
Database Compression - Sybiz Vision

What does it do?

The compression utility will reduce the size of the trans and trade files in the database.

The customer and suppliers history tab will show one amount totaling the value of the compressed transactions. Old customers and suppliers with only compressed data can be deleted. Compressed transactions will not longer be accessible in any form in the database. They will however be accessible in the historical copy taken before compression.

What options for compression are available?

Compression can be selected to occur up to any month of any year prior to this financial year. There is also a section to clear Sales Quotes and Job Estimates from the database each with its own separate date parameter. If you are apprehensive and want to see the results of the compression beforehand, your database can be copied and compressed offsite and then returned to you to view and assess.

What is the procedure for using the compression utility?

As with any changes it is advisable to run a complete system rebuild before making any changes to the database. Running several other utilities is advisable to check the integrity of the data before compression. Printing of reports, preferably in electronic format is recommended to enable comparison of financial data after compression. A copy of the database is made and renamed to enable full access to prior years of data. The entire process is relatively simple and problem free.

How long will it take? When is the best time to compress data?

The whole process can take as little as an hour to complete. However it is very dependant on the volume and integrity of the data being compressed. Other considerations that affect the time taken are your hardware and software configurations. In some circumstances it is advisable to complete the prerequisite requirements late in the day and run the compression utility after hours. There is no need to baby sit the utility. After hours running means no downtime or inconvenience. The database is ready for live use the following day.

How much will it cost?

Sybiz recommends that the process is performed by a Sybiz Consultant. Hourly rates apply while the Consultant is on site plus the Service Fee. The cost can be reduced by the customer choosing to performing the full system rebuild and printing the reports prior to the consultant arriving. Every site and every database is unique therefore an assessment of your environment needs to occur before an estimate can be provided.

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