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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**

8 years ago

Hi, Please could I have an update on this feature request Thanks

**Mario at GemBox**

8 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**

7 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**

7 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