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Open spreadsheet as read-only Completed

- 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)

Stuart Reabow

6 years ago

Hi,

Please could I have an update on this feature request

Thanks

Mario at GemBox

6 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**

6 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.

Mario at GemBox

6 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