

Fully flexible characteristics

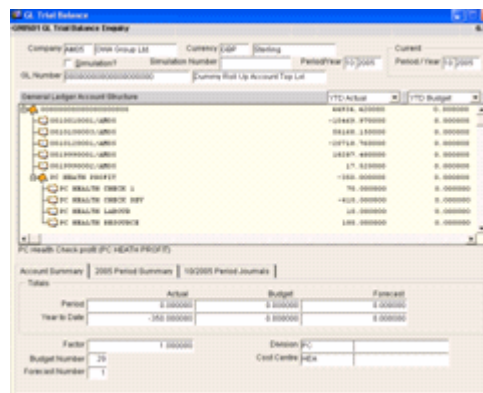
- ▶ Core integration point for other applications
- ▶ Improve productivity
- ▶ Fully flexible characteristics
- ▶ Support for all types of journals
- ▶ Complete control over report content
- ▶ All relevant ledger movements handled automatically
- ▶ Single or common chart of accounts
- ▶ User definable account structure available
- ▶ Supports user definable allocations to improve productivity
- ▶ Flexible company consolidation facilities
- ▶ Journal Review facilities to track consolidations
- ▶ Budget at detail or any intermediate level
- ▶ User definable reports

Answer General Ledger is the core integration point for all other Answer applications including Manufacturing, Distribution, Financials, Plant Maintenance, Retail Management and Warehousing Management.

See substantial productivity improvements using Answer General Ledger. Decentralise your financial controls with data confirmation and reporting as needed.

Key features include:

- ▶ Fully flexible characteristics, easy to set up and customise for your needs
- ▶ Support for all types of journals
- ▶ Flexible company consolidation facilities
- ▶ Complete control over report content



Answer General Ledger fully integrates with all other Answer Modules, the only exceptions are the planning modules. As part of this integration, all Sales, Purchase, Stock, WIP, Plant Maintenance, Retail Management and Warehouse Management movements validate the accounts codes in real time.

All relevant ledger movements such as accruals and VAT/Tax accounts are handled automatically as part of the entry of the originating transaction.

Answer General Ledger can hold either a single, common chart of accounts for all Companies/Entities or dissimilar chart of accounts to reflect the distinct requirements of each Company, Business Unit or Entity.

In addition to the Company structure, a user definable Account Structure is available with up to 20 characters alpha numeric including up to 10 levels or overlays as referred to in Answer.

Each Company can utilise its own base currency.

Further Group Accounts can be created into which Detail Accounts and other Group Accounts roll up into. This enables unlimited levels of analysis, browsing, budgeting and reporting.

You can also define as many different hierarchical charts of account as needed for your business requirements. These simulations can be full or partial charts of accounts as required.

Main Features

Answer General Ledger supports all types of Journals, Standard, Reversing, Recurring, Skeleton and Statistical; it supports user definable allocations, so enabling the company's books to be closed quickly and improving your overall productivity.

Flexible Company Consolidation facilities allow companies to be consolidated in a number of ways. These can be full companies in their own right with expenses, revenue, and balance sheet items etc. There are no artificial Head Office/Subsidiary restrictions. The Consolidation relationship is user definable as is any account elimination.

All Consolidations can easily be tracked via the use of the Journal Review facilities to find out within a particular General Ledger Account from which company and/or other General Ledger Account numbers this consolidation information originated.

With the General Ledger you can choose to budget at the detail level or at any other intermediate level from within the Group/Detail hierarchical Roll Up Structure. Value or Percentages can be used to enter budgets into the General Ledger using Budget Profiles; Automatic Spread facilities, Mass Creation from Actuals, Same as Except with changes or via an external interface using an ASCII File from a spreadsheet.

Reporting provides the user definable reports for Income Statements, Balance Sheets and other types of Financial Management Reporting. This can utilise the main Company/Group/Detail Hierarchical relationship for printing purposes or can use one of the previously defined Simulation Summaries.

You have complete control over the report content, the level of detail or summary information to be presented. Financial Reporting provides facilities to determine the rounding characteristics i.e. rounds in 10's 100's 1,000's etc. for the statement of their values to any other Currency and the Rate to be used.

Use Statistical Accounts to track and report any non-financial details you want to record.

Adaptable Structures

- ▶ User defined Account Structures
- ▶ Up to Ten Segments/Overlays/Masks
- ▶ User Defined Segment Name
- ▶ User Defined Segment Length
- ▶ Flexible Organisation of Accounts
- ▶ Unlimited Structures of Accounts (Horizontal)
- ▶ Unlimited Levels of Accounts within Accounts (Depth), Group/Detail Structures
- ▶ Straightforward Reorganisation and Recalculation where structures change
- ▶ An Answer privilege is required to post manual journals to system maintained General Ledger Accounts
- ▶ Multi Company
- ▶ Same As Except Company facility
- ▶ Multiple Account Organisation Hierarchies using Simulation Codes which can be Full or Part of the overall Hierarchy
- ▶ Trans coding facilities via Simulations to define and report mandated or statutory account structures that do not correspond to business realities
- ▶ User defined Calendar in order to provide user definable period length 4,4,5,4 week type accounting
- ▶ Account level security is available by defining this at the Segment/Overlay/Mask level. So, if Overlay 01 is Cost Centre, Cost Centre level security is easily defined. Up to 4 Overlay levels can be secured i.e. this could be Cost Centre/Department/Project/Analysis Class and so on, based on user definition of the Overlay segments.

Journal Entry and Processing

- ▶ On Line Entry
- ▶ Running Totals
- ▶ Control Totals
- ▶ Debit and Credit Control for Audit purposes
- ▶ Period Control
- ▶ Reversing Entries
- ▶ Recurring Entries
- ▶ Statistical Entries
- ▶ User Defined Skeleton Entries
- ▶ Future Period Entries
- ▶ Future Year Entries
- ▶ Multiple Open Periods
- ▶ Automatic Posting from Other Answer Application Modules
- ▶ Automatic Year End Close with the calculations of the Opening Balances for Balance Sheet Items and Retained earnings and Automatic Zeroing of Revenue and Expense Items
- ▶ Journal Batch Reversal Capabilities
- ▶ Ability to screen out and review any invalid accounts

Journal Drill Back

- ▶ Drill back from any non control account journal to the document/object that caused the journal to be raised
- ▶ Drill back to Sales Orders, Purchase Orders, Accounts Payable Invoices, Plant Job Orders and more
- ▶ Available in many enquiries via key or mouse click operation
- ▶ Drill back enquiries called can have user overrides

Budgeting

- ▶ On line Entry
- ▶ Budget/Forecast Profile
- ▶ Budget/Forecast Profile Creation
- ▶ Up to 100 Budgets
- ▶ Up to 100 Forecasts
- ▶ Budget/Forecast Creation Tools
- ▶ Budget/Forecast Entry Tools
- ▶ Budget/Forecast Formula using Budget Profiles
- ▶ Budget/Forecast Mass Creation utilising Actuals with increases or decreases by Amount or Percentage
- ▶ Budget/Forecast Same as Except Copying Facilities
- ▶ Budget Upload using an Answer external Interface to import an ASCII Structure from a 3rd Party Product e.g. Excel

General Ledger History

- ▶ Full Journal Detail History kept with User Definable Periods
- ▶ All Budget, Actual and Forecast Values can be for a company Period, Year, General Ledger Account Number basis for User Definable Periods
- ▶ History Journals
- ▶ History Journals Enquiry and Reporting
- ▶ Reprint from History, Journals, Trial Balance, General Ledger Account Report, Income Statements, Balance Sheet and Financial and Management Reports

Company Consolidation Processing

- ▶ User Definable Consolidation Company Relationship i.e. define Consolidation from/to Relationship together with Suspense Account, General Ledger Account Details
- ▶ Define Account Elimination requirements between Consolidated Companies
- ▶ Consolidation Journal Generation with Journal Voucher Creation for Tracking, Tracing and Consolidation Journals

Intrastat Reporting

- ▶ User defined Intrastat extract timings
- ▶ Extracts, Accruals, Despatches, Warehouse transfers
- ▶ Arrivals are Answer Purchase Receipts, Sales Returns and Incoming Inventory Centre Transfers
- ▶ Despatches are Answer Sales Shipments, Purchase Returns and Outgoing Inventory Centre Transfers
- ▶ Accounts for Corrections and/or Errors
- ▶ Optionally override Currency Rates with Period/Customers Rates
- ▶ Enquire on Intrastat extract details
- ▶ Print Supplementary Statistical Declaration and Aggregate Sales Listings

User Defined Financial Reporting

- ▶ Balance Sheets
- ▶ Income Statements
- ▶ Profit and Loss
- ▶ Other financial reports
- ▶ User Defined Rounding Codes
- ▶ Defines whether to convert to a Currency, the Currency Method and Currency Rate if required
- ▶ User defined Reports and Sequences
- ▶ Enquire as well as Report on these Financial Structures

Tree View Enquiry

- ▶ Explode user defined Group/Detail structure in Tree/Explorer style of operation
- ▶ Optionally Explode user defined Simulation details
- ▶ For each Group further explode all the way through any structure
- ▶ For Detail Accounts see Account Summary, Fiscal Year/Period Summary and Journal details
- ▶ User defined column views of data, can be Period Actual, Period Budget, YTD Actual, YTD Budget compared with another column with the same option
- ▶ Optional Journal Filter to limit Journals display
- ▶ Ability to drill down from Period details

Cash Flow Projections

- ▶ Project by Currency Code for Company
- ▶ Includes Bank Account, Receivables and Payables due
- ▶ Optionally include Sales Orders Shipped Not Invoiced and Received Not Invoiced Purchase Orders
- ▶ Optionally include open Sales and Purchase Orders which will utilise appropriate Shipping, Receiving dates and terms
- ▶ Displays daily for one week, weekly for 4 weeks and then monthly for user defined limits
- ▶ Ability to break down the daily, weekly and monthly Cash Flow Projection figures into the absolute transactional information that makes up those figures

General Ledger Enquiries and Reports

Examples of some of the Enquiries and Reports within the General Ledger

- ▶ General Ledger Enquiry
- ▶ General Ledger Trial Balance 'Tree' Structure Enquiry
- ▶ Income Statement and Balance Sheet Enquiry
- ▶ Drill Back to originating document/order
- ▶ General Ledger Summary Enquiry
- ▶ General Ledger Breakdown Enquiry with Drill Down to Journals and with Drill Down into Summarised Journals
- ▶ Consolidated Review Enquiry
- ▶ Group Detail Account Breakdown Enquiry
- ▶ General Ledger Budget Enquiry
- ▶ General Ledger Account and Journal Review Enquiry
- ▶ General Ledger Account Journal Account History Enquiry
- ▶ Account Structure Reports Single and Multi Level
- ▶ VAT/Tax Summary for online filing
- ▶ Balance Sheet and Schedules
- ▶ Income Statement and Schedules
- ▶ Recurring Journals Report
- ▶ Chart of Accounts Report
- ▶ General Ledger and Account Report
- ▶ Trial Balance Report
- ▶ Journal Reprint Report
- ▶ VAT/Tax Analysis Report
- ▶ Intrastat Reporting
- ▶ Aggregate Sales Listing and Supplement Statistical Declaration
- ▶ Missing Accounts form Roll Up Group Report
- ▶ Simulation Financial and Management Reporting facilities

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