Azquo Ltd, based in UK, has produced bespoke applications for the Insurance market, multi-channel retailers and call centre operators.

About Azquo

Azquo is a ground-breaking BI tool that saves time and resources by combining processing, calculation and analytics in a single platform which integrates seamlessly with Excel.

Its unique Smart Data Store connects with all your internal and external data sources/repositories without any disruption to existing systems. Its control and reporting interface is Excel-based, meaning that Line of Business Analysts can extract the information they need simply, whilst providing total transparency for their Data Scientist colleagues in the I.T. department.

Keikai x Azquo

Our main interface is spreadsheet based. We are developing an Office 365 add-in for Excel but most of the use is via Keikai Spreadsheet online. We have been using Keikai and its predecessor ZK Spreadsheet for over five years. Notable customers who use the Azquo platform are Joe Brown’s, an online clothes retailer, and Ed Brooking, an insurance broker based in the City of London.

The main challenge implementing the product has been the configuration of each client being complex and the code which interprets our syntax is also complex. There were no major obstacles when using ZK and Keikai Spreadsheet.

Why ZK

We did try briefly to make our own online spreadsheet but concluded that ZK Spreadsheet (as it was called at the time) was a better option. Our alternative currently is the 365 plugin which we
are working on but we are not planning on stopping the Keikai interface – it is tried and tested and offers integration to our web interface in a way which the add in will not. We believe Keikai is the best online Java based spreadsheet interface.

**The Best of ZK and Keikai**

While our main concern was getting the spreadsheet interface, it was useful to be able to also leverage other ZK components where we wished to enhance the UI e.g. adding multi select boxes and enhancing the context menu.

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**The Result**

In blunt terms most of the time it works well. ZK’s support team was helpful in responding fast to bugs and adding required features e.g. conditional formatting.

Azquo’s plan moving forward is to get more clients and hence building more applications. Keikai will for sure remain part of these applications and on client servers where they require it.

**About ZK**

ZK is the leading enterprise Java Web framework with more than 1,500,000 downloads. ZK is deployed by a large number of Fortune Global 500 companies, including Barclays, Swiss RE, Roche, Deutsche Bank, Sony, Sun Microsystems, and Toyota, providing them with the ability to rapidly create rich Ajax enterprise level applications.

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