



General Ledger Advisor

General Ledger Advisor is a revenue and expense analysis and reporting application. It enables users to quickly access the data necessary to control costs, improve cash flows and increase productivity. Executives, department heads, and budgeting and planning analysts all benefit from the use of General Ledger Advisor.

The Challenge

As organizations become leaner and bottom-line pressures increase, finance executives are finding it important to provide operating managers timely access to information. With this access to information, individuals are better able to manage expenses and revenues in a more self-sufficient, secure, and cost-effective way. The challenge is finding a way to provide that access.

The method of access is important too. To remain agile and competitive, organizations cannot afford to wait for paper reports or unsecure Excel® spreadsheets. These methods compromise data integrity by resorting to spreadsheet manipulations. Ideally, companies should lower their dependence on IT for data extracts and report requests. These general ledger systems are time-consuming. They lack the tools such as built-in analytics, reporting, and integration with budgets and forecasts — tools that foster agile and competitive measures.

The Solution: General Ledger Advisor

General Ledger Advisor combines an intuitive dashboard-based interface with powerful ad hoc analysis and reporting capabilities. This enables users to discover the answers to their own questions without involving IT. Users can:

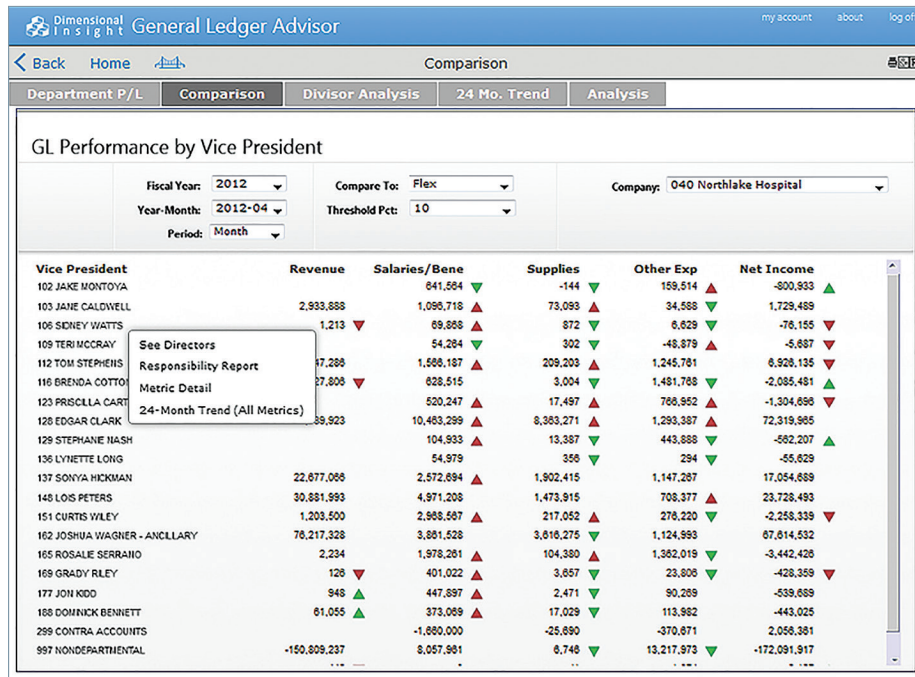
- investigate performance trends
- analyze expense and revenue data
- gain easy access to detail data

All of this takes place within a user-friendly application designed specifically for financial analysis, reporting, and independence from IT.

Detailed performance metrics and key comparisons, such as Actual vs. Budget and Current Period vs. Year Ago, are readily available in customizable report and graphical formats designed to aid in their interpretation. General Ledger Advisor provides rapid, secure, role-based access to performance data and powerful-drill down to the underlying detail.

With General Ledger Advisor, managers and department heads throughout the organization gain timely insights into the details behind revenue and expenses, enabling them to increase their productivity and more effectively manage expenses to improve the company's bottom line.

Clear Visibility & Confidence in Financial Data Shared Across the Organization



Data Visualization

Dashboard views provide the ability to see the information behind general ledger entries.

Self-Service Analytics

Answer your own questions with self-service analytics.

Governed Data Discovery

General Ledger Advisor delivers information that is managed and secured by your governing department — whether it be IT or some other group of individuals.

Combining Budget, Forecast, & GL Data

An organization's profitability can be ascertained through a combination of factors:

- performance against budget
- comparisons across the organization
- budget information
- forecast feeds
- invoice details

To remain competitive, all of this information should be made available to managers in a timely fashion.

At many organizations, this data is drawn from disparate sources. Then, it is combined in spreadsheets and distributed throughout the organization. It is a time-consuming process prone to errors and inconsistencies. The process leads to a lack of visibility caused by incomplete data.

Ultimately, the manual spreadsheet integration process erodes confidence in the resulting conclusions and leads to missed opportunities to generate new revenues or control costs.

How to Avoid the Erosion of Confidence in Data

An improved integration process can be achieved with General Ledger Advisor. It automates integration of the general ledger with budget and forecasting systems and provides the ability to analyze revenues and expenses at all levels. You can even dive into data detail as needed. Fully automated integration gives General Ledger Advisor users a complete, reliable view of actual and relative performance. This visibility improves productivity and instills confidence in data shared across the organization.

About Dimensional Insight

Dimensional Insight is a leading provider of integrated business intelligence and performance management solutions. Our mission is to make organizational data accessible and usable so everyone from analysts to line of business users can get the information they need to make informed, data-driven decisions.



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