WINCROSS® What's New Guide

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What's New in WinCross Version 17

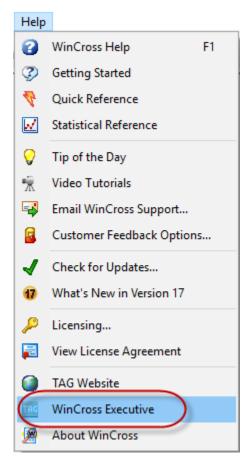
We are excited about the many enhancements in WinCross 17. From the introduction of our new web-based file sharing and **Express Tab** solution to new **Glossary** commands for variable data and additional features for our **Express Tables**, we are confident that you will continue to be pleased with WinCross as your go-to cross tabulation software.

New Feature Highlights for Version 17:

- Link directly to WinCross Executive, our new web-based file sharing and Express Tab solution from the Help menu.
- New Glossary commands of LABEL, CODE VALUE and DELETE provide another level of data management for your variable data files.
- Several new features provide additional flexibility while working in the Glossary.
- Glossary transformations can now be used to build and process express tables and banner templates for greater control over table design and results.
- The Express Tables from Variable Data dialog now features a wider viewing area for variable names and lets you create a quick-and-easy table by double-clicking a single variable in the list.
- New limits of 50 variables and 100 code values per variable offer greater flexibility when defining levels for Sample Balancing using the Iterative proportional fitting technique option.
- Variable data can now be saved with Value labels in place of Code values providing a different view of your data.
- Your Enhanced Text Report Options for running tables are now saved to the jobname.run file associated with your job, eliminating the frustration of trying to remember which options you selected previously.
- The Job logo group box on the Enhanced Text Reports tab of Job Settings and Profile Settings is now hidden until you click on Job logo1 or Job logo 2 in the Report elements list increasing the Enhanced Text Reports preview area.
- You can now easily suppress filter rows on your Excel reports without having to adjust table options or rerun tables.
- Banner column width for Plain Text Reports can now be assigned and updated by row/column when using the Create Banners from Tables option of Setup|Banners reducing banner editing time.
- The new Auto-Size Selected Columns option added to the Columns menu of the banner editor is a quick way to auto-size selected banner columns.
- Our new Seq. # column for banners can help in identifying specific banners in job files with many banners and for use with Memorized Reports.
- Resolve customer support issues more quickly with the aid of our new feature for Email WinCross Support create a zip file containing helpful information logs and configuration files for attachment to your support email.
- **Significance indicators** can now be displayed alphabetically within comparison group, in alphabetic order across comparison groups or in order by significance levels offering greater flexibility for table presentation.
- Using Ctrl+Right Arrow shortcut for completion of partial variable names now includes variables defined or declared in the Glossary helping cut down on banner and table creation time.
- Report time can now be displayed as 24-hour or AM/PM time for your convenience.
- Compatibility with the latest version of SPSS.

WinCross Executive

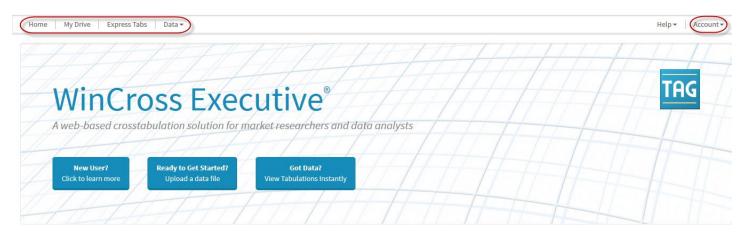
You can now link directly to **WinCross Executive**, our new web-based file sharing and **Express Tab** solution from the **Help** menu in **WinCross 17**.



Selecting **Help|WinCross Executive** takes you to our new **WinCross Executive** website (<u>www.wincrossexecutive.com</u>) where you can sign-up for a trial account.



Once you create an account and log-in, you can start analyzing your data and validating your assumptions. You will have access to uploading, downloading and sharing files, exploring "what if" scenarios and quick-and-easy table creation using **Express Tabs** along with our user-friendly data modification options.



My Drive is the folders and files tree structure of WinCross Executive and allows you to upload, download, rename, move, delete and replace files.

Express Tabs allows you to create tables by selecting variables from your **WinCross Executive** dataset as table rows and banner columns. You can also add netting, filters, weighting and significance testing to your crosstab reports.

Datasets provides a list of datasets owned by or shared to you and lets you export your dataset, with any changes made, as an SPSS data file.

Variables makes it easy to rename or hide variables, edit variable labels and add, delete or edit new code values and value labels.

See the **WinCross Executive** online **Help** topics "My Drive", "Express Tabs", "Datasets", and "Variables" for more detailed information about using our new web-based file sharing and **Express Tab** solution.

New Glossary Commands of LABEL, CODEVALUE and DELETE

These new **Glossary** commands provide another level of data management for your variable data file.

LABEL lets you assign a label or change an existing label for a variable.

Syntax:

LABEL variable=label

Usage:

You can permanently assign new labels to variables from the data file by using the LABEL command and the Save Data As option of Setup|Glossary Variables.

Example:

LABEL INCOME=Household Income

CODEVALUE lets you change the corresponding value labels assigned to code values for variables in the data file.

Syntax:

CODEVALUE variable code value=value label

CODEVALUE variable code value=value label,code value=value label,code value=value label

Usage:

You can permanently assign new labels to corresponding code values for variables from the data file by using the **CODEVALUE** command and the **Save Data As** option of **Setup|Glossary Variables**.

Examples:

CODEVALUE Q1 1=< 1 hr per wk CODEVALUE Q1 1=<1 hr per wk, 2=1-3 hrs per wk, 3=4-6 hrs per wk

DELETE lets you delete a variable(s) from the data file either permanently or temporarily.

Syntax:

DELETE variable

DELETE variable, variable, variable

Usage:

You can permanently delete variables from the data file by using the **DELETE** command and the **Save Data As** option of **Setup|Glossary Variables**.

Examples:

DELETE Q6A_1

DELETE Q6A_1,Q6A_2,Q6A_3,Q6A_4

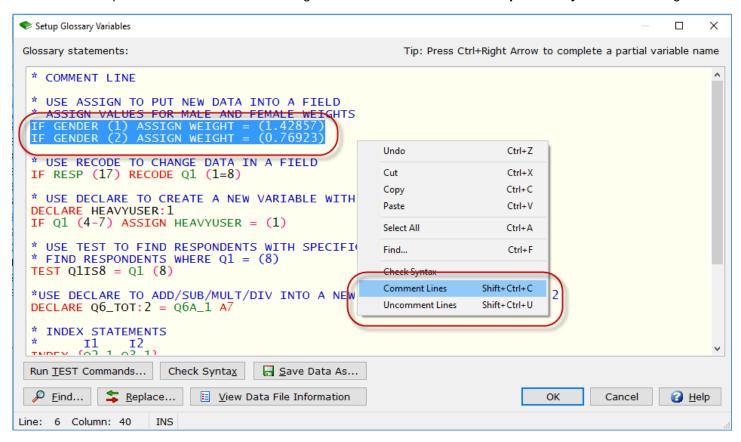
See the WinCross online **Help** topics "Glossary Variables", "LABEL", "CODE VALUE", and "DELETE" for more detailed information about these new **Glossary** commands.

New Glossary Features

Two new features provide additional flexibility while working in the **Glossary**.

Setup|Glossary Variables now allows you to comment or uncomment lines in the **Glossary** by highlighting one or more lines.

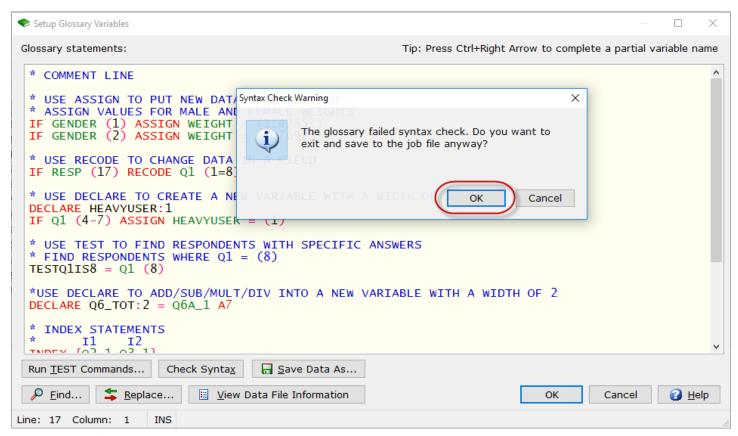
These two new options have been added to the right-click context menu on the Setup Glossary Variables dialog.



Comment Lines will add an asterisk in column 1 of the highlighted lines and **Uncomment Lines** will remove any highlighted lines that begin with an asterisk (the asterisk does not have to be in column 1, but it must be the first character of the line).

Setup|Glossary Variables will also now allow you to exit the Setup Glossary Variables dialog without fixing syntax errors.

This allows you to continue working on your job and to resolve these syntax errors later using the **Glossary** or editing the job file using **View|Job File**.



When the **OK** button is selected to exit the **Setup Glossary Variables** dialog and syntax errors are present, you will now receive a **Syntax Check Warning** message after the warning for the actual syntax error is presented. This new message warns you that the **Glossary** failed the syntax check, but now gives you the opportunity to exit the **Glossary** anyway.

See the WinCross online **Help** topic "Glossary Variables" for more detailed information about these new **Glossary** options.

Use Glossary Transformations with ExpressTabs, Express Tables/Banner Templates from Variable Data

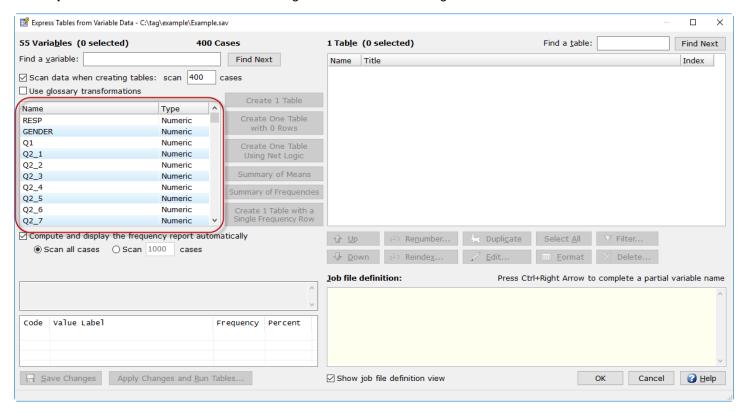
The Use glossary transformations option has been added to Run|ExpressTabs, Setup|Express Tables from Variable Data and Setup|Banner Templates from Variable Data. This option has always been available for running tables or frequencies and will now allow you to include new variables, delete current variables or change the results of tables created and/or processed. Glossary statements might include DELETE, DEFINE, DECLARE, LABEL, CODEVALUE, RECODE, etc. and would affect which variables display in the list and/or how the tables are created.

The WinCross default is to **Use glossary transformations**.

See the WinCross online **Help** topics "Run|ExpressTabs", "Express Tables from Variable Data", and "Banner Templates from Variable Data" for more detailed information about this new option.

New Wider Viewing Area for Variable Names with Express Tables from Variable Data

The Express Tables from Variable Data dialog now has a wider viewing area for variable names in the Variable list.

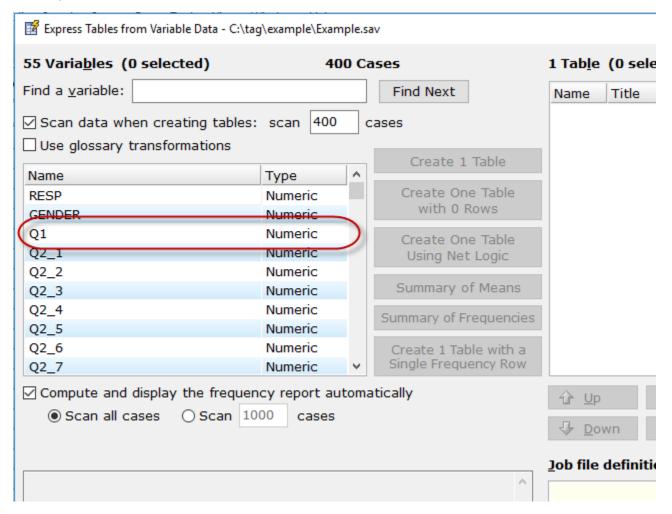


This change is helpful when you have data files with long variable names and variable names that are similar.

See the WinCross online **Help** topic "Express Tables from Variable Data" for more detailed information about creating tables using this menu option.

Double-Click Table Creation for Single Variables

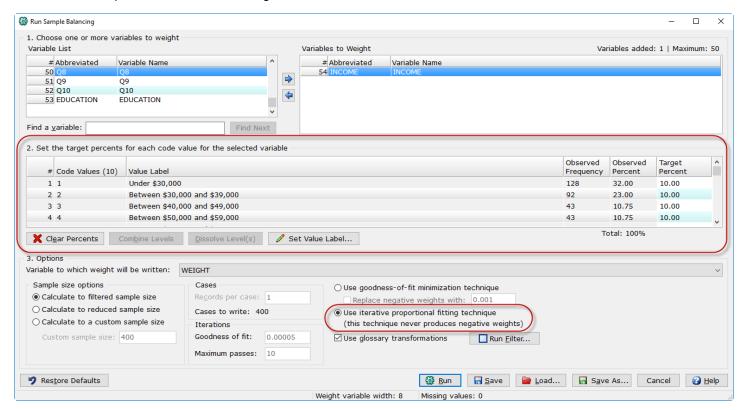
Express Tables from Variable Data now lets you create a table from a single variable by simply double-clicking on the variable in the list. This action creates a table that is equal to selecting a variable in the list and choosing the **Create 1 Table** option.



See the WinCross online **Help** topic "Express Tables from Variable Data" for more detailed information about creating tables using this menu option.

Sample Balancing Level Limits Increased for Iterative Proportional Fitting Technique

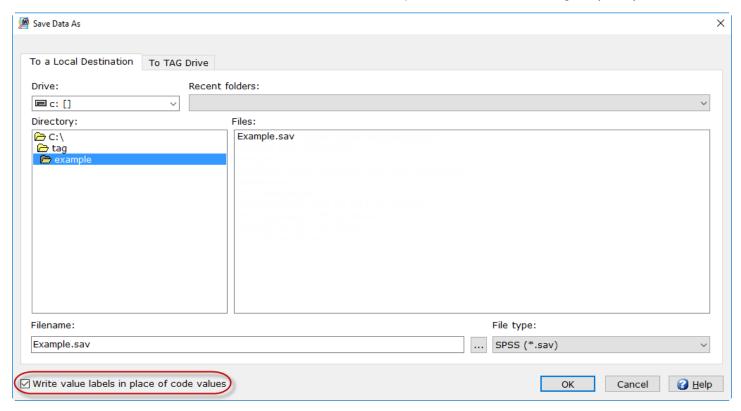
When using the **Iterative proportional fitting technique** of Sample Balancing, you can now use up to 50 variables and 100 code values per variable when defining levels.



See the WinCross online **Help** topics "Sample Balancing: Variable Data" or "Sample Balancing: ASCII Data" for more detailed information about using **Sample Balancing**.

Save Variable Data Files with Value Labels in Place of Code Values

Your variable data file can now be saved with Value Labels in the place of Code Values using File|Save|Save Data As.

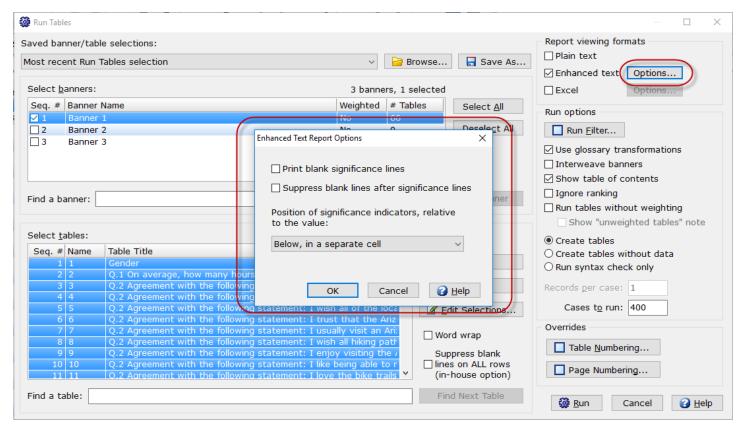


This new option provides a different view of the data. Each variable format and width is automatically modified to accommodate the value labels.

See the WinCross online Help topic "Save Data As" for more detailed information about this new option.

Enhanced Text Report Options

Enhanced Text Report Options are now saved to the *jobname*.run file. This is the same file that saves the last banner/table selections and is written in the same folder where your job file resides.

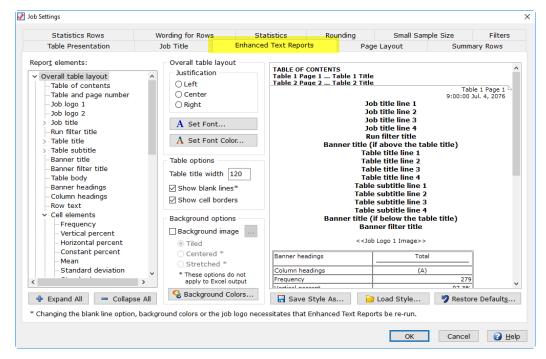


Saving these options to the *jobname*.run file is helpful when you are rerunning tables and want to use the same options previously selected.

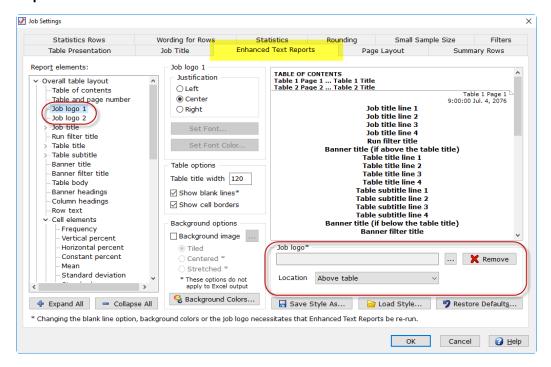
See the WinCross online **Help** topic "Run|Tables" for more detailed information about the *jobname*.run file and **Report** viewing format options.

Job Logo Group Box of Enhanced Text Reports

The **Job logo** group box on the **Enhanced Text Reports** tab of **Job Settings** and **Profile Settings** is now hidden until you click on **Job logo1** or **Job logo 2** in the **Report elements** list.



This change provides more space to preview how the **Enhanced Text Report** will look when applying changes to other **Report elements**.

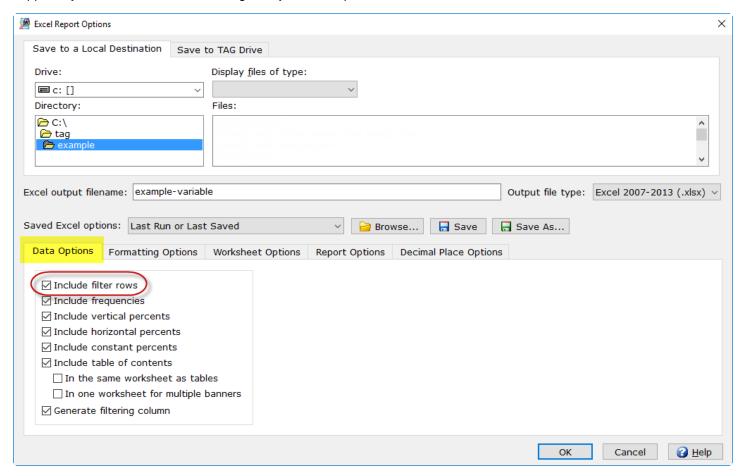


Just click on **Job logo 1** or **Job logo 2** to display the **Job logo** group box where you can add, change or remove job logos for your **Enhanced Text Reports**.

See the WinCross online **Help** topics "Setup|Job Settings|Enhanced Text Reports" and "Setup|Profile Settings|Enhanced Text Reports" for more information about using job logos with **Enhanced Text Reports**.

Suppress Filter Rows in Excel Reports

The new **Include filter rows** option on the **Data Options** tab of **Run|Tables|Excel|Options** provides an easy way to suppress your filter rows without having to adjust table options or rerun tables.

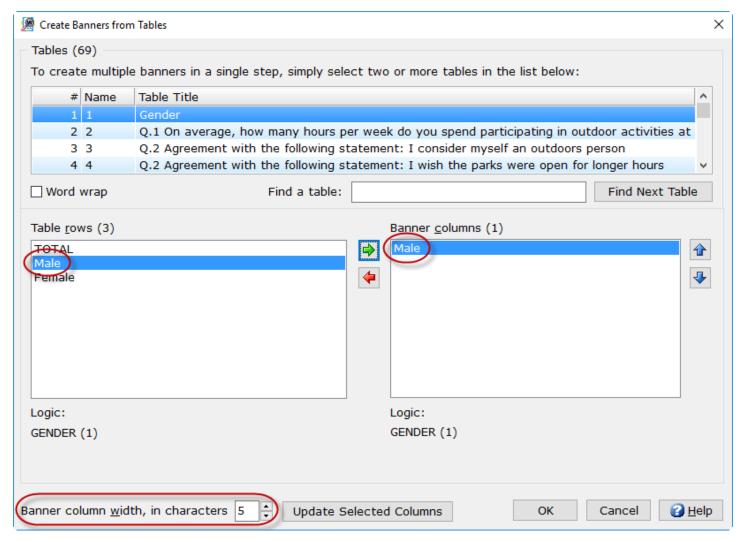


Disabling the Include filter rows checkbox, will suppress the display of filter rows on your Excel report.

See the WinCross online Help topic "Excel Options" for more detailed information about this new option.

Assign Banner Column Width by Row/Update Banner Column Width by Column

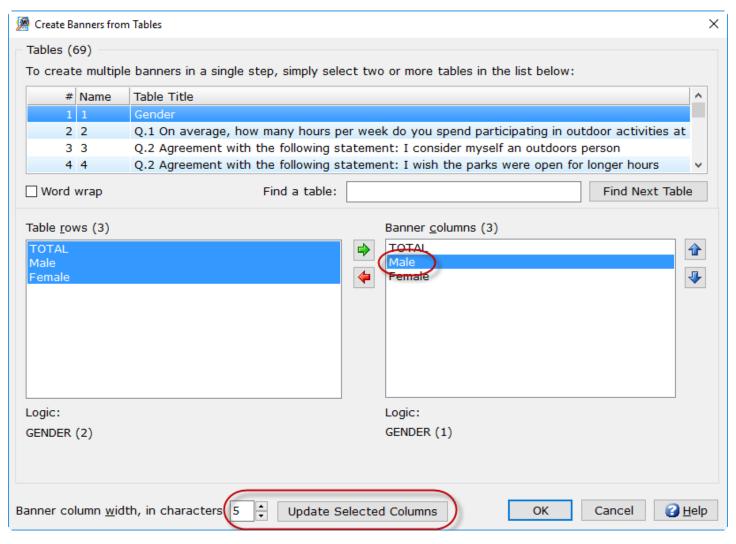
You can now assign a different banner column width by row when selecting rows to use for a new banner using the Create Banners from Tables option of Setup|Banners.



By selecting one or more rows from the **Table rows** list, the **Banner column width, in characters** specified, will be applied to those rows only, once they are moved to the **Banner columns** list. This allows you to specify the width differently by row.

Note: The banner column width assigned on the Create Banners from Tables dialog <u>only</u> applies to Plain Text Reports (Run|Tables|Plain text as the Report viewing format on the Run Tables dialog).

By selecting one or more columns from the **Banner columns** list, you can update the width for the selected columns using the new **Update Selected Columns** option.

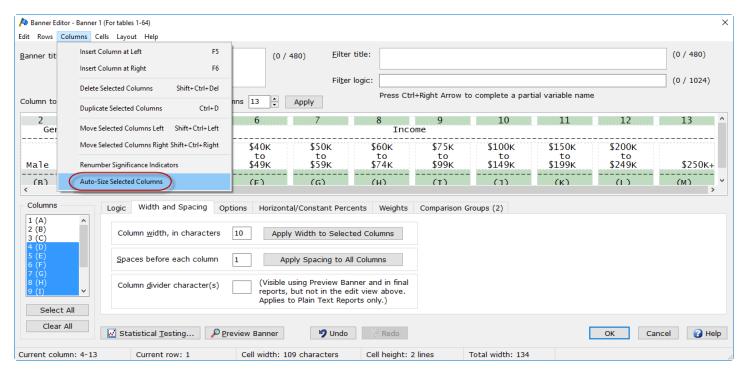


The Banner column width, in characters specified is applied to the selected columns when you choose Update Selected Columns.

See the WinCross online **Help** topic "Create Banners from Tables" for more detailed information about assigning and updating banner column widths.

New Auto-Size Banner Column Option

The new **Auto-Size Selected Columns** option added to the **Columns** menu of the banner editor is a quick way to auto-size selected banner columns.

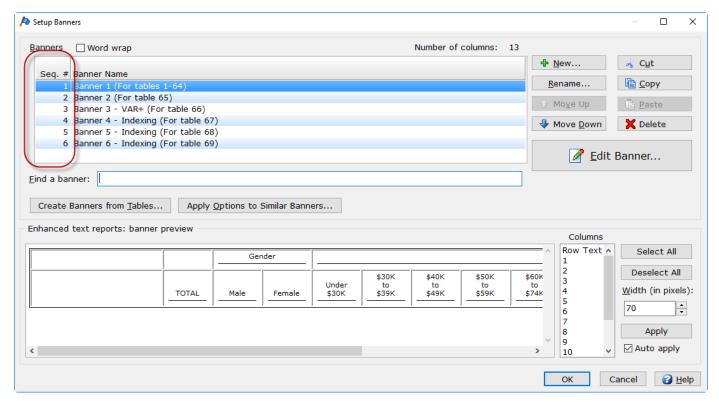


This option will auto-size to the size of the widest text in the banner column for each banner column selected.

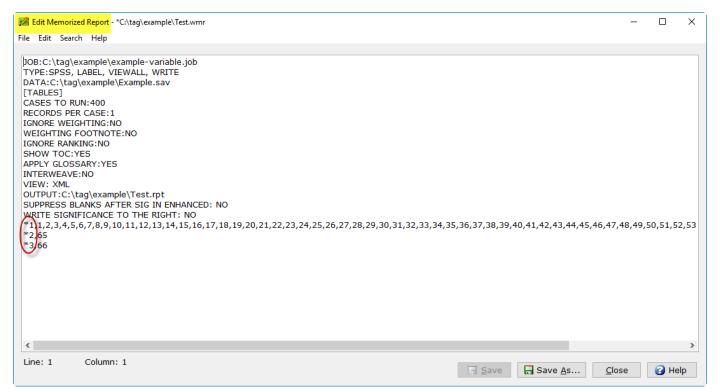
See the WinCross online **Help** topic "Columns Menu (Edit Banner)" for more detailed information about this new **Auto-Size Selected Columns** option.

New Seq. # Column for Banners

We've added a **Seq.** # column for banners on the **Setup Banners** dialog to make it easier to find and edit specific banners especially in job files with many banners.



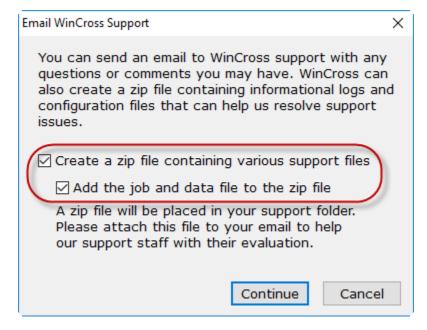
This new **Seq.** # can also be helpful when editing **Memorized Reports** as the **Seq.** # is consistent with the banner position number used in **Memorized Reports**.



See the WinCross online **Help** topics "Banners" and "Memorized Reports" for more detailed information about banners and/or **Memorized Reports**.

Create a Zip File for Email Support

Help|Email WinCross Support has a new option for creating a zip file containing informational logs and configuration files that can often help with resolving support issues.



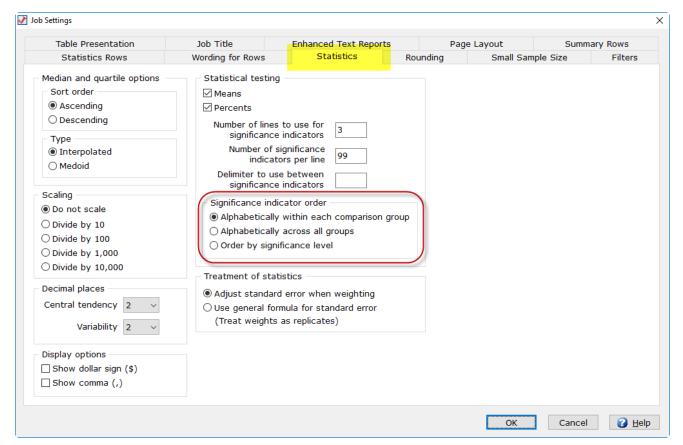
Enabling the **Add the job and data file to the zip file** option will add the currently open job, data and other related files to the zip file. Including these files can help save time and get your support question addressed more quickly.

This zip file is created in your c:\tag\WinCross\Support folder and can be attached to WinCross support emails (support@analyticalgroup.com).

See the WinCross online **Help** topic "Creating a zip file containing various support files" for more detailed information about this new option.

New Significance Indicator Order Options

The **Statistics** tab of **Setup|Profile Settings/Job Settings** now offers two additional options for how significance indicators can be displayed on reports.



You can choose between the current default of **Alphabetically within each comparison group** or the two new options of **Alphabetically across all groups** or **Order by significance level**.

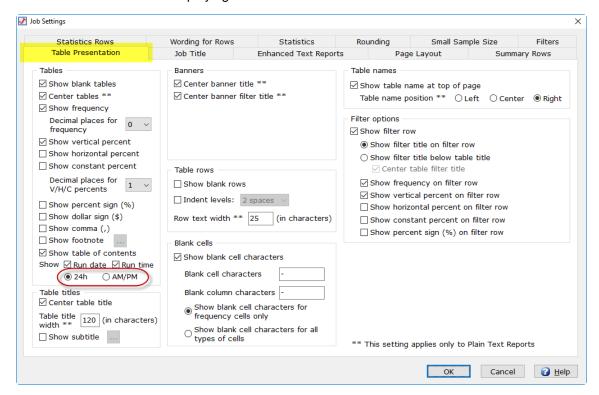
See the WinCross online **Help** topics "*Profile Settings*|Statistics" or "Job Settings|Statistics" for more detailed information about these new options.

Ctrl+Right Arrow Completion of Partial Variable Names

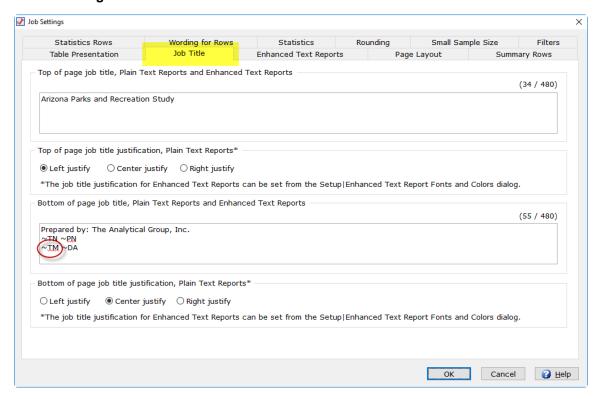
The completion of partial variable names using **Ctrl+Right Arrow** when entering job file logic now includes variables defined or declared in the **Glossary**. Job file logic can be entered in multiple places in **WinCross** and this additional shortcut can help cut down on banner and table creation time.

Run Time Display Options

When the **Show Run time** option on the **Table Presentation** tab of **Job Settings** and **Profile Settings** is enabled, you can now choose between displaying time based on a 24-hour clock or as AM/PM.



In addition, these Run time options are applied when using the ~TM option on the Job Title tab of Job Settings and Profile Settings.



See the WinCross online **Help** topics "Job Settings|Table Presentation" and "Profile Settings|Table Presentation" or "Job Settings|Job Title" and "Profile Settings|Job Title" for more detailed information about these additional **Run time** options.

Compatibility with Latest Version of SPSS

WinCross 17 is compatible with SPSS version 24. For compatibility with WinCross, we recommend saving files in SPSS using **Locale (code page) encoding**.