


Adaptive Planning 2013.1 Release Notes

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Adaptive Planning 2013.1 Release

The Adaptive Planning 2013.1 Release debuted on March 22, 2013. It offers a wide variety of new content:

- An entirely new product, Adaptive Consolidation
- Enhancements to Adaptive Discovery
- Enhanced multiple currency support
- Changes to the user interface
- Enhanced version management
- Allocation Manager
- Erase actuals functionality
- Export of user permissions

For details on each of these, see below.

Unless otherwise noted, all features are available for both Adaptive Planning and Adaptive Consolidation instances.

Adaptive Consolidation

The new Adaptive Consolidation application is a complete solution for financial consolidation, reporting, and analysis. When purchased, it can be seamlessly integrated with an Adaptive Planning instance or implemented on its own. Adaptive Consolidation provides companies and nonprofits of all sizes with a solution rich in functionality, with simple and intuitive rule definition. Based on these rules, allocations are performed, intercompany eliminations generated, and consolidations finalized, all live – no batch jobs need to be run or processes submitted. Users can drill down into values to explore details of intercompany eliminations, details of minority interest calculations, and breakdown of consolidated figures.

Adaptive Consolidation enables companies that purchase it to:

- Achieve faster, more accurate, and more transparent close and reporting cycles
- Improve visibility, auditing, and control during financial consolidations
- Easily define elimination and allocation rules with a user-friendly interface, built specifically for finance and accounting
- Enhance flexibility with date-effective rules for elimination and allocation
- Perform what-if scenario planning with version-specific rules and ownership percentages
- Comply with IFRS and GAAP requirements to report ownership changes when and as they occur
- Provide a clear and accurate view of financial results
- Accelerate reporting cycles to internal and external stakeholders

For details on this product, see the [Adaptive Consolidation Guide](#).

Adaptive Discovery Enhancements

Those customers who have purchased Adaptive Discovery will find it has been enhanced with:

- A new, more powerful Data Settings editor, which makes creating dials to compare versions much easier.
- A new Table Settings editor, which grants far more detailed and granular control over the appearance and functionality of table dials.
- The ability to create dials, ribbons, and dashboards in a folder without requiring navigation to that folder first.

For more information on these new features, see the Visual Designer chapter of the [Adaptive Discovery](#) guide.

Enhanced Multiple Currency Support

The multiple currencies module gains a number of new capabilities, including:

- Multiple exchange rate types for each currency: in addition to end-of-month and average exchange rates, administrators can create new types of their own.
- Automatic cumulative translation adjustment calculation: this ensures that a single-currency balance sheet remains in balance when some of its component accounts have been converted to the reporting currency using different exchange rate types.
- Choice of exchange rate calculation by division or multiplication: specify whether exchange rates convert between currencies using a divide or multiply function.

For details on these new features, see the [Administrators Guide](#) chapter on account management.

Changes to the User Interface

Import and **Export** have been moved from tabs to within the new **Integration** link in the upper right corner of every page in the application. This link opens a set of tabs including Import, Export, and any integrations set up for your instance (e.g., NetSuite, single sign-on from Salesforce).

For more on what is included in the Integration area, see the [Administrators Guide](#)'s chapter on Integration.

The **Planning** link has been renamed **Home**.

Enhanced Version Management

This release includes a number of new features for managing your versions. If your company has many versions, this will be of particular benefit. The new features include the ability to organize versions into folders, to reorder how versions appear in the Version Selector, to lock months as well as whole versions, a redesigned Version Selector, and (for Consolidation customers only) the ability to partition the actuals version.

See below for a quick overview of these new features, and see the [Administrators Guide](#) chapter on version administration for more detail.

Lock Months

The Lock Months feature enables you to prevent further edits or imports to specific months in a version. Lock months from the start of the year through a specific month or automatically lock through the most recent completed month (as set with the **Completed values through** administrative setting).

Version Folders

You can now organize your versions into folders, much the way you might organize files into folders on your computer. Create folders and use drag-and-drop to move versions into them (or out of them, or between them!).

These folders and all versions can be reordered within the version list to determine the order in which they appear in the Version Selector.

Redesigned Version Selector

The new Version Selector has a search box at the top like the Account Selector does, so if there are a great many versions or if a user isn't sure which folder the version is in, they can start typing its name and the selector will list versions which match what has been typed.

Partition Actuals (Consolidation Only)

Customers with Adaptive Consolidation can now create sub-versions of the actuals version. This feature makes it easy to separate out accounts or values from various sources and track what data is coming from what sources. These sub-versions behave similarly to sub-accounts in the account tree. This feature makes it possible, for example, to differentiate imported actuals from adjustments, eliminations, and allocations.

For more information, see the [Adaptive Consolidation Guide](#).

Allocation Manager

Allocation is the process of reassigning values (like expenses) from one account or level to another. Our product uses a rule-based system to accomplish this. The new Allocation Rules Editor enables creating and editing rules in only a few steps on two screens.

The Allocation Manager has a user-friendly interface that facilitates balanced creation of allocations based on source account(s), target account(s) and an allocation method (e.g., Square Feet, Number of Employees, Percent Ownership, etc.). Using this new functionality, administrators will be able to:

- Easily define allocations with rules, instead of writing formulas
- Improve data accuracy with balanced allocations and automatic avoidance of circular references
- Review, edit, delete, and add allocation rules in one place
- Enhance flexibility with ability to modify allocation rules over time
- Expand reporting choices with ability to include allocations or not

For details on this powerful feature, see the [Administrators Guide](#) chapter on allocation.

Erase Actuals Functionality

One of the options available in the new Integration area is Erase Actuals. This powerful feature enables administrators to erase some or all of the data in the system's actuals version(s). This would typically be used to easily erase existing actuals before re-importing.

For more on this new feature, see the [Administrators Guide](#)'s chapter on integration.

Export User Permissions

It is now possible to export spreadsheets detailing:

- Which permissions are assigned to each user from the Edit Users page.
- The permissions for all roles in your instance from the Create and Assign Roles page.
- The level access permissions for each user from the Manage Organization Structure page.
- All version access permissions assigned to each user from the Manage Versions page.

