KETTLE 2.2.0 FEATURE LIST

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				Database
Supported database	Read	Write	Repository	Explorer
MySQL	√	√	√	√
Oracle	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
AS/400	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark
MS Access	√	√	√	√
MS SQL Server	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
DB2	$\overline{}$	\checkmark	√	√
PostgreSQL	$\sqrt{}$	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Intersystems Caché	$\sqrt{}$	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Informix	\vee	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Sybase	V	\checkmark		\checkmark
Gupta SQL Base	\checkmark	√		\checkmark
dBase III, IV or 5	$\sqrt{}$	V		\checkmark
Firebird SQL	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Hypersonic		\checkmark		\checkmark
SAP DB		o	SHOLDECO	\checkmark
CA Ingres		√	נכאוווכטי	\checkmark
SAP R/3 System	√			\checkmark
Generic database access using ODBC	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark

Supported Platform	GUI	Execute
Windows	√	√
Linux	√*	√
Solaris	√ *	√
Apple OSX HP-UX	√*	√
HP-UX	√ *	√
AIX	√ *	\checkmark

^{*} Because of the limited GUI capabilities of some of these platforms (such as Motif environments) no guarantees are given to the usability of the Kettle GUI. Possible problem are corrected on a best effort basis.



Text file handling	
Read: single or multiple files	V
Read: CSV files with optional separator	\checkmark
Read: Support for zipped files	\checkmark
Read: Fixed record length files	\checkmark
Read: automatic scanning of source file(s)	\checkmark
Write: field selection	\checkmark
Write: output format selection	\checkmark
Write: Append file	V
Write: Split file into parts based on the number of rows	\checkmark
Write: separator and enclosure can be specified	\checkmark
Write: support for zipped files	\checkmark
Metadata	
All Kettle actions and functions are defined as metadata (100%)	\checkmark

All Kettle metadata can be expressed in XML

All Kettle metadata can be expressed in the Kettle database repository All Kettle metadata can be edited using a GUI (Spoon, Chef, Dialogs, ...)

The Kettle metadata is always in a readable format: open access



Transformation functionality	

Transformation: a collection of steps performing specialized tasks (see below)	√
Two or more steps pass rows of data from one step to another	√
Work with rows of fields containg data	√
Merge streams of rows from different sources	\checkmark
Split streams of rows to multiple targets (for example: write to database and text file at the same time)	√
Origin tracking of fields. (where is field X coming from)	√
Unlimited number of in-between steps (depending on available memory and CPU)	√
Unlimited number of processed rows	√
No creation of temporary files except for sorting and joining.	✓
Plugin-system allowing any java programmer to write a transformation step	√
Data types: double precision floating point(64 bit), long integer (64 bit), date (milisecond precision), String (unlimited length), big numbers (any precision or length)	7/
Even distribution of source rows to multiple target steps. (split load over multiple	V
databases)	BUSINESS
Copy of source rows to multiple target steps. (send the same data to multiple databases)	√
Allow a step in the transformation to be started more then once in parallel.	√

Available steps	
DB: Parameterized read from database	√
DB: Write to database table (using batch loads)	√
DB: Perform lookups in table	√
DB: Database join using freehand SQL	√
DB: Insert / Update database table function	√
DB: Update database table function	\checkmark
DB: Call database procedure/function with parameters	√
Lookup values in memory using data from any source	V
Get information from the environment (time, date-ranges, arguments,)	√
Generate one or more rows	√
Native read (no ODBC) from Xbase files (dBase III, IV, Foxpro,)	√
Native read (no ODBC) from Microsoft Excel files, read data from separate sheets, range selection,	√
Select fields in rows from previous steps, delete fields, change name/type of fields (meta-data)	V
Filter rows based on conditions, using graphical Condition editor	\checkmark
Sort rows based on a combination of fields (ascending and descending)	√
Add sequences using transformation wide counter or using Database sequences	II CID CCCV
Join multiple streams of rows in a cartesian product with optional condition.	
Execute any JavaScript on the fields in the rows	V
Normalize values in crosstabs (for example from Excel forecasts, etc)	
Remove double rows (unique function) by looking at specified fields for equality.	V
Grouping function allowing the calculation of sums, counts,	\checkmark
High-speed calculator functionality allowing pre-defined much used functions to be	_
executed such as percent calculation, rounding, etc.	√
Field splitting for complex parameterized data (A=100,B=200,D=400, etc)	√
Execute arbitrary parameterized SQL commands using rows for input.	√
Execute arbitrary parameterized SQL commands using rows for input.	\checkmark

Spoon GUI	
GUI designer for transformation using drag&drop and easy to use dialogs	√
Copy / Paste of steps	√
Undo redo of changes	√
Determine input fields for a step showing the origin	√
Determine output fields for a step showing the origin	√
Keep a list of the last opened files.	√
Change colors, background colors and fonts used in Spoon	√
Allow hops between steps to be split	√
Allow steps to be detached from hops between steps.	√
"Create database connection" wizard	√
"Copy database table" wizard	√
Run transformations	√
Preview transformation	V
End-to-end checking of transformation (or selected steps)	V
Allow database operations to be cancelled (for example long running queries)	\checkmark
Progress dialogs for time-consuming operations	\checkmark
Database Impact analyses of a transformation (Read, Write, Update,)	V
Persistent caching of SQL results	\checkmark
Read transformations stored in XML files	\checkmark
Paste transformation in XML from the clipboard	V V
Open transformation from a Kettle repository	RAZIIIFZĀ
Connect to a Kettle repository	\checkmark
Explore a Kettle repository	\checkmark
Share/manage database connections in a central Kettle repository	√
Database: explore a database using the database connections	
Database: execute SQL using the SQL Editor	√
Database: create SQL for table, index or sequence creation or modification	√
Manage licenses	\checkmark

Kettle Repository	
Create a Kettle repository: relational database tables with reference content	√
Upgrade a Kettle repository from a previous version or re-populate the reference content	V
Create and administer repository users & passwords	\checkmark
Create, Delete, Edit or rename user profiles	\checkmark
Grant rights to users using profiles (read-only, administrator, normal user,)	√
Store, retrieve, rename, delete transformations in the repository	√
Store, retrieve, rename, delete jobs in the repository	✓
Create, Edit, Store, retrieve, delete database connections in the repository	\checkmark
Create, Delete or rename directories and subdirectories in the repository	\checkmark
Allow jobs and transformations to be moved from one directory to another (drag & drop)	
Export all repository objects to an XML file (for backup)	\checkmark
Import all repository objects from XML file to a destination directory (for recovery)	√
"Export all transformations" functionality	√
"Export all jobs" functionality	
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