

# PRODUCT COMPARISON

This product comparison is between MDE™ (*M Data Extractor*), developed by Strategic Reporting Systems, Inc. (SRS), and M/Cache-based SQL. While this comparison is based upon information believed to be current and accurate, the information should be confirmed to ensure it remains current at the time of use. The Feature/Functions in this comparison are illustrative only and are not inclusive of those to be considered in a full-scope product comparison. For assistance with conducting a full-scope product comparison, please contact SRS.

Feature/Function	<i>M DATA EXTRACTOR</i> ™ (MDE)	M/Cache-based SQL
<b>Purpose</b>	MDE is a COTS application designed for extracting and delivering M data to a data warehouse/mart, relational system, Web, or application.	M/Cache-based SQL is suitable for ad hoc reporting, but not for extracting and delivering data.
<b>Implementation</b>	MDE™ has an automated installation that eliminates the need for an implementation process to map the FileMan data.	M/Cache-based SQL typically requires an M expert on-site for implementation mapping of the FileMan data.
<b>Ease of Use</b>	MDE™ installs in 60 minutes for rapid feeding of M data to data warehouse/mart, relational system, Web or application.	M/Cache-based SQL typically takes several weeks or months to install, map data and link tables before user can start.
<b>FileMan Access</b>	MDE™ has native, direct access to FileMan data structures. There is no mapping or table links to interfere with high speed data extraction.	M/Cache-based SQL requires an additional layer of SQL on top of FileMan that may impact data retrieval, complicate delivery of data and slow performance.
<b>FileMan Updates</b>	MDE™ natively understands FileMan data structures. Any changes or additions made to FileMan files or fields are automatically detected and updated by MDE™.	M/Cache-based SQL requires remapping every time a change occurs to FileMan data structures with the potential for missed data, inaccurate analysis, delayed results, and time consuming technical work.
<b>Pre-defined Data Sets</b>	MDE™ arrives with pre-defined data sets such as for Pharmacy, Admissions, Labs, Medications, and more.	M/Cache-based SQL needs pre-defined data sets to be built, which is a time consuming task to search for data, create and link tables.

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