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Session 2: 12:15-1:15 Beginner Training Session 1

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 Training Session 2

Session starts at 1:30pm ET/10:30am PT



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This session presented by Derek Krebs

Forecaster Intermediate Training 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



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Common and Uncommon Input Screen Designs

Common Input Screen Design

1. Line Set: Accounts segment (revenue, expenses, balance sheet)
2. Column: Periods with months (or quarters or years or any time frame)
3. Prompt: Enter data to true GL Department/Company/Division

UNcommon Input Screen Design

1. Line Set: “Accounts” that represent Customers, Products, Locations, Etc.
2. Column: Beginning Balance column, columns with Accounts/Statistics or Department/Company/Division
3. Prompt: Use dummy Depts/Companies/Divs that do NOT exist in GL



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Leveraging Forecaster Rollups

Take advantage of the Rollups in Forecaster for:

- Reports
- Calculations
- Security
- Tasks: Allocations, Currency Translation, Calculation
- Adjustments for What-If Scenarios



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Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Notes

Design notes for Balance Sheet & Cash Flow:

- Income statement input and calcs for many 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



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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 cumulative 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



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