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Session 1: 11:00-12:00 Product Overview
Session 2: 12:15-1:15 Beginner Training Session
Session 3: 1:30-2:30 Intermediate Session 1
Session 4: 2:45-3:45 Intermediate Session 2
Session 5: 4:00-5:00 Open Town Hall Q&A and Closing

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Intermediate Session 2

Session starts at 2:45pm ET/11:45am PT

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This session presented by Derek Krebs of the MSX Group

Forecaster Intermediate Session 2- AGENDA

2:45pm-3:45pm ET (11:45am-12:45pm PT)

Advanced Income Statement, Balance Sheet & Cash Flow Modeling

- Driver based modeling

- Input Screen Designs - Common and Less Common

- Leveraging Rollup functionality

- Calculation Types and Examples

- Balance Sheet and Cash Flow workings

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Driver Based Modeling

Two examples of driver based modeling for assumptions:

1. ONE department feeding data to MANY

2. MANY departments feeding data to ONE

The following key concepts are used:

- New "dummy" posting department and use of Statistical accounts

- Input Set Overrides for Specific Lines and Calcs to use by Dept/Loc/Etc.

- @ROLLUP, @LOOKUP and Qualified calculation formulas

- Calculation Task to run when budget assumptions change

Common and Uncommon Input Screen Designs

Common Input Screen Design

1. <u>Line Set</u>: Accounts segment (revenue, expenses, balance sheet)

2. <u>Column</u>: Periods with months (or quarters or years or any time frame)

3. <u>Prompt</u>: Enter data to true GL Department/Company/Division

UNcommon Input Screen Design

1. <u>Line Set</u>: "Accounts" that represent Customers, Products, Locations, Etc.

2. <u>Column</u>: Beginning Balance column, columns with Accounts/Statistics

   or Department/Company/Division

3. <u>Prompt</u>: Use dummy Dpts/Companies/Divs that do NOT exist in GL

Leveraging Forecaster Rollups

Take advantage of the Rollups in Forecaster for:

- Reports

- Calculations

- Security

- Tasks: Allocations, Currency Translation, Calculation

- Adjustments for What-If Scenarios

Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Notes

Design notes for Balance Sheet & Cash Flow:

- Income statement input and calcs for <u>many</u> DEPT/DIV/LOC's.

- Balance Sheet and Cash flow usually at single or few Company level

- Two input sets are common (one for Inc St and one for BS/CF)

  - BS/CF input set may have Beginning Balance columns

  - BS/CF may have different line set & calc for "Corporate" DEPT

- New accounts used for:

  - Statistics (like A/R Days Sales Out, Days Payable)

  - Beginning and Ending Balances

Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Notes (Continued)

Design notes for Balance Sheet & Cash Flow (Continued:

Calculation Set Notes (refer to Forecaster online help too):

- @ROLLUP: totals for the one dept you are in based on summary account

- @LOOKUP: looks up data from another dept/acct (posting or summary level)

- @BBAL: sets beginning balance of Account A to ending balance of Acct B

- @CUM: calculates the <u>cumulative</u> gain/loss in an acct across periods

- @DIF: calculates the gain/loss in an acct from period to period

- Use of Primary and Secondary calculation set

- Rename the Column's "Code for Calculation" to static, short code

User Resources

Microsoft

- Microsoft.com
  - PartnerSource
  - CustomerSource
- https://connect.microsoft.com
- http://blogs.msdn.com/b/dynamics_financial_reporting

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Up Next: **Forecaster Town Hall and Q&A**

Session starts *at 4:00pm ET/1:00pm PT*

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