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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. I have some accounts that have different calculation rules for different rule sets (aggregate sub accounts for planning/budgeting, but just take inputs from ledger for actuals). If a forecast uses just one rule set (generally a planning rule set), how do I combine actuals into it? The actuals are in accounts that aggregate sub accounts in the plan rule sets.

You would combine the actuals via setting the carry forward option on the forecast version as shown in the demo. Having different rule sets will not affect the carry forward option in that version.

2. Do cell comments and Line item details automatically move with infoflex process?

Line item details can be moved with an infoflex process. When setting up the infoflex process

Yes, line item detail can be moved within an infoflex and to the forecast version as well. Please see the attached link to our documentation that will provide exact details to enable and transfer the line item details.

http://documentation.prophix.com/p11help/en/Content/processes/process_types/infoflex_process.htm?Highlight=infoflex#enabling_supporting_details

3. Can DPM be used for Forecasting as well? Basically, personnel forecasting.

Yes, DPM can be used for forecasting as well. In order to do so, you can create a copy of your current scenario and duplicate it. With the new duplicated scenario, you can select its version to be the forecast version. You can perform sensitivity analysis on this new duplicated scenario and post it directly to the Financial Cube or to the Personnel Cube.

4. How do you lock down a version from Data Entry? Also, can this be used to prevent Process Import changes as well (prevent from accidentally Removing Data in a Process)

You can lock down a version from Data Entry by setting the version from “Active” to “Complete” in the version dimension. Or you can also prevent data entry into version by setting up user security within Security Manager for each user that you want to prevent data entry. You will

have to give the users partial access and under write access uncheck any versions you want to prevent the users from data entry.

5. If our managers use line item details will that information carry over in the infoflex and be available to update in the forecast version?

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6. When you copy the plan to a forecast version. Do the line items get copied over?

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7. Could you review how the remaining amount set up was done in info flex again?

We will be posting the webinar in a few days, you will be able to review that process in detail.

8. If interest income in the income statement is based on cash balances on the balance sheet, would I need to add balance sheet accounts to the InfoFlex account dimension?

You will need to select all accounts that you want to transfer data for if that involves balance sheet accounts that you want to forecast for, then yes you would select it.

9. Forecasting accounts need to be completed at the lowest level of account dimension. or is there a better way?

You can only forecast data in a non-leaf member if you create new rule within the version dimension. Once that is done, you can select the non-leaf member account and change account properties to the new rule set. Then change the calculation definition to input account.

10. What is the best way to "archive" your working version when InfoFlex is not an option (e.g. accounts using standard calculations)?

If infoflex is not available, then I am assuming you do not have Process Manager and Model Manager Access. In that case it will be difficult to archive within the system (i.e. infoflexing into a separate version). Another way could be just to save PDF copies of the forecast, but this is an offline method. I would suggest having the admin or the advanced user to archive the data via the infoflex.

11. In the Infoflex processes, I missed how you make sure you just move the data for the last 9 months of the year. Can you show that again? **We will be posting the webinar in a few days, you will be able to review that process in detail.**

12. Do you have suggestions on how to do a 5 year forecast when you only have a budget for 1 year?

In the past, we have seen clients copy the one year of budget data and copying that into their 3-5 year forecast with a few percentage increase or decrease for each year. Also note that the active forecast version you are using should have the time expanded to the 5 years you are desiring to forecast. For example: once in the version dimension set your Ending time period to end in the year you want to end the forecasting period.

13. How do you get forecast data into non-leaf members? Do you have to enter data in at leaf level only? For instance, if I want NI for ALL BRANCHES, do I have to enter NI at each branch level?

You can only forecast data in a non-leaf member if you create new rule with the version dimension. Once that is done, you can select the non-leaf member account and change account properties to the new rule set. Then change the calculation definition to input account.

14. Do the line item details get copied over to the forecast?

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15. When should the Remove Data be included before an infoflex process?

Generally you would not setup a remove process before an infoflex since the data you will write will overwrite any existing data. But if you wanted to remove any data from your target data prior to running any infoflex you can do so to ensure that there is no existing data in the target members prior to running an infoflex.

16. Can we also do a "run rate" to calculate the average Jan - Mar and populate Apr - Dec with this average?

Yes, once in the infoflex process under Data Transformation you will see different options to aggregate the source data, and one of the ways is to take the average.

17. Infoflex Time-by using "current year months" name set, that will include all months, even those that already have actuals populated. The Actuals will never overwritten-correct?

Correct, the actuals will not get overwritten since the actuals data you are seeing in the forecast versions is never written into the forecast version it only displays the data within the application and no data is written to the fact table.