Multinational corporations often collect data from different resources around the globe throughout the tax lifecycle — and in tax, every minute counts. Unfortunately, many tax departments cause an administrative and organizational burden by spending too much time managing and consolidating Microsoft® Excel tax packages, resending new copies, and figuring out who has responded. What if you could preserve the familiarity your company has with existing tax packages, while adding structure and controls?

ONESOURCE™ makes this possible. With ONESOURCE DataFlow 2018 you can standardize your existing tax packages and workpapers with controls, validation, and year-over-year data recall to reduce preparation time and flow data directly from the source to your tax applications.

DataFlow 2018 operates as a central hub for data collection and workpaper standardization throughout ONESOURCE. DataFlow 2018 creates a common template which can be leveraged across multiple entities to collect and centralize data. This template minimizes the administrative burden of managing multiple Excel files and versions. DataFlow 2018 also helps manage your global data collection process while offering greater flexibility and providing visibility throughout.

**DataFlow 2018 — Key Benefits**

- DataFlow 2018 delivers an intuitive user interface, enabling tasks to be completed more easily in less time. Additionally, the application can be accessed through any browser.
- Entities, domains, and jurisdictions are common attributes stored and integrated on the ONESOURCE platform. As a result, those functions can be managed in a centralized fashion, eliminating duplicative efforts.
- Our new table structure consolidates the template design functionality into a single concept. This new structure brings the necessary flexibility, as well as performance, of the previous concepts.
- DataFlow 2018 attachments are stored and integrated in the new document management system, streamlining document storage.
- The DataFlow 2018 user interface can be translated into languages other than English, providing a more familiar experience with local languages.
- External APIs (Application Programming Interface) enable you to integrate third party systems with DataFlow, expanding and extending the capabilities of ONESOURCE.

**Creating or Converting a Tax Package**

DataFlow 2018 extends the capabilities of Excel, making it possible for you to develop customized web-based templates. You can use your existing Excel-based workpapers or tax packages and enhance them by utilizing the unique functionality of DataFlow. Those templates are easily loaded into DataFlow 2018 where the requests can be sent out as a common Excel data collection workbook.
**Collecting Data**

With DataFlow 2018 you can easily distribute and monitor your data collection requests and have the ability to send automated or ad-hoc reminders to ensure timely completion. Additionally, it enables secure access for all internal and external sources of data in your process. Documents and notes can be attached to data collection requests for improved communications and the gathering of pertinent information. Updates can be made at any time without affecting previously collected data. This is particularly helpful if your requirements change during the process.

Collecting data is easy with ONESOURCE DataFlow 2018:

- Once the data is entered by the provider, it never needs to be rekeyed — thus eliminating any chance of a transcription error
- Version issues are eliminated — when the tax package is sent out, it’s ensured that only one active workbook is in circulation
- Data is stored in a central repository, allowing for easy review, consolidation, and scrubbing — all from Excel

**Loading and Reviewing Data**

The Excel Add-In feature in DataFlow 2018 makes loading data easy. Data collected via DataFlow 2018 can be reused for any tax deliverable including the provision, return, or transfer pricing obligations. With this feature, you can:

- Quickly and easily extract the necessary data for reporting or for rapid transfer into other applications (as an authorized individual)
- Easily identify worksheet errors such as duplications, incorrect codes, and miscalculations before data is loaded to your ONESOURCE product — preventing time-consuming edits, corrections, and additional review
- Import scripted results from spreadsheets containing macros or Visual Basic without having to remove those elements