Analytics



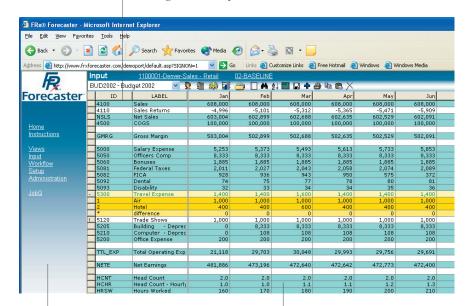
Take control of the future of your organization with Microsoft_® Business Solutions for Analytics–Forecaster. Meet business objectives and gain competitive advantage with budgeting and planning capabilities that allow you to plan more effectively and respond quickly to changing business needs.

BENEFITS

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Move

between budgets easily with the Budget Version dropdown list.



Establish

easy access, yet maintain user-based security, through the hyperlinked menu.

Reduce

the learning curve with a spreadsheet look and feel.

Implement quickly

Deploy budgeting and planning data with ease throughout your organization with a simple, Web-based interface that uses familiar conventions such as drag-and-drop and a spreadsheet format.

Take control of your budgeting process

Powerful forecasting and budgeting tools allow you to build a precision budget, control expenses, and project sales effectively.

Adjust quickly to new opportunities

Take advantage of new opportunities as they arise with capabilities that show you exactly where your budget is and where it's going to be. Coordinate plans immediately with your decision makers—regardless of location—using Web-based tools.

Plan with precision

Create accurate high-level plans by automatically spreading increases and decreases across each of your planning periods with data pulled directly from Microsoft Business Solutions-Solomon® General Ledger.

Streamline your planning

Connect Microsoft Forecaster and Microsoft Solomon to manage your budget and planning with accurate information, access data from General Ledger, and drill back to source data.





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Online View Analysis	View reports and budget plans online from anywhere in the world and easily collaborate with your management team in a Web-based environment.
Comprehensive Account Balances	Use line-item breakdowns to complete detailed planning of account balances for major aspects of your business, including human resources, capital expenditures and revenue planning.
Extensive HR and Benefits Budgeting Options	Budget employee assets in multiple scenarios by adding more detailed budgeting data for specific personnel, including salary planning worksheets and flexible salary and bonus designations.
Detailed Capital Expense Budgets	Manage depreciation and other factors with ease when going through the budget process for your business models.
Dynamic Revenue Forecasting	Maintain control over your revenue forecasting process by making adjustments at any time to accommodate budgetary and planning changes.
Comprehensive Planning Control	Use flexible input screens to define up to 100 different periods from multiple budget versions and create calculated columns such as variances between plans
Drag-and-Drop Consolidations	View your business from the top down with easy-to-manipulate scenarios and high-level views that let you quickly see the impact of the changes on the planning process.
Workflow Control	Manage the planning process with extensive online collaboration between decision makers and automated features that allow them to enter their own data into predefined templates based on standard budgetary tools.
Automated Planning Coordination	Coordinate your budget and planning processes with automated options such as reminder e-mails, as well as budget templates that managers can review and update to reflect their budget goals.
Automatic Data Mapping	Automatically extend your current financial data from other Microsoft Solomon applications such as General Ledger, using ExpressLink to initiate the budgeting process and update existing budgets.