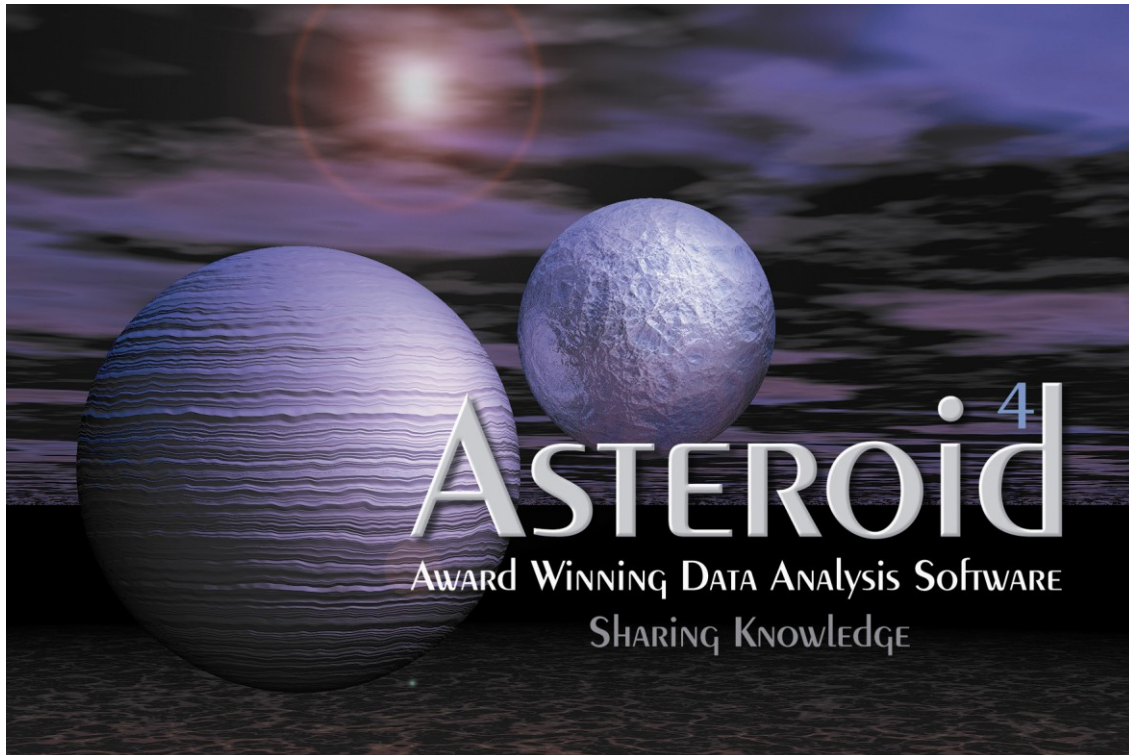


ASTEROID⁴

New Features and Enhancements in ASTEROID⁴ v4.8



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New Features and Enhancements in ASTEROID⁴

Roy Morgan Research is continuously improving ASTEROID based on user feedback and requirements. It is because of such user input that we have included the following enhancements and new features in the current version. This version can be downloaded free from our website:

http://www.roymorgan.com/products/asteroid/update_asteroid.cfm

1. Report Folders

We have included many enhancements to the Report Folder function in ASTEROID.

- a. Previously if you had opened a task from a Report Folder, and you wanted to amend that task, you had to save the amended version as a new task and delete the old version.

Now there is a 'Save Report Task' button available, which means you can open the Report folder task, make the changes in the Selection view and save those changes directly.

- b. When you have Run a number of tasks from within a Report Folder, the task number is reflected on the tab for that task. If you re-order the list of Report Folder tasks (either by using the 'Move Up' option or clicking and dragging) the new number order of the tasks will be reflected on the tabs for the tasks.
- c. If you have a task to which a Grid Template is applied, and you add this task to a Report Folder, the Grid Template will automatically be included in the task properties.
- d. When a Report Folder is open but hidden, the tasks are still linked to it.
- e. When a Report Folder is closed, all the links are removed. The tabs become "ReportTask" without any number.
- f. The datanames used in a Report Folder task are now stored when a task is added or saved. This allows for the checking of invalid datanames before running.
- g. When a user modifies the Command content using the Task properties, the list of datanames used is erased.
- h. When no datanames are known for a task (either because it was saved using older versions of report folder, or because the user has manually changed the command properties), the list is re-established by Activating or Running a task.

2. Grid View

Until now, there were some occasions where the Report View of a table would clearly show what kind of data it was referring to, but this would be less obvious in Grid View. This included data which was from partial samples or partial time periods, or from a Variable which included a Base Group.

The ability to view markers for ‘partial sample/time period’ data is specified in the Settings area (either Task or Global) and on the Grid Tab. To ensure that markers are given for these items, tick the ‘Show Adjustment Flags’ option.

In version 4.8 we have addressed these differences. This means you can use either Report or Grid view and be more confident in your interpretation of the data.

3. File Output Options

A new Settings (Global) ‘File Outputs’ dialog box has been developed, from which you can specify the types of files that ASTEROID should automatically create and save while you work. This includes writing the report view for each task run to a .LIS file, and writing a .CSV file each time a task is run.

4. Other Enhancements and Features

In addition, as part of our continuous improvement program we have made many modifications in response to user suggestions from within the ASTEROID user community. For example:

- If a table has a Quantity applied to it, the labels will now appear on printouts. This fix also applies to Layers.
- State-of-the-art Optimizing Compilers are now used – part of a larger project to speed up ASTEROID. Future releases will deliver further speed benefits.
- Please continue to provide feedback so that we are able to better meet your needs.