MSX Group 2015 Spring User Forums

Q&A Session for Microsoft FRx

Questions	Answers
How do I add a new GL account to the row structure after the row and report are saved?	There are a couple of options for you: First, you can use either account ranges (e.g. 4000 TO 4050) or wildcards (4???) for a detail report (one line per one account). Or, you can insert a new row with the account. Later in the session, we'll provide examples of the check rows and missing/duplicate account warnings which FRx provides.
Is FRx an add-on to Microsoft AX?	FRx is the legacy reporting tool for Dynamics AX, GP, SL and NAV. All of these (except NAV) still support existing customers who use FRx. However, new Dynamics customers are limited to using Management Reported, a replacement application to FRx. Non-Dynamics FRx customers do not have the option to upgrade to MR.
What are differences between Management Reporter and the MSX Group's new financial reporting offering, Prospero?	We would like to summarize this by stating the following: Management Reporter is only available for those on the Microsoft Dynamics ERP accounting systems (GP, AX, SL, NAV). Any other user-bases have the option to migrate to the MSX Group's new product offering, Prospero. For more information, contact us at Prospero@msxgroup.com.
What does the "+" in front of 4500 indicate in the current FRx example you are showing?	The "+" is automatically shown when an account is assigned to a row. It indicates that the balance of the account is to be added to the row. A "-" will appear if the balance is being subtracted. This is not as common.

Where is column A in the column layouts coming from (in the current FRx example you are showing)?	I believe this question was referring to the tree, where there was a hidden Column A that was contributing to the rollup structure of the report. We'll demonstrate this further in the FRx Intermediate Sessions 1 and 2 where we'll demonstrate restricting columns or rows as elements of the tree.
How do you know if you are missing a GL account? For instance, if a new GL added an account but it was not imported into the FRx Reports?	As part of this review, we'll look at examples of FRx's check rows and missing/duplicate account warnings to validate and reconcile reports quickly.
Management Reporter doesn't seem as user friendly as FRx. How much does it cost and how hard is it to implement?	There is a seamless transition to MR and no cost for software updates if you're on an annual support plan. MR takes a couple of days for install and to perform report migration, make updates as necessary to some reports, and train on the new features & functionality.
Where can we get information on the "check row" feature to check where a row is not printing?	As this information is rather lengthy, please refer to the Spring Forum's FRx Session recording which are posted to our website.
How would you suggest dealing with eliminations for inter-company transactions?	Over 17 years working with companies with FRx, Forecaster, Management Reporter and Prospero, there are a few common elimination strategies: First, use a separate elimination GL company. Second, use certain GL accounts or departments. And lastly, set up a link to Excel. Please note that eliminations and Intercompany transactions are advanced topics that are best described on an individual basis and the best approach used will vary widely based on your specific circumstances. Please contact Support@msxgroup.com for more customized guidance.

If “?” is a wildcard operator, what are “&” and “#” used for?	When building a row (Edit | Insert Rows from Chart of Accts), you will build your row on the “&” segment(s). You don’t build the row on the “#” segment(s). When building a TREE (Edit | Insert Reporting Units), you build the tree on the + segment(s). You don’t build the tree where you replace the “+” with “?”. In the resulting tree account mask, the “&” defines which segment(s) you are providing in the row format. The “&” can also be found in the reporting tree account mask. It represents any value (usually accounts) that is defined in the row format. When using the “Add Rows” from the “Chart of Accounts” function, when you define your Row Format (Edit>Add Rows from COA), it will show “&” to represent which segment(s) will be added. In the same place, the “#” represents any segment(s) that will not be added. The “?” represents a wildcard wherever it’s used within FRx.
What if you don't know which GL account is missing?	Your exception report will indicate which account(s) are missing or duplicated. In the example in this session, the example did not have any missing accounts, so none were listed.
Where can we find the "rules" for writing formulas as well as for FRx formats?	There is a very good online Help system within FRx that you can use. We also offer detailed, hands-on training FRx classes here at the MSX Group. For online Help: In the FRx Designer, go to Help | Contents and search by topic. Additionally, Help is context-sensitive, which will retrieve related topics from the screen you’re on. (Select F1 for this assistance.)

	Lastly, for specific suggestions on calculation rules and syntax, see the "Adding Calculations" section in online Help.