

Easy Way to Randomize Data in PBCS

Introduction

When an application is used to demonstrate sensitive information, a training class includes people that shouldn't see live data, or security is being tested, often times using real data is not an option. I have written PowerShell scripts and .NET applications to randomize data from Essbase exports, as well as Custom Defined Functions to randomize with calculations. PBCS just made it much easier. Using one EPMAutomate command all the data in all the applications can be randomized. We don't have the ability to control what is change, which would be a nice addition as I always excluded anything greater than 0 and less than or equal to 1 in an effort to exclude rates and things like a boolean true/false, or headcount. But, the ability to do it in one command is mighty appreciated!

Masking Data in PBCS

In a recent update to EPM Automate, Oracle introduced a new method – maskData. It can't get any easier to use. Once you log in to EPM Automate, simply run maskData.

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epmautomate maskData
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When this is executed, it will ask you to confirm that you want to randomize the data in the application. If you want to bypass the confirmation, add -f after maskData and it will force the command to run without confirmation.

Thank You Mr. Obvious

Be very careful using this! Make sure you are logged on to

test, and not production!