MSX Group Fall Forum

FRx Q&A

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Question	Answer
How do you run your report for calendar period instead of fiscal period?	FRx will recognize your GL calendar and periods. Some users will have their GL period 1 as January so FRx will report on January. Others may have their GL Period 1 for April and FRx will report on April. Thankfully, FRx and Prospero (that you will see later today), will automatically recognize your GL fiscal periods and years.
I want to create monthly reporting P&L for the current period. Is there a column header for that or do I need to hard code each column?	Yes, there are automatic column headings you may use. Within the column header area at top of column, click the down arrow within any cell and there is an "Insert Code" button to choose from many automatic column headings. For example, the @Month column header displays the Month name (e.g. January) based on the Period in that column which is driven by the catalog report date)
In Catalog, the report date does not seem to be saved. Is the default report date coming from the accounting system, and not FRx?	Correct, the report date does not save but the Default Base period within the report date selection windows does save.
Our company had a short period (9 months) ending 12/31/15 and 2016 is a full calendar year. I want one column to show the short year ending balance, and 2016 column to show YTD for the base period. How do you define the year & periods in the column layouts?	You can either use BASE references for the Year and Period which are dependent on the Catalog Report data. You may also hard code in the period and year. For example, year is 2015 (or year = BASE-1 when running report for FY 2016) and period is 9 for YTD amounts.
Please show how to create monthly reported and YTD totals for the P&L and balance sheet.	The key concept for this is the column where one column will have CUR (current month balances) and another YTD (year to date balances). Usually, there will be a separate report and row for P&L vs Balance Sheet although you could have one row and one report that does both. However, balance sheet reports are usually just YTD ending amounts on most reports instead of CUR - which is the net change (a concept used for cash flow reports).
What is the use of the Specification Set selection?	A Specification Set is the master file where all rows, columns, trees and reports are stored/saved. Most FRx users will only have one specification set where they save all their report templates.
Why did the row code use a question mark "?" and the other sample showed an ampersand "&"?	When populating a new row definition using Edit | Add Rows from Chart of Accounts, you will build the row format on the "&" GL segment which by default will

	have "&" in your main or natural account GL segment for rev/exp/assets/liab/etc. The "?" in this window means do NOT build the row on this GL segment.