

# Business Connectivity Services Configuration in Minutes

BCS Meta Man provides the ease of use of a drag and drop interface with the power of Visual Studio. It can save you days in time by generating the code required by SharePoint 2010 to read and write back to your External Systems.

We have applied all we have learned from BDC Meta Man to develop the most powerful tool for the Business Connectivity Services.

The Business Connectivity Services allows you to have a data source that is a .NET assembly. This makes the Business Connectivity Services and SharePoint 2010 a very powerful component. With this new power comes added configuration complexity in defining a BCS model and writing code.



## Features of the BCS Meta Man for SharePoint 2010

### Easily Generate just an XML model files

The BCS Meta Man has been designed to easily generate just an XML model file for the following items: Microsoft SQL Server, Tables, Views.

### Stored procedures

Work with stored procedures: Oracle, Tables, and Views

### Connecting to WCF Services + Web Services

BCS Meta Man is able to work with any data source that supports ODBC. We have specifically tested Tables and Views against the following databases:

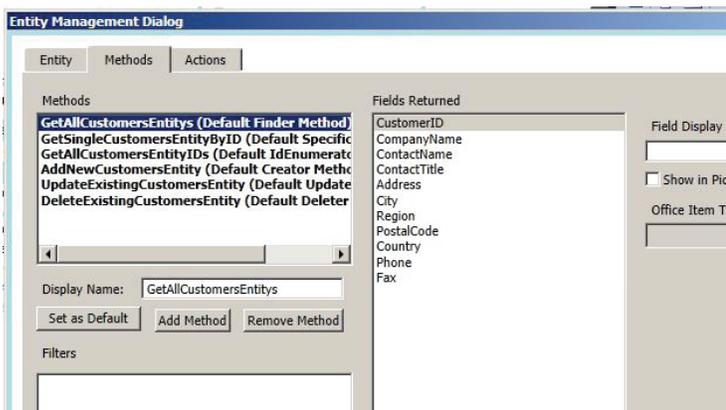
MS SQL, Oracle, DB2, Sybase, PostgreSQL, MySQL, MS Access

### Generate an XML model and .NET Assembly

Microsoft SQL Server, Tables, Views, Oracle, Tables, Views

BCS Meta Man is able to work with any data source that supports ODBC and generate the correct Business Data Connectivity Model File and C# source code. We have however specifically tested Tables and Views against the following databases:

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## Working with the BCS Meta Man for SharePoint 2010

### Can connect to Oracle and ODBC

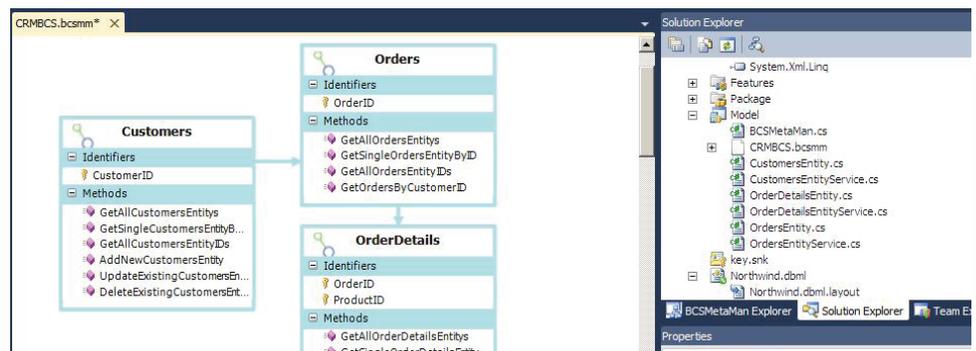
SharePoint Designer cannot connect to these data sources. ODBC is a standard data connection method so this means BCS Meta Man can connect to MySQL, Informix, DB2, PostgreSQL and many more.

### Saves time and money

It can be difficult to use the Microsoft BCS Tooling within Visual Studio 2010. It could take anything from 1 day to a week plus to build your configuration. BCS Meta Man has a drag and drop experience and generates all the BCS configuration and code you need. This cuts development time down from days + weeks to just minutes.

### Easy to use, but powerful too

BCS Meta Man can configure any data source and web service with simple drag and drop operations. If you want to dig deep however, you can customize the code we generate for you to push your solutions even further while taking advantage of our time saving code generation.



### Support and Knowledge

Lightning Tools knowledge of the BDC and BCS is second to none. We wrote the only book on the Business Data Catalog, and have presented at conferences numerous times on both the BDC and BCS. We assist our customers with email, remote desktop and telephone support, and also assist general enquiries through the Microsoft support forums.

### Future Proof

BCS Meta Man helps you configure the Business Connectivity Services which is a standard component of SharePoint 2010. Other competitor solutions to BCS Meta Man rely on extra components to be installed for the data integration to work. By only configuring out of the box components you are certain of having an easier upgrade path when the next version of SharePoint comes out.

You can buy a Professional license of BCS Meta Man for just \$1199.00. Software maintenance is 20% of the list price per year and includes:



- Product updates, including for new versions of SharePoint
- Unlimited technical support via email, phone and remote desktop
- Purchasing BCS Meta Man entitles you to BDC Meta Man for SharePoint 2007



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