



# DBArtisan® XE vs The Competition

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## BACKGROUND

Today, the average DBA manages more than 50 databases and at least two different platforms with 50% managing up to four different DBMSes. Fact is, if you're not currently managing multiple DBMSes, chances are, you will be soon.

**79 percent of DBAs manage a secondary database environment**

– DBTA Study

The requirements for high performance and availability have increased as well. Some organizations have zero tolerance for downtime. What does this all mean? DBAs need high performance, heterogeneous database administration tools that help them keep pace with changing environments and growing demands.

## QUEST AND OTHER THIRD-PARTY TOOLS

Unlike other providers such as Quest® that claim to offer multiple DBMS support, DBArtisan XE is the only solution that provides a consistent and unified view for all major database platforms in a single tool.

With DBArtisan XE, there is no need to toggle between disparate applications and separate executables. One application provides you with everything you need to maximize availability, performance, and security on all major DBMSes – from a single interface.

DBArtisan XE also includes centralized license management and tool provisioning with Embarcadero's industry leading "zero-install" deployment capability. These advanced features can save significant time when it comes to managing your tool environment.

## DBMS VENDOR TOOLS

Let's face it, DBMS vendors are focused on making and selling their databases, not making tools that are easy-to-use or that incorporate competing database platforms. Embarcadero's focus is on the DBA, and is the only provider that can offer one window into multiple versions of a DBMS as well as multiple types of DBMSes.

For example, if your organization has multiple versions of Oracle® then that means multiple versions of their Oracle enterprise manager. Add a couple of versions of Microsoft® SQL Server and your environment can become incredibly more complex. Embarcadero helps shield you from all that complexity.

**"...I love DBArtisan XE over MS SSMS...  
It saves me time, effort and is so much more user-friendly."**

– Sr. DBA at Large Diversified Financial Services Company

|   | Embarcadero DBArtisan XE | Third-Party         | Native Tools        |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Heterogeneous, one tool for all databases             | Yes                      | No                  | No                  |
| Single user interface                                 | Yes                      | No                  | No                  |
| Flexible, network-based licensing                     | Yes                      | Some do, many don't | Some do, many don't |
| On-premise license management and auditing tools      | Yes                      | No                  | No                  |
| Centralized tool provisioning and access management   | Yes                      | No                  | No                  |
| Zero-install option                                   | Yes                      | No                  | No                  |
| Upgradeable to complete DBA tool chest in one license | Yes                      | No                  | No                  |

## CASE STUDY

A recent Total Economic Impact™ study conducted by Forrester Consulting examined the financial impact and potential return on investment (ROI) of a DBArtisan deployment within a 2,500 employee, \$2.1 billion annual revenue life insurance company. In addition to the measurable financial gains the company realized by using DBArtisan (857% risk-adjusted ROI and a three-month horizon to regain the investment), the study also found that DBArtisan provided significant productivity gains among the application development, database administration, and IT infrastructure staff, measured in terms of labor cost savings.

The value for the DBA team was expressed to Forrester in terms of the number of additional staff – estimated to be four full-time employees – who would be required to carry out the group's responsibilities without the use of DBArtisan. "Without a trustworthy tool that can generate flawless DDL and SQL, which can in turn be promoted into production without error, we would require several more people than we currently employ. We could not do the job that my team does without a tool like DBArtisan," said the assistant vice president of database administration.

At the time the Forrester study was written, the three-person DBA team in this organization managed two database platforms: Sybase® and SQL Server. Less than a year later they now manage three platforms; Oracle has been added to the mix.