GemBox Support Center

Open spreadsheet as read-only Completed

- SR Stuart Reabow
- **Forum name:** #GemBox.Spreadsheet Feature Request

Hi, I'd like to request a feature which would allow opening a spreadsheet as read-only to allow reading a spreadsheet even if a user has it open for editing.

ThanksStuart

Comments (4)

SR **Stuart Reabow**
10 years ago
Hi, Please could I have an update on this feature request Thanks
MG **Mario - GemBox**
10 years ago
Hi, Unfortunately, this feature is not in our current roadmap, so I'm afraid it won't be available in the next 6 months. For later I cannot say at the moment. Regards, Mario
DB **David Becker**
10 years ago
Let me second this request. I'm really surprised this isn't already a feature -- I need to open spreadsheets for reading all the time that might be open by another user.
MG **Mario - GemBox**
10 years ago
Hi, Apologize, I misunderstood what this feature request was for. I judged only based on the feature's title and presumed that the feature was related to the workbook's protection (saving a file as read-only). The feature you are looking for already exists in GemBox.Spreadsheet. When using the following Load method GemBox.Spreadsheet will open a file with FileAccess.Read mode: ExcelFile ef = ExcelFile.Load("Sample.xlsx"); This loading works even if the file is opened by another application. In case you're using another Load method that accepts a stream then you'll need to make sure that the provided stream has the correct access option for your requirements, for example: using (var stream = File.Open("Sample.xlsx", FileMode.Open, FileAccess.Read, FileShare.ReadWrite)) { ExcelFile ef = ExcelFile.Load(stream, LoadOptions.XlsxDefault); // ... } I hope this helps. If the problem remains please submit a support ticket and we'll investigate your issue. Regards, Mario