

# Runge Software News



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Welcome to the June 2008 issue of Runge Software News, our bimonthly newsletter that provides you with simple, easy-to-read information on how to get the most out of Runge's technology solutions.

In this issue we discuss FracSIS: the new version 5.2, training details and general information. We also have our regular sections: hints and tips, forum topics, help, etc.

## FRAC SIS 5.2

We'd like to welcome our new FracSIS customers. We look forward to providing you with a quality service.

FracSIS is a data integration software application. It consolidates different forms of GIS, geological, geophysical, geochemical and drilling data in a single spatial database then presents that data in a unified, collaborative 3D visualisation environment. (Please refer to the [FracSIS Fact Sheet](#) [English version] for further details.)

FracSIS Version 5.2 is due for release in Q3 2008, and the key enhancements are listed below:

- **Block Models:** The underlying data structure for block models has been rewritten so that FracSIS can import and display larger block models than previously. The new block model visualisation supports slicing and attribute-based filtering.
- **Attribute Filters:** Certain object types - points, lines, polygons, drill hole strings and collars, and v5.2 block models - now allow filtering which displays only the parts of the model you want to see. Each of these object types now has a 'Filter' option on the *Visual Properties* window.
- **Database Manager:** The *Database Manager* window now has a toggle view button in the lower right corner which allows you to quickly hide or show the *Log* and *Tasks* tabs. [FracSIS Professional only]
- **Oblique Sections:** Sections now have azimuth, dip, and rotation controls for position and orientation which are used to create an oblique section. We've also improved the *Section* tab's layout to make it more usable.
- **Drawing Tools:** A new 'snap' option - snap to cutting plane - has been added to the list. It is available for selection if the model has a cutting plane.
- **Drill Holes:** New options for viewing drill hole widths and collar sizes have been added. These are available for drill hole strings and collars that were imported with numeric attributes.
- **Exporters:** A new exporter - Vulcan Block Model (ASCII)-has been added to the list of data types able to be exported.

## General FracSIS Information

Contact Petra Cooper (email: [pcooper@runge.com.au](mailto:pcooper@runge.com.au); phone: +61 7 3200 7100) for all non-technical queries related to FracSIS while Donna Luxton is out of the office from 26th July until 17th November. Continue to direct technical queries to the software support desk.

## FracSIS Training

We recently completed FracSIS training sessions in Perth, and are organising training sessions in August 2008 for the US and Canada.

If you would like a FracSIS training session in your region, please contact Margaret Calder, our Training Consultant (email: [mcald@runge.com.au](mailto:mcald@runge.com.au); phone on +61 7 3200 7100).





## XERAS 7.6.1

Xeras 7.6.1 was released on 2nd June. The key enhancements were discussed in our [February](#) edition.

## Forum

We have created a forum where you can share information with other Runge software users. Use the forum to post any questions you have about any of our products, share best practice information, work-arounds, and solutions. However, if you require assistance from our Help Desk, please refer to the Help section below.

Go to the [Runge Forum](#) web page where you'll find links to our product forums.

Topics currently being discussed in the forum include:

- [Importing New Reserves in Xact](#)
- [Inventory Reporting Information in Xact](#)
- [Talpac and Vista](#)

## Hints & Tips

Our regular 'hints and tips' section helps you save time when using our software.



*What sort of computer should I buy to run XPAC?*

For maximum performance, these are our recommended specifications:

- 45nm Core 2 Duo processor
- 4 GB DDR2-800 RAM
- 2 Disk Raid Zero (striped) - 7200 RPM SATA hard drives
- NVIDIA GeForce 8800 GT or 9600 GT Card
- Windows XP, 32 bit.

## Help

Do you need assistance using our software products? Contact the Runge Help Desk by email ([support@runge.com.au](mailto:support@runge.com.au)) or phone (+61 7 3100 7200). Perhaps you would like to ask us something you've seen in this newsletter; email us at [runge@runge.com.au](mailto:runge@runge.com.au)

Runge Technology Solutions		Release dates
 <b>xpac</b>	Business focused mine scheduling	Q3 2008
 <b>xact</b>	Scheduling success into your day-to-day mine planning	Q2 2008
 <b>xeras</b>	Responsibility based budget forecasting and financial modelling	Q2 2008
 <b>fracsis</b>	3D spatial information management and interrogation products	Q3 2008
 <b>talpac</b>	The industry standard for haulage fleet evaluation	Q4 2008
 <b>dragsim</b>	Fast and effective dragline simulation system	Q3 2008
 <b>facets</b>	Longwall simulation to optimise productivity	TBA

If you would like to see further information about a particular product, click on a logo to get more information about that product.

