Oracle Financials Cloud

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Oracle® Financials Cloud offers a broad suite of modules and capabilities designed to empower modern finance and deliver customer success with streamlined processes, increased productivity and improved business decisions. Oracle Financials Cloud is a complete, modern suite delivering continuous innovation in key technologies such as mobile, social and analytics deployed in the cloud to achieve more, faster, and with less resources.

Modern, Intuitive User Experience

Users have access to many sources of information in the enterprise. Oracle Financials Cloud harnesses this information coming from different sources (BI, social, transactions, etc) and delivers it in an efficient, timely and engaging way.

KEY BUSINESS BENEFITS

- Gain real-time access to live financial data
- Comply with global accounting standards and multiple legislative, industry or geographic requirements
- Proactively resolve issues to expedite automated processing
- Improve decision-making and increase accuracy during transaction entry
- Control costs and increase visibility into spending
- Improve cash inflows and manage cash positions
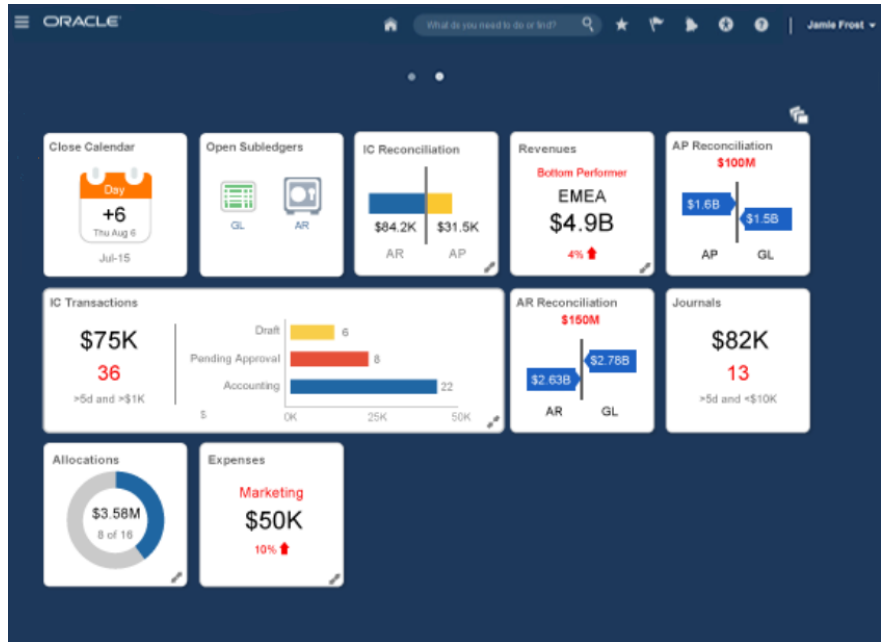- Reduce transaction processing costs and data entry errors

Figure 1. General Accounting Infolets

Role-based dashboards use infolets to present information in consumable chunks so that it becomes simpler for users to get the most important information they need right away. Infolets display summary information for a range of KPIs based on the status of transactions and processes, so the user can glance at these for a rapid overview of key

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financial data, flip for more information, then choose to drill further for an expanded level of detail about these metrics.

Contextual infotiles are embedded into work areas to proactively monitor processes, track the status of transactions and draw attention to issues and exceptions that may require the user's response, with the relevant transactions displayed in the page so that action can be taken immediately. Single click processes such as complete, approve, release hold, and so on, make users more productive when performing simple tasks.

Instead of running queries or identifying tasks, users simply need to log into their dashboards and work areas to see what they need to do that day.

Figure 2. Invoices Work Area

Social, Mobile Financial Management Tools

Social capabilities are embedded in the business processes, allowing users to connect with each other about transactions and reports with a single click. This allows users to work collaboratively on finance processes, quickly follow up on pending items to complete actions faster, and get additional contextual information about transactions and reports for more informed decision-making.

Users always stay informed with anytime, anywhere mobile applications and reporting. Self-service reports are available on any device: both desktop web browser and tablet-optimized reporting are available with the Mobile Financial Reporting Center.

The Oracle Business Intelligence Mobile Application Designer allows you to easily drag-and-drop app components to create interactive analytical apps, based on data from Oracle Transactional Business Intelligence, that can be shared with any mobile device.

- Innovative embedded multi-dimensional reporting platform
- Simultaneous accounting of multiple reporting requirements
- Role-based dashboards that push issues and work to users
- Infolets and infotiles that present key information at a glance
- Embedded transactional intelligence that guides users' decisions
- Imaging integration for supplier invoices
- Contextual collaboration embedded into transactions and reports
- Anytime, anywhere access with tablet-optimized reporting center
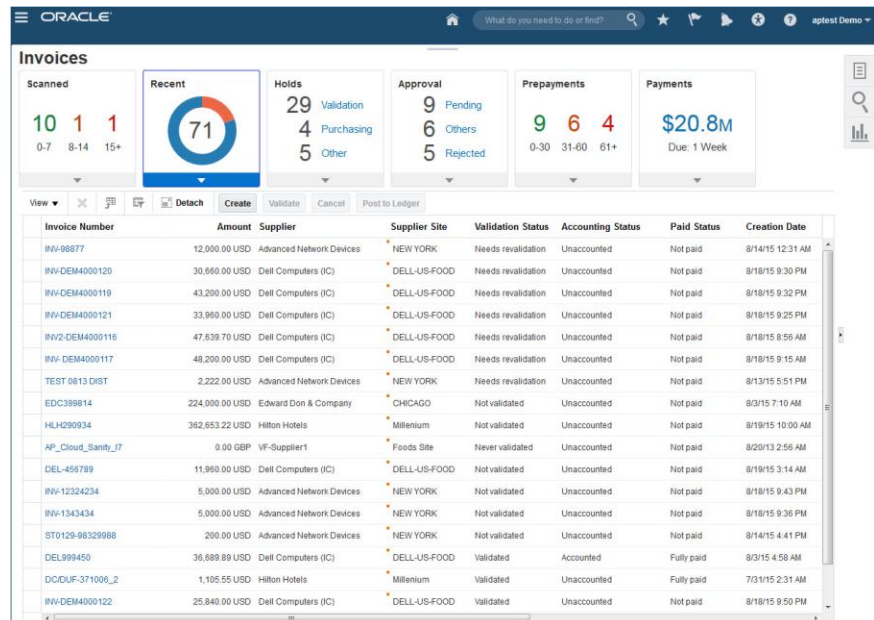- Extensive spreadsheet integration across finance functions

Broad, Complete, Integrated Suite

A Global Business Suite with Specific Local Solutions

Oracle Financials Cloud is based on a robust, global architecture that includes tax, payments and accounting engines to meet a broad range of global business needs, and enabling customers to configure these features to meet their individual country or business requirements. It includes complete internationalization support, including number, date, names, and addresses formatting and is translated into 23 languages.

The application includes scalable enterprise structures for large enterprises to model their business, supporting unlimited accounting representations and statutory reporting needs, all in a single global solution using standard preferences and setup, allowing global customers to adapt their software for a specific region or country without requiring multiple implementations of the product.

Oracle Financials Cloud also provides country specific localizations such as payment formats and tax reports to meet local business requirements.

Control over Costs and Visibility into Commitments

Budgetary Control and Encumbrance Accounting allows organizations to control spending at any budget level or time interval.

Entered transactions can display the status of budget checks and reservations online. Intuitive error messages and warnings enable users to quickly identify and resolve exceptions.

The Budget Monitor infolets allow budget managers to monitor consumption rates and review accounts that are close to over spending their budget. Dynamic drilldown enables budget managers to quickly view the transactions that contribute to the budgetary control and expenditure balances.

Robust reporting and analysis delivers continuous insight directly to business managers and decision makers. Budget managers can view budget, commitment, obligation, expenditure, and funds available balances and supporting transactions in a single view.

Simplified Integration

Oracle Financials Cloud is a complete, comprehensive, and integrated suite of applications built on open standards using a service-oriented architecture and a common financial platform. Integrations with legacy systems, third party solutions and Cloud Marketplace offerings are all available for flexible, extensible financial applications.

External Data Integration Services for Oracle Cloud create the infrastructure and services for integration with external data and systems. This integration supports Application Development Framework (ADF) Services, web services provided in Oracle Enterprise Repository, ADF Desktop Integration (ADFdi) for spreadsheet-based imports, and file-based data imports that allow you to import and validate high volumes of data from legacy or third-party applications.

Real-Time, Self-Service Reporting and Analysis

Today, companies are under increasing pressure to provide accurate and reliable information faster and more efficiently to both internal and external decision makers. Oracle Financials Cloud supports all financial reporting and analysis needs from a single system.

Single Consistent Source for all Reporting

The Financial Reporting Center provides a single location to securely distribute and access all standard and custom reports including those based on BI Publisher, Oracle Transactional Business Intelligence, Hyperion Financial Reporting, General Ledger Sunburst, and BI Mobile App Designer. Financial Reporting Center gives simple, accessible reporting and analytics based on real-time accounting information, complete with drilldowns to live transactions.

Oracle Financials Cloud uses a unique reporting platform that is built on Oracle Essbase, a multi-dimensional data model embedded within General Ledger. Summarized balances are maintained in real-time making reports, online queries and multi-dimensional analysis extremely fast. This architecture allows for pivot and drilldowns to any level as well as unlimited hierarchies for comparison and roll up. Smart View is also available to perform connected and secure multi-dimensional analysis in Excel.

Users also have access to a visualization tool that provides a graphical representation of these account balances, making it easy to analyze financial data in an intuitive way and clearly see where there are issues to help make smart business decisions.
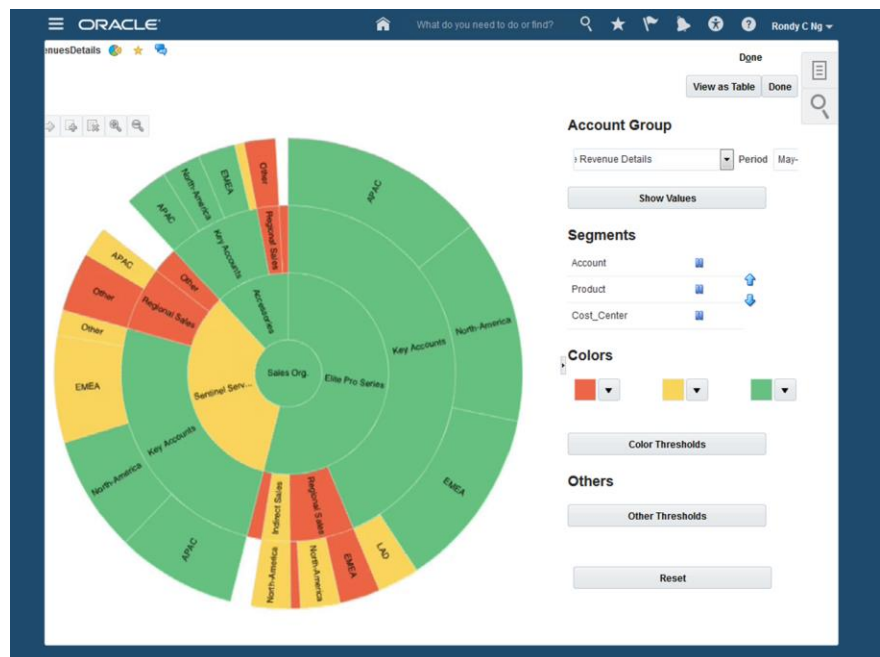

Figure 3: Sunburst Account Visualization

Self-Monitoring Accounts Alert Users to Exceptions

Researching anomalies in account balances can be cumbersome and time-consuming. When exceptions are identified, it often may be too late to take corrective actions.

Account Monitor infolets automatically monitor changes in account balances based on user-defined thresholds. Comparisons show results for the current period and a target or baseline, such as budget or results from a prior period, as well as the percentage change to assess whether the variance is favorable or unfavorable. For additional insight, users can quickly access an expanded view; to investigate the root cause of the exception, users can drill down through multiple levels of hierarchies and summarized balances to the underlying transactions.
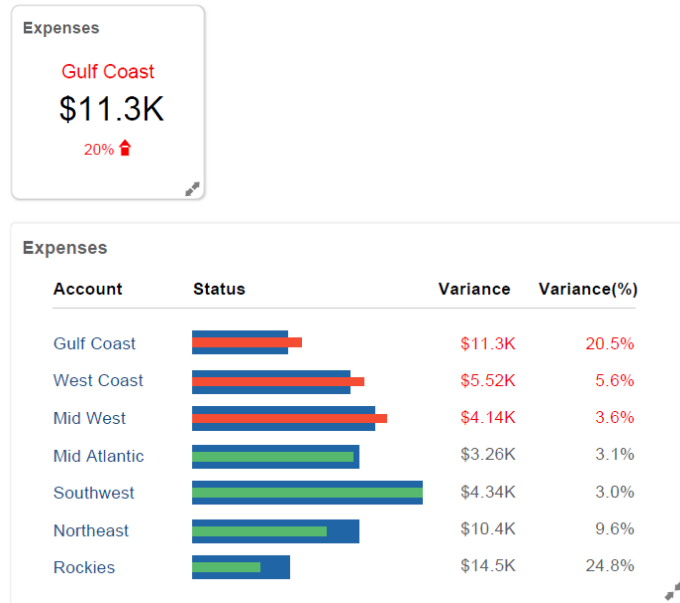
Figure 4. Expenses Infolet: Default and Expanded Views

Embedded Transactional Intelligence Guides Users' Decisions

Oracle Financials Cloud does more of the thinking automatically by providing embedded intelligence within the context of business transactions to guide users' decisions. Real time intelligence is displayed in the same window where users enter transactions so they do not have to drill down or navigate to a separate page.

Optimized Processes for Complete Control

Oracle Financials Cloud delivers continuous innovations such as mobile and social capabilities, real-time reporting, embedded analytics and modern user experience to help you find the easiest path to next generation finance quickly and cost–effectively, with less risk**.**

In parallel, Oracle Financials Cloud continues to expand the capabilities of its comprehensive suite of features and tools to support streamlined operations and optimized productivity so you can capture transactions with greater efficiency and lower costs for resource-intensive tasks without compromising controls.

Imaging Integration for Supplier Invoices

With integrated imaging and optical character recognition (OCR) capabilities, you can make invoice entry faster, reduce errors and help your company dramatically reduce invoice processing costs, eliminating the need for costly third-party solutions. Supplier invoices can be scanned with intelligent document recognition and then automatically

completed, validated, approved, and paid without any user intervention. Invoices requiring attention can be automatically routed to the appropriate finance personnel for faster completion, approval, and payment processing.

You can view the invoice image directly while creating an invoice – so it is easy to complete the task quickly and accurately. Upon saving, the invoice images are automatically linked to the invoice so you can easily view them throughout the invoice's lifecycle, such as during approval and audit.

Increase Efficiency with Shared Services Payments

Centralized payments in Payables and Receivables allow a single business unit to process supplier or customer payments for multiple business units operating in a shared services environment. Creating a service provider relationship to process a single consolidated payment rather than separate payments from every business unit reduces costs and increases operational efficiency.

Gain Control of Customer Billing and Receivables

The Billing work area streamlines daily activities in your billing department by pinpointing issues such as incomplete invoices, adjustments that require research and approval, and auto-invoice import errors. And the Accounts Receivable work area improves control over receivables operations by highlighting transactions that require attention, such as pending receipt batches, lockbox exceptions, unapplied receipts and unapplied credit memos.

Get Paid Fast and Reduce Bad Debt

Advanced Collections uses strategies based on the customer score. Strategy Management automatically identifies and applies a series of tasks to help ensure timely collections from overdue customers. These tasks can be manual or automated and can be customized to suit the business needs to improve the collection experience for both customers and collections agents, resulting in higher recovery rates of outstanding receivables.

Collections metrics such as DSO and broken promise count provide the ability to measure and view the performance of the collections organization using industry standard formulas. Using these metrics will allow organizations to better understand the health of their outstanding receivables, the efficiency of their collections organization and potential problem areas to apply more collections resources or alter collections strategies.

Improve Cash Flow and Increase Customer Satisfaction

Cash Management offers a solution for managing bank account activity and controlling cash positions. You can quickly analyze cash positions and forecast cash requirements through configurable infolet pages, work areas and reports, ensuring liquidity and optimal use of cash resources.

Figure 5: Cash Balances Work Area

Manage Assets Life Cycle

The Assets work area streamlines assets lifecycle operations and manages transaction and period close activities for asset books.

Close Your Books Faster

When you are under pressure to close your books faster and complete your financial reporting sooner, it is important to know where you are in the close process.

Oracle Financials Cloud provides a comprehensive close management process with centralized accounting and integrated subledgers, intuitive infolet dashboards, and a collaborative close process.

Using the Close Monitor in General Ledger you can immediately identify which subledgers have not closed. With a visual representation of the close process across the entire organization, including a hierarchy viewer that illustrates where the close status is dependent on the status of related subsidiaries, you have complete visibility and centralized control of the close status of subledgers, such as Projects, Payables, Receivables, Assets, and ledgers in General Ledger.

Embedded collaboration using Oracle Social Network enables real-time interaction specific to the close process for each business unit and period, allowing you to easily engage with colleagues for faster results.
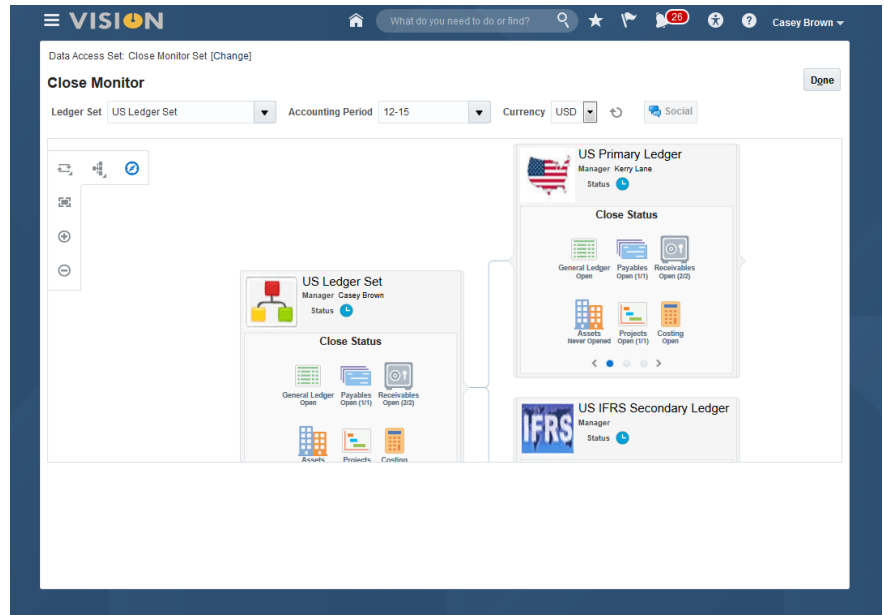
Figure 6: Close Monitor

The subledger reconciliation process is expedited with interactive reconciliation reports that compare open receivables and open payables balances to the corresponding balance in General Ledger. If differences exist, Oracle Financials Cloud automatically performs the labor-intensive process of matching each transaction to its respective accounting entry and finds all transactions and accounting entries that contribute to the out-of-balance total. Accountants can drill down directly to the transactions to investigate discrepancies.

Spreadsheet Integration

Oracle Financials Cloud delivers extensive spreadsheet integration across multiple finance functions, allowing finance users to work in a familiar environment. Spreadsheets are seamlessly integrated with the applications for high volume data entry and one-click uploads.

In addition, all reports and transactional tables can be exported to Excel for further analysis and easier viewing of large amounts of data.

Integrated Cloud Applications & Platform Services

Oracle is committed to developing practices and products that help protect the environment