or specific worksheets in the Excel file to Notes and Attachments as an xls or pdf.
Search and Select	Allows a user to search for and select data that will then be retrieved into the workbook or that will provide a filter to a subsequent search or query. Retrieves data from Salesforce based on the user record selection.
Switch Connection	Switches between orgs to allow uploading and downloading data across multiple orgs.

Add Row Action

The **Add Row Action** lets you automatically add rows to the top or bottom of your spreadsheet as part of your flow. You can add a row containing data from a specified set of cells or from another action flow step, or you can add a specified number of empty rows and allow users to insert the data.

Add Row Action

Name :

Save Map :

List Object :

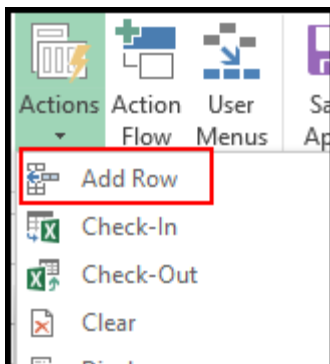
Location : ☐ Top ☒ Bottom

Number Of Records

Input Type :

To create an Add Row action

1. In the ribbon menu, click the Actions drop-down menu and select Add Row. The Add Row Action window opens.



2. Complete the fields described in the following table.

Field	Description
Name	Type a name for the new action.
Save Map	Select an existing Save Map to use when adding rows.

List Object	Select the list object that you will be adding rows for.
Location	Specify whether to add the new rows before the existing data or after it.
Input Type	<p>Select the method used to determine how many rows will be added.</p> <p>Action Flow Step Input – The number of rows added will be determined by the outcome of a previous step in the action flow. For example, if you have a Search and Select action in the flow, the number of rows added will equal the number of rows selected during that step.</p> <p>Cell Reference – Select this option to specify the workbook cell, such as Sheet3!A1, that contains the numerical value of the number of cells you want to add.</p> <p>Number of Rows – Select this option to specify a static number of rows to add.</p> <p>User Input – Select this option to allow the runtime user to specify the number of rows to add.</p>

3. Click Save.

Add Row Action

Name : Add Row Action - Opportunity

Save Map : Main Map-Save

List Object : Opportunity

Location : ☐ Top ☒ Bottom

Number Of Records

Input Type : User Input

Save Cancel

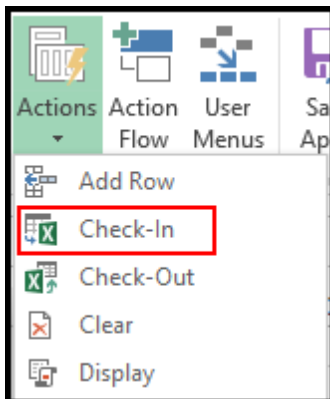
Check-In Action

Check-In action saves the Excel workbook to the Notes and Attachments of a designated record and then unlocks the workbook and enables it to be checked out by another user.

To create a Check-In action

At least one object must be identified as *Individual* in Salesforce Objects.

1. Click the lower section of the Actions button and select Check-In.



2. In the Action Name field, type a descriptive name for the action.
3. From Object, select an object and click Save. The list of objects will include any Individual Salesforce Objects.
4. In the File Name, select the option to type the file name that will be used when the file is checked-in.

Field Name	Description
Use Runtime Filename	Select this option to allow your user to enter the File Name at run time.
	Select this option to allow your user to enter the File Name manually. Enter the file name manually.


Field Name	Description
Manually Provide File Name	
Use Cell Reference as File Name	Select this option to allow your user to use cell reference as File Name. Select the cell and click the icon. Note: This feature is not available with Presto apps.

Check In File as attachment

Action Name :

Object :

File Name : ☒ Use Runtime Filename
☐ Manually Provide File Name
☐ Use Cell Reference as File Name



A Check-In action has been created.

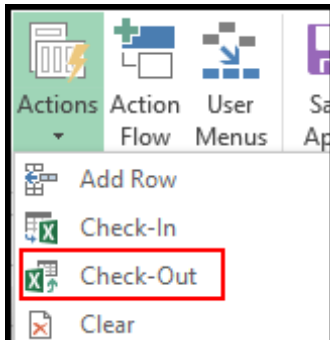
Check-Out Action

This action provides the runtime user with a list of all files previously checked into the designated object/record and they can select one of those files to open. This then locks the file for other users until it is checked back in by the current user.

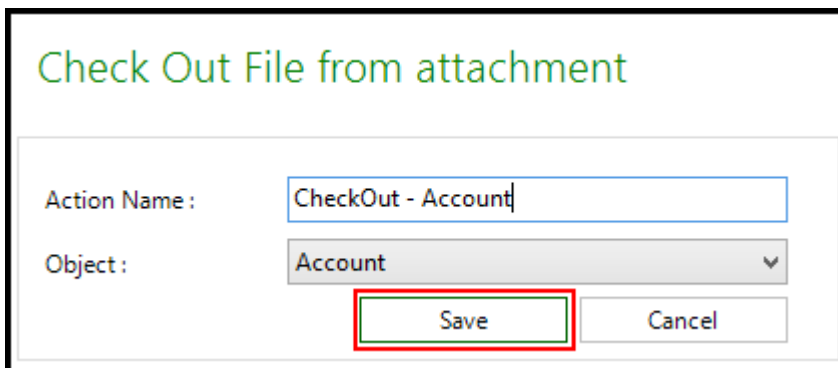
To create a Check-Out action

You must have at least one object identified as *Individual* in Salesforce Objects and at least one Check-In action.

1. Click the lower section of the Actions button and select Check-Out.



2. In the Action Name field, type a descriptive name for the action.
3. From Object, select an object and click Save. The list of objects will include any object marked as Individual in Salesforce Objects.

A screenshot of a dialog box titled 'Check Out File from attachment'. It contains two input fields: 'Action Name' with the text 'CheckOut - Account' and 'Object' with a dropdown menu showing 'Account'. Below these fields are two buttons: 'Save' and 'Cancel'. The 'Save' button is highlighted with a red rectangular box.

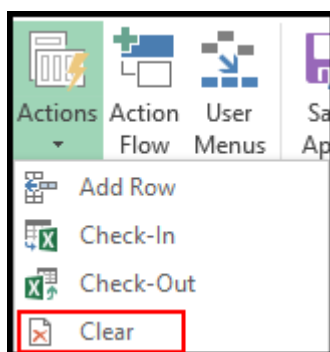
A Check-Out action has been created.

Clear Action

A Clear action clears the cells in the workbook for a specified Save Map. It is used when, for example, you are adding a record to an Individual object using a form and you need to clear the cells after each record has been added so you can add the next one. Another example would be when you want to combine process creation and editing in the same app, like quoting.

To create a Clear action

1. Click the down arrow on the Actions button and select Clear from the drop-down menu. The Clear Fields Action window opens.



2. In the Action Name field, type a descriptive name for the action.
3. From the Display/Save Map picklist menu, select an existing map.
4. Click the check box next to the object to be cleared and it will be displayed in Selected Objects.
5. Click Save. You can select additional Save Maps and objects as necessary.

Clear Fields Action

Action Name :

Clear - Save

Display / Save Map :

Main Map-Save - (Save)

☒ Account

☒ Agreement

☒ Opportunity

Selected Objects

Map Name	Object	Object Type
Main Map-Save - (Save)	Agreement	Repeating
Main Map-Save - (Save)	Account	Independent
Main Map-Save - (Save)	Opportunity	Repeating

Save

Cancel

A Clear action has been created.

Dataset Action and Other Functionality to Overcome 20K SOQL Character Limit

Salesforce has various query limitation as follows:

1. SOQL statements cannot have more than one level of sub-query
2. Sub-queries cannot be executed when there is an 'OR' clause in the filter.
3. SOQL statements cannot exceed 20,000 characters in length.

If your query exceeds 20K characters, an SOQL error appears stating the query cannot exceed 20,000 characters in length. X-Author helps overcome these limitations using a combination of automated functionality and the Data Set Action (simulates a SQL union function)

X-Author checks the queries in runtime and automatically runs sub-queries and data chunking functionality to overcome a >20K character query. If during testing you find that even this is insufficient, then create a Data Set Action where you can break the query action into multiple query actions and use the query output as an input to the Data Set action.

Using the Data Set Action, you can merge the output of two queries into a single Data Set based on the OR clause or AND clause. When you specify 'OR' clause for query outputs, one output Data Set is created by union of the two query outputs. When you specify the AND clause for query outputs, one output Data Set is created by intersection of two query outputs.

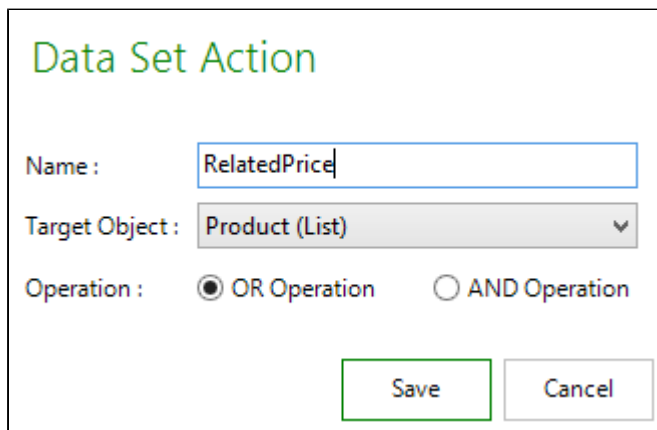
Prerequisites for creating a Data Set Action

1. For all queries that cross the limit of 20K, split the query into separate query actions. Ensure that your split query meets the following criteria:
 - If there are 2 'IN' filters or 'NOT IN' filters and if the query crosses the limit of 20K, ensure that you:
 - Separate the 'IN' clause from the query and create a different query action.
 - Create 2 separate Query Actions each having a single 'IN' filter.
 - While creating an action flow and selecting a query action, ensure that 'Persist Data in Output' checkbox is selected.
 - Using the Data Set action procedure below, merge the data retrieved by both the query action in a single Data Set using a Data Set Action. You can choose to use the 'OR' clause or 'AND' clause to merge the data into a Data Set.
 - If there are 2 or more 'IN' filters or 'NOT IN' filters and if the query crosses the limit of 20K, ensure that you:
 - Separate the 'IN' clauses into a separate query action.
 - While creating an action flow and selecting a query action, ensure that 'Persist Data in Output' checkbox is selected.

- Using the Data Set action procedure below, merge the output of those query action flows using a Data Set Action into a single data set.
2. Ensure that the application type is **Power Admin**. The Data Set Action can be only executed on applications having the Power Admin edition.

To create a Data Set action

1. Click the downward arrow of the Actions button and select Data Set.
2. Enter an Action Name. Use a descriptive name, For example, Data Set Product Name.
3. From the Object drop-down list, select an Object. The object of the Data Set must be the same as those of the split Query Actions.



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Data Set Action" in green text. It contains three main fields: "Name:" with a text input field containing "RelatedPrice"; "Target Object:" with a dropdown menu showing "Product (List)"; and "Operation:" with two radio buttons, "OR Operation" (which is selected) and "AND Operation". At the bottom right, there are two buttons: "Save" and "Cancel".

4. Specify the operator for the Data Set as AND or OR. The output of the different queries are merged into the Data Set either as a union or an intersection.
5. Navigate to Action Flows, do any of the following:
 - a. To create a new Action flow, click Create, specify a name for the action flow. Click Add a step.
 - b. To add a Data Set to an existing Action Flow, select the existing Action Flow and click Edit. Click Add a Step.
6. Enter the Step Name.



Before you create a Data Set action step for an Action flow make sure that steps for Query Action exist.

7. Select the Data Set Action. The Data Set Action that you specify must have subsequent Query Action flows created for it based on the object you select which Query Action and Data Set Action Creation.
8. Specify the name of the Data Set Action Output.
9. Ensure that you select the Provide Input and Persist Data in Output check boxes.
10. In the Action Input Area, specify the query actions from which the output is merged.

The screenshot displays the 'Add Step' dialog in the X-Author software. On the left, a tree view lists various actions, with '30. Related Price List Item based on All Price List Items' highlighted. The right pane contains the configuration for this selected action.

Step Configuration:

- Step Name:** 30. Related Price List Item based on All Price List Items
- Select Action:** 30. Related Price List Item based on All Price List Items
- Checkboxes:** ☒ Persist Data as Output, ☒ Provide Input, ☐ Suppress Save Message
- Action Output:** Name: Related Price List Items
- Action Input:** ☐ Get External Input
 - Related Price List Item: Related Price List Items - Price List
 - Related Price List Item: Related Price List Items - Related Price List

Buttons at the bottom include 'Apply', 'Save', and 'Close'. A checkbox at the bottom left reads 'Display Apttus CPQ Actions'.

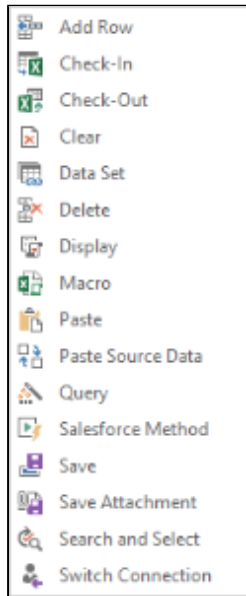
11. Click Apply.

Delete Action

Using this Action, you can delete records for an object based on specific filter criteria. You can delete records for only those objects referenced in the Save Map having Display Map fields along with Save other fields. If you do not specify any filter criteria, all the records for the object are deleted. You can specify a maximum of 20 filters. Delete action is supported only on Enterprise and Power Admin Editions.

To create a Delete Row action

1. In the ribbon menu, click the Actions drop-down menu and select Delete. The Delete Action window opens.



Delete Action

Action Name :

Save Map :

Object :

Filters

	Salesforce Object and Field	Value Type	Operator	Value	
1	<input type="text" value="Configuration Name"/>	<input type="text" value="Static"/>	<input type="text" value="equals"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="X"/>
2	<input type="text" value="Record ID"/>	<input type="text" value="Static"/>	<input type="text" value="equals"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="X"/>

[Add Row](#)
[Clear All](#)
[Add Filter Logic](#)

Warning : Delete Row Action will delete all records retrieved for Product Configuration if there are no filter defined

☒ Prompt Confirmation Message Before Deleting record(s)

2. Complete the fields described in the following table.

Field	Description
Name	Type a name for the new action.
Save Map	Select an existing Save Map to use when deleting rows.
Object	Select the object that you want to delete the records for.

3. Specify the filters based on which you want to delete the records. For example, you can choose to delete records if the Approval Status of the record is Rejected. Operators are supported based on the datatype of the field, such as equals, not equal to, greater than,

greater than equal to, less than, and less than equal to. IN and Not In operators are not supported in this release. Only Static value type is supported in the May 2016 release. You can specify a maximum of 20 filters.

Filters are displayed based on the following conditions:

- Save map containing only display map fields will show all filter fields.
 - Save map containing display and save other fields both will show all fields.
 - Save map containing only save other fields shouldn't show anything.
 - Empty columns that are a part of the display map also appear in the filter fields.
4. To ensure that the user knows that a delete action is executed at runtime, the Prompt Configuration Message Before Deleting records check box is selected by default. If the user clicks Yes, the records are deleted and the next action in the action flow is executed. If the user clicks No, the next action in the action flow is executed.
 5. Click Save.

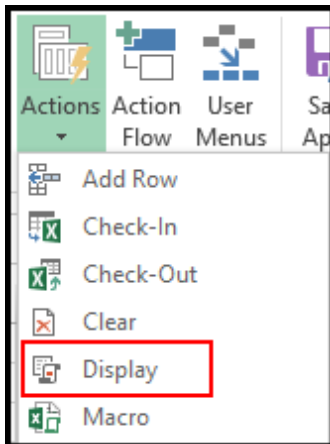
Display Action

When data is retrieved from Salesforce, it remains in memory until a Display Action places that data into the workbook based on a Display Map.

Note: To create a Display Action, you must have an existing Display Map.

To create a Display Action

1. Click the lower section of the Actions button and select Display.



2. In Action Name, type a name. If you are just creating one Display Action, you can use Display. If you have more than one Display action, then you may need a more descriptive name to identify each.

 A screenshot of the 'Display Action' configuration dialog box. The title bar says 'Display Action'. Inside, there are several fields and checkboxes:

- 'Action Name' is a text box containing 'OpportunityABB'.
- 'Display Map' is a dropdown menu showing 'Opportunity'.
- A checkbox labeled 'Show Query Filters' is checked.
- Below this, there are two columns: 'DisplayMap Object' and 'Filter Location in Excel'.
- Under 'DisplayMap Object', there is a checkbox (checked) and a text box containing 'Department (Individual)'.
- Under 'Filter Location in Excel', there is a text box containing 'Sheet2!B2'.
- At the bottom right, there are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons.

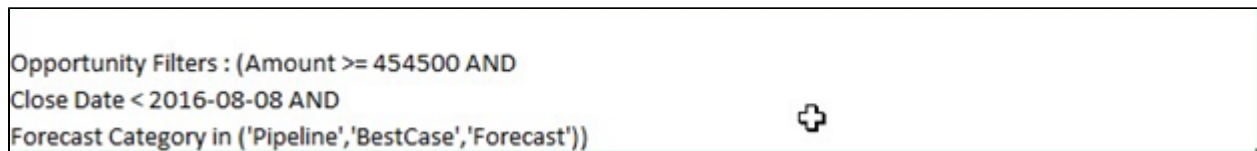
3. Select the Show Query Filters check box and select the Display Map for which you want to display the query filters for during runtime. Specify the Filter Location where you want to display the query in. For example, specifying the filter location as **Sheet2!B2** displays the query filters in the B2 cell of Sheet 2.

You can also specify a named range as a filter location.

4. From Display Map, select an existing Display Map and click Save.

A Display action is created.

Runtime Behavior: When the App is executed during runtime, the query filter is displayed in Sheet 2 in cell B2. The query filters can also be displayed in merged cells, such as filter location supports merge cell.



Macro Action

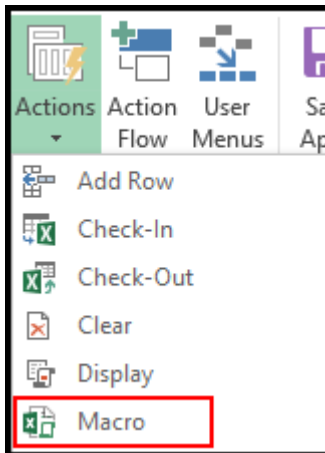
A Macro action executes a macro from the workbook. It can be executed at any time during an Action Flow and it can also be used to conditionally stop the next step in an Action Flow from executing.

To create a Macro action



To create a macro action, you must have an existing Macro in the Excel workbook.

1. Click the lower section of the Actions button and select Macro.

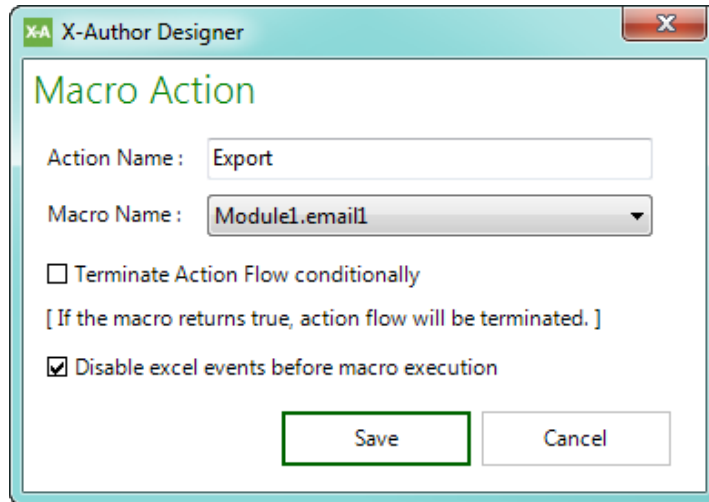


2. In Action Name, type a value that describes which Macro will be executed.
3. From Macro Name, select an existing macro.
4. Select the Terminate Action Flow conditionally if you want to terminate the action flow conditionally. The table below describes the behavior of the check box.

Macro	Terminate Action Flow conditionally check box	Result
True	Selected	The action flow will be terminated.
False	Selected	The action flow will continue.

5. Select the 'Disable excel events before macro execution' checkbox.

Depending upon the value of the checkbox, enable or disable the excel events in macro action.

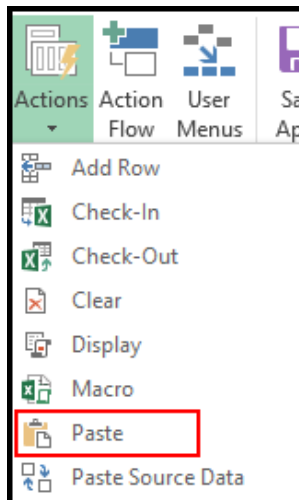


Paste Action

This action adds rows and pastes data from the clipboard into those rows.

To create a Paste action

1. Click the lower section of the Actions button and select Paste.



2. In the Name field, enter a descriptive name for paste action.

3. From Save Map picklist menu, select the save map for which you want to create paste action.
4. From the List Object picklist menu, select the appropriate object (of list type).
5. Do any one of the following:
 - a. To add the rows at the top of the current data selection, select Top from Add row location.
 - b. To add the rows at bottom, select Bottom from Add row location.
6. Do any one of the following
 - a. If you want to paste the rows and its data, select Paste All.
 - b. If you want to paste the values only, select Paste Values Only.
7. Click Save.

Paste Action

Name :

Save Map :

List Object :

Add row location : ☐ Top ☒ Bottom

☐ Paste Values Only ☒ Paste All

A Paste action has been created.

Paste Data Source Action

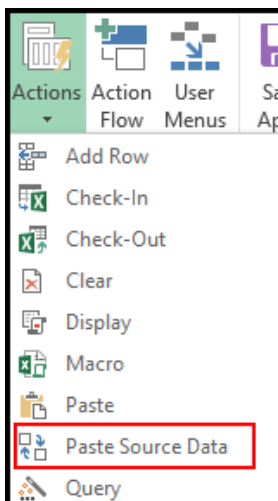
This is the automated equivalent of the runtime Paste with Mapping feature and is primarily used for migrating data between Salesforce orgs. The manual process would have been to map data between source and target orgs using the Source Data function and then use Paste from Mapping to copy the data downloaded from the Source org into the Target workbook using the Source Data layout. This action automates that process so that the migration can be run uninterrupted.

Prerequisite

You must be using have licensed an edition that includes data migration.

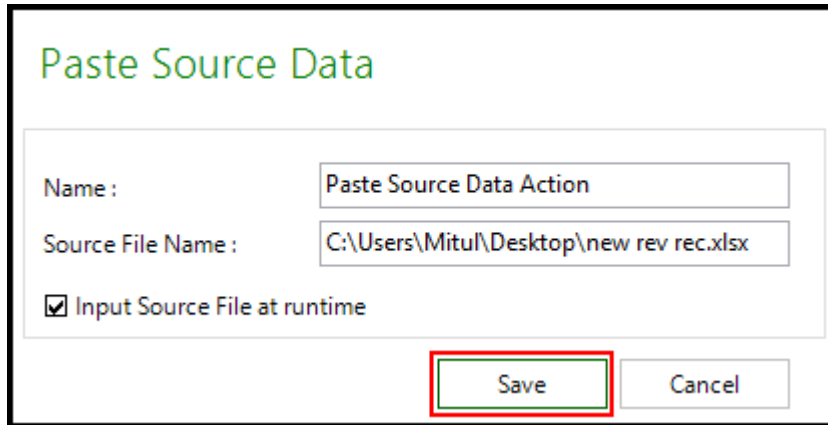
To create a Paste Data Source action

1. Click on the lower section of Actions button and select Paste Data Source. The Paste Source Data window opens.



2. In the Name field, type a descriptive name for the action.
3. To automatically paste the data from the source file when called from the Action Flow, click the Input Source File at Runtime check box.

4. Click Save.



A Paste Source Data Action is created.

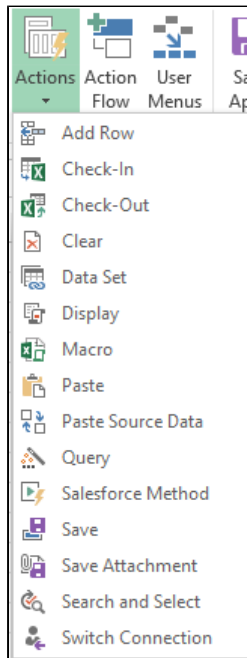
Query Action


The Query action is a point-and-click query builder. This action retrieves data from Salesforce based on predefined parameters and/or user input during App runtime. You can create as many queries as needed and use them more than once across Action Flows.

Within the Query Action, designers can add many types of query filters that are either hard coded or that rely on either user or spreadsheet input at runtime. These filters then can be connected using the Add Filter Logic feature.

To create a Query action

1. Click the down arrow of the Actions button and select Query.



2. Enter an Action Name. Use a descriptive name, for example, *Query Opportunities*.
3. From the Object drop-down list, select an Object.
4. Type a number in Max Records to specify the maximum number of records to be returned. Leaving it blank will return all records unless otherwise restricted by the filters below.
5. Now add query filters as needed by clicking Add Row.
6. In Salesforce Object and Field, click the lookup icon  and select a field from the selected object or click on an orange lookup field to navigate to a related object and select a field from there. To select a field from a lookup object, that object and the field must have been selected in Salesforce Objects.
7. Select a Value Type.
 - Input: This is for restricting records from the selected object based on a field from another object. It also implies that an input is required during an Action Flow. For example, retrieve all opportunities for an account that was previously selected by a user in a search and select action. X-Author Designer will automatically suggest matching fields from the related object. Select the correct field from the drop-down list.

- **Static:** Type a specific value to restrict which records are retrieved. For example, only get records where the geo field equals "West". If you set the Value Type as Static, and the operator as in or not in and the query has more than 20,000 characters, the query is executed successfully during run-time. If the query condition comprises more than 20,000 characters, the query is chunked into multiple queries executed separately and the results are assimilated as a single query execution.
- **System Variables:** There are three system variables available for use.
 - **Current User** - Used to restrict records based on the user who is logged in.
 - **Current Date** - Used to restrict records to the current date.
 - **ExportRecordId** - This is used for Apps that will be launched from Salesforce. Please refer to that section for usage.
- **User Input:** This will generate a user input field at runtime. This option will present the field name to the user at runtime unless you change it as follows:

Hover over the field name and a pop up will be displayed. Change the field name in the pop up and click the green check mark. To remove a label, click the red cross mark.

Query Action

Action Name :

Object : Max records :

Filter	Type	Operator	Value
Account Name	User Input	equals	

If you set the Value Type as User Input, the operator as in or not in and the user input query has more than 20,000 characters, the query is executed successfully during run-time. If the query condition comprises more than 20,000 characters, the query is chunked into multiple queries executed separately and the results are assimilated as a single query execution.

- **Cell Reference:** This will filter the query results based on the value of a cell reference provided. If you set the Value Type as Cell Reference, and the operator as in or not in and the query has more than 20,000 characters, the query is executed successfully during run-time. If the query condition comprises more than 20,000 characters, the query is chunked into multiple queries executed separately and the results are assimilated as a single query execution.



Cell Reference Value Types is not supported in Presto Apps.

8. **Select an Operator.** The following table describes combinations of field types, value types, and operators.

	Operator	Equals	Not Equal To	Starts With	Contains	In	Greater Than	Greater or Equal	Less Than	Less or Equal
Datatype										
Value Type										
String										
Static		•	•	•	•	•	•			
User Input		•	•	•	•	•				
Cell Reference					•					
Picklist										
Input		•	•	•	•	•				
Static		•	•	•	•	•				
User Input		•	•	•	•	•				
Cell Reference		•				•				
Lookup										
Input		•	•			•				
Static		•	•			•				
System Variable		•	•			•				
User Input		•								
Cell Reference		•								
Date / DateTime										
Static		•	•			•	•	•	•	•
System Variable		•	•			•	•	•	•	•
User Input		•	•			•	•	•	•	•
Cell Reference		•	•			•	•	•	•	•
Decimal										
Static		•	•			•	•	•	•	•
System Variable		•	•			•	•	•	•	•
User Input		•	•			•	•	•	•	•
Cell Reference		•	•			•	•	•	•	•
Double										
Static		•	•			•	•	•	•	•
User Input		•	•			•	•	•	•	•
Cell Reference		•	•			•	•	•	•	•
Boolean										
Static		•	•							
User Input		•								
Cell Reference		•								

Click to enlarge.



Formula field types are also supported. The corresponding supported operator types depend on the the datatype the formula field returns. The supported return types for formula fields are boolean, double, string, currency, percent, and date. Query and Search and Select Actions now support fields having datatype as email.

9. Click Add Row to create more filter conditions.
10. Click Save.

A Query action is created.

Query Action

Action Name :

Object : Max records :

Filters

	Salesforce Object and Field		Value Type	Operator	Value	
1	<input type="text" value="Account Name"/>		<input type="text" value="User Input"/>	<input type="text" value="equals"/>	<input type="text"/>	

[Add Row](#) [Clear All](#) [Add Filter Logic](#)

Filter Logic

The filter logic is the same as in Salesforce to implement query filters. As an example, for these filters, find records that match both the first two filters or the third, For example, 3 OR (1 AND 2) has the same meaning as (1 AND 2) OR 3). For example, find records where the amount is greater than "\$10 million" AND the close date is earlier than "03/19/2014" OR any opportunity where stage equals "Qualification" Amount > 10000000, Close Data < 03/19/2014, Stage = 'Qualification' You can enter filter line numbers in any order in the Filter Logic text box. See also: https://help.salesforce.com/htviewhelpdoc?id=working_with_advanced_filter_conditions_in_reports_and_list_views.htm&siteLang=en_US.

In the earlier releases, if multiple values are selected in a query filter (operation is "in" or "not in") a list control is available. Maximum 3 values can be seen at a time and user doesn't see existing selection when they scroll to find more values. From this release onwards, click the ellipsis button next to a field to see additional picklist values.

When you click the ellipsis button a pop-up appears.

Select Opportunity.Stage Values

Go Clear

Available Values

- Prospecting
- Qualification
- Needs Analysis
- Value Proposition
- Id. Decision Makers
- Perception Analysis
- Proposal/Price Quote
- Negotiation/Review
- Closed Won
- Closed Lost

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Selected Values

Save Cancel

- Add one or many values to the Selected Values area using the right arrow.
- Quick Search is a wildcard search which automatically filters down the list of available values in the list below.
- The values moved to the right under Selected Values area are selected for In or Not in" operator processing.
- Once the user selects a list of values and clicks on Save the window closes and the text on the Runtime screen shows the values separated by a comma in the textbox.

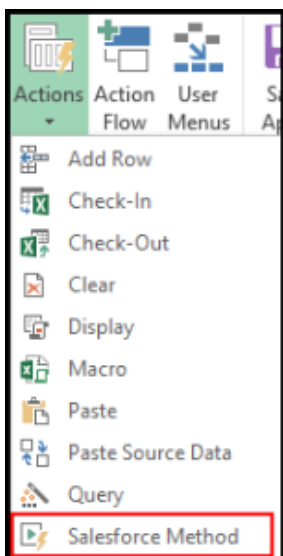
Stage : ...

Salesforce Method Action

The Salesforce Method action enables you to call Salesforce Apex classes.

To create a Salesforce Method action

1. Click the lower section of the Actions button and select Salesforce Method.



2. Under Action Details, type an Action Name for the call procedure action.
3. Under Salesforce Method Details, select a Class and type a Method.
4. If the procedure has a return value, select Has return value and select a Return Type object.
5. If the procedure has parameters, select Has parameters. The Specify Params section is enabled.
6. Type a Param name, and select from the following:
 - Static: Type a value.
 - Object: Enables the Object list. Select an object.
 - Field: Enables the Field list. Select an object field.
 - User Input: This displays an input field to the user at runtime and passes that input to the Salesforce Method.
7. Click Add Param to add more than one parameter.
8. Click Save.

Salesforce Method Action

Action Details

Action Name :

Salesforce Method Details

Class :

Method :

☒ Has return value Return type :

☒ Has parameters ☒ Enable Cache

Specify Parameters

[Add Param](#) [Clear All](#)

Save Action

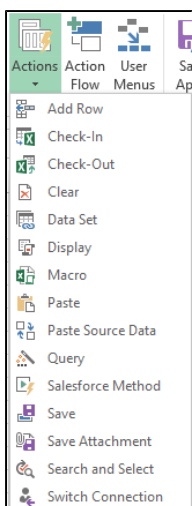
A Save Action pushes Excel workbook data into Salesforce based on a Save Map.

To create a Save Action



To create a Save action, you must have an existing Save Map.

1. Click the lower section of the Actions button and select Save.



2. In Action Name, type a name. If you are just creating one Save Action, you can use Save. If you have more than one Save action, then you may need a more descriptive name to identify each.

Note

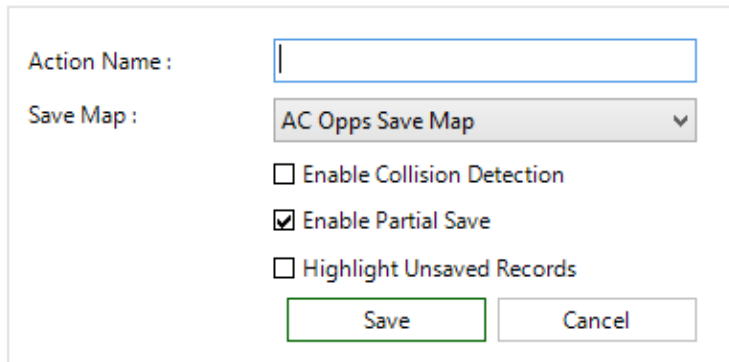
Clicking the **Enable Collision Detection** check box will enforce collision detection during a Save Action. If another user has modified a field in a record subsequent to when that record was retrieved by the current Excel user and the current Excel user is trying to update that same field, then X-Author will prevent that record from being saved.

Clicking the **Enable Partial Save** check box will allow valid rows to be saved to Salesforce even if other rows have errors or other issues (for example, rows that cannot be saved due to collision detection). Unchecking this box will prevent all rows from being saved even if there is a single error.

Click the **Highlight Unsaved Records** check box to highlight the cells or rows that have an error during a Save Action.

3. From Save Map, select an existing save map.
4. Click Save.

Save Action



Action Name :

Save Map : AC Opps Save Map ▼

☐ Enable Collision Detection

☒ Enable Partial Save

☐ Highlight Unsaved Records

Save Cancel

Save Attachment Action

A Save Attachment action saves the entire workbook or specific worksheets to the Notes and Attachments section of an Individual object. A new attachment is inserted each time this action is executed. This action does not provide any file locking. Use a Checkout action if file locking is required.

An attachment can be saved either as an Excel or PDF file format.

From May 2016 Patch 2 release onwards, the downloaded attachments have the following extensions:

When an attachment is downloaded, the file name is the actual filename in Salesforce. **<filename in Salesforce>.<extension in Salesforce>**.

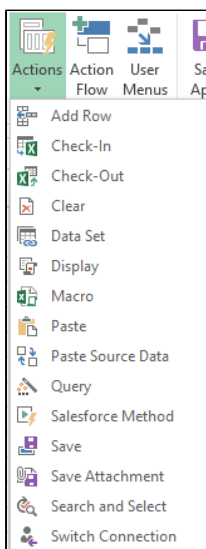
In case there is a file with the same name and extension, then a sequence number is appended after the filename, such as **<filename in Salesforce> (2).<extension in Salesforce>** and **<filename in Salesforce> (3).<extension in Salesforce>**.

To create a Save Attachment action



To create a Save Attachment action, at least one object must be identified as *Individual* in Salesforce objects.

1. Click the lower section of the Actions button and select Save Attachment.



2. In Action Name, type a descriptive name for the action.
3. In File Name, type a file name to be used when the file is executed.

Field Name	Description
Use Runtime Filename	Select this option to use the existing File Name at runtime.
Manually Provide File Name	Select this option to allow your user to provide the File Name manually.
Use Cell Reference as File Name	Select this option to allow your user to use cell reference as File Name. Select the cell and click the icon. Note: This feature is not available with Presto apps.

4. From Object, select an individual object.
5. In Format, select whether to save the attachment as *Excel*/or *PDF*.
6. Leave Custom Sheet Selection blank to save the entire file as an attachment or select the check box to save just the worksheets in the Include Sheets box. If you select the Custom Sheet Selection check box, you must also select the sheets you want to save from the Include Sheets box.
7. Click Save.


Save Attachment Action

Action Name :

Object :

Format: ☒ Excel ☐ PDF

File Name : ☐ Use Runtime File Name
☒ Manually Provide File Name
☐ Use Cell Reference as File Name



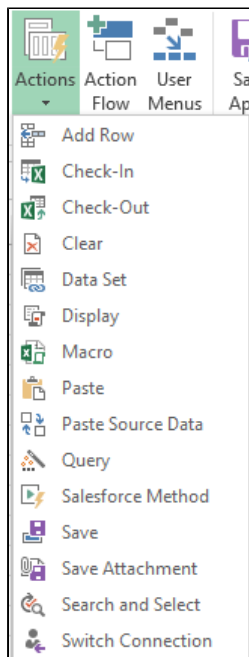
☐ Custom Sheet Selection

Search and Select Action

This is an interactive way for the end user to search for and select one or more records to retrieve from Salesforce. You can have as many consecutive Search and Select actions as required.

To create a Search and Select action

1. Click the lower section of the Actions button and select Search and Select.



2. On the Options tab, under Search and Select Action, type an Action Name. Use a descriptive name, for example, Search Opportunities.
3. In Object, select an object. In Searchable Fields, select one or more fields that will be displayed to the end user as input fields at runtime.
4. In the Result Selection, decide whether the user can select a single or multiple results that are returned to Excel, and select a Result selection. (You can only select Multiple for a List object.)
 - Single
 - Multiple
5. In the Fields to Display in Search Results, select one more fields and use the Sortable field to sort the results. In runtime, the user can also sort by any column when the results are displayed. You can also reorder the result columns using the Arrows to the right of the grid.
6. Add filters as required. Please refer to the [Filters section in the Query Action](#) for details on how to create filters.

Search And Select Action

Options
Filters

Search And Select Action

Action Name : Search and Select for Account

Object : Account (Individual)

Searchable Fields

Searchable	Field Name	Field Label	Data Type
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name	Account Name	String

Result Selection :
☒ Single
☐ Multiple

Fields to Display in Search Results

Display	Field Name	Header Name	Sort By
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name	Account Name	<input type="checkbox"/>

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↓

Save
Cancel

The screenshot shows the 'Search And Select Action' dialog box with the 'Filters' tab selected. The dialog has a title bar and two tabs: 'Options' and 'Filters'. The 'Filters' tab contains a table with the following columns: 'Salesforce Object and Field', 'Value Type', 'Operator', and 'Value'. There is one row in the table with the following values: '1', 'Account Name', 'User Input', 'contains', and an empty value field with a red 'X' icon. Below the table, there are three links: 'Add Row', 'Clear All', and 'Add Filter Logic'. At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'Save' and 'Cancel'. The 'Save' button is highlighted with a red rectangle.

	Salesforce Object and Field	Value Type	Operator	Value
1	Account Name	User Input	contains	

[Add Row](#) [Clear All](#) [Add Filter Logic](#)

Save Cancel

7. Click Save.

Switch Connection Action

Using the Switch Connection action, you can make your apps automatically disconnect from one org and connect to another while executing an action flow. This is very useful if, for example, you are migrating data between orgs, or need to download and compare data across orgs without requiring a user to manually switch.

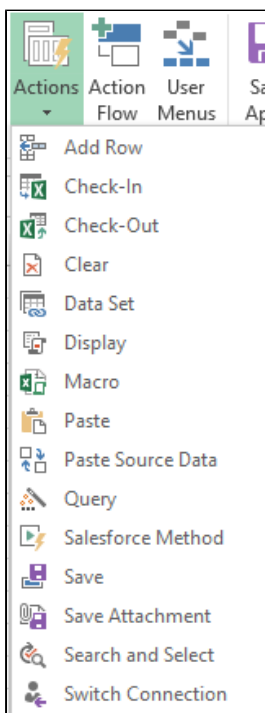
When you design your app and add the Switch Connection action to your action flow, your runtime users are prompted at the beginning of the action flow to add the connection information.

Creating Switch Connection Actions

Switch Connection actions are created through the Actions button on the X-Author Designer ribbon menu.

To create a Switch Connection action

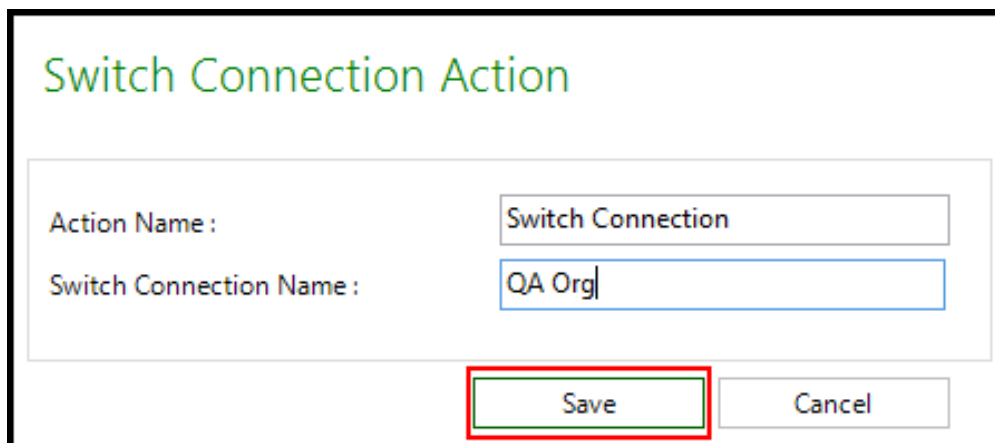
1. In the ribbon menu, click Actions and select Switch Connections.



The Switch Connections Action window opens.

2. Type a name in the Action Name field.
This name displays on the X-Author Designer. For example, this is the name you will see when you design your action flows.
3. Type a name in the Switch Connection Name.
This name displays to the runtime user and should be used to prompt the user to enter the correct connection information.

4. Click Save.



You can now add the Switch Connection action to your action flows.

Using the Switch Connection Action at Runtime

If an app uses the Switch Connection action, the runtime user will be prompted for connection information when the app starts. If multiple connection changes are required, the runtime user will be prompted for all connection information at one time.

Enter the connection information in the correct order and click Connect for each connection. When all connections are completed, click Close.

Executing Actions

An **Action Flow** is a sequential set of Actions that is executed when an end user clicks a Designer configured user menu button in runtime. Each Action in an Action Flow can, and in some cases must, take inputs from prior actions and/or provide outputs to subsequent actions.

To create an Action Flow

1. Click the Action Flow on the X-Author Designer ribbon.
2. Click Create.

Action Flow

Name	Type	Auto Execute (Regular)	Auto Execute (Launch from Salesforce)

Create

Edit

Delete

Cancel

3. Enter an Action Flow Name and then click Apply.

Note

Each Action Flow will ultimately be associated with an end user menu command, so use a name that clearly represents this flow. When you click Apply, the Action Flow in the left pane is updated with the name you enter.

4. To add a step in the flow, click Add Step.
5. On the right pane, under Step, type a Step Name (use any name, such as *1* or *Search Account*) and then click Apply. Under the Select Action section, select an Action from the list. If this action generates any output, select Persist Data as Output and under Action Output section, type a Name for the output. You can use any name (like *apps*). If this action requires an input, select Provide Input, select one from the Action Input list. Based on the type of Action, X-Author Designer provides input suggestions. See the table below for more information on when to use inputs and outputs.

6. Repeat steps 3 through 5 to add more than one step. Ensure that you click Apply after each step and notice the hierarchy updated in the left hand pane.
7. To reorder a step in the hierarchy, select the step from the left pane and click Step Up to move the step up in the hierarchy. Click Step Down to move the step down in the hierarchy.
8. After you have created the Action Flow, click Save and don't forget to save your application.

An Action Flow has been created.

Action Flow Check boxes

Field	Description
Persist Data as Output	Select this check box if an action generates any output. Type a Name for the output. You can use any name, for example, Opps.
Provide Input	Select this check box if an action requires input. Select an action from Action Input list. Based on the type of Action, X-Author Designer provides input suggestions.
Suppress Save Message	Select this check box if you have multiple save actions in a single action flow and you want to suppress the save message of that particular action. Note: This check box is enabled for Save action only.

Supress Message Validations

When no records found in a Save Action check box (App Settings)	Suppress Save Message check box (Action Flow)	Behaviour
Yes	No	Message is not displayed.
No	No	Message is displayed.
No	Yes	No Records Found for Save message is displayed.
Yes	Yes	Message is not displayed.

When all records are saved successfully in a Save Action (App Settings)	Suppress Save Message check box (Action Flow)	Behaviour
No	No	Message for each Save action is displayed.
No	Yes	Message is not displayed.
Yes	No	Message is not displayed.
Yes	Yes	Message is not displayed.

Action Flow Required Inputs and Outputs

Action	Input	Output
Check-in	Always requires an input because it needs to know on which individual record to store the Excel file. Although the individual object is already identified when you create the action itself, it is possible you could have used that object in different ways in various action flows. Therefore, it needs to have the specific output from a prior action as input to this one.	Never
Check-out	Always requires an input because it needs to know from which individual record to open the Excel file. Although the individual object is already identified when you create the action itself, it is possible you could have used that object in different ways in various action flows. Therefore, it needs to have the specific output from a prior action as input to this one.	Never

Action	Input	Output
Clear Fields	Input is never required. It is tied to a specific Save Map.	Never
Display	Always requires an input. Any object on a Display Map must be represented by an output from a prior Action.	
Macro	Input is never required	Never
Query	Only if INPUT has been used in the query action filter	Always
Dataset	Always requires an input. Datasets take the outputs of query action as inputs. Output can be saved as a single dataset.	Always
Salesforce Method	Input is optional.	Optional
Save	Input is not required	Never
Search and Select	Input is required only if input has been used in the Search and Select action filter	Always

To edit or delete an Action Flow

1. Highlight an Action Flow on the Action Flow list.
2. Click Edit or Delete.
3. To delete an Action Flow that has already been associated with a User Menu button, first remove the association in the User Menu.

You can auto execute the action flow and launch an action from Salesforce as well.

To Launch an Action Flow When the App is Opened in Runtime

An Action Flow can be kicked off automatically either when the app is opened directly in Excel or from a Salesforce button.

When the App is opened from Excel

1. Click **Action Flow**.
2. Select the **Auto Execute (Regular)** check box for the action flow that should execute automatically
3. Click **Cancel**

When the App is opened from a Salesforce button

There are two choices here – either follow the steps above and just click **Auto Execute (Launch from Salesforce)** on the Action Flow to execute when the app opens or you can execute a different Action Flow for each Salesforce button.

For example, if you are creating a quote from an Opportunity, you may want to execute the Create Quote Action Flow from the Create Quote button in Salesforce. For the Edit Quote you may want a completely different user experience so you would create a second Action Flow and attach that to the Edit Quote button.

Creating User Menus

User Menus allow the Designer to create menus that the end user will see in their Excel ribbon when they open an X-Author App in runtime. There are two types of menu items:

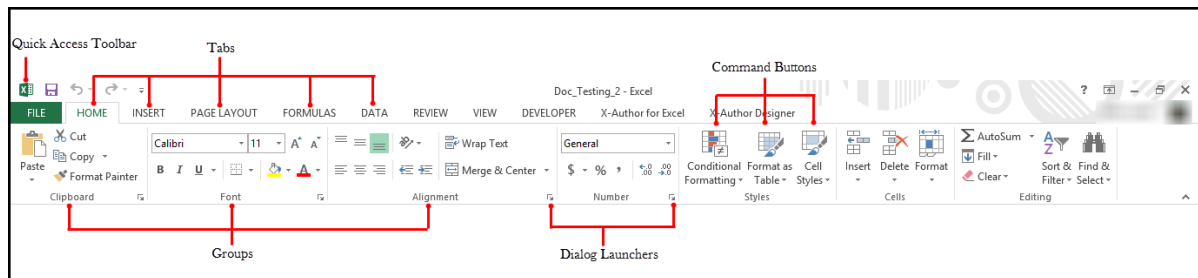
- Configurable menu buttons that will execute the Action Flows
- Optional standard buttons that the Designer can use to allow the end user to add rows, delete rows, use special paste functions, and have access to embedded X-Author Chatter.

User Menus are divided into two areas:

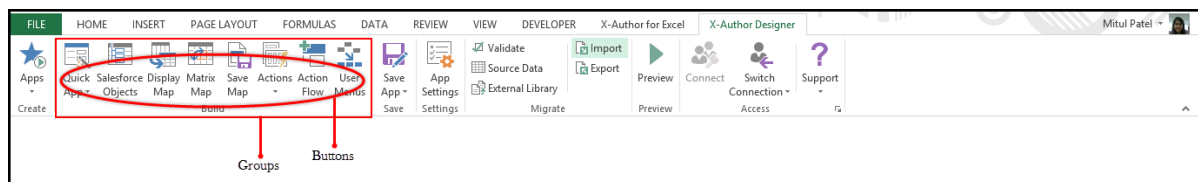
- Groups: These divide the menu buttons into logical areas for the end user. For example, on the X-Author Designer menu, the groups are Create, Build, Save, Migrate, and Access.

- **Buttons:** These are the menu commands within each menu Group. At least one group and one button within that group are required.

Standard Microsoft Excel Ribbon



X-Author Ribbon



• **Microsoft Icons**

For icons, X-Author uses the standard Microsoft Office icon list, which can be found here: <http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=21103>. Use the procedure below or any other icon from the list. You must enter the icon capitalization exactly as described in the procedure.

To add configurable menu buttons

1. Click the User Menus button.
2. From the Add Groups and Buttons section, click Add Group.
3. Select the *Default_Group* entry in the left pane and from the Properties section, under General, change the Name to the name of the group.
4. To add a button for the group, select the group from the left pane and click Add Button.
5. Under the Properties section, do the following:
 - In Icon, type the name of the Microsoft icon. See the Microsoft Icons.

- In Name, change the default name to the name of the command.
 - In Order, type the order that represents the left to right position where this menu command should appear in the group.
 - In Tooltip, type text for a Tooltip.
6. Select an Action Flow to be executed when the end user clicks on this menu button.
 7. To activate optional standard menu buttons:
 - To enable the user to add records for any *List Range* in the App, select Display Add Row. You will still need a Save Map for this to have any effect.
 - To enable the user to delete List Range records from Salesforce, select Display Delete Row from Salesforce. You will still need a Save Map for this to have any effect.

Note: Rows are automatically deleted from Salesforce without any further Save or other action by the user.

 - To enable the user to use the X-Author Chatter functionality within this App, select Display Chatter.
 8. Click Save.

The user menus are created.

Mapping Records into Columns and Rows

Matrix maps extend the capabilities of X-Author for Excel well beyond the list format. In lists, one Salesforce record is represented per Excel row or column. Using matrices, a record can be represented by one or more cells by mapping columns and rows (the X and Y axes) of a matrix as well as the data contained in the cell at the intersection of the mapped column and row. Depending on the design, some matrix cells may be updatable by a user. If no value exists in that cell, adding a value can create a new record depending on the matrix design. The following table describes the basic elements of Matrix Maps.

Term	Definition
Matrix	A matrix is any area comprised of one or more "sections."

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Section	A section is an area of the matrix that represents a single record. It can include one or many row-column-data combinations. Every matrix has at least one section. Each section can also have its own section filters.
Column mapping	A column mapping is created when you drag a field to the worksheet from a List object. The value in the cell can either be a static field label, a static field value, or a dynamic field value.
Row mapping	A row mapping is created when you drag a field to the worksheet from a List object. The value in the cell can either be a static field label, a static field value, or a dynamic field value.
Data mapping	A data mapping is created when you drag a field to the worksheet from a List object. It must be created after the column and row mappings are in place. Each data mapping with its column and row mappings must be its own section or must be added to an existing section.
Matrix filters	Matrix filters are part of the data-getter actions and filter the data as it moves from Salesforce into the matrix. Matrix filters can be displayed above the matrix or elsewhere in the workbook.

- A section is simply any combination of a column and/or a row and the associated data cells, either with or without filters, that represents a single record.
- A section may also be that same column-and-row-plus-data combination with the addition of filters.
- There can be an unlimited number of sections in a matrix and an unlimited number of matrices in a worksheet.
- The data values can be static or dynamic and can be either field names or field values from one or more objects.
- Filters can be applied to an entire matrix through both the Query action and the Search or Select action, or they can be applied separately for each section.

- Empty rows or columns, with or without formulas, can be added.
- Data is saved via Save Maps which are associated with Sections, not fields.

Matrix Map Examples

The following examples illustrate some of the capabilities of matrices. The first example uses three objects — Budgettrx, GLAccount, and FiscalYear. The objective is to retrieve the Amount field from the Budgettrx object for all Marketing Accounts in the GLAccount object and for each Fiscal Period in Fiscal Year 14.

Departmental Budget			
Department	Marketing		
Fiscal Year	2014		
	14-Jan	14-Feb	14-Mar
UK Marketing - Advertising	950.00	1,900.00	800.00
UK Marketing - AR/PR	900.00	1,000.00	1,050.00
UK Marketing - Entertainment	1,000.00	800.00	850.00
UK Marketing - Events		2,100.00	10,000.00
UK Marketing - Field Programs	900.00	950.00	1,150.00
UK Marketing - Mail Campaigns	2,100.00	1,900.00	850.00
UK Marketing - Salaries	1,000.00	1,050.00	2,100.00
UK Marketing - Search	950.00	1,150.00	800.00
UK Marketing - Website	850.00	875.00	950.00

- Each intersecting cell is one record from the BudgetTrx object.
- The data is filtered for the entire matrix to return only Marketing Department data for January 2014 – March 2014.
- Both the X and Y values are dynamically generated based on “Marketing Department” and FY 14 filters.
- There is only one section in the matrix comprised of:
 - Y axis values using the AccountName field values in the GLAccount object.
 - X axis values using the FiscalPeriod field values from the FiscalYear object.
 - The XY intersection, which contains the Amount field from the BudgetTrx object.

The second example is a financial plan from a single object where the columns and rows are static field values and the intersecting cell is the Amount field in that object.

	Forecast	Actual	Variance	Forecast	Actual
	Jan	Jan	Jan	Feb	Feb
Revenue	5,000,000	5,500,000	500,000	6,000,000	6,200,000
Cost of Revenue	3,000,000	3,100,000	100,000	3,600,000	3,655,000
Gross Margin	2,000,000	2,400,000	400,000	2,400,000	2,545,000
% of Revenue	40.0%	43.6%	3.6%	40.0%	41.0%
			0		
R&D Expense	400,200	485,000	84,800	549,800	539,000
% Revenue	8.0%	8.8%	0.81%	9.2%	8.7%

This matrix has multiple Sections because, even though the column, row, and intersecting cells have the same field mappings throughout, the forecast and the actual records differ based on a field that is not displayed on the matrix: the Type field. Therefore there are two sections and they are distinguished by filtering the data for each section using the section filters.

Creating a Matrix

There is no precise order in which to create a matrix. However, following these steps in order will provide better results.

1. Add your Salesforce Objects.
2. Decide how you are going to lay out the matrix, including formulas and empty rows and columns.
3. Create your sections and add your empty rows and columns as you go.
4. If any cells are static, add the cell values at anytime.
5. Extend or copy your sections to fill out the matrix using the Extend function.
6. Add Section Filters.
7. Add Display Filters.
8. Add Save Maps.
9. Add actions, action flows, and ribbon menus.

Creating and Extending Sections

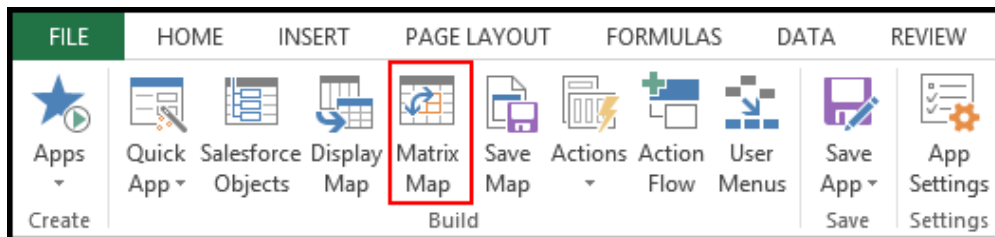
Creating Sections

This procedure enables you to create a section

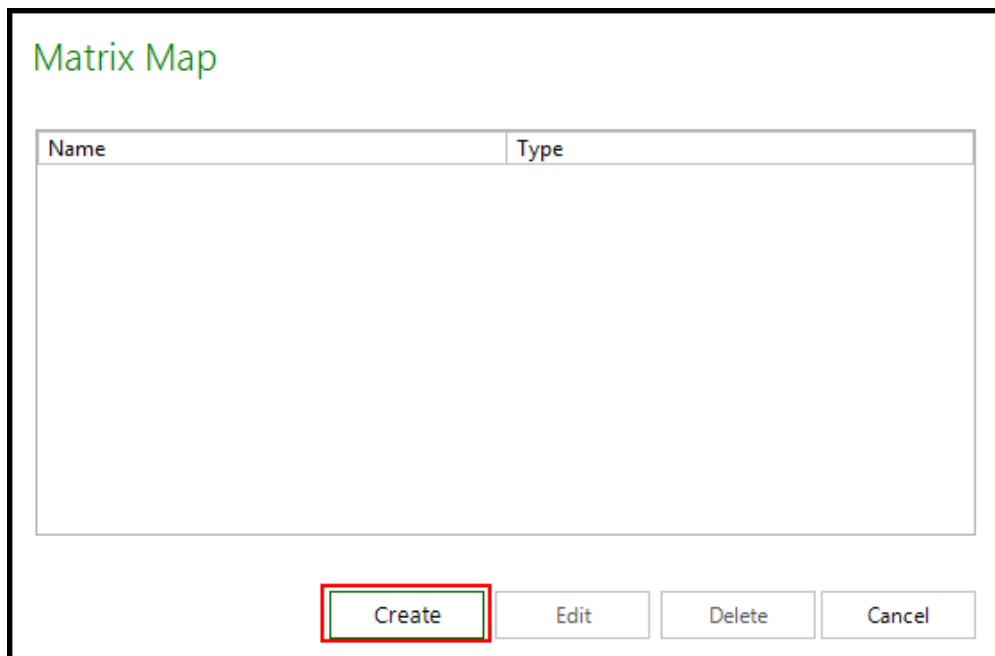
To create sections

You must have at least one object selected in Salesforce Objects.

1. Click Matrix Map.



2. Click Create.



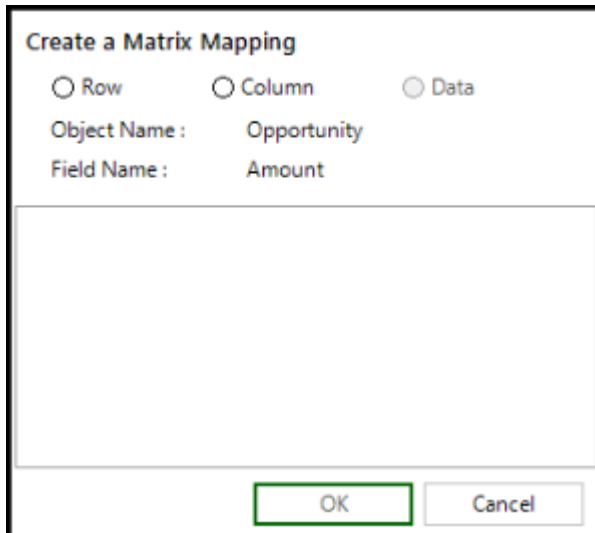
The Matrix Map pane opens on the right side of Excel.

3. Type a Name for the Matrix Map.

If you are creating one Matrix Map, you can use *Map* or any other name. If you are using multiple Matrix Maps, then you need a more descriptive name to identify each one.

Each object and its fields selected in Salesforce objects will be available for use in the Matrix Map. Objects are listed based on the object behavior from Salesforce Objects (**Ind** and **List**). List fields are displayed by default. You can switch to Individual fields using the Type list.

4. Create a Row and Column Mapping for each section.
 - a. Drag a List field onto the worksheet. When you release the mouse, a pop-up window appears.



- b. Click the Row or Column radio button. The Rendering Type, Value Type, and Sort options are displayed. All of these work together to determine how row or column values are populated.
 - c. Select a Rendering Type.
 - Static: This requires you to enter the cell value manually or X-Author uses the Field Label.
 - Dynamic: Field data is retrieved automatically based on the data getter actions.
 - d. Select a Value Type.

If you select the dynamic rendering type, this option is unavailable.

If you select Static from Rendering Type, this option becomes available with the following options.

- **Field Label:** Sometimes, the row or column label and the data value will use the same field mapping. This occurs when you have multiple fields from the same record in the section. This is a placeholder for the Designer to use the Field Name as the row or column label. It is the one instance where the intersecting value is determined from just the column or row mapping plus the data value. For example, if, for a single opportunity, you want to display three fields—amount, volume, and average selling price—then, in the rows, the field names would be described one on top of the other, and, in the data, you would drag the field and the value of that field would be rendered.
- **Field Value:** Enter the value of the field to be used in determining the data value. If you look at the previous example, the field value would be either Revenue or Cost of Revenue.

e. Click OK to complete the settings for that field.

Create a Matrix Mapping

☒ Row
 ☐ Column
 ☐ Data

Object Name : Opportunity

Field Name : Amount

Rendering Type	Static
Value Type	Field Label
Sort field	

OK Cancel

5. Create Data Mappings for each section. Make sure that the cell you are mapping to is an intersection of a row and column mapping.
 - a. Once you have created column and row mappings, you can drag and drop the field that represents the intersection. When you drop the field, the pop up window will appear and, in this case, the radio button will automatically default to Data. It uses the closest row and column combination.

- b. Enter a Section Name for the data or select an existing section name from the drop-down menu.
 - c. Select a Row Lookup.
 - d. Select a Column Lookup.
 - e. Click OK.
6. Click **Save and Close**.
7. Click **Save Application**.

Extending Sections

Usually, a section will not only be used for a single cell (with its column and row mappings), but will be used across a range of cells. To copy the properties of one section to other cells, designers can use the Extend Section function (similar to the Excel format paintbrush function).

To extend a section

1. Click the Sections tab.
2. Select a section. The cells that comprise that section will be highlighted in the worksheet. Make sure your cursor is in the worksheet data cell you want to copy.
3. Select the remainder of the range to extend to, including the data cell.
4. Click Extend Section in the pane to the right. The highlighted cells will expand and their cells will be mapped on the Fields tab.

The selected section is extended.

Grouping Data in Columns

We have introduced the matrix grouping features which allows you to display data in grouped columns within a matrix.

If you want to group pricing data for a region, for a specific devicetype for a particular processor, configure the following

1. Set the Device Type field as a regular Dynamic Matrix Column.
2. Set the Region field as a Grouped Column on which the data is grouped.

3. Add Processor Name as Matrix Row.
4. Add Price as a Data Field to the Matrix.
5. You can add one or more grouped columns on top of the Region Grouped Column field.

	Region (Grouped Column)
	Device Type (Column)
Processor Name (Row)	Price (Data Field)

In this use case all the fields belong to the same object. While grouping data in columns ensure that the fields belong to the same object or are associated with each other via a lookup.

For every Individual Matrix Column of Rendering Type - Dynamic, one or multiple grouped columns may exist.

If the same record exists across multiple objects, you can group the data in the cells of a matrix based on the objects the data exists in. For Matrix grouping to work, the data has to be structured in such a way where the data for a particular field is common. Not every List can be transformed into a matrix grouping use-case.

Matrix Grouping is applicable only on columns with Rendering Type as Dynamic. For matrix grouping to work, there must be a valid Dynamic matrix column. A user can drag a matrix field on top of an already created dynamic Matrix Column. X-Author for Excel automatically detects whether a dragged matrix field is a matrix grouped field or not. If it is a grouped field, the Grouped Field property is set to true automatically and within the elements of the matrix, the column categorized as a Grouped Column.

Create a Matrix Mapping

☐ Row ☒ Column ☐ Data

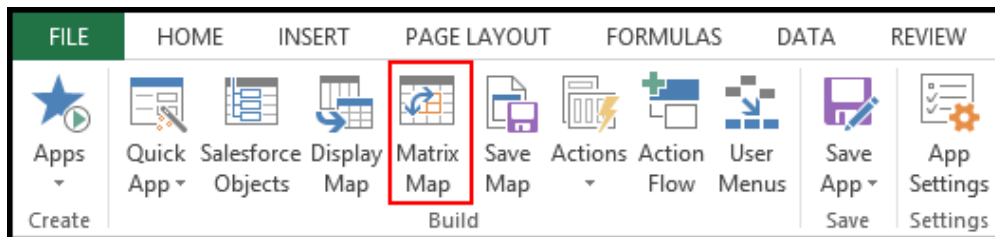
Object Name : ProcessorPricing

Field Name : Region

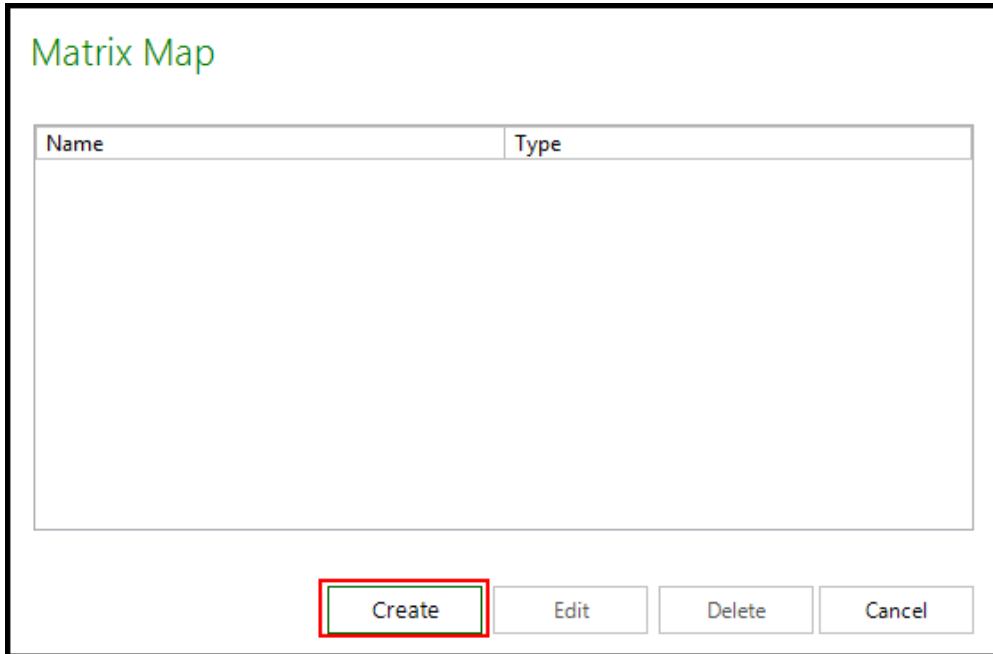
Rendering Type	Dynamic
Value Type	Field Value
Sort field	
Grouped Field	True

To create Grouped Matrices

1. Click Matrix Map.



2. Click Create.

The image shows a dialog box titled "Matrix Map" in green text. Inside the dialog, there is a table with two columns: "Name" and "Type". The table is currently empty. Below the table, there are four buttons: "Create", "Edit", "Delete", and "Cancel". The "Create" button is highlighted with a red rectangular border.

The Matrix Map pane opens on the right side of Excel.

3. Type a Name for the Matrix Map.

If you are creating one Matrix Map, you can use *Map* or any other name. If you are using multiple Matrix Maps, then you need a more descriptive name to identify each one.

Each object and its fields selected in Salesforce objects will be available for use in the Matrix Map. Objects are listed based on the object behavior from Salesforce Objects (**List**). List fields are displayed by default.

4. In an existing Matrix Map if you want to add a grouped column, create a Column Mapping for each section.
- Drag a List field onto the worksheet. When you release the mouse, a pop-up window appears.

Create a Matrix Mapping

☐ Row ☒ Column ☐ Data


Object Name : ProcessorPricing

Field Name : Region

Rendering Type	Dynamic
Value Type	Field Value
Sort field	
Grouped Field	True

OK Cancel

- b. Click the Column radio button. The Rendering Type, Value Type, Grouped Field and Sort options are displayed. All of these work together to determine how column values are grouped.

 Ensure that the Grouped Field column is True. If this field is set it to false, the column added to the Matrix is not a part of other objects.

- c. Select a Rendering Type.
- Dynamic: Field data is retrieved automatically based on the data getter actions.
- d. Click OK to complete the settings for that field.
5. Create Data Mappings for each section. Make sure that the cell you are mapping to is an intersection of a row and column mapping.
- Once you have created column and row mappings, you can drag and drop the field that represents the intersection. When you drop the field, the pop up window will appear and, in this case, the radio button will automatically default to Data. It uses the closest row and column combination.
 - Enter a Section Name for the data or select an existing section name from the drop-down menu.
 - Select a Row Lookup.
 - Select a Column Lookup. Click OK to complete the settings for that field.

6. Click **Save and Close**.
7. Click **Save Application**.

Behavior of Grouped Matrices in Runtime

At runtime, the end-user doesn't need to do anything. Based on the matrix grouping design, the data will be filtered from top most Grouped Column to last regular Matrix Column and finally the data field is rendered.

Saving Matrix Grouping

When a Matrix contains Columns which are Grouped, only update operation can be performed. Insert operation cannot be performed.

Matrix Limitations

1. Currently grouping based on top of matrix columns is supported, grouping for matrix row is not supported.
2. If the data is grouped, you cannot add a row or a column to the matrix.

Creating Records

Depending on the type of matrix you create, a new record may be created when a user enters a value in a mapped data cell that was previously blank.

Because of all the possible configuration variations, there is no *absolute* rule for record creation, but there are some guidelines, assuming all required fields are ascertainable from the matrix, matrix filters, and section filters.

Records will usually be able to be created when the following criteria are met.

- Both the row and column mappings are lookups to other objects from the mapped data object.
- Column, row, or data mappings are all from the same object, and there are no other fields on the matrix.

X-Author will use the following mappings and filters to create a new record:

- Section Row
- Section Column

- Section Data
- Static values identified as *Equal To* in the Section Filter
- Individual fields used as Matrix Filters

Creating Section Filters


There are two objectives for adding filters to a section.

- To filter the data for that section.
- To serve as the field value when a record is added in that section.

To add a section filter



To add a section filter, you must have an existing Section.

1. Click Matrix Map.
2. Select the desired Matrix Map and click Edit.
3. Click the Sections tab.
4. Click the  icon next to a Section to open the filters window.
5. Add additional rows as needed. Refer to the Query Action section for information on adding rows.
6. Click Save.
7. Click Save and click Close.
8. Click Save Application.

Matrix Filters

Matrix data is filtered based on the Query action and the Search or Select action. To display any of these filters, the fields must be mapped outside the matrix (usually above the matrix).

Displaying individual field filters

If you are using an individual field from another object as a filter, then use the Matrix Map Fields tab to drag that field onto the worksheet. Matrix Map Individual fields have slightly different behavior than Display Map fields because they cannot be updated. They are there for display purposes only.

To display a matrix filter

1. Click the Fields tab.
2. Select Individual as the Type.
3. Select a field and drag it onto the worksheet outside the matrix.
4. Click Save.
5. Click Save Application.

A matrix filter is displayed.

Working with Mapped Fields

Editing Mapped Fields

The Rendering Type, Field Type, and Sort Value can be changed by clicking the button in the Edit column next to the field.

Viewing Sections

To see section layout, highlight a section in the Sections tab and the rows, columns, and data mappings that comprise the section will be outlined.

Extending Sections

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To extend a section

1. Click the Sections tab.
2. Select a section. The cells that comprise that section will be highlighted in the worksheet. Make sure your cursor is in the worksheet data cell you want to copy.
3. Select the remainder of the range to extend to, including the data cell.
4. Click Extend Section in the pane to the right. The highlighted cells will expand and their cells will be mapped on the Fields tab.

The selected section is extended.

Application Settings

The following options are used to affect the runtime user experience, use protected worksheets, and secure Excel file saving and printing.

The screenshot shows the 'App Settings' dialog box with the following sections and options:

- General**
 - ☐ Disable local Save File
 - ☐ Disable Print
 - Max. Attachment Size (in MB) : 25
 - ☐ Disable Rich Text editing
 - ☐ Ignore Picklist Validation During Save
- Format**
 - ☐ Auto Size Column Width
 - Max Column Width : [Color Picker]
 - ☐ Display Filters
 - Color for Unsaved Records: [Red Color Picker]
- Suppress Messages**
 - ☐ When no records are retrieved from a Query Action
 - ☐ When no records are retrieved for a parent object from a Query Action
 - ☐ When no records are found to save in a Save Action
 - ☐ When all records are saved successfully in a Save Action
- Protect Sheet Setting**

Name	Password

At the bottom right are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Disabling the Save and Print Menus

To prevent a runtime user from using the Save, Save As, or Save and Send sub-menus of an Excel File menu, click Disable Local Save File.

To prevent a runtime user from using Microsoft Excel's Print menu, click Disable Print.

Disabling Rich Text editing

To prevent a runtime user from adding and editing rich text data, click Disable Rich Text editing. Use this option when you want the rich-text field HTML to be populated in the cells rather than the editing links that allow the user to add or edit rich text. For more information about rich text editing, refer to [Rich Text Fields](#).

Ignoring Picklist Validation on Save

To prevent validation of picklist data during Save Actions. Use this option when you want the picklist validation to be ignored when saving the data back to Salesforce in runtime.

Suppressing Messages

Select these options to suppress messages for the specific conditions described.

Field	Description
When no records are retrieved from a Query Action	Select this check box if you want to suppress the messages when no records are retrieved from a Query Action.
When no records are retrieved for a parent object from a Query Action	Select this check box if you want to suppress the messages when no records retrieved for a parent object from a Query Action.
When no records are found to save in a Save Action	Select this check box if you want to suppress the messages when no records are found to save in a Save Action.

Field	Description
When all records are saved successfully in a Save Action	Select this check box if you want to suppress the messages when all records are saved successfully in a Save Action.

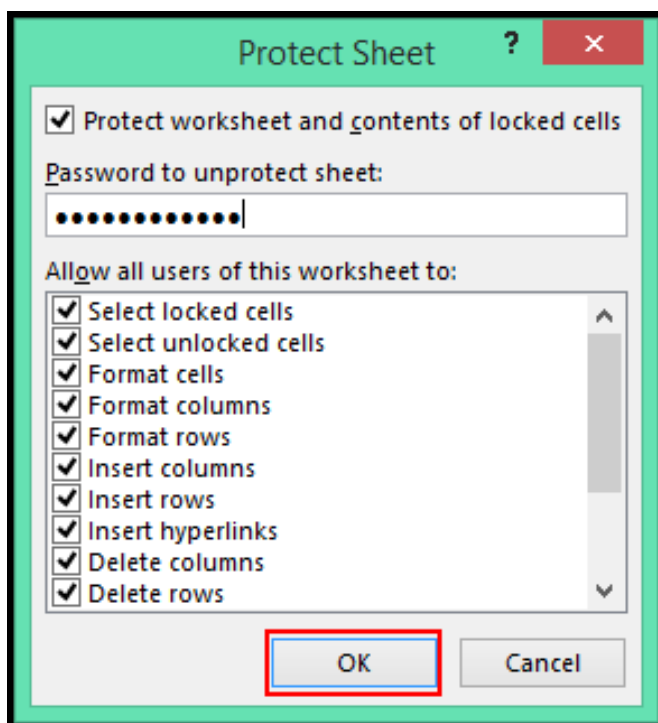
Using Protected Worksheets

All Excel sheet protections work with X-Author for Excel provided the password for each protected sheet has been entered. Any worksheets that have been protected will be displayed in the Protect Sheet Setting window. Enter the password for each sheet and click **Save**.

All the options of the protection settings are now supported per sheet. The protection settings are remembered (per sheet) even if you unprotect the sheets. The protection settings are reapplied when you re-protect the sheets back. X-Author for Excel will not allow the addition of rows or columns in a protected sheet.

To protect the sheet

1. Right-click on the sheet that you want to protect and select Protect Sheet.
2. Set the permissions by selecting appropriate check boxes.
3. Enter the password in Password to unprotect sheet text-box.
4. Click OK.



Note

You will receive a validation message when you provide a wrong password in App Settings in order to protect the sheet. The name of the sheet is also provided with the validation message.

Max Attachment Size Limits

Salesforce has a File Size Limit which limits the size of the attachments to be uploaded for a single record on Salesforce. For more information regarding attachment limits refer, [File Size Attachment Limits in Salesforce](#).

If you increase the file size limits in Salesforce, you can set the file size limit per attachment in a record in X-Author for Excel. Navigate to App Settings and set the Max File Size limit. This limit indicates the maximum size of an attachment that can be uploaded to Salesforce.

Suppose the records in your application comprise the attachment field and have multiple attachments. During insert or upsert, the insert or upsert transaction request is chunked into multiple Salesforce transactions so that all the attachments are inserted or upserted successfully.

Color for Unsaved Records

During runtime when a record is not saved due to an error, the following events occur:

- For a cell: The cell corresponding to the field in the Save map is highlighted based on the selected color.
- For a row: The row containing the error record is highlighted based on the selected color.

Set the color you want for the unsaved records or fields in App Settings.

Saving or Cloning an Application

After you have created or edited an application, you save the Application in Salesforce using the Save Application menu function.

When you save an application, a series of validations is executed to ensure that required components have been included in your App (for example, including an ID field in a repeating Display Map where you also have a Save Map). It then saves the changes you have made to the Application.

The Save Application button is divided into two parts.



Click the top half of the Save Application button to save the Application. This updates Salesforce.com with the updated template and configuration.

Always save your Application after you have completed work in any menu function (For example, Save Map or Display Map).

Clicking on the bottom half of the Save Application button to *Save As* or *Clone* the Application. X-Author suggests a new name but you can type in a name. This creates a duplicate of the App with the new name.

Importing and Exporting an Application

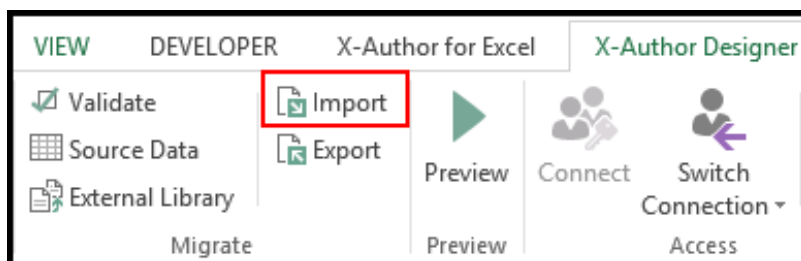
X-Author for Excel Apps can be easily migrated from one Salesforce org to another provided that the Salesforce objects being used in the exporting org match those in the importing org.

The Import function imports a previously exported App into the Salesforce org to which you are connected.

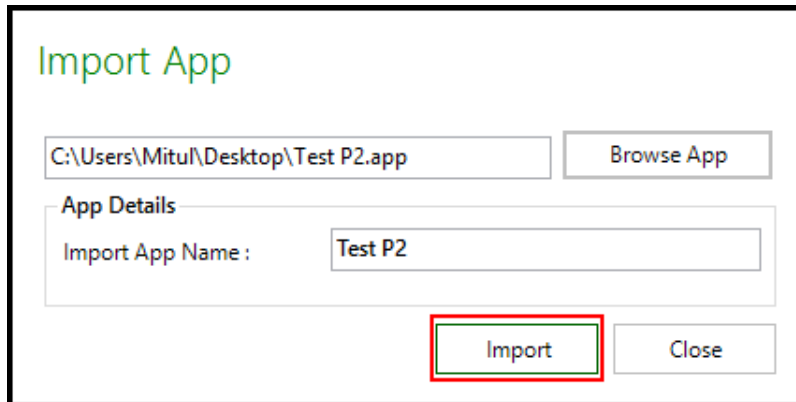
To import an app

To import a previously exported X-Author for Excel .app file follow the steps below:

1. Click Import.



2. To browse for the Application to import, click Browse App.
3. From the X-Author Application Import dialog, select the file with an *.app* extension and click Open.
4. Under App Details, in Import App Name, change the name of the App, if required, and click Import.



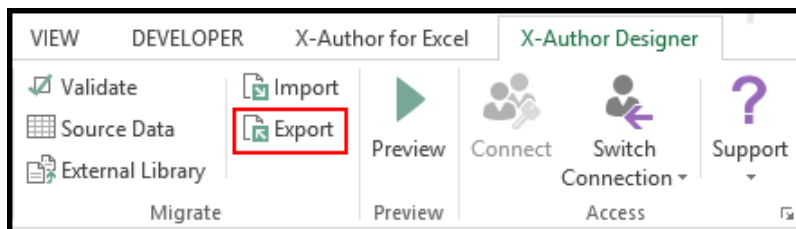
The App is imported into your current Salesforce org.

Best Practice

To avoid errors using the app in the new org, make sure to **Validate** the app after the import is complete. This will identify any existing mismatches in objects and fields defined in the app. If you do encounter errors upon validation, check the objects and fields affected, make changes to your app or in your org as needed, and perform the import process again.

To export an app

1. Click Export.



2. Choose a location and enter File Name.
3. Click Save.

An app file with .app extension is saved at the chosen location. The Export function saves an App as an .app file. This file can then be used by the Import function to add that App to a different Salesforce org. You should also use this function to back up your apps while creating them.

Migrating Applications

Migrating data requires the following functions:

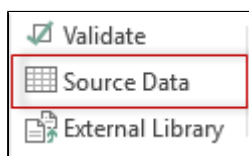
- Source Data provides a mapping mechanism for helping to migrate data between Salesforce orgs.
- It is combined with the Paste from Mapping menu option in runtime or Paste Source Data action function to copy data from an entire workbook to another workbook in the desired format.

The most common use case for this is for migrating data from one Salesforce org to another far more easily and quickly than can be done with the traditional single object data loading tools. The source App is for downloading all the data you need to migrate. Each object can be represented in one worksheet for example. The target app is a replica of the source app except it is for uploading data to the target org. The Source Data function provides the mapping between the Apps.

You could also choose to create a more advanced single app that handles both the source download and target upload. For this you would need to make use of both the Switch Connection and Clear Actions as well.

To use Source Data to migrate data

1. Open the source App in X-Author Designer and make a note of the starting cell location for each range of data that needs to be copied.
2. Click File > Save As and save the file to your local drive. Use any file name.
3. Open the target App in X-Author Designer and click Source Data on the menu.



4. Select Source Excel Sheet, locate the file above and click Open.

5. Use the drop down arrow under Source Sheet to select a worksheet.
6. In the Source Range enter in the starting range cell location for that worksheet.
7. Use the drop down arrow under Target Sheet to select a worksheet.
8. In the Target Range enter in the starting range cell location for that worksheet.
9. Repeat these steps for each of the other worksheets.

The starting cell in the Target Range must be one row below where you have your fields mapped. So if you have all fields mapped in A3:J3 for example, the Target Range would be A4.

The Paste from mapping function in runtime will copy all data in the list range from the source based on the source range starting location. For example, if you have a data range from A3:J3, it will copy all cells in that range into the target App.

Using the Data Migration Wizard

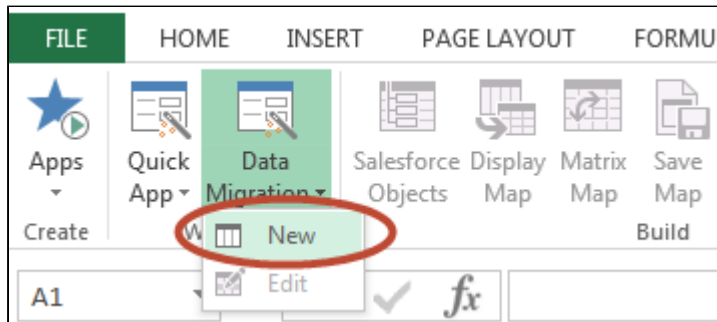
X-Author for Excel provides a built-in solution for migrating data from one Salesforce org to another with the **Data Migration** wizard. Using the Wizard, you can choose Objects, Fields including related Lookups to build an app configured to retrieve data from the connected source org and save data to a target org. The wizard takes care of all display maps, save maps, actions flows and user menus so you have an app ready to use when you are done. As a designer, you can also customize the app after completing the wizard steps to tailor it to your requirements.



Certain restrictions apply to app design after you have completed the Data Migration wizard. Consult the following sections for a list of restrictions.

To start building a new Data Migration app using the Wizard

1. Go to the X-Author for Excel Designer tab and Connect to the **source** Salesforce org.
2. From the X-Author for Excel Designer ribbon, click on the arrow next to **Data Migration**.



3. Click **New** to open the Data Migration Dashboard.

 The image shows the 'Data Migration Wizard' window. At the top, there's a title bar 'X-Author Designer' and a subtitle 'Data Migration Wizard'. Below the subtitle is a text prompt: 'Define and update your data migration app. Start by adding objects. To learn more [click here](#)'. To the right of this text is an 'App Name' input field and three buttons: 'Add Objects', 'Add Lookups', and 'Settings'. Below this is a large table with the following columns: 'Salesforce Object', 'Display Name', 'Fields', 'Lookup Fields', 'Load Sequence', 'Action', 'Filter', 'External ID', 'Copy', and 'Remove'. The table is currently empty. At the bottom right of the window are two buttons: 'Create App' and 'Cancel'.

4. Enter an **App Name** for your Data Migration app.

Adding Objects and Fields to your Data Migration App

To begin building your Data Migration app, you need to configure which Objects and Fields should be part of the migration. If you are working with an existing Data Migration app, you can make changes to the Objects and Fields already present in the app (with some restrictions—see [Making Changes to Your Data Migration App](#)).

When you create a new Data Migration app or edit an existing one, the following screen is displayed.

The screenshot shows the 'Data Migration Wizard' window in the X-Author Designer. The window has a title bar 'X-A X-Author Designer'. Inside, the title 'Data Migration Wizard' is in green. Below it, a subtitle reads 'Define and update your data migration app. Start by adding objects. To learn more [click here](#)'. In the top right, there is an 'App Name' input field and three buttons: 'Add Objects', 'Add Lookups', and 'Settings'. Below these is a table with 10 columns: 'Salesforce Object', 'Display Name', 'Fields', 'Lookup Fields', 'Load Sequence', 'Action', 'Filter', 'External ID', 'Copy', and 'Remove'. The table is currently empty. At the bottom right, there are 'Create App' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Salesforce Object	Display Name	Fields	Lookup Fields	Load Sequence	Action	Filter	External ID	Copy	Remove
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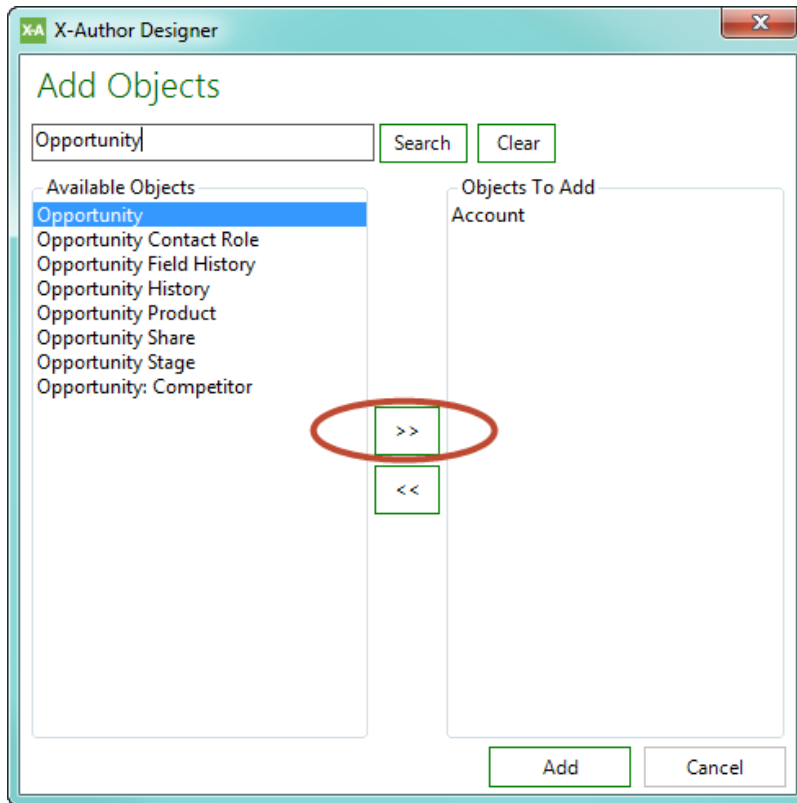
To Add Objects to your App

1. From the upper right-hand corner of the screen, click on **Add Objects**.

This is a close-up screenshot of the 'Data Migration Wizard' window, focusing on the top right area. It shows the 'App Name' input field and the 'Add Objects', 'Add Lookups', and 'Settings' buttons. The 'Add Objects' button is highlighted with a red oval. Below the buttons is a table with 8 columns: 'Fields', 'Lookup Fields', 'Load Sequence', 'Action', 'Filter', 'External ID', 'Copy', and 'Remove'. The table is empty.

Fields	Lookup Fields	Load Sequence	Action	Filter	External ID	Copy	Remove
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2. Double-click on an Object or highlight and Object and use the arrow button to add Objects to your app. To refine the list of Available values, click on **Search**.



3. Click **Save** to add the selected Objects to your app. The Data Migration Dashboard updates with an entry for each Object you added.

Data Migration Wizard

Define and update your data migration app. Start by adding objects. To learn more [click here](#)

App Name :

[Add Objects](#) [Add Lookups](#) [Settings](#)

Salesforce Object	Display Name	Fields	Lookup Fields	Load Sequence	Action	Filter	External ID	Copy	Remove
Opportunity Product	Opportunity Product	3	0	1	Search & Select	[icon]	Set	[icon]	X
Account	Account	2	0	2	Query	[icon]	Not Set	[icon]	X
Opportunity	Opportunity	2	0	3	Query	[icon]	Not Set	[icon]	X

[Create App](#) [Cancel](#)

Note

Do not worry about the sequence of Objects in your app at this time. Sequence will adjust depending on how External ID and Lookups are set.

To Add Fields to your App

After at least one Object has been added to your Data Migration app, you can add fields for each selected Object.

1. From the Data Migration Wizard screen, click on the link under the **Fields** column corresponding to the Object you want to work with.

Account	2	0
Opportunity	2	0

2. Select the check box for each field you want to add to your app. To refine the list of fields, enter text into the **Search** field. Note: You cannot deselect the Object fields ID or Name.

Opportunity Fields

Search Fields : [Clear](#)

Field Id	Field Name	Data Type
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amount	Amount	Decimal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CloseDate	Close Date	Date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Name	Name	String
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Id	Opportunity ID	String
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> StageName	Stage	Picklist
<input type="checkbox"/> AccountId	Account	Lookup
<input type="checkbox"/> Alt_Account_c	Alt Account	Lookup
<input type="checkbox"/> Approval_Comments_c	Approval Comments	Textarea
<input type="checkbox"/> Approval_Reason_Code_c	Approval Reason Code	Picklist
<input type="checkbox"/> Approval_Required_c	Approval Required	String
<input type="checkbox"/> Apttus_Approval_Approval_Status_c	Approval Status	Picklist
<input type="checkbox"/> Approval_Submitter_c	Approval Submitter	Lookup
<input type="checkbox"/> Approval_Valid_to_Date_c	Approval Valid to Date	Date

[Apply](#) [Close](#)

3. Click **Apply** to add fields to your app for the selected Object.
4. Repeat steps 1 – 3 for each Object in your app, as required.





If Fields for one of the Objects in your app have been previously added, you can click the hyperlink under the "Fields" column to add or remove more Fields.

Working with the Data Migration Dashboard

After adding Objects and Fields to your app, you can take the following actions as needed:

- Specify a unique **Display Name** for each Object in the app.
- Click on the link under the **Fields** column to add or remove more Fields for an Object.

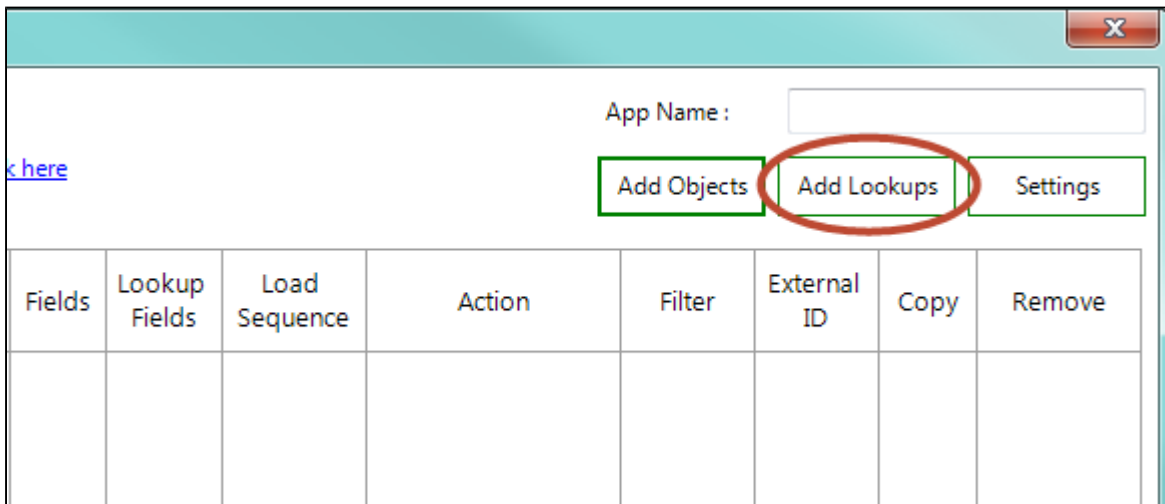
- Click on the link under the **Lookup Fields** column to add or remove more Lookup Fields for an Object.
- Click on the  **Copy** icon to copy an Object listing and modify it as required (for example, you want to add the same Object and a different set of Fields for filtering purposes). Note: The Copy action will not copy any defined filters.
- Click on the  **Remove** icon to remove an Object from your app.
- Specify **Load Sequence**, **Actions**, and **Filters**. Refer to [Configuring your Data Migration App](#) for step-by-step instructions for these tasks.

Adding Lookups to your Data Migration App

In addition to Objects and their Fields, you can also add Lookup fields that reference other Objects. Adding Lookup fields allows you to include fields from certain Objects that have a Lookup relationship to the Object you are migrating (e.g., AccountId for Opportunity). The Lookup Object can only be referenced if it has been included in the fields for that Object in Salesforce. Also, fields already added to your app will not be visible in the Lookup dialog.

To add Lookup Fields to your App

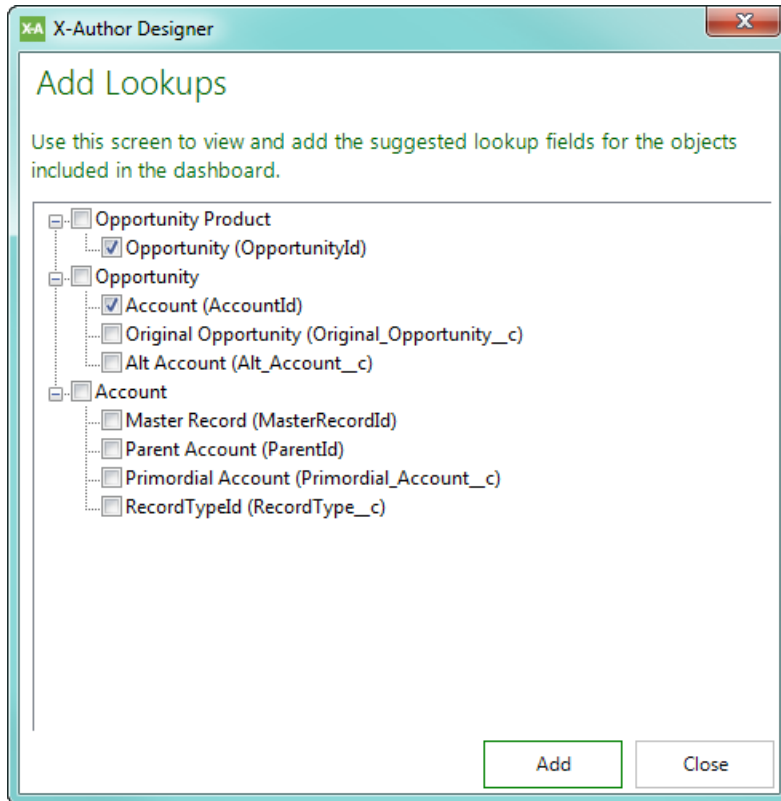
1. From the Data Migration screen, click on **Add Lookups**.



The screenshot shows a window titled "Data Migration" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title bar, there is a section for "App Name" with a text input field. To the left of the "App Name" field, there is a blue link labeled "Click here". Below the "App Name" field, there are three buttons: "Add Objects", "Add Lookups", and "Settings". The "Add Lookups" button is highlighted with a red circle. Below the buttons, there is a table with the following columns: Fields, Lookup Fields, Load Sequence, Action, Filter, External ID, Copy, and Remove. The table is currently empty.

Fields	Lookup Fields	Load Sequence	Action	Filter	External ID	Copy	Remove
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2. Navigate the Object/Field tree and select one or more check boxes to add lookup fields to your app. Fields that have already been added to your app are not displayed.



3. Click **Add** to add all selected Lookup fields to your app.
4. Click **OK**. The Lookup fields are added to all related Objects in the app. When Lookup fields are added:
 - Each affected Object displays the number of Lookup fields that will be migrated when the app is run.
 - Fields representing the Lookup fields are added to the Object under the "Fields" column.
 - You can click on the link under the "Lookups" column to view all Lookup fields added for a specific Object.
 - The Object sequence is automatically adjusted based on Lookup relationship between Objects (the sequence for dependent Objects are changed).

- A filter (see below) is automatically created for the Object. **Do not remove this filter unless you are planning to remove the Lookup field entirely.**

The screenshot shows the 'X-Author Designer' window with a 'Filters' section. It contains a table with columns: 'Salesforce Object and Field', 'Value Type', 'Operator', and 'Value'. The first row is numbered '1' and contains the following values: 'Account' (with a dropdown arrow), 'Input' (with a dropdown arrow), 'in' (with a dropdown arrow), and 'Account.Account ID' (with a dropdown arrow and a red 'X' icon). Below the table are three links: 'Add Row', 'Clear All', and 'Add Filter Logic'. At the bottom right are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons.

	Salesforce Object and Field	Value Type	Operator	Value
1	Account	Input	in	Account.Account ID

[Add Row](#) [Clear All](#) [Add Filter Logic](#)

Save Cancel

i Removing Lookups

To remove any lookup field from an object, first delete the filter (pictured above). Next, click on the link under the "Fields" column, deselect the lookup field in the list, and click **Apply**.

Configuring your Data Migration App

Before your Data Migration App can be finalized and ready to use, you need to specify load behavior, actions and filters for data retrieval.

Determining Load Sequence

By default, Salesforce Objects retrieved from the source org will load in the sequence listed on the Data Migration screen. If you want to change the load sequence behavior, you need to specify a new load sequence for Objects in the list.

To accomplish this, edit the **Load Sequence** column for your objects. Use caution when making changes, as load sequence is important when migrating data. Users will encounter errors from Salesforce, for example, if a Child Object load sequence is specified prior to its Parent Object. Also, you cannot finalize the app if there is a number missing in the load sequence or two or more Objects share the same Load Sequence.

Choose a User Action for each Object

Each Object in the Data Migration must have a corresponding action in the runtime app. This allows the user to make use of X-Author's Search & Select or Query actions to request data from the source org during the migration.

To choose actions, click the drop-down menu next to each Object and select either **Search & Select** or **Query**:

- **Search & Select** actions provide an interactive way for users to search and select one or more records from Salesforce that match pre-defined filters for the action.
- **Query Actions** automatically retrieve information from Salesforce based on pre-defined filters and/or user input. If user input is required, the user chooses values based on the Query filter. In certain action flows, Query actions will be dependent on input specified by the user during Search & Select.

For example, you might configure a Search & Select action for Account that allows the user to specify certain Account records to be migrated. You can then configure a Query action to allow the user to return only Opportunities for the Accounts chosen in Search & Select and only those Opportunities with a specified Owner.

Salesforce Object	Display Name	Fields	Lookup Fields	Load Sequence	Action
Account	Account	9	0	1	Search & Select ▼
Opportunity Product	Opportunity Product	4	1	3	Search & Select Query

For both **Search & Select** and **Query** actions, the Options are automatically filled based on the Objects and Fields you added to your app. You can make changes to these options as required when you define *Filters*.






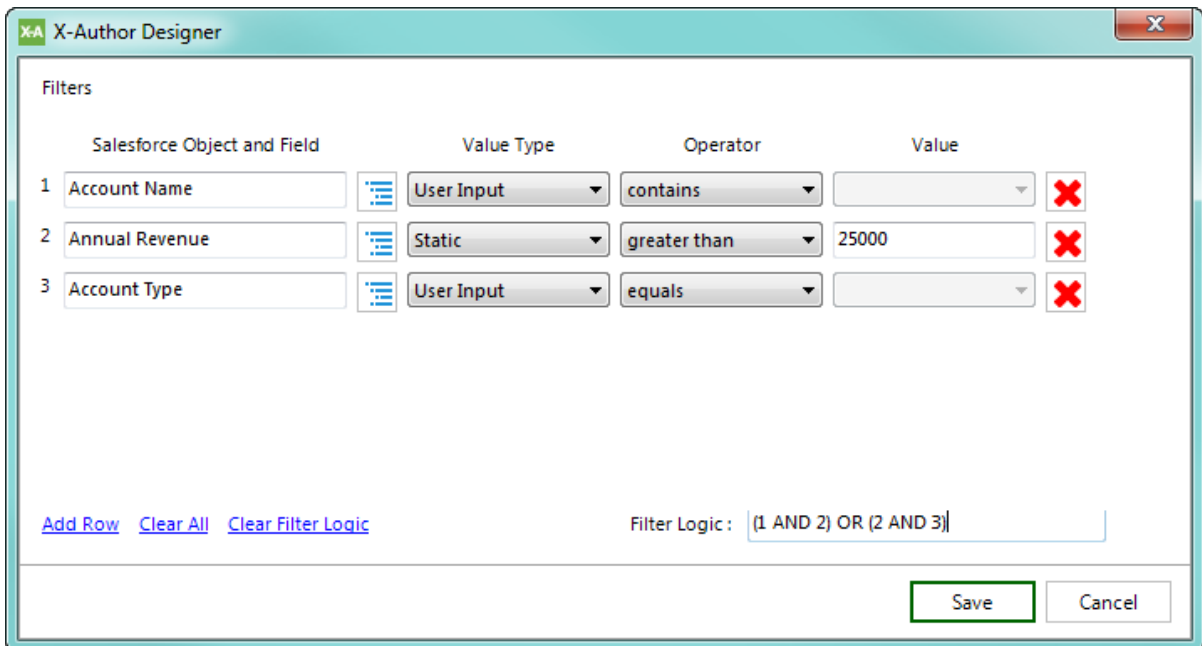
For more information on these actions, refer to [Search & Select](#) and [Query](#) actions in this guide




Filtering Search & Select and Query Actions

To refine the data selected for migration when the user goes through the Data Migration app Action Flow, you can specify one or more filters for each Object being migrated. The process for defining filters is the same for each action type.

To define Filters for an action:

1. Click on the  **Filter** icon next to the corresponding action.
2. Define one or more filters to apply to data retrieved for the selected Object and its Fields:
 - a. Use the Expression builder to specify a **Value Type**, **Operator**, and **Value** for your filter.
 - b. Click **Add Row** to create an additional filter.
 - c. Click **Add Filter Logic** to specify additional logic for the filters you create.




	Salesforce Object and Field		Value Type	Operator	Value	
1	Account Name		User Input	contains		✗
2	Annual Revenue		Static	greater than	25000	✗
3	Account Type		User Input	equals		✗


[Add Row](#) [Clear All](#) [Clear Filter Logic](#)

Filter Logic : (1 AND 2) OR (2 AND 3)

Save **Cancel**

3. Click **Save** when you are finished defining Object and Field filters.

 When you configure an Object to have a lookup field (e.g., Opportunity to Account), a filter of value type "Input" is automatically created to demonstrate the relationship. Do not delete this filter unless you intend to delete the lookup field entirely. You can use this filter to specify the lookup field as the value when you want to constrain migration data according to user selection for the lookup object.

 When building filters, you can only create expressions for Objects and/or Fields already added to the app.

For complete instructions on building S&S and Query filters, refer to [Query Action](#).

Specify External ID

This is an optional step that is only required if your Object has more than one Salesforce External ID. Most Objects will only have a single External ID, but in some cases an Object will have more than one (for example, you export data for this object to more than one external source). Setting the External ID is important to prevent duplication of records during data migration.

Note

All Objects must have a set External ID. **If an Object does not have an External ID set, you will not be able to save the app.** It is recommended to configure External ID's in Salesforce for every Object that you want to migrate before creating the Data Migration app. You can configure External ID's for your Objects in one of two ways:

- Use Apttus' Metadata utility to create External IDs for each Object you want to migrate. Contact your Apttus representative to get access.
- Configure External ID's for your Objects using Salesforce. Create a text field labeled **APTS Ext ID**, field name **APTS_Ext_ID** per configuration in the image below. Refer to Salesforce administrator documentation for help on how to add fields to your Objects.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit User Custom Field' dialog box for a field named 'APTS Ext ID'. The dialog is divided into three main sections: 'Field Information', 'General Options', and 'Text Options'. In the 'Field Information' section, the 'Field Label' is 'APTS Ext ID' and the 'Field Name' is 'APTS_Ext_ID'. The 'Data Type' is set to 'Text'. In the 'General Options' section, the 'Required' checkbox is checked, and the 'Unique' checkbox is also checked. Under 'Unique', the option 'Treat "ABC" and "abc" as duplicate values (case insensitive)' is selected. The 'External ID' checkbox is checked, and the 'Default Value' is set to 'Show Formula Editor'. In the 'Text Options' section, the 'Length' is set to 60. At the bottom of the dialog, there are buttons for 'Change Field Type', 'Save', and 'Cancel'.

- You will need to restart X-Author after adding the External IDs.

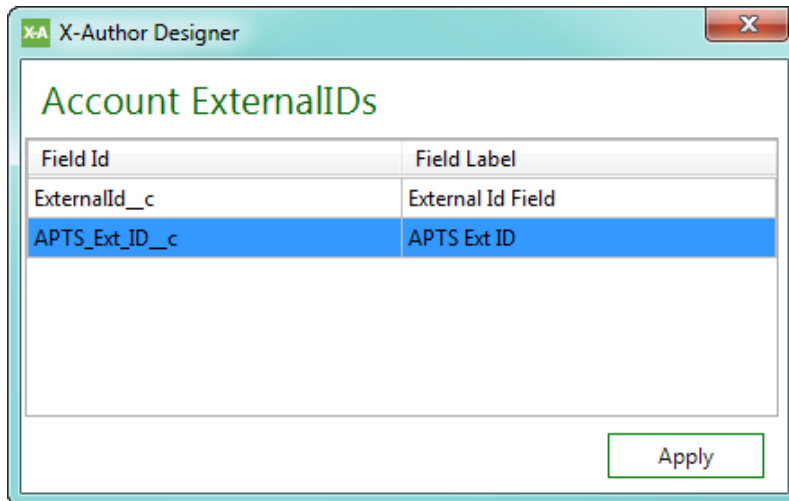
When an Object has more than one External ID, a Not Set link will be visible under the "External ID" column.

To specify External ID for an Object

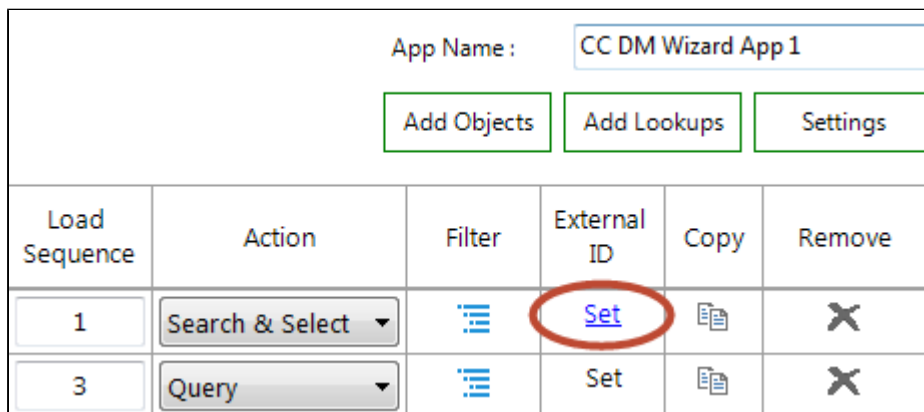
- From the Data Migration screen, click **Not Set** under the "External ID" column corresponding to the Object you want to set.

App Name : CC DM Wizard App 1					
<div>Add Objects</div> <div>Add Lookups</div> <div>Settings</div>					
Load Sequence	Action	Filter	External ID	Copy	Remove
1	Search & Select		<u>Not Set</u>		
3	Query		Set		

- Using your cursor, highlight the correct External ID (**APTS_Ext_ID**) field to use for your Object.



- Click **Apply**. The chosen External ID is updated in the Data Migration Object listing.



Configuring Data Migration App Settings

You can specify settings for your Data Migration app to customize the Action Flow and User Menus.

To configure settings for your Data Migration App

- From the Data Migration screen, click on **Settings**.

The screenshot shows the X-Author Designer interface. At the top, there is a text field labeled 'App Name : ' containing the text 'CC DM Wizard App 1'. Below this, there are three buttons: 'Add Objects', 'Add Lookups', and 'Settings'. The 'Settings' button is circled in red. Below the buttons is a table with the following headers: 'Action', 'Filter', 'External ID', 'Copy', and 'Remove'.

2. Specify values for your app settings. Refer to the table below for a list of settings and their descriptions.

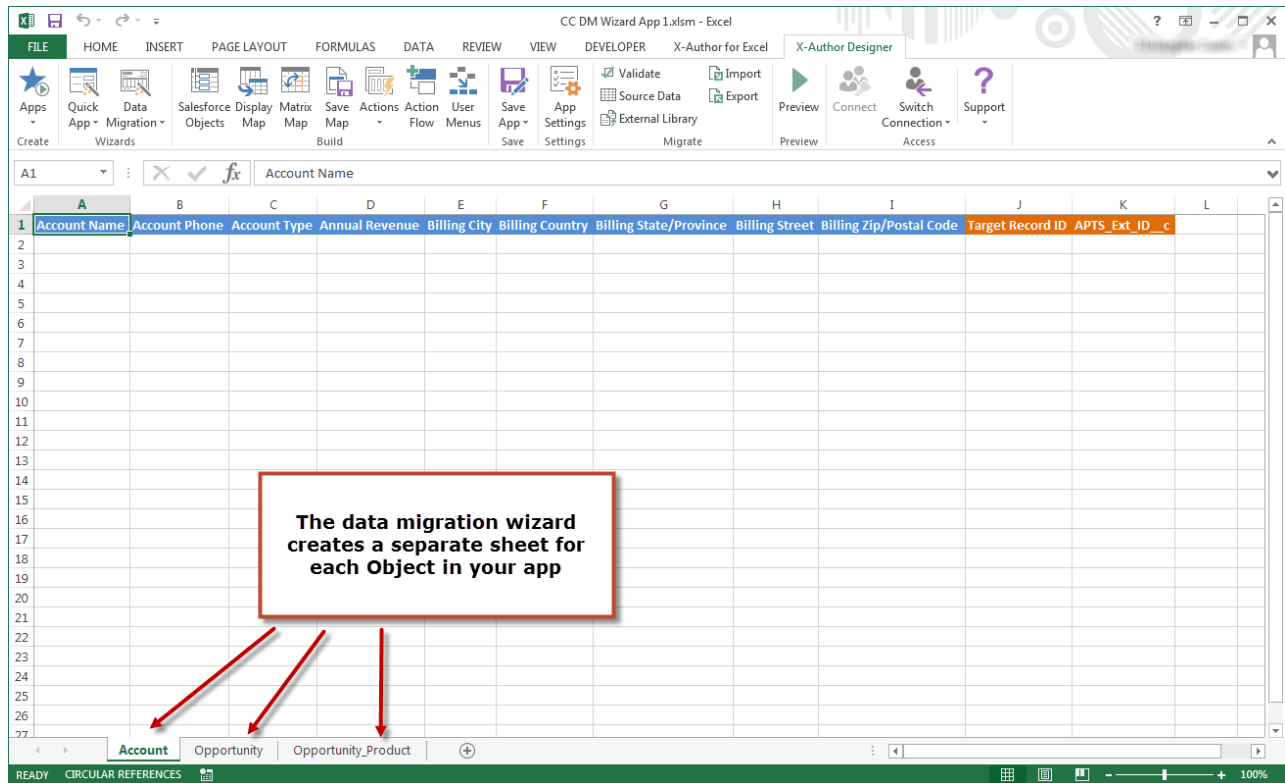
The screenshot shows the 'Settings' dialog box in the X-Author Designer. The title bar says 'X-A X-Author Designer'. The main title is 'Settings'. Below the title, there is a text label: 'The following text will be displayed for DataMigration Export buttons in your app'. There are two text input fields: 'Export All Suffix : ' and 'Export Selective Suffix : '. At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'OK' and 'Cancel'.

Setting	Description	Guidance
Export All Suffix	Enter custom text to replace "All" for the "Export All" button of the app.	Limit the suffix to fit text in the X-Author ribbon.
Export Selective Suffix	Enter custom text to replace "Selective" for the "Export Selective" button of the app.	Limit the suffix to fit text in the X-Author ribbon. Suffix should represent filters defined for your Objects.

3. Click **OK** to apply your settings.

Finalizing your Data Migration App

When you are finished creating your Data Migration App, return to the Data Migration screen and click **Create App** (or **Update App** if you are editing). The Wizard creates or updates the app based on your specifications and displays the resulting app as shown in the example below.



When you create or update a Data Migration app it is automatically saved once you click Create App/Update App. Please remember that if you make any additional changes to the app, you must save the app in X-Author.

Making Changes to your Data Migration App

Since the Data Migration app is an X-Author app, created using the Wizard instead of the individual designer tools, most elements of the app can still be modified by the designer before the app is finalized. Click on any of the buttons in the Designer tab to see the Display Maps, Save Maps, Actions and User Menus created by the Data Migration Wizard.

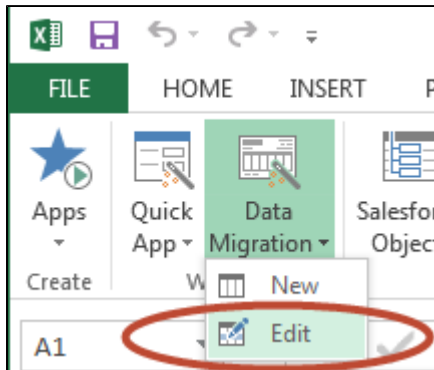


Be especially careful when modifying a Data Migration app after you create it with the Wizard. Because the app is assembled using the Wizard, you may inadvertently break the functionality if you modify maps or remove other components. If you want to add or modify any Objects or Fields, it is recommended to **Edit** the app using the Data Migration Wizard (see below), rather than editing Display/Save Maps and other elements of the app directly.

Add Custom Actions or User Menus to your app as required to finalize your Data Migration App.

Editing your Data Migration App Using the Wizard

When you want to modify a Data Migration App to add, remove or change Objects, Fields, Lookups, or change Filters and other settings, go to the Data Migration Wizard and select **Edit**.



If the changes you want to make to the Data Migration App are significant enough, it is recommended to create a new app rather than modify an existing one.

Please note that you cannot change the following components of an app when you are editing it:

- App Name
- User Actions
- External ID

If you want to make changes to any of the above, you can still remove an Object from the app and add it back again, making any changes as required.

Performing the Data Migration

This page provides instructions for performing a Data Migration from one Salesforce org to another using an app created with the [Data Migration Wizard](#). Instructions may vary slightly depending on if any customizations were made to the app outside of the Wizard. For help with specific user actions or action flows, refer to the appropriate section in this guide.

Prerequisites

- The app to be activated for use by the user doing the migration.
- The user must also have access to the X-Author for Excel Designer tab.

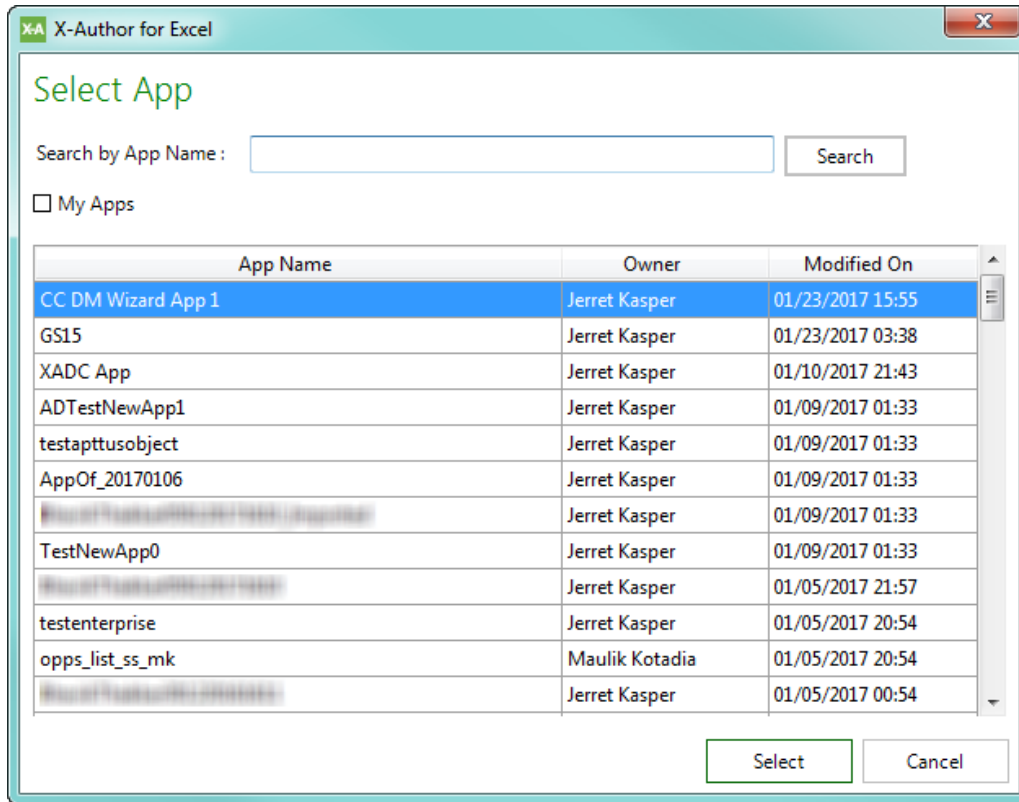
To perform a data migration

1. From the X-Author Designer tab, export the app to your computer and Import the app to the Salesforce org where your source data resides. Follow the instructions under [Importing and Exporting an Application](#), then move to the next step on this page.

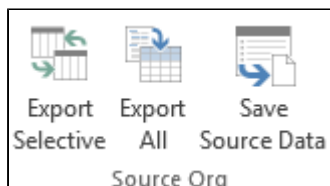
Import Best Practice

To avoid errors using the app in the new org, make sure to **Validate** the app after the import is complete. This will identify any existing mismatches in objects and fields defined in the app. If you do encounter errors upon validation, check the objects and fields affected, make changes to your app or in your org as needed, and perform the import process again.

2. Click on the **X-Author for Excel** tab to switch to the runtime view.
3. Select **App > (your Data Migration App Name)** to open the app.



4. Populate the app by choosing one of two options (Note: the name of these actions may be different, depending on app [settings](#)):



- **Export Selective** - Choose this action if you want to search for and select specific records to export from the source org for each Object in the data migration app. After making your selections, click **Next** to retrieve data into the app.



Use this option when there are Filter criteria defined for any of the Objects in the app. User actions defined for Objects in the app (like Search & Select) only execute when this option is chosen.

Search Account

Search Across Filters : [Hide Filters](#)

Account Type :

☐ Select All 13 Account record(s) retrieved

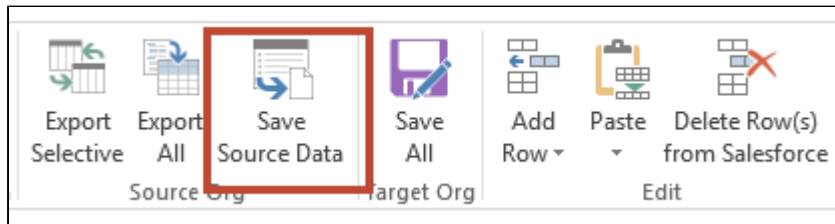
	Account Name
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Global Media
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<input type="checkbox"/>	ABC Food 1231
<input type="checkbox"/>	ABC Corporation, Japan
<input type="checkbox"/>	ABC Corporation International
<input type="checkbox"/>	ABC Corporation, UK
<input type="checkbox"/>	ABC Food 123
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- **Export All** - Choose this action if you want to export ALL records from the source org for each Object in the data migration app. No filters are applied.

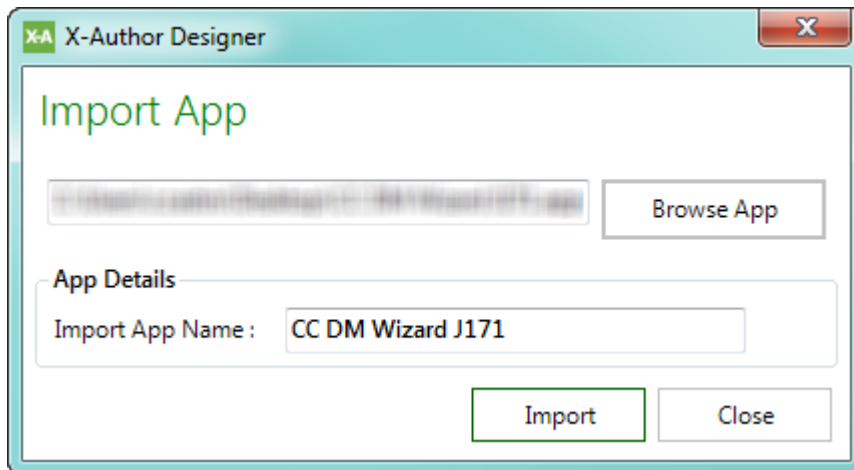
Note

This option may take an unusually long amount of time to retrieve data if there are a large number of records in your Org.

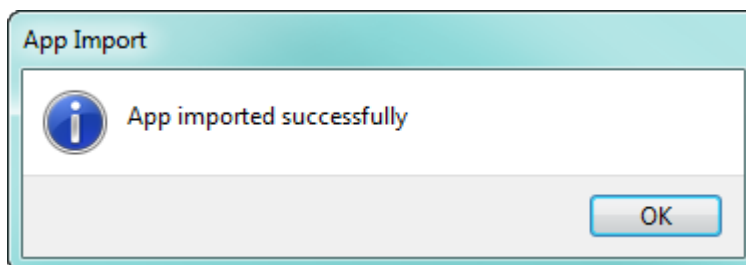
5. From the Source Org section of the X-Author Excel tab, click **Save Source Data**.
6. Browse to a location on your system to save the workbook. Name the file and click **Save**. All data retrieved by the Export action is saved to the app.



7. Close the app.
8. From the X-Author Designer tab, click on **Switch Connection** and select the target org for data migration. Enter your credentials and connect.
9. You must now import the Data Migration app you exported in Step 1 into the target org. Select **Migrate > Import** and browse to the app file.

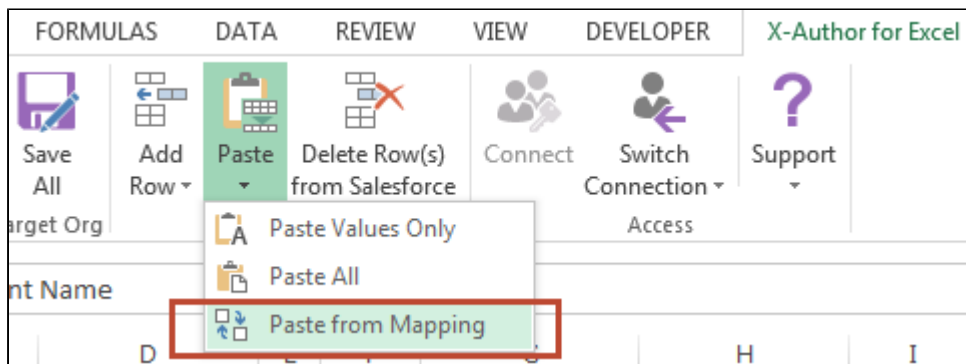


10. Click **Import**. Verify the app imported successfully and click **OK**.

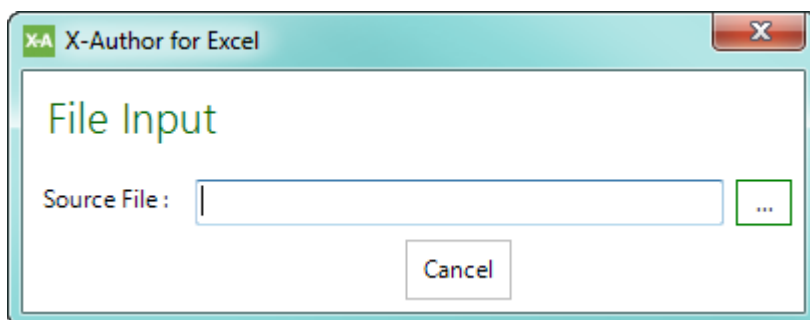


11. Click on the **X-Author for Excel** tab to switch to the runtime view.
12. Connect to the target org.

13. Click on **Apps > Open App** and open the imported app.
14. From the Edit section, click on Paste and select **Paste from Mapping**.



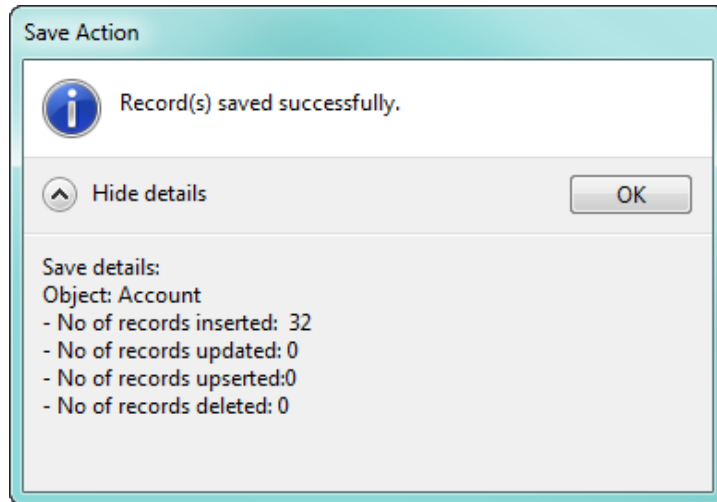
15. Browse to the app file save in Step 5 (saved source data) and click **Open**.



Note

Source data that you exported is pasted into the app without **Target Record ID**. Record IDs will be assigned to all new records that are created when you migrate that data to the Target Org (but will not be represented in the app).

16. From the Target Org section of the ribbon, click **Save All**. The exported records from the source org are migrated to the target org. Depending on how much data you are migrating, this can take some time. When data migration is complete, a separate success message is shown for each Object being migrated. Click on **Show details** to view details.



Note

The success message may not be shown if settings have been changed in X-Author Excel to suppress messages. Refer to [Application Settings](#) for more information.

Updating Records during Migration

As part of the migration, you may choose to update (or upsert) existing records in the target org with updated data from the source org. In this case, you are updating or upserting data from the source org records to target org records. You do this by modifying the exported data from the source org prior to migration. You can also update/upsert records following the initial migration by reusing source data in a subsequent migration. The following use case shows an example of this.

Use Case: Updating Records after Migration

Diana Designer has performed an initial migration of data from a source production org to a target production org. After the migration, she decides that she would like to perform some updates to some Opportunities in the migration. Diana can use X-Author functionality to update (or upsert) records by modifying the same source data she used during the initial migration.

She performs the following steps to update the migration data:

1. Diana connects to the **Target Org** and reopens the Data Migration app in **X-Author for Excel Runtime**.
2. She selects **Edit > Paste from Mapping**. Diana browses to the source data workbook from the previous migration and opens it in the app. The **Account** worksheet is displayed.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Account Name	Account Phone	Account Type	City	Ann	Target Record ID	APTS Ext ID c	
3	ABC Corporatio	(650) 555 3338	Customer		##		001i000000Q9c8kAAB	
4	Acme1	(650) 555 3334	Customer	New	##		001i000000Q9c8IAAB	
5	Cisco Inc 1	(650) 555 3344	Customer	Wate	##		001i000000Q9c8rAAB	
6	Salesforce	(650) 555 3336	Customer	Sura	##		001i000000Q9c8tAAB	
7	GS1	123456789	Customer		##		001i000000Q9c9GAAR	
8	Zipcar & co	(650) 555 3350	Customer		##		001i000000Q9c9YAAR	
9	Venture Industi	(650) 555 3381	Customer		##		001i000000Q9c9aAAB	
10	ABC Corporatio	(650) 555 3639	Customer		##		001i000000xsjhoAAA	
11	Cisco Inc	(650) 555 3644	Customer		##		001i000000xsjhuAAA	
12	Zipcar & co	(650) 555 3350	Customer		##		001i000001gZoG7AAK	
13								
14								

Account Opportunity Opportunity_Product (+)

3. Diana choose to update some Account phone numbers.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Account Name	Account Phone	Account Type	City	Ann	Target Record ID	APTS Ext ID c	
3	ABC Corporatio	(650) 555 3338	Customer		##		001i000000Q9c8kAAB	
4	Acme1	(650) 555 8334	Customer	New	##		001i000000Q9c8IAAB	
5	Cisco Inc 1	(650) 555 3344	Customer	Wate	##		001i000000Q9c8rAAB	
6	Salesforce	(650) 555 3336	Customer	Sura	##		001i000000Q9c8tAAB	
7	GS1	(888) 555 1234	Customer		##		001i000000Q9c9GAAR	
8	Zipcar & co	(650) 555 3350	Customer		##		001i000000Q9c9YAAR	
9	Venture Industi	(650) 555 3381	Customer		##		001i000000Q9c9aAAB	
10	ABC Corporatio	(650) 555 3639	Customer		##		001i000000xsjhoAAA	
11	Cisco Inc	(650) 555 3644	Customer		##		001i000000xsjhuAAA	
12	Zipcar & co	(650) 555 3350	Customer		##		001i000001gZoG7AAK	
13								
14								

Account Opportunity Opportunity_Product (+)

4. She then moves to the Opportunity worksheet.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Name	Amount	Close Date	Opportunity Type	Stage	Target Record ID	Account	APTS_Ext_ID_c	Account
3	Opp ch	#####	11/22/2016	New Business	Test Stage 1		001i0000	006i000000f34Ed	0
4	Salesf	#####	6/8/2015	New Business	Perception Analysis		001i0000	006i000000gZd79	0
5	North	#####	1/13/2016	Existing Business	Value Proposition		001i0000	006i000000geQu	0
6	Acme	#####	5/30/2015	Existing Business	Needs Analysis		001i0000	006i000000ZRDO	0
7	Partne	#####	6/4/2015	New Business	Needs Analysis		001i0000	006i000000bkMn	0
8	Ventu	#####	2/1/2015	Existing Business	Id. Decision Makers		001i0000	006i000000GcJUu	0
9	SaveP	#####	1/7/2013	Existing Business	Qualification		001i0000	006i000000LpbirA	0
10									
11									
12									
13									
14									

Account Opportunity Opportunity_Product (+)

5. Diana modifies some Opportunity amounts.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Name	Amount	Close Date	Opportunity Type	Stage	Target Record ID	Account	APTS_Ext_ID_c	Account
3	Opp ch	30,000.00	11/22/2016	New Business	Test Stage 1		001i0000	006i000000f34Ed	0
4	Salesf	15,000.00	6/8/2015	New Business	Perception Analysis		001i0000	006i000000gZd79	0
5	North	15,000.00	1/13/2016	Existing Business	Value Proposition		001i0000	006i000000geQu	0
6	Acme	15,000.00	5/30/2015	Existing Business	Needs Analysis		001i0000	006i000000ZRDO	0
7	Partne	15,000.00	6/4/2015	New Business	Needs Analysis		001i0000	006i000000bkMn	0
8	Ventu	12,000.00	2/1/2015	Existing Business	Id. Decision Makers		001i0000	006i000000GcJUu	0
9	SaveP	122,232.00	1/7/2013	Existing Business	Qualification		001i0000	006i000000LpbirA	0
10									
11									
12									
13									
14									

Account Opportunity Opportunity_Product (+)

6. Diana selects **Target Org > Save All**. She has successfully upserted the migrated records.

Note

You can also add rows using the method to Insert new records. Because the workbook is protected, you must copy an existing row, use the "Paste Values Only" action from the X-Author ribbon and make changes (remember to remove the Target Record ID if one is displayed).

Creating External Actions

Over and above the standard actions, Designers can now include their own actions through the External Library capabilities. This requires the use of the X-Author SDK libraries to create custom dlls. For example, you could create an external action for something as simple as record data cleansing, or something more complex such as invoking Oracle or SAP web services.

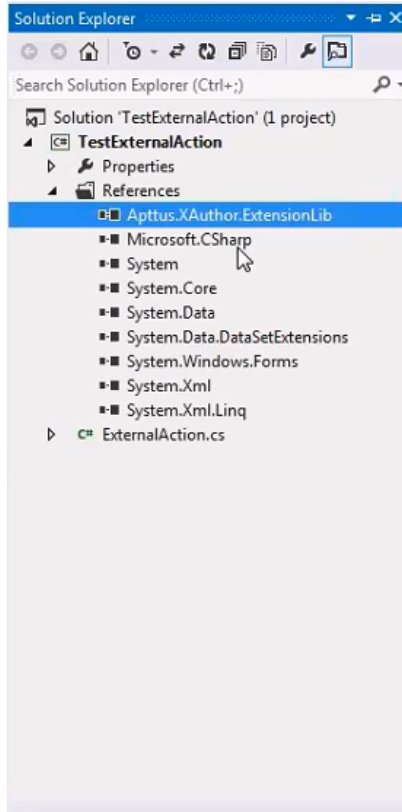
Prerequisites for creating Actions

- An Integrated Development Environment that enables you to build dlls. In the example in this procedure, Microsoft Visual Studio is used to describe the setup process for External Actions.

How to design an External Action

1. Create a Visual Studio Class Library Project. The X-Author client installer includes a sample C# file.

The code sample shows the functions to use and it will pop up a message box in runtime. You can extend the *Execute()* function to write your custom logic using the full power of Visual Studio and .NET.



2. Add a reference of the Apttus.XAuthor.ExtensionLib module into the project. The Apttus.XAuthor.ExtensionLib action class which represents an action is available for external use in this SDK Library. Any user who designs a new action, needs to add a reference of this library in their Visual Studio project. This library extends the following:
 - Action Class extends the capabilities of the Base class capabilities to the custom .cs file.
 - IActionRuntime interface invokes the execute method defined in a custom .cs file.
3. Provide *Name* and *Type* for the external action and provide custom logic for the *Execute()* function.
4. Compile and link the assembly to generate the output .NET assembly. The .NET assembly should be a .dll file.

```
using System;
```



```

using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Linq;
using System.Text;
using System.Threading.Tasks;
using Apttus.XAuthor.Core;
using System.Xml.Serialization;
using System.Runtime.InteropServices;
namespace TestExternalAction

//Apttus.XAuthor.Core.Action is the base class of the module
//for which the capabilities are extended. Using the
//IActionRuntime interface invokes the custom execute method.
{
    public class FirstExternalAction : Apttus.XAuthor.Core.
    Action, IActionRuntime
    {
        //Custom class. You can define any object that you
        //choose in your class.
        public FirstExternalAction()
        {
            Name = "First External Action";
            Type = "External Message Action";
        }
        //Defining the logic on execution of the external
        action.
        public ActionResponse Execute(ActionRequest request)
        {
            ActionResponse r = new ActionResponse();
            System.Windows.Forms.MessageBox.Show("External
            Action : Executed");
            r.Status = ActionResultStatus.Success;
            return r;
        }
    }
}

```



The sample *.cs file can contain one or more external actions.

How to link an External Library into X-Author

After developing an External Action that is part of a library (.NET assembly), load the library into X-Author Designer using the following steps.

1. Navigate to the X-Author for Designer Tab.
2. Click External Library, load the required .dll file and click OK.



After you load the selected assembly, X-Author detects all the external actions within that assembly.

3. Invoke the newly created external actions within an Action Flow just like built-in actions.

To update an existing external library

To update and link a new version of the library into X-Author, ensure that any external actions within that library are not in use in any Action Flow. You can update an existing external library only under certain conditions.

How to remove an existing external library

A user can remove an already linked external library. To remove an existing library, open the existing library and select a row and click Unlink Library. An External Library can only be removed if any of the External Actions exported in the library is not used in an Action Flow.

Uploading or Downloading File Attachments

You can upload and download file attachments using X-Author for Excel. For example, if you create an app that uses Salesforce objects that contain attachments, such as the Opportunity object, you can now download opportunity-related attachments from Salesforce and upload attachments to Salesforce. All you need to do is add the attachments field to the Salesforce Objects, the Display Map, and—if you are uploading attachments—the Save Map.

Downloaded files are located in **%AppData%\Local\Temp\X-Author Attachments\[Object_ID]**, where %AppData% is the location of the logged-in user's AppData directory in Windows (for example, C:\Users\bdwyer\AppData) and Object_ID is a mashup of the name and the ID of the

object the attachment is associated with, such as an Opportunity. You can upload files from anywhere on your workstation, though. To upload a file, you need to provide the full path to the document and the document name as shown in the following example. If you are uploading multiple attachments, separate them with a pipe (|) as shown in the following example.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Opportunity List					
2						
3	Opportunity List					
4	Opportunity ID	Name	Stage	Close Date	Closed	Notes & Attachments
6	006i000000LoHFKA3	Acme - 1,200 Widgets 11	Prospectin	5/11/2015	FALSE	C:\Users\abaum\Contracts\Acme05112015.docx C:\Users\abaum\Contracts\Acme05112015.pdf
7	006i000000LoHSaAAN	Acme - 1,200 Widgets 11	Prospectin	4/11/2015	FALSE	C:\Users\abaum\Contracts\Acme04112015.docx C:\Users\abaum\Contracts\Acme04112015.pdf
8	006i000000LoHLxAAN	Acme - 1,200 Widgets 11	Prospectin	3/11/2015	FALSE	
9	006i000000LoHFLAA3	Acme - 1,200 Widgets 14	Prospectin	2/11/2015	FALSE	
10	006i000000LoHSbAAN	Acme - 1,200 Widgets 14	Prospectin	5/11/2015	FALSE	
11	006i000000LoHLyAAN	Acme - 1,200 Widgets 14	Prospectin	5/11/2015	FALSE	

In this example, the files will be uploaded to the opportunity when you save the data to Salesforce.

Example: Opportunities by Account App

App Objectives

- The end user will search for and select an Account from Salesforce.
- Based on the account selected, the app will automatically retrieve all Opportunities into Excel.
- For the Account, the app will include the Name and Phone fields.
- For each Opportunity, the app will include the Name, Amount, Close Date, and Stage fields.
- Allow the end user to save modifications to just the Amount and Stage fields for each Opportunity.

App Components

You will use the following app components to build your new app.

Component	Component Description
Salesforce Objects	Account (Individual) and Opportunity (List)
Display Map	Individual and List fields per objectives

Save Map	Using fields from the Display Map
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Search and Select Action for the Account• Query Action to retrieve the Opportunities for the Account• Display Action to transfer the retrieved data to the Display Map• Save Action to save back to Salesforce any user modifications
Action Flows	One to retrieve the data and display it and one to save it
User Menus	One button for the user to retrieve opportunities and one to save them

To create the Opportunities by Account App

1. In the ribbon menu, click Apps and select New Application.
2. In the App Name Field, type Opportunities by Account.
3. In the Select Template section,click the New radio button.
4. Click Create.
5. For the app type, select the product edition. For example, Enterprise.

To select Salesforce Objects

1. Click Salesforce Objects and locate Account > Opportunity and then click Add Child Object.
2. In the right-hand window, click Account (Ind).
3. Select fields from Add Fields below area: Region, Name and Phone.
4. Click Apply. Note: You must click Apply after you have selected the fields for any object.
5. In the right-hand window, click Opportunity (List).

6. Select fields from Add Fields below area: Account Id (automatically selected for you because this is the lookup field to the parent object in the object hierarchy), Amount, Close Date, Name, and Stage.
7. Click Apply.
8. Click Save and Close.
9. Save the Application.

To create a Display Map

1. Select Display Maps and click Create.
2. In the Name field, type Main and from the Type list, select Individual.
3. Drag Account Name to C3 and Phone to C4. You will see the link between the cell and field stamped in the bottom right-hand window.
4. Switch to List.
5. Drag Name to B7, Amount to C7, Close Date to D7, Stage to F7, and Id to H7. Now click on the orange account id field (with a + next to it) and it will take you to the Account object. Select the Region field from there and drag it to G7. X-Author allows you to have fields from any related object on the same list row.
6. Select Options and change the Sort by picklist to Name.
7. Save the Display Map and click Close.
8. Add a title to B1: *Opportunities by Account*.
9. Save the Display map.

To create a Save Map

1. Select Save Map and then click Create.
2. In the Name field, type Main.
3. Click Add Display Map Field and select Amount and Stage.
4. Click Apply and then click Save.
5. Save the Application.

To create a Search and Select Action

1. In the main ribbon under Actions, click the arrow and select Search and Select.
2. In the Action Name field, type Select Account
3. From the Salesforce Objects list, choose Account
4. In the Search window, click the check box next to Name.
5. In the Name in Fields to Display in Search Results, click the check box next to it and the Sort check box to the right.
6. From the Results area, choose Single.
7. Click Save.

To create a Query Action

1. Click the arrow under Actions on the X-Author for Excel ribbon and select Query.
2. In the Action Name field, type Query Opportunities.
3. From the Object list, choose Account.Opportunity
4. In the Filters section, click the lookup icon and select the account id field to restrict the Opportunity records to those that match the Account that was selected by the user. Because this is a lookup field, click just to the right of the orange field to select the row and click Apply. Select the other parameters based on the table below.

Salesforce Object and Field	Value Type	Operator	Value
Account ID	Input	Equals	Account Id from the Accounts object will default. (i.e. Account.AccountID)

5. Click Save.

To create a Display Action

1. Click the arrow under Actions and select Display.

2. For the Action Name, type Display Opportunities.
3. From the Display Map list, choose Main.
4. Click Save.



When data has been retrieved from Salesforce, it is placed in Excel memory, waiting to be placed into the specific worksheet based on a Display Map. You may want to display different maps at different times when your App is in use, so a Display Action lets you decide which map to use and when to use it

To create a Save Action

1. Click the arrow under Actions and select Save.
2. In the Action Name field, type Save Opportunities.
3. From the Save Map list, select Main.

Now that you have created your actions, you need to create Action Flows to retrieve and display data and to save data.

To create a flow to retrieve and display Opportunities

1. Click Action Flow and then click Create.
2. Enter Retrieve Opportunities into the Action Flow Name field and click Apply. The left-hand window is updated.
3. Click Add Step.
4. In the Step Name field, type Select Account. From the Action list, select Select Account.
5. Select the check box next to the Persist Data as Output check box and enter Account in the Action Output field.
6. Click Apply and then click Add Step.
7. In the Step Name field, type Query Opportunities.
8. From the Action list, select Query Opportunities.

9. Select the check box next to Persist Data as Output and enter Opps in the Action Output field.
10. Select the check box next to Provide Input and then select Account from the picklist.
11. Click Apply and then click Add Step.
12. In the Step Name field enter Display Opportunities and select Display Opportunities from the Action list.
13. Select the check box next to Provide Input and select Account and Opps from the Action Input list.
14. Click Apply and then click Save.

To create a flow to save Opportunities

1. Click Action Flow and then click Create.
2. In the Action Name field type *Save Opportunities* and then click Apply.
3. Click Add Step and from the Action list choose Save Opportunities.
4. Into the Step Name field, enter *Save Opportunities* and click Apply.
5. Click Save.
6. Save the Application.

The **final step** is to **add the end-user menus**.

The workflow to add end-user menus is as follows:

1.
 - You first add a *Group* and highlight the group to add buttons underneath it.
 - For each group or button, you can change the names of each by overwriting the *Default Group* or *Display Item* in the right window.
 - When you add a button, *Order* is the order in which the buttons will appear on the end user menu.
 - *Action Flow* is for associating a menu item to the Action Flow that will be executed by the end user.

- For icons, X-Author uses the standard Microsoft Office icon list which can be found here: <http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=21103>. Use what is provided in the procedure below or any other icon from the list. You must enter the icon capitalization exactly as it is described in the procedure below.

The steps to add end-user menus are described in detail in the following sections.

To create User Menus

1. Click User Menu.
2. Click Add Group.
3. In the Name field Enter Opportunities and 1 in the Order field.
4. Click Add Button and in the Name field enter Retrieve Opportunities .
5. In the Icon field enter GetExternalDataFromOtherSources .
6. Enter 1 in the Order field.
7. From the Action Flow list, select Retrieve Opportunities.
8. Click on Opportunities to highlight the group and then click Add Button.
9. In the Name field enter Save Opportunities.
10. In the Icon field enter SaveObjectAs .
11. In the Order field enter 2.
12. From the Action Flow list, select Save Opportunities.
13. Click Save
14. Save the Application.

Making the end-user menus look good

1. Enlarge the title.
2. Highlight the row headings.
3. Identify to the end user the columns or cells that are modifiable by highlighting them in a different color.

4. You can delete the text in brackets. This does not remove the fields because those are in the map. This just makes the presentation more pleasing.

Make sure to place your cursor in the cell and use the Delete key. Do not use row delete!

After you follow all the procedures in this section, a new App with the name Opportunities by Account has been created.

Example: Opportunity Forecast Application

App Objectives

1. The end user invokes all opportunities, for which they are an owner, from Salesforce into Excel.
2. For each Opportunity include: Name, Amount, Close Date, Stage, and Owner */d/*.
3. Allow the end user to save modifications to only the Amount and Stage for each Opportunity.

App Components

You will use the following app components to build your new app.

Component	Component Description
Adding Salesforce Objects to your App	<i>Opportunity</i> (List)
Display Map	<i>Opportunity</i> Fields as above
Save Map	Using fields from the Display Map
Customizing the App Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Execute Query Action with a restriction on "Owner ID"• Display Action to transfer the retrieved <i>Opportunity</i> data to the Display Map• Save Action to save back to Salesforce any user modifications

Component	Component Description
Executing Actions	One to retrieve opportunities and one to save them
Creating User Menus	One button for the user to retrieve opportunities and one to save them

Creating the Opportunity Forecast Application

Application creation is a multi-step process, starting with naming the app and ending with the creation of your end-user menus. The steps are:

1. Create the new App.
2. Select Salesforce Objects to use in the app.
3. Create a Display and Save Maps.
4. Create Query, Display, and Save actions.
5. Create and Action Flow.
6. Create end-user menus.

The steps are described in detail in the following sections. You will complete each step as you build your Opportunity Forecast app.

Prerequisites

You must be connected (through the X-Author Designer) to a Salesforce org that is enabled for X-Author for Excel.

To create the Opportunity Forecast App

1. In the ribbon menu, click Apps and select New Application.
2. In the App Name Field, type *Opportunity Forecast* and in the Select Template section, click the New radio button.

3. Click Create.
4. Select edition. For example, Enterprise.

To select Salesforce Objects

1. In the ribbon menu, click Salesforce Objects.
2. In the Objects list, locate Opportunity either by scrolling or by typing in the first letter to jump to the nearest match and then scrolling.
3. Click Add Parent Object. This will always be true if you have just one object. The object is now in the selected box on the right and is automatically assigned default *List* behavior.
4. In Add Fields below, select the following field names: Account ID, Amount, Close Date, Name, Owner ID, and Stage.
5. Click Apply.
Note: You must click Apply after you have selected the fields for any object or these will not be saved if you have more than one object.
6. Click Save and Close.
7. Click the Save Application button.

To create a Display Map

1. Click Display Map and select Create.
2. In the Name field, type *Main* and from the Type drop-down, select List.
3. Drag Account Name to A7. This was not an available field in Salesforce Objects but X-Author for Excel always brings in the Name field for any lookup field selected in Salesforce Objects.
4. Drag Name to B7, Amount to C7, Close Date to D7, Stage to F7, Opportunity Id to H7.
5. Click Options and change the Sort by list to Account Name.
6. To save the Display Map, click Save and then click Close.
7. Add a title in A1, for example, Opportunities Forecast.
8. Save the Application.


To create a Save Map

1. Click Save Maps and select Create.
2. In the Name field, enter *Main* into the Name field.
3. Click Add Display Map Fields and select Amount and Stage.
4. Click Apply and then click Close for the Save Map.
5. Click the Save Application button.

To create a Search and Select Action

1. Click the arrow under Actions on the menu and select Search and Select.
2. Enter *Select Account* into the Action Name field.
3. Choose Account from the Salesforce Objects list.
4. Click the check box next to Name in the Search window.
5. Click the check box next to Name in Fields to Display in Search Results and the Sort check box to the right.
6. Choose Single from the Results area.
7. Click Save.

To create a Query Action

1. Under Actions, click the arrow and select Query.
2. In the Action Name field, type Query Opportunities and from the Object picklist select Opportunity.
3. In the Filters section, select or enter the following to restrict the Opportunity records to those for which the current user is the *Opportunity* owner. Click the lookup icon  and select the owner idOK field. Because this is a lookup field, click just to the right of the orange field to select the row and click Apply. Select the other parameters based on the table below.

Salesforce Object and Field	Value Type	Operator	Value List
Owner Id	SystemVariables	Equals	CurrentUser

4. Click Save.

To create a Display Action

1. Click the arrow under Actions and select Display.
2. Enter Display Opportunities into the Action Name field.
3. Choose Main from the Display Map list.



When data has been retrieved from Salesforce, it is placed in Excel memory, waiting to be placed into the specific worksheet based on a Display Map. You may want to display different maps at different times when your App is in use, so a Display Action lets you decide which map to use and when to use it.

To create a Save Action

1. Click the arrow under Actions and select Save.
2. Enter Save Opportunities into the Action Name field.
3. Select Main from the Save Map list.
4. Click Save.
5. Save the Application.

Now that you have created your actions, you need to create Action Flows to retrieve and display data and to save data.

To create a flow to retrieve and display Opportunities

1. Click Action Flow and then click Create.
2. In the Action Flow Name field, type Retrieve Opportunities and click Apply. The left-hand window is updated.
3. Click Add Step.
4. In the Step Name field, type Query Opportunities.
5. From the Action list, select Query Opportunities.
6. Check Persist Data as Output.
7. Enter Opps, then click Apply.
8. Click Add Step.
9. In the Step Name, enter Display Opportunities .
10. From the Action list, select Display Opportunities.
11. Check Provide Input and choose Opps as default.
12. Click Apply and then click Save.
13. Save the Application.

To create an action flow to save Opportunities

1. Click Action Flow and then click Create.
2. In the Action Flow Name field, enter Save Opportunities and click Apply. The left hand window is updated.
3. Click Add Step and in the Step Name field, enter Save .
4. From the Action list, select Save Opportunities.
5. Click Apply.
6. Click Save.
7. Save the Application.

The **final step** is to **add the end-user menus**. Creating menus is a multi-step process.

- You first add a Group and highlight the group to add buttons underneath it.
- For each group or button, you can change the names of each by overwriting the Default Group or Display Item in the right window.
- When you add a button, Order is the order in which the buttons will appear on the end user menu.
- Action Flow is for associating a menu button to the Action Flow that will be executed by the end user.
- For icons, X-Author uses the standard Microsoft Office icon list which can be found here: <http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=21103>. Use the icons described in the procedure below or use any other icon from the list. You must enter the icon name, including capitalization, exactly as it is documented in the procedure below.

The steps are described in detail in the following sections.

To create User Menus

1. Click User Menus.
2. Click Add Group.
3. In the Name field, type Opportunities and 1 in the Order field.
4. Click Add, and in the Name field, type Retrieve Opportunities.
5. In the Icon field, type GetExternalDataFromOtherSources and in the Order field enter 1.
6. Select Retrieve Opportunities from the Action Flow list.
7. Click on Opportunities to highlight the group and then click Add Button.
8. In the Name field, type Save Opportunities.
9. In the Icon field, type SaveObjectAs and in the Order field enter 2.
10. From the Action Flow list, select Save Opportunities.
11. Click Save.
12. Save the Application.

To make the end-user menus look presentable

1. Enlarge the title.
2. Highlight the row headings.
3. Identify to the end user the columns that are modifiable by highlighting them in a different color.
4. (Optional) You can delete the text in brackets. This does not remove the fields because those are in the map. This just makes the presentation more pleasing.



Make sure to place your cursor in the cell and use the *Delete* key. **Do not use Delete Row.**

An App with the name *Opportunities Forecast* has been created. Now you can run it by clicking the Preview button in the ribbon menu.

The user menus you created now appear in the ribbon. Click the Retrieve Opportunities button and the list of opportunities is displayed. Make a few changes. Click Save Opportunities, and you will see a message that the records were saved. The changes are reflected in Salesforce.

Deleting an Application

You can not delete an App from within X-Author for Excel. You must log in to your Salesforce org using a web browser. Navigate to the All Tabs area of your Salesforce org by clicking on the plus sign on the main objects bar. You must have sufficient administrator credentials to perform this task.

To delete an Application

Log in to your Salesforce org using a standard web browser.

1. From the Force.com App Menu, select Apttus X-Author for Excel.
2. Click the Apps tab in the menu bar.

3. Click Go located next to the X-Author for Excel picklist. This action will display all of the X-Author Designer-created Apps.
4. Click Del located next to the App name to delete the App, and then click OK.

You have successfully deleted an App from the linked X-Author for Excel Salesforce org.

Launching an X-Author for Excel App from Salesforce

From a button on any page in Salesforce, users can launch an App that opens in Excel and automatically retrieves the data from Salesforce. The flow is:

1. A button is clicked on any Salesforce page (that can accommodate a button).
2. A message box pops-up to warn the user that they are leaving Salesforce and whether they would like to continue.
3. A new instance of Excel is opened and connected to Salesforce without any additional login required by the user.
4. App id and (optionally) parent id are passed as parameters to the App.
5. The App opens in Excel and executes the Action Flow that has been flagged as auto-execute.

To implement this feature, perform the following steps in order:

1. Adjust your App slightly so that it can be launched from Salesforce.
2. Add an Edit in Excel setting in Salesforce Setup to identify the App that should be launched from Salesforce.
3. Add a button in Salesforce.

You can launch a specific Action Flow of a specific app from Salesforce. To do so, you must mention the names of the app and action flow in the code of the button that you add. When an action flow is mentioned in the launch button code, it gets executed when launched from Salesforce. When an action flow is marked as Auto Execute (Launch from Excel) and you mention another action flow in the launch button code, the latter action flow gets executed when launched from Salesforce.

Making an App Launch-Ready from Salesforce

There are only two differences in an app launched from Salesforce versus a regular App: 1, identifying which Action Flow should be executed at launch and 2, in the case of a parent-child App, providing an external id parameter.

Identify the Action Flow to be Executed on Launch

1. Click Action Flow from the X-Author for Excel ribbon.
2. Select an Action Flow for auto-execution by checking the box in the Auto-Execute (Launch from Salesforce) column. Only one Action Flow can be selected.




Adding an External ID to the Query

If this is an App that has no parent, such as a list of opportunities, make sure the query has the appropriate hard coded filters to retrieve the records you want.

If this is a parent/child App, then the query requires a filter to identify the parent field. For example, if the button is on the Opportunity related list for Accounts, then the Account Id is the parent id that is passed as a parameter.

To add an External ID to a query

1. Open the query that is retrieving the data.
2. Add a filter as follows - this example uses Account/Opportunity but you should select the parent id field in the object that looks up to the parent.

	Salesforce Object and Field		Value Type	Operator	Value	
1	Account ID		System Variab	equals	ExportRecordId	 

3. Click Save and Save the Application.

Setting Up an Edit in Excel App in Salesforce

1. Switch to the X-Author for Excel application from the [Force.com](#) App Menu or locate *Apps* using the + on the menu.



2. Click on Edit in Excel Setup.

Note

If the **Edit in Excel** button is not visible, you need to add it to your App page layout. Refer to [Completing Setup for Designers](#) for instructions.

3. You will see a list of example Apps that come with the X-Author for Excel managed package.
4. Click + to add a new row.



Setup Edit In Excel Applications

Save Cancel

The Edit in Excel feature enables users to edit Salesforce data using Excel. From a button on any Salesforce page, Excel is launched and an X-Author for Excel template is opened with the data from that page.

Name	Application		
Account and Cases	Account and Cases ▼		
Account and Contacts	Account and Contacts ▼		
Account and Opportunities	Account and Opportunities ▼		
<input type="text"/>	--None-- ▼	+	-
<input type="text"/>	--None-- ▼	+	-

Save Cancel

5. In Name enter in a brief description, e.g. if launching Contacts from the Account page, you could use *Account - Contacts*.
6. From the Application drop-down, select the Application that will be launched.
7. Click Save.

Creating Buttons in Salesforce

There is no limit to the number of different Apps that can be launched from Salesforce. It could be a list of opportunities, or a list of opportunities or contacts for an account. You can place buttons anywhere Salesforce allows them to be located.

X-Author for Excel provides a few sample buttons. To see an example, search for buttons from Salesforce Setup, then navigate to the Opportunity buttons, and locate the Edit in Excel button.

To create a button on an object

You can create this button on standard as well as custom objects. This example shows how to create the Edit In Excel button on Opportunity related list on Account object.

1. Go to Setup > App Setup > Customize > Opportunities and select Buttons, Links and Actions.
2. Click New Button or Link.
3. Enter the Label. Name is auto-populated.
4. Enter the Description of the button to help users understand the button.
5. Select a Display Type for the button.

Display Type	Description
Detail Link Page	To display the custom button as a link
Detail Page Button	To display the custom button as a detail button. For example, to display the custom button with Edit, Delete, Cancel, and Clone buttons.
List Button	To display the custom button as a list button. For example, to display the custom button with Merge Contacts, New, Add to Categories and so on.

6. Select a Behavior. Click View Behavior Options to view the options of behavior.
7. Select Custom Source.
8. If you are executing a specific Action Flow, then paste the following code in the Formula Editor:

```
/apex/Apttus_XApps__EditInExcelLaunch?parentRecordId={!Account.
Id}&"&appName=Account and
Opportunities&actionflowName=retrieveOpp"
```

Important

Click Check Syntax to verify the syntax of formula you have written. You can choose to configure an App with a named action flow by passing actionflowName as a parameter and the name of the actionflow that you want to call as a value of the parameter. This feature is supported only on the X-Author for Excel 4.72 Salesforce package.

9. If you are using an auto-execute Action Flow, enter the following code into the Formula Editor:




```
/apex/Apttus_XApps__EditInExcelLaunch?parentRecordId={!Account.
Id}&"&appName=3_8 AC_Opps ASC"
```

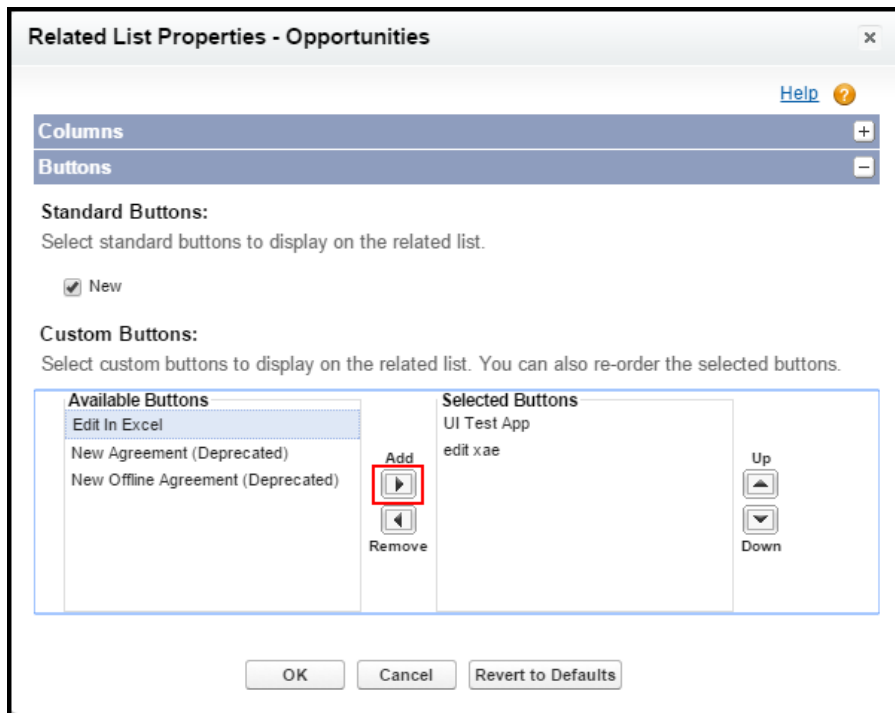
10. Select the Link Encoding. Default value is Unicode (UTF-8).
11. Click Save.

To add a button in a Salesforce page

You can add this button on standard as well as custom objects. For example, add the **Edit In Excel** button on Opportunity related list on Account object.

1. Click the Accounts tab and select an account.

2. Click Edit Layout.
3. Click Related Lists from the left pane of the Edit Layout box.
4. For an Opportunities-related list, click the  icon.
5. For Buttons, click the  icon.
6. Select Edit In Excel and click the  icon.



7. Click Ok.

If your Launch from Salesforce feature is not working as expected, you might not have set the correct user permissions to access.

X-Author for Excel Runtime Functions

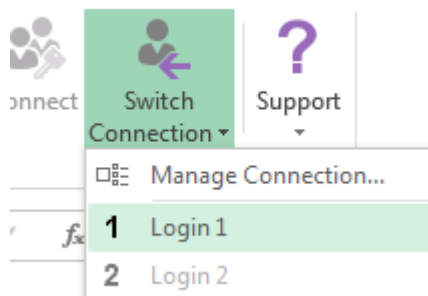
The following runtime functions are available for X-Author for Excel apps.

- [Switch Connection](#)
- [Opening Apps](#)
- [Adding Rows or Records to a List](#)
- [Adding Rows and Columns to a Matrix](#)
- [Paste from Mapping](#)
- [Deleting Records from Salesforce](#)
- [Adding and Deleting Records](#)
- [Chatter](#)
- [Rich Text](#)

Switch Connection

To connect to Salesforce from X-Author for Excel at Runtime

1. Click Connect and the Manage Connections window is displayed.
2. Under the Create a new connection section and in the Name field, enter the Salesforce.com user name.



3. In the Login URL, add the URL. In many cases, the URL is login.salesforce.com for production orgs and test.salesforce.com for sandboxes. You can click the shortcut for either of these in Examples. For a custom URL, type the custom domain name.
4. Click Authorize.
5. Open an App.

The X-Author for Excel ribbon options are enabled.

Opening Apps

To be able to open an App, you must be connected to your Salesforce org.

To open an app

1. Click Apps and then click Open Application to view the available Apps to open.



2. Either scroll down to find an App or enter in the App name in Search by Application Name and click Search. Then either double-click on the App or click Select.

Search by Application Name :

☐ My Apps

Application Name	Owner	Modified On
Sony Test 2	Anton Weber	05/28/2014 06:30
Sony Test	Anton Weber	05/28/2014 06:02
Opportunities by Account-DB	Anton Weber	05/27/2014 17:52
Budget	Anton Weber	05/27/2014 11:45
Opportunities by Account	Anton Weber	05/27/2014 11:45
Opportunity Forecast - AE	Anton Weber	05/27/2014 11:45
Cases By Account	Anton Weber	05/27/2014 10:48
Cases	Anton Weber	05/27/2014 09:58



The My Apps check box is an App designer option only for testing the Apps.

3. You can also select an App from the shortcut list.

	Open Application
1	Opportunities by Account-DB
2	Budget
3	Opportunities by Account
4	Opportunity Forecast - AE
5	Cases By Account

After the App loads into Excel, the menu could include buttons specifically designed for that App, such as Retrieve Opportunities, as well as one or more of the X-Author for Excel standard buttons: Add Row, Paste, Delete Row(s) from Salesforce, and Chatter.

Adding Rows or Records to a List

New rows or records can be added to a list in Excel in one of two ways: either by using the Add Row button or by using one of the Paste functions from the Paste drop-down menu after you have copied spreadsheet data.

To add a row or record

1. Click on the top part of Add Row to insert a single row or record.
2. Click on the bottom part of Add Row to insert more than one row.



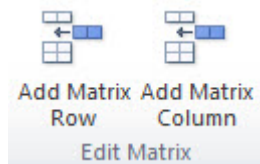
There are three variations of the Paste function: Paste Values Only, Paste All, and Paste from Mapping.

If you are copying data from another worksheet (same or different workbook), Paste eliminates the need to use the Add Rows function. It automatically adds the exact number of rows and pastes the data into those rows simultaneously.

1. Use the standard Excel copy function or Ctrl+C to copy data from the source.
2. Click Paste > Paste Values Only to add rows and paste the data values.
3. Click Paste > Paste All to add rows and paste the data including formulas.

Adding Rows and Columns to a Matrix

Using the Add Matrix Row and Add Matrix Column buttons, you can add more data to your matrix. However, there are specific rules you must follow. The only time you can add a column or a row is when that row or column is defined with a Rendering Type of Dynamic and a Field Type of Field Value. If either the Rendering Type is set to Static, or the Field Type is set to Field Label, or both, the you **cannot** add the row or column to the matrix at runtime. Click the link after the following image to see all the possible combinations and which combinations allow you to add rows and columns to matrices.



See all possible matrix combinations and whether or not you can add rows and columns

Matrix Configuration		Add Row?	Add Column?
	Column: Static - Field Label	NO	NO
Row: Static - Field Label	#####Data#####		
	Column: Static - Field Value	NO	NO
Row: Static - Field Label	#####Data#####		
	Column: Dynamic - Field Value	NO	YES
Row: Static - Field Label	#####Data#####		
	Column: Static - Field Label	NO	NO
Row: Static - Field Value	#####Data#####		
	Column: Static - Field Value	NO	NO
Row: Static - Field Value	#####Data#####		
	Column: Dynamic - Field Value	NO	YES
Row: Static - Field Value	#####Data#####		

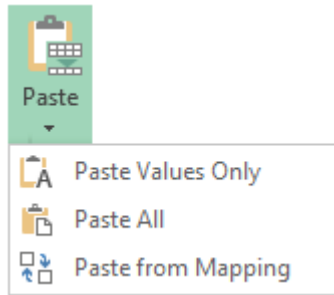
Matrix Configuration		Add Row?	Add Column?
	Column: Static - Field Label	YES	NO
Row: Dynamic - Field Value	#####Data#####		
	Column: Static - Field Value	YES	NO
Row: Dynamic - Field Value	#####Data#####		
	Column: Dynamic - Field Value	YES	YES
Row: Dynamic - Field Value	#####Data#####		

Paste from Mapping

This function is used during data migration between Salesforce orgs and is specifically for copying data between source and target workbooks. See the Data Migration section for more details.

1. Open the Target App.
2. Click Paste > Paste from Mapping.
3. Select the source workbook file that contains the data to be copied and click Open.

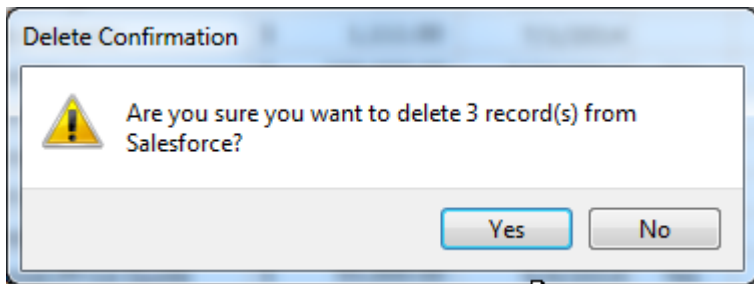
The data will be transferred from the source file to the Target App.



Deleting Records from Salesforce



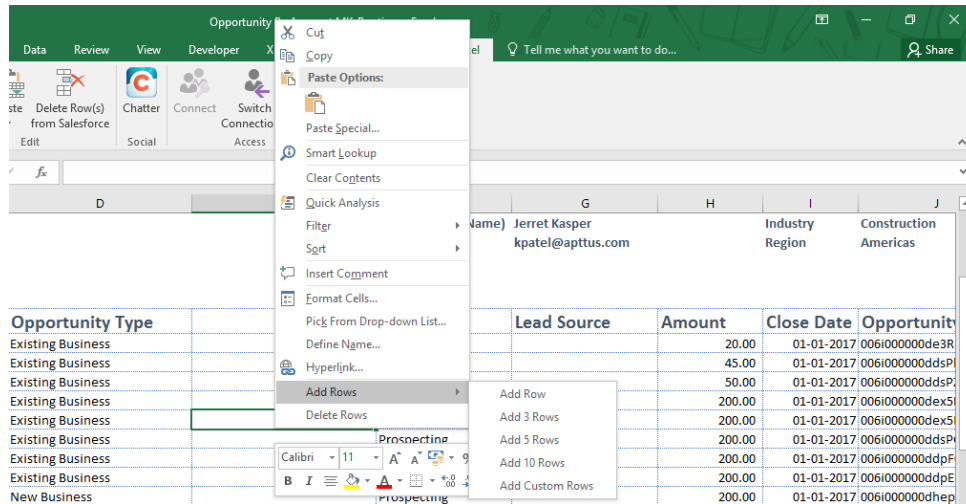
To delete a row or multiple rows, select the row or consecutive rows and click Delete Row(s) from Salesforce. X-Author for Excel will then ask you to confirm deletion of these rows. After you click Yes, the records will be removed from Salesforce without any further save action or other user action. The rows will also be removed from the worksheet.



Adding and Deleting Records

Whenever a user right-clicks a cell, if the cell is a part of a Repeating range or is of type of SaveField only then the X-Author add row menu and remove row menu is displayed in context menu. The native Insert or Delete function disappears. The Add or Remove menu is enabled.

The menu functionally behaves the same as Current Add Row menu.



Limitations of the Add Rows and Delete Rows functions

The user cannot access shortcut keys(Ctrl + and Ctrl -.) to insert or delete rows.

Chatter



Chatter

This option opens a Salesforce Chatter feed in a separate window pane to the right of your Excel workbook. It provides both the Chatter feed and various options to share all or parts of your workbook directly into Chatter feeds. The X-Author for Chatter functionality requires both a Salesforce Chatter license that provides API access and an X-Author for Chatter license. For more detailed instructions, please refer to the X-Author for Chatter guide.

Rich Text

If a rich text field has been included in a list, it will display as either Click here to Add or Click here to Edit depending on whether that field already has data or not. When you click on a rich text field, it will launch a side window that can be used to add or edit rich text. When you have completed the

rich text modifications for a record, click Save to Excel. When you are done with all other changes to this or other records, then use the menu button provided in the template to save the data to Salesforce.

App Sync for Picklists and Record Types

Picklists and Record Types can be used across multiple functional areas such as Save Maps, Query Filters, or Display Maps. When a picklist or a record type is used, the following enhancements are applicable:

If the values in an app are modified, added, or deleted in the Salesforce org,

- Latest values are updated in runtime.
- Rendered excel fields (independent and repeating) are updated.
- The code block within X-Author for Excel which has a flag to determine whether there is a multi-select picklist in the app is executed only once per application instance. This improves the performance of the application.

User Scenarios

This section lists the various scenarios in which a picklist values may change in the app from SFDC and its runtime behavior.

Change values of a Dependent Picklist - Add a value in SFDC

- For X-Author Excel App:
 1. During runtime, the values in the picklist drop-down in the app should include the newly added picklist value.
 2. Save operations with the new picklist are enabled via the app and in SFDC for the record that was edited in the app.

Change values of a Dependent Picklist - Remove a value from SFDC

- For X-Author Excel App:
 1. During runtime, the values in the picklist drop down in the app should not include the removed picklist value.

Change values of a Dependent Picklist - Modify a picklist value in SFDC

- For X-Author Excel App:
 1. During runtime, the values in the picklist drop down in the app should include the modified picklist value and should not contain the value that was present prior to the modification.
 2. Save operations with the modified picklist are enabled via the app and in SFDC for the record that was edited in the app.

Associate a Dependent Picklist to a parent picklist in SFDC

- For X-Author Excel App:

During runtime, the values in the picklist drop down in dependent field should be as specified in SFDC in accordance to the parent picklist field. This should be done without any designer changes on the app.

Disassociate a Dependent Picklist from the parent picklist.

For X-Author Excel App:

During runtime, the values in the picklist drop down in the app should include all the present values and should not be restricted or associated to the previous parent picklist values.

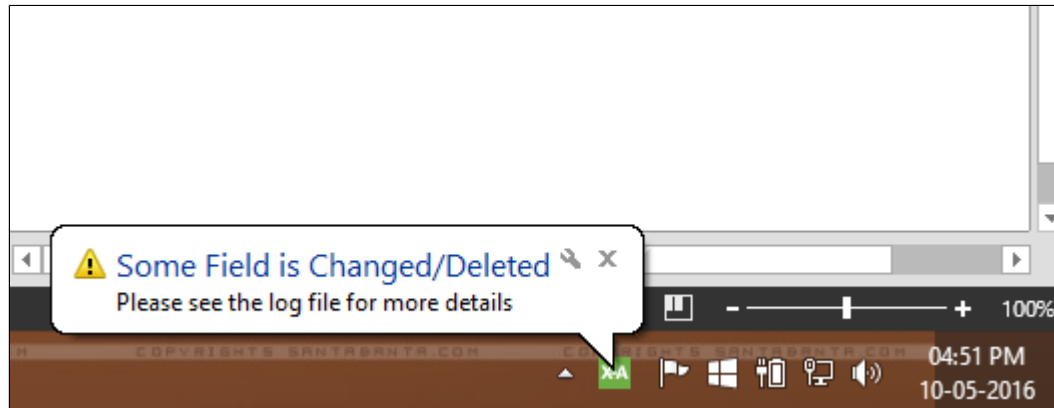
(i.e. All the updated values should now be available in the app irrespective of the value present in the field shape.

You can also:

1. Create an app with a field of picklist data type(both single and multi-select picklist) and then go into Salesforce and change the data type to anything other than picklist and still be able to run the app without having it abort due to app sync issues (i.e. skip the app sync for that field).

Change field data type from Picklist to any other data type

- For X-Author Excel App:
 1. Runtime session is not aborted
 2. An error balloon is displayed informing the user that the fields that did not sync with SFDC.



3. Error details are stored in log files
- For Presto App:
 1. Runtime session is not be aborted.

Object had a specific record type when the app was built but the record type is deleted from SFDC.

For X-Author Excel App:

- During design and runtime, all the fields that were not visible due to the record type should now be visible.
- Object did not have a record type when the app was built - but record type was added later to SFDC.

For X-Author Excel App:

- During design and runtime, all the fields should be shown in accordance with the record type added (For example, if a particular fields are hidden in the record type they should not be visible in X-Author for Excel).

Configuring Presto Apps

The procedure below outlines the custom settings required to configure Presto Apps.

1. Go to Setup > Develop > Custom Setting. Look for DocGen System Properties. Click Manage.
2. Under this setting one entry must be created - If there are no records then click New. After clicking New, fill in the following details:

Name	System Properties
Merge Call Timeout Millis	60,000
Merge Webservice Endpoint	https://mergewebs.aptus.net/cgi-bin/MergeServer/Bin/MMCGI.exe (Production)

3. Go to Setup > Develop > Custom Setting. Look for X-Author For Excel System Properties. Click Manage.
4. Under this setting one entry needs to be created - If there are no records then click on New. Fill in the details as shown in the table below:

Name	System Properties
Instance Url	<Instance Url for your Salesforce Org> For example: https://na16.salesforce.com



If you see more fields under System Properties, keep them unchanged.

5. Go to Setup > Security Controls > Remote Site Settings.

6. Under this setting one entry needs to be created - if it doesn't exist. Below are the details:

Remote Site Name:	mergews
Remote Site URL:	https://mergews.apttus.net
Disable Protocol Security	Unchecked
Active	Yes

Configuring a Presto App

1. Create a new detail page button on your target object and configure the button setting as shown in the illustration below:

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Opportunity Custom Button or Link' dialog box. The title bar says 'Edit Opportunity Custom Button or Link' and the main title is 'Calculate IRR'. Below the title bar is a 'Custom Button or Link Edit' section with buttons for 'Save', 'Quick Save', 'Preview', and 'Cancel'. The form contains the following fields:

- Label:** Calculate IRR
- Name:** Calculate_IRR
- Description:** (empty text area)
- Display Type:**
 - ☐ Detail Page Link [View example](#)
 - ☒ Detail Page Button [View example](#)
 - ☐ List Button [View example](#)
- Behavior:** Display in new window (dropdown menu)
- Content Source:** URL (dropdown menu)
- Select Field Type:** Opportunity (dropdown menu)
- Insert Field:** -- Insert Merge Field -- (dropdown menu)
- Insert Snippet:** (button)

Button or Link URL text needs to be set. Copy the code below into the text area.

```
/apex/Apttus_XApps__EditInExcelLaunch?selectedRecordId={!
Account.Id}
```

```
&"&appName=Quote Calculator&mode=touchless&outputType=None"
```




You can also set the information on a button, link or VF page by using the following API in a class: `Apttus_XApps.EditInExcelLaunchController` `editLaunch = new Apttus_XApps.EditInExcelLaunchController('TestPresto2', recId,'XLSX');` where the first parameter is the App name, second one is the record ID, and third one is the output format. This API returns a boolean value. On successful execution, the API returns true otherwise false.

To access the package for Presto as an API contact the Apttus Customer Excellence by raising a case with them or Apttus Release Management Team.

2. Replace the following section of the code:

- **selectedRecordId** is the record id of the object that will trigger X-Author for Excel. For example if a button is created on the Account page, you will set the value as `Account.Id`.
- **appName** is the name specified in Edit in Excel setup. This is NOT the actual name of the X-Author for Excel app.

For example, as seen in the picture below, the *appName will be Quote Calculator as specified in Edit in Excel setup* and NOT the actual name of X-Author for Excel app, which in this case is SFDC - Quote Calculator.

 **Setup Edit In Excel Applications**

SaveCancel

The Edit in Excel feature enables users to edit Salesforce data using Excel. From a button on any Salesforce page, is opened with the data from that page.

Apps

Name	Application		
Account and Cases	Account and Cases	▼	
Account and Contacts	Account and Contacts	▼	
Account and Opportunities	Account and Opportunities	▼	
Account and Agreements	SFDC - Account Agreements	▼	—
Quote Calculator	SFDC - Quote Calculator	▼	+ —

SaveCancel

- **outputType** can either be None, EXCEL or PDF. When it is set as Excel or PDF, Presto will attach the filled app template as an attachment to the selected record. The filename will be Template.xlsx or Template.pdf when output type is Excel or PDF respectively.

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