Management Reporter Question & Answer

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Question	Answer
Can you show me again how you added a column to a graph?	Within the Report Viewer (not the Web Viewer) you can use the right mouse click to either "Select a Row" or "Select a Column" of data to add to the graph.
Do the managers that open reports in Internet Explorer need to be Management Reporter users?	Users do NOT have to a GL license (GP/AX/SL) nor do they need to have the GP/AX/SL client installed. They simply need to be a user defined with Management Reporter Designer security and on the network. Otherwise, this needs to be sent to Excel, XPS or printed. Also, they will be able to drill-down to Account and Transaction level simply using the Viewer.
Do users need a license DGP to use Report Viewer?	Users do NOT have to a GL license (GP/AX/SL) nor do they need to have the GP/AX/SL client installed. They simply need to be a user defined with Management Reporter Designer security and on the network. Otherwise, this needs to be sent to Excel, XPS or printed. Also, they will be able to drill-down to Account and Transaction level simply using the Viewer.
How do you create an accurate Balance Sheet when the prior year is not yet closed?	You will need two columns summed into a 3rd column: - Col A: Prior Year YTD (Year=BASE-1, Period=12, YTD) - Col B: This year's transactions (Year=Base, Period=1:BASE, PERIODIC for monthly activity for all months this year - Col C=CALC of A+B
Can the entire column be shaded and not just the header?	When you apply formatting to the header section, it will only apply to the header for that column. If you apply formatting to the Column Type field (Ex: FD), it will apply the formatting to the column data rows.
On the split-column Balance Sheet, is there a way to get Total Assets and Total Liabilities to line up side-by-side?	Not easily: you must always show rows with no amounts (on the Report Definition settings tab) and add extra blank lines in the Row Definition.
On the Cash Flow Statement: Is it possible to pull out information by transaction? For example, for a loan account, is it possible to get the amount of	It may be possible using the Attribute filters but maybe not depending on the co-mingling of account balances and transaction attributes setup/used in your GL. You could also consider

the initial loan on one line and then the payments on another line?	using a separate GL account to post to and then linking to Excel.
Can "Viewers" drill down to see the transaction-level on reports?	Yes, Viewers can drilldown to transaction- level reports.
What is the best way to get reports into the specific folder you want?	A few options to start: 1.) Create a report group of multiple reports and output/generate to certain folder 2.) Use the “Move” option in Report Library
How do you run reports to pull data across Base years (i.e. Nov and Dec along with Data from Jan and Feb)?	You must have two columns: - Col A for last year - Col B for this year And, perhaps, you will want a “No Print” and a Calculation Col C to sum as a single column.
If you set up a default format for headers, does it save it to a specific Report Definition or to all Report Definitions?	Header formatting for a Report Definition is unique to that one report. There is not a way to define default report options (although you can set that in MSX Prospero which we will show tomorrow). In Management Reporter, you can take one Report Definition you’ve formatted (like headers, rounding, not display rows with no amounts, margins, portrait/landscape, etc.) and do a File | Save As to create additional reports.
Is there a way so you don't have to change the Budget file every year?	Unfortunately, no: You must create a new column once a year (File | Saves As and change the Budget book code). This is a GL design limitation based on the General Ledger which most require different budget names/IDs.
What does the Colum F Financial Dimension Link require? When we tried to move Departments in our report, all the column F appeared with a red dot and wouldn't work.	I believe you are referring to the Reporting Tree Definition Column F (Financial Dimension Link). I’d recommend double-clicking that cell to open a pop-up window where you may select certain values, or ranges or wildcards or combinations of all, to define the GL segments (like Department) you want. May need more info or screen captures, you may email info@msxgroup.com
What if you want two units combined as a total in the tree?	You can add a summary level to your tree and move other reporting units under that new summary unit.
When I generate a report, it goes directly to the Web Viewer. How do I get it to go to Report Viewer?	In Management Reporter Designer, go to Tools | Options. Turn on "Use Management Reporter Viewer" to open the Management Reporter Client viewer after generating (with this setting OFF reports will open in the Web Viewer). Note: when generating Report Groups they will always open in the Web Viewer regardless of the option

	setting (though these reports in a report group are also seen in the Report Library as individual reports)
Where would these Financial Dimensions come from?	Not sure the full context of the question in case there are any follow up questions. The FD (Financial Dimension Link, seen in row, column, and tree) is automatically integrated with your General Ledger segments (IDS and descriptions) so no manual configuration is needed (simply install Management Reporter and point to your GL databases during the install).
Why are there no folders in Management Reporter? They're great for organization and I don't want a hundred reports listed without any grouping.	I agree. Hopefully additional options will be available as the product suite is updated.
Why is there a red dot was under Financial Dimension link?	We don't know exactly why it does it, but we speculate that it might be picking up a space or other invisible character somewhere. What I've done to get past the error is to copy a cell value from the same column, but a different row where the problem doesn't exist. Next. paste the copied (blank cell) over the cell(s) containing the error. Send us an email to info@msxgroup.com if you are still having the problem and we can see if we can help you get it figured out.
When reporting multiple companies by row, would you need to enter a linked Financial Dimension for each row if they are using the same dimension?	Yes.
When you are running a Report Group is it best to have a tree attached to it?	Reporting trees are very useful to take a single report to be able to view, analyze and secure that one report down to the units/segments you have in the tree (i.e. your company, location, and department.)
Can you elaborate on what inherited permissions are?	Permissions are assigned to a Security Group. As users are added to the group, they "inherit" the group permissions.
Can you use a tree (based on a NATURAL segment) on the column definition and use another tree (based on Department) on the row definition?	Unfortunately, no: Only one tree can be used per report. If you are using the reporting unit filters in the row or column, they must all be from the same tree and that same tree needs to be associated with the report in the Report Definition.
Can you use XCR to reverse the signage of revenue in the column?	No. If you need to switch the sign of a column, you will need to hide the original column (Ex: col C) and add a calculated column (col D) which has the formula C*-1.

could the balance be -0- in the account you're looking for? The if statement shows >0 and <0, but not =0	The purpose of the If/Then statement is to determine whether the balance is positive or negative to determine if it belongs in the "Due To" or "Due From" section of the report. Zero is the default balance.
How do I make the format color specified in my column definition be the main color of the report? I find that when I format total lines in the row definition, that specific row color overrides the column color.	Yes, the row definition formatting overrides column formatting. If you want to format a column with a specified font, you need to apply that font to the Column Type field/cell (e.g. FD, CALC, etc.)
How do you get the color boxes in the landing page in the Web Viewer?	This is a Report Group (the green colored boxes) seen in the Web Viewer (not the Management Reporter client viewer) after generating the Report Group in the Report Designer.
How do I switch off the description of the dimension name in the LINK to Financial Dimensions and show only the number?	In the Dimension Filter field (seen in Row, Column, and Tree) there is NOT a way to turn of the dimension names (e.g. +Account[4100] or +Department[100]). These are only seen by Designers/Admins when creating/editing reports and cannot be viewed by Viewers.
I haven't used Totaling Accounts before. Can you discuss this?	Totaling Accounts are only for the Dynamics AX interface but are like Account Categories for Dynamics GP. Both are ONLY on the Account segment/dimension. These two items are defined 1st in your GL and can be read afterwards in Management Reporter. As an added option, you can create and use Dimension Value Sets in Management Reporter on ANY segment/dimension (found in any row, column, or tree under Edit | Dimension Value Sets)
I would like to add a statistical column to my Income Statement. How would I do this?	Three techniques come to mind which will vary and be unique to your GL setup, version, and company: 1.) In your GL, have a specific statistical bucket/book code (like Actual, Budget, STAT or Actual_Quantity) so that you can use a Financial Dimension column and STAT or quantity as setup in your GL. 2.) Use the Account segment to post to statistical/unit accounts. (For example, use any account beginning with "9" as statistical accounts for headcounts, units sold, etc.). 3.) Link Management Reporter to Excel.

In the column format, when you use P=B, it doesn't use that column in the calculation if it is not the current month. Is there a condition that will print if it is the current month, always using the calculation?	Yes. When a calculated column specifically identifies a column ID in the formula, it will always include that column. For example, the formula (B:F) will sum the values of any visible columns in the range. Columns suppressed by conditional formatting (P<B, etc.) or columns identified as non-printing (NP) will not be included. If you wanted the calculation to include these columns regardless of whether they are visible or not, the correct formula would be (B+C+D+F).
We usually have many versions of our reports which are saved in the Management Reporter viewer folders. I usually delete them manually through the Management Reporter viewer interface. Is there a quicker way to delete all those reports (except for the latest version in a specific folder)?	Deleting old report versions manually in the Report Viewer client (not Web Viewer) is the best way to get rid of old report versions.
When viewing a report in the Web Viewer, if I choose to download the report to the Report Viewer, I receive an error and it does not switch to the Report Viewer. How do I correct that error?	You must have the Management Reporter Viewer client program installed on the computer/server you are accessing the Web Viewer from. I would check that first otherwise it may be some environmental setup items to confirm with your IT.
Where can I use Dimension Value Sets?	You can use Dimensions Value Sets in any row, column, or tree. For example, I may create a Dim Value Set on the department segment of all the Sales Departments (Dept = 100, 130, 410 to 450, etc). Then, I can to show Expenses for the Sales Dept on one row and Marketing Expenses on another row OR in column show Sales and Marketing Departments side-by-side OR in a similar tree.
Does the Publish button in the Web Viewer allow other users to see the report?	In the Web Viewer, the Refresh button will re-generate the report currently being viewed. The Publish button will write the updated report to a new version of the report. Note: to utilize the Refresh and Publish features in the Web Viewer, uses must have rights to generate reports in Management Reporter.
For an Income Statement, I want to show the sales amount in one column and a stat value in a column next to it. How would I do this?	Three techniques come to mind which will vary and be unique to your GL setup, version, and company: 1.) In your GL, have a specific statistical bucket/book code (like Actual, Budget, STAT or

	Actual_Quantity) so that you can use a Financial Dimension column and STAT or quantity as setup in your GL. 2.) Use the Account segment to post to statistical/unit accounts. (For example, use any account beginning with "9" as statistical accounts for headcounts, units sold, etc.). 3.) Link Management Reporter to Excel.
Is there any way for an end user to know if all journal entries are in the Data Mart when running a report? We do make a habit of refreshing cached financial data.	The Management Reporter Data Mart is automatically refreshed with GL data every 45 seconds. We recommend adding check rows to every row definition to make sure you have not missed or duplicated accounts.
Can I do a calculated value column.	Yes. The column type is CALC. Use letter IDs in your formula to reference specific columns (i.e. A+B/C).
Can you do the Missing Account Analysis on individual reports? It takes a long time to run.	Unfortunately, the Missing Account Analysis will always check all building blocks when they are opened. The more building blocks you have, the longer it will take to generate.
Is it possible to bring in accounts from multi companies when using Edit>Insert rows from Dimensions in the Row definition?	Yes. However, you will first need to change your default company in the Report Designer. This can be done by selecting Company>Companies in the menu and selecting the company you wish to work with. Any lookups you utilize in the system will only interact with the current default company.
What is the latest version of Management Reporter?	The latest version is Management Reporter 2012 CU16. Here are two related web links: https://blogs.msdn.microsoft.com/dynamics_financial_reporting/ https://blogs.msdn.microsoft.com/dynamics_financial_reporting/2014/03/25/management-reporter-feature-and-version-number-summary/
How would we be able to tell what the update interval is for the Data Mart?	Beat has a nice posting to share on the subject: https://dyngpbeat.wordpress.com/2014/12/09/the-dreadful-1-minute-refresh-cycle-of-mr2012-datamart/
Can you use a separate row (not combined to an account) on its own for the rounding adjustment	Yes, you can use a separate row for the rounding adjustment. The rounding adjustment row MUST have a link value present even though you can put in a dummy account that does NOT exist in your GL (i.e. a dummy account # XXXX, 9999, or ABCD)

I use XO in the Column Definition to suppress the col if all zero or blank, this works when it is a numeric value. but it does not work when I have a zero % variance. How could I work around this?	The XO print control in the column definition will suppress the column if ALL zero values in that column. It may be that some rows in your report might not be all zero (i.e. hidden, no-print rows, or decimal display of small numbers/percents).
Will the row modifier [/BB] also work on a BUDGET column as opposed to a FINANCIAL column?	Yes.