

TOPRANK VERSION HISTORY

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TopRank 7

Version 7.6.1

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September, 2019

Changes of Note

- **Support for Windows Security Updates:** A set of windows security updates in mid August 2019 caused the message "Invalid procedure call or argument" to occur. Palisade has worked around the issue.

Version 7.6.0

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Build #35 - October, 2018

Changes of Note

- **Support for Excel 2019:** Palisade continues to keep pace with Microsoft Excel's version updates by seeing to it that our software is compatible with their latest version of Excel.
- **Improved support for Multiple Monitors:** With more and more of our users utilizing multiple monitors in their day-to-day tasks, we have improved the way our products interact with multiple monitors and various DPI settings.
- **Added product telemetry for all DecisionTools Suite products:** To improve future software releases, Palisade has included the ability to detect how you are using this product. Usage data is anonymous and includes basic information about your computer's environment (e.g. OS version, Office version, system language) as well as some statistics about which features of the product you are using (e.g. commands clicked, function types used, number of iterations performed). You can find out more information in the software's readme file, accessible from the Help>Documentation menu. The user can choose to opt in or opt out of this at any time by choosing the Usage Reporting item from the Help menu.

*** A Few Maintenance Fixes ***

12838 RiskName being ignored in graphs.

12978 Invalid help icon appears when using Add Input Window.

Version 7.5.2

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Build #083 - January, 2018

Changes of Note

Data Execution Prevention Security Setting: Palisade software was incompatible with some more restrictive "Data Execution Prevention" security settings in Excel; this release resolved the issue. This also allows all products in the DecisionTools Suite to run inside the 32-bit Excel process for versions 2013 and higher, meaning processing times are faster and more efficient.

Large Address Aware: Palisade software was previously unable to take advantage of the ability of 32-bit Excel to allow users with 64-bit operating systems (which is most users) to use 4 GB of RAM instead of just 2 GB. This has been fixed to now allow Palisade software to support 4 GB of RAM in this environment, speeding up model performance.

Improved Licensing Security for Networks: The FLEXnet licensing system in Palisade software has been upgraded to take advantage of licensing security improvements. This makes it harder for malicious software to access sensitive directories on network servers.

Windows XP and Windows Server 2003: We will no longer support these older operating systems. This is because the latest version of the FLEXnet licensing system no longer supports these.

*** A Selection of Significant Maintenance Fixes ***

12621 Buffer overflow vulnerability in FLEXnet Publisher was fixed by upgrading to a new version of FLEXnet software.

12707 If maintenance expired July-Sept 2016, software did not allow running 7.5.1.

Version 7.5.1

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Build #146 - October 24, 2016

*** A Selection of Significant Maintenance Fixes ***

12612 Add Input dialog converts cell references to numbers.

12317 TopRank and PrecisionTree combination not working with "one-path" tree calculation option.

Version 7.5.0

Build #104 - July 12, 2016

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Optimized for Windows 10 and Excel 2016

All DecisionTools Suite products, including TopRank, have been retooled for optimal performance and presentation in the latest Windows 10 and Office 2016 environments.

Interface Improvements

The user interface has been updated to make common tasks easier to perform, saving time and clicks.

Enhanced Support for Ultra HD Displays

We've leveraged the power of ultra high definition displays to ensure that all DecisionTools graphs and reports look better than ever.

Ability to switch between Languages More Easily

Switch between any of the language versions without having to change a corresponding code page.

Version 7.0.1

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Build #393 - February 10, 2016

*** A Selection of Significant Maintenance Fixes ***

12084 Obsolete license blocks license manager from being displayed.

12227 Manually installed license file not automatically found.

Version 7.0.0

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Build #289 - August 13, 2015

Deployment of Network licenses

TopRank version 7 is available as a network license. For more information please contact your Sales Representative, or email sales@palisade.com.

Deployment of Course Licenses

TopRank version 7 is available as a course license. For more information please contact your Sales Representative, or email sales@palisade.com.

Support for Extended Trial Licenses

If a user has the initial version 7 release (Build #281) of any of the DecisionTools Suite they will be unable to receive an extension code to extend the trial past the standard 15-day trial, without updating to build #289. If the trial has already expired the user will need to download the latest installer from the [Palisade website](#) and then enter the code provided by your Palisade representative.

Original Release - July 31, 2015 - Build #281

For more details on the following enhancements please visit http://www.palisade.com/decisiontools_suite/7/whatsnew.asp.

Requires Excel 2007 or Higher

@RISK now requires Excel 2007 or higher. Excel 2003, or earlier versions, are no longer supported.

Improved Support for High-DPI Monitors

High-resolution monitors require special Windows settings that scale up the size of text and some elements of dialogs; otherwise, those items would be too small. Compatibility with this setup has been improved.

A Selection of Significant Maintenance Fixes

11064 Protected Workbook dialog sometimes is displayed behind Excel 2013.

11087 Blank message appears after running what-if analysis in TopRank with particular model.

11533 Excel error "The specified dimension is not valid for the current chart type" when user has changed default Excel chart type to a complex chart type.

TopRank 6

Versions 6.3.1 / 6.3.0 / 6.2.1

6.3.1

September 2014 - General Maintenance Release and fix to #11124 VBA Macro warning displayed even if macros are enabled via a Group Policy.

6.3.0

June 2014 - General Maintenance Release and fix to 10970 Blank message, then incorrect graph when using the Report Setting 'On Graphs, Show Output Values as % Change from Base'.

6.2.1

March 2014 - General Maintenance Release

Version 6.2.0

August 2013

Russian Language Support

Version 6.2 software now is localized for Russian, in addition to the previously available English, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Note: Only the Russian software and a subset of the examples have been localized. Help files and other documentation files are not available in Russian at this time.

Check for Software Updates

This feature has been streamlined to no longer use the “FlexConnect” utility.

Support for IPv6

The Palisade licensing system now has support for networks running IPv6.

Localized Palisade Server Manager

The Palisade Server Manager, which is a utility for managing concurrent or enterprise licenses of Palisade software, can now be installed in English, French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, Japanese, and Russian.

Base Values on Tornado Graphs

Tornado graphs now are displayed with a base value line.

Maintenance Fixes

10343 Enterprise network license incorrectly uses additional license when reinstalled on same machine.

10619 Welcome screen dialog not being displayed in 64-bit versions of Excel.

Version 6.1.2

April 2013

International Documentation Available

Localized documentation and example files are now available in Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Versions 6.1.0 / 6.1.1

Version 6.1.0 was a Preview Release (December 2012)

Version 6.1.1 was an Official Release (February 2013)

Support for Windows 8 and Excel 2013

The software has been made compatible with the latest Excel and Windows releases.

International Language Support

Version 6.x software now has been localized for Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Note: The documentation and example files are only available in English. Localized versions of these resources will be made available in Version 6.1.2.

TopRank Ribbon Automatically Activated

When the product boots, the TopRank ribbon will be automatically activated.

Version 6.0.1

October 2012

Support for Network Licenses

The Version 6.0.0 supported only standalone licenses. Version 6.0.1 adds full support for concurrent and enterprise network licenses.

Version 6.0.0

June 2012

New Examples

TopRank 6.0 includes a completely revised set of example files, designed and written by leading MBA professor and author Dr. Chris Albright of Indiana University. Each includes plain-language descriptions, and may be edited to suit your situation. In addition, many of the examples include a web link to a short video walk-through of the model.

New Video Tutorials

New video tutorials have also been added from Dr. Albright. A new, interactive Quick Start tutorial shows new users how to build and understand a simple simulation model in less than 30 minutes. In addition, other video tutorial resources have been developed to help experienced users get the most out of their software.

Ability to Select From Multiple Software Licenses

In some cases, you may have more than one license for a Palisade product. For example, if you are both employed by a company that gave you a professional license, but also have a student license from a university you attend, there is more than one possible license that could be used. In version 5.x you were given no choice in this matter. The product chose one of the licenses to use and proceeded to run. In version 6.x, the Activate License Dialog now allows you to look at all your existing licenses, and choose which one to use.

Improved Support for SSD Installations.

New licensing capabilities ease installation and licensing when SSD drives are used.

New License Manager

A new License Manager has been created to help you view your license information, activate software you have purchased, help you move licenses from one machine to another, and other related tasks.

TopRank 5

Version 5.7.1

June 2011 - General Maintenance Release

Version 5.7

September 2010

Support for 64-bit Excel

Starting with version 5.7, TopRank is compatible with the 64-bit version of Microsoft Excel.

Support for Simplified Chinese

Starting with version 5.7 TopRank is available in Simplified Chinese.

Maintenance Fix

7056 Search Ranges not respected in all instances.

Version 5.5.1

January 2010

Version 5.5.0 released June 2009

Localized Language Version Available

TopRank 5.5 is now available in six languages : English, French, German, Japanese, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Analysis of Password Protected Sheets

TopRank now allows you to analyze worksheets that have been password protected in Excel. When you first analyze such a worksheet, you will be asked to supply TopRank with the password which it will encrypt and store so you are not repeatedly asked for it.

Loading Other DecisionTools Suite Add-ins

A new menu item in the Utilities menu allows you to load other Palisade DecisionTools products from within TopRank.

TopRank Now Appears in Excel's Add-in List

You have always been allowed to add TopRank's add-in (TopRank.xla) to the Excel add-ins list so it will automatically load every time Excel starts. However, this process was difficult because it required you to browse for the correct file. Now, TopRank will automatically appear in the add-ins list (unchecked) the first time you launch it, making it easier to access.

A Selection of Significant Maintenance Fixes

5820 Changing outputs in Report Settings dialog with report workbook open generates error.

5826 Error generated when running analysis after changing workbook name.

5964 F1 key does not bring up help file in all dialogs.

5979 Model window does not always display minimum values of zero for RiskVaryTable function.

6352 F1 key brings up Excel help file instead of TopRank help file.

6367 Unable to clear TopRank data from certain models.