

GL020: Journal Entry Processing



Course Overview

Course Name	Journal Entry Processing
Course Duration	2.5 hours
Course Description	This course covers the journal entry process in the Financial Management System. Participants will learn how to create standard manual journals and cash journals. The course will explain the approval process for journals.
Target Audience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RU General Ledger User
Prerequisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GL010: General Navigation in the Financial Management System (Oracle Cloud)

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Course Objectives

Upon completing this course, you will be able to:

- Describe the major steps in the journal entry process in the Financial Management System
- Enter a standard manual journal via forms
- Enter a standard manual journal via spreadsheet upload
- Add attachments to journals
- Describe the key differences between cash journals and other standard manual journals
- Describe the approval and posting process for manual journals
- Submit journals for approval
- Find and review journal entries
- Drill down from subledger journal entries to subledger transactions

Key Terms

Key Terms	Definition
Chart of Accounts (COA)	<p>The chart of accounts is a listing of all accounts used in the general ledger (GL) of an organization. The chart is used by the accounting software to aggregate information into an entity's financial statements.</p> <p>At Rutgers, the COA has been redesigned to facilitate financial reporting across the institution while providing flexibility at the department level.</p>
Subledger	<p>The subledger provides details behind entries in the general ledger used in accounting.</p>



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LESSON 1: JOURNAL ENTRY OVERVIEW

Lesson Objectives



Upon completing this lesson, you will be able to:

- Identify journal sources in the Financial Management System
- Identify journal categories and explain how they correspond to journal sources

Journal Source

Subledger and Manual Journals

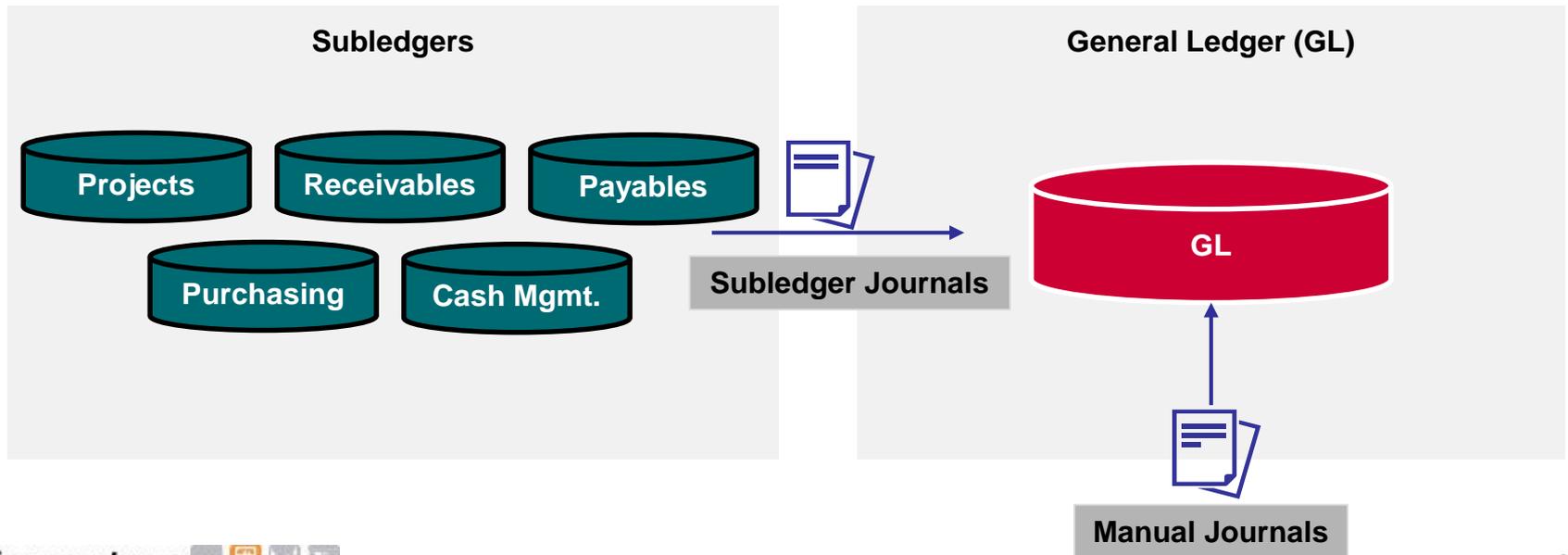
Journals can originate in subledgers or be entered directly into the general ledger (GL).

Subledger Journals

Subledger journals are created automatically for transactions that originate in subledgers and are transferred to the GL throughout the month.

Manual Journals

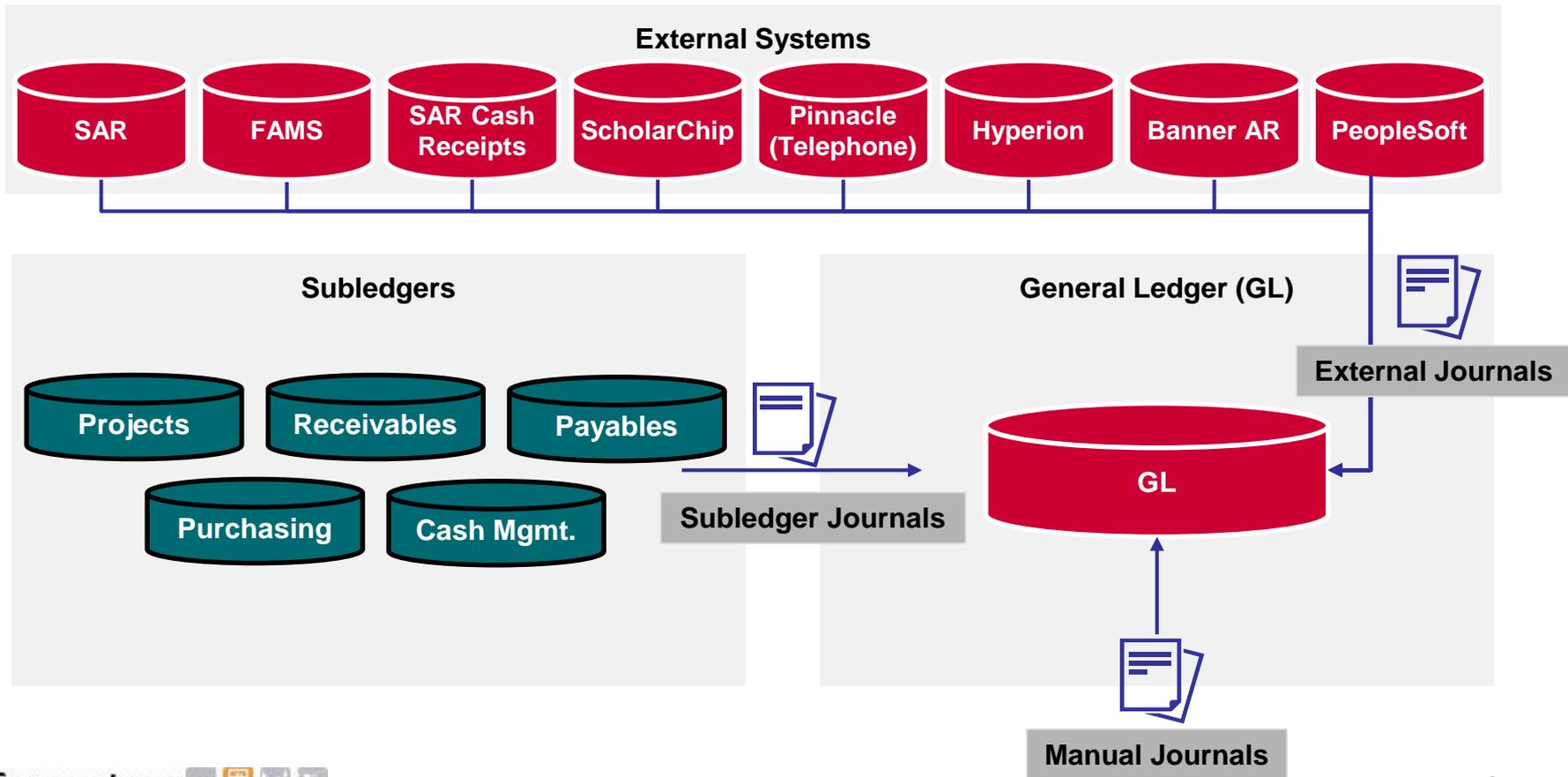
Manual journals are entered directly into the GL either through the Journal Entry form or through spreadsheet upload.



Journal Source

External Journals

In addition to subledger and manual journals, a number of journals are interfaced from external systems into the GL in the Financial Management System.



Journal Source Names

Subledger and Manual Journals

Journals originating in the Financial Management System subledgers are created automatically by the system to record the financial impact of the transaction.

You can use the journal source name as a way to search for journals in the Financial Management System. Common journal source names are listed in the table below.

Journal Source		Journal Source Name
Manual	Manual entry via forms	Manual
	Manual entry via spreadsheet	Spreadsheet
Subledger	Projects	Projects
	Accounts Receivable	Receivables
	Cash Management	Cash Management
	Accounts Payable	Payables
	Purchasing	Purchasing

Journal Source Names

External Journals

Note that the journal source name for journals originating in external systems begins with **RU**. Common journal source names for external journals are listed in the table below.

Journal Source		Journal Source Name
External Systems	Student Accounting (SAR)	RU SAR
	Financial Aid Mgmt. System (FAMS)	RU FAMS
	SAR Cash Receipts	RU SAR Cash Receipts
	ScholarChip	RU SCHIP
	Pinnacle	RU Telephone
	Hyperion Planning	RU Budget
	Banner	RU Banner AR
	PeopleSoft	RU Payroll

Journal Categories

Journal categories are used in the Financial Management System to identify different types of journals. These categories differ by journal source, as depicted below.

Source	Category
 <p>Subledger</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subledger journals use a category that corresponds to the subledger. For example, the category for the Projects subledger is “Projects”.
 <p>Manual</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are various categories that are available for manual journals. However, <u>only the following</u> should be selected: RU Actuals, RU Cash Receipts, RU Manual Accrual/Deferral, or RU Manual Encumbrance.
 <p>External</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External system journals use a category that corresponds to the nature of the journal. Some examples include: RU Salary, RU Accrual, RU Encumbrance, RU Fringe, and RU Reallocations.



Knowledge Check

Select all that apply.

Which of the following are journal sources in the Financial Management System.

- A. Subledger
- B. Manual Entry
- C. External System
- D. Vendor Receipts



Knowledge Check

Select the correct answer.

Which of the following journal categories should not be used for manual journals?

- A. RU Actuals
- B. RU Cash Receipts
- C. RU Salary
- D. RU Manual Accrual/Deferral
- E. RU Manual Encumbrance



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LESSON 2: STANDARD MANUAL JOURNALS

Lesson Objectives



Upon completing this lesson, you will be able to:

- Describe the high-level process steps of entering a standard manual journal
- Differentiate between journal batches, headers, and lines
- Select the appropriate journal categories for standard manual journals
- Add attachments to journals
- Search for COA segment values by description
- Select valid code combinations for journal lines
- Identify errors when selecting invalid code combinations
- Enter a standard manual journal via forms
- Enter a standard manual journal via a spreadsheet upload

Manual Journal Overview

A manual journal is entered directly into the GL and is not based on the transactions from subledgers or external systems. The most common type of manual journal is the standard manual journal:

Standard Journals

This type of journal is used for most common journal entries to record expenses, accruals, and adjustments.

Standard Manual Journal Categories

The following four journal categories are used for standard manual journals in the Financial Management System.

-  **RU Actuals:** Used to enter Manual Actuals journals
-  **RU Cash Receipts:** Used to record Miscellaneous receipts (non student AR or Grant AR)
-  **RU Manual Accrual/Deferral:** Used to enter Manual Accrual/Deferral journals
-  **RU Manual Encumbrance:** Used to create Manual Encumbrance journals

Methods for Creating Standard Journals

There are two ways in which standard journals can be created in the Financial Management System.

Forms

Journals can be entered directly into the GL via the Create Journal form.

Spreadsheet

Journals can be entered in a spreadsheet template and uploaded into the GL.

Enter Journals via Forms

The screenshot shows the Oracle Financials 'Create Journal' form. Three red boxes highlight the 'Journal Batch', 'Journal', and 'Journal Lines' sections. Three callout boxes on the right provide instructions for each section.

Journal Batch Section: Includes fields for Journal Batch, Description, Accounting Period (JUN-ADJ-16), Balance Type (Actual), and Attachments (None).

Journal Section: Includes fields for Journal, Description, Ledger (Rutgers Ledger), Legal Entity Name, Accounting Date (6/30/16), and Category.

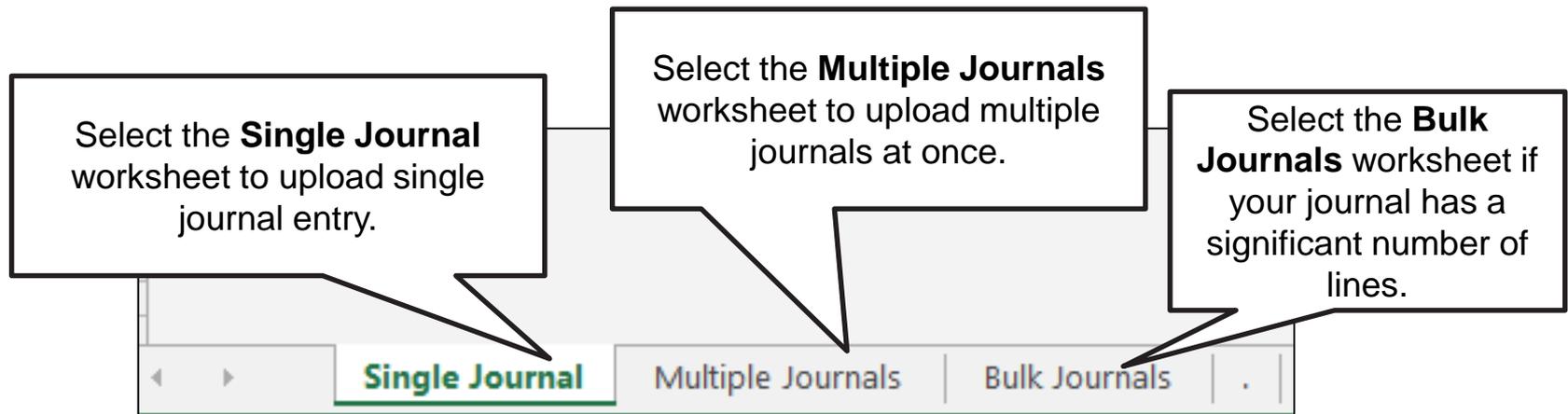
Journal Lines Section: A table with columns: Line, Account, Entered (USD) (Debit, Credit), Unit of Measure, Statistical Quantity, and Description. It shows lines 1 and 2, and a Total row.

Callout Boxes:

- Top: Enter **Journal Batch** details here.
- Middle: Enter **Journal** header details here
- Bottom: Enter **Journal Lines** here

Enter Journals via Spreadsheet

The journal spreadsheet template provides three methods for uploading journals, which are divided into separate worksheets.



Note: The information entered for bulk journals is validated when the journal is imported into GL, not when the spreadsheet is uploaded. Therefore, it is more difficult to know whether bulk journals contain errors. This type of upload should be performed infrequently.

Enter Journals via Spreadsheet (cont'd)

There are several features associated with entering journals via the spreadsheet template:

- Use copy and paste features in Excel to accelerate data entry
- After uploading the journal, query your journal entry and add attachments as needed (required for Cash Receipts journals)
- Save to desktop or personal files for future reference and/or for recurring journals

The screenshot displays the 'ORACLE Create Journal' interface. It includes a 'Submit' button, a legend for required fields, and a warning message. The main area is divided into two sections: metadata and journal lines.

Metadata Section:

Data Access Set	Rutgers Ledger	*Group ID	10000000326685
Journal		*Source	Spreadsheet
Description		*Category	Adjustment
*Ledger		Reversal Period	
*Accounting Date		Reversal Date	
Adjusting Period		Worksheet Status	
		Journal Validation Status	

Summary Section:

Total Entered Debit	0.00
Total Entered Credit	0.00
Total Accounted Debit	0.00
Total Accounted Credit	0.00

Journal Lines Section:

Changed	Row Status	*Unit [..]	*Division [..]	*Organization [..]	*Location [..]	*Fund Type [..]	*Business Line [..]	*Account [..]	*Activity [..]	*IntraUnit [..]	*Future [..]

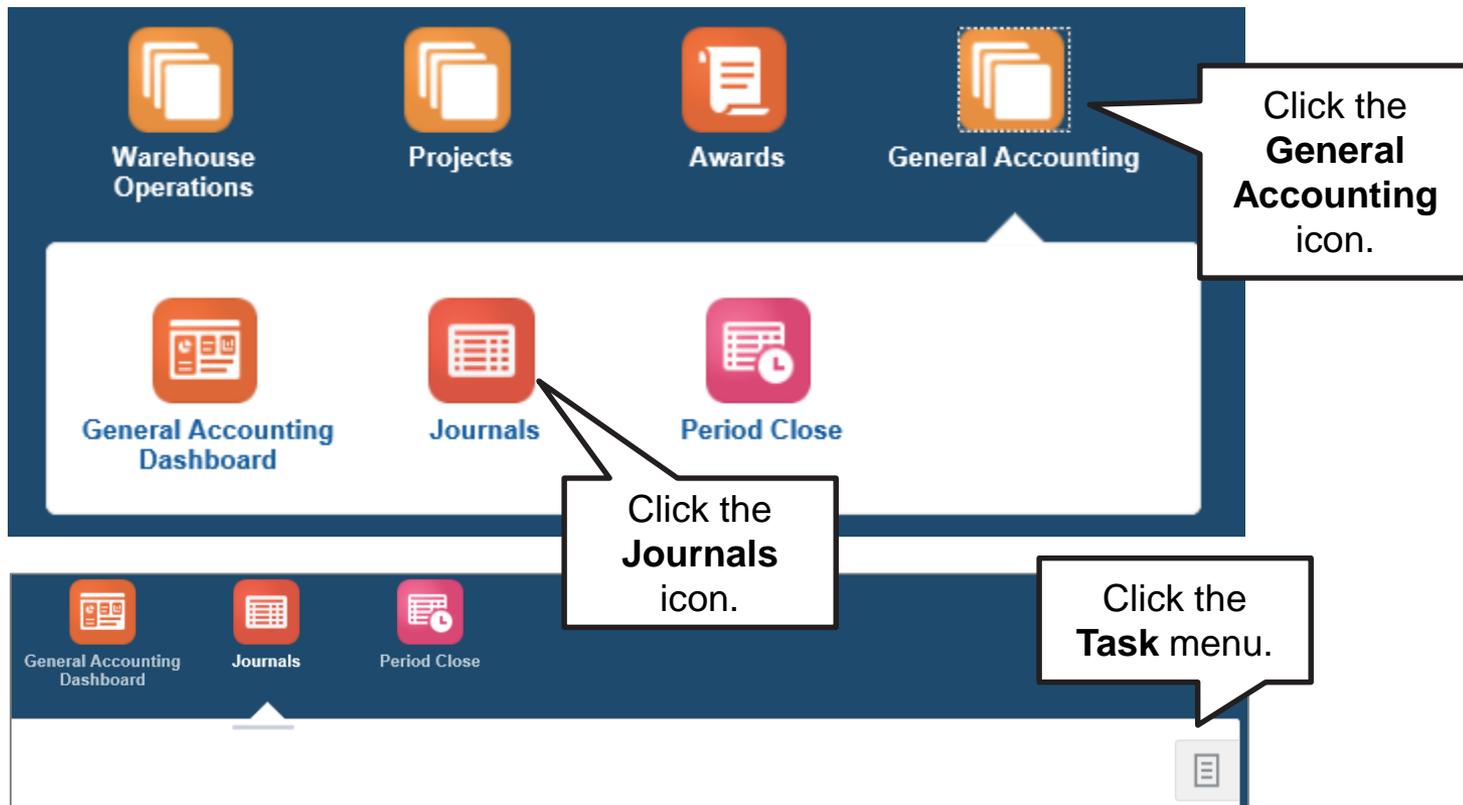
High-Level Process for Entering a Standard Manual Journal

The high level process for entering a standard manual journal consists of the following four steps:



Navigate to the Journal Entry Form

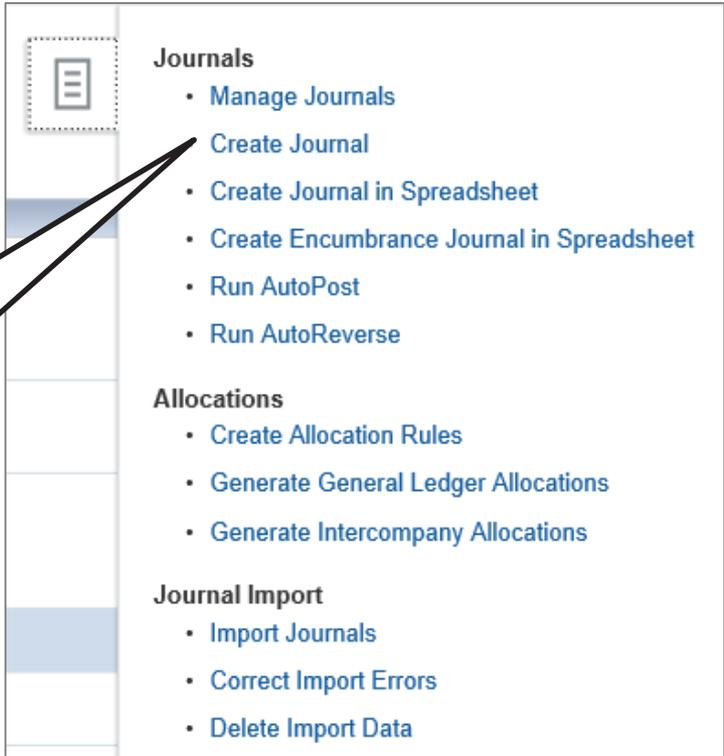
After you login to the Financial Management System, you can navigate to the Create Journal form using the following path:



Navigate to the Journal Entry Form (Cont'd)

Once the **Task** menu is displayed, you can select to the option to Create Journal (via forms) or Create Journal in Spreadsheet.

Click the **Create Journal** link to create a new journal using the form.



Enter Journal Batch Information

While entering journals in the Financial Management System, you can group different journals into batches. Please note that all journals must have a batch, even if there is only one journal in the batch. However, if you are grouping multiple journals into a single batch, you can:

- Select a common period for all journals at the batch level
- Apply control totals to ensure that debits and credits across all journals do not exceed the control total
- Send all journals in the batch for approval at once

Per Rutgers' naming conventions, you should **leave the Journal Batch field blank**. The system will automatically assign a name to the batch which will include the journal source, a unique number, and the date and time when the journal was created. For example, Manual 193047 15-JUL-2016 21:01:17.

Leave the **Journal Batch** field blank for consistency, unless your department has a specific naming convention for journal batches.

Enter Journal Batch Information (Cont'd)

The accounting period is entered at the journal batch level in the accounting system. Please note:

- The format for accounting periods is MMM-YY
- There are 14 accounting periods in a year, which includes two adjusting periods
 - JUN-ADJ-YY for the month end close process
 - JUL-ADJ-YY for the year end close process

* Accounting Period	JUL-17	▼
* Balance Type		▲
Attachments	AUG-17	
	JUL-17	
	JUL-ADJ-17	
	JUN-ADJ-16	
Journal	JUN-16	
Description	MAY-16	

Note: You will never use the July Adjusting period. This period is only used forward for the net position at the beginning of the year.

Enter Journal Header Details

After entering journal batch information, use the journal header to define information such as the journal name, description, accounting date, and category.

Per Rutgers' naming conventions, you should **leave the Journal field blank**. The system will automatically assign a name to the journal which will include the journal source, a unique number, and the date and time when the journal was created.

Journal [Show More](#)

<p>Journal <input type="text"/></p> <p>Description <input type="text"/></p> <p>* Ledger <input type="text" value="Rutgers Ledger"/></p> <p>* Legal Entity Name <input type="text"/></p> <p>* Accounting Date <input type="text" value="6/30/16"/></p> <p>* Category <input type="text"/></p>	<p>Currency <input type="text" value="USD - US Dollar"/></p> <p>Conversion Date <input type="text" value="6/30/16"/></p> <p>Conversion Rate Type <input type="text" value="User"/></p> <p>Conversion Rate <input type="text" value="1"/></p> <p>Inverse Conversion Rate <input type="text" value="1"/></p>
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Enter Journal Header Details

Adding Attachments to Journals

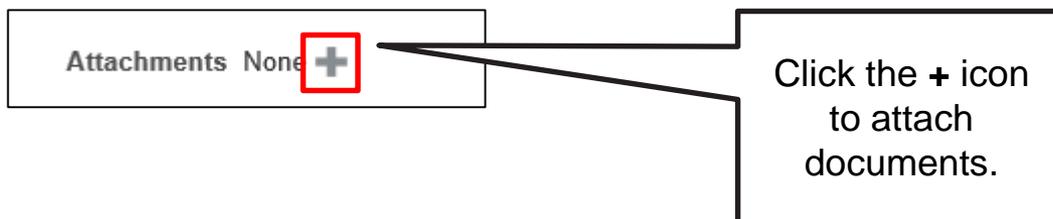
You can add documents as attachments to either the journal batch or the journal header.

- To add an attachment to the journal header:

1. Open the journal to add an attachment.
2. Click the **Show More** link in the Journal header region.



3. Click the + icon to the **Attachments** label.



Enter Journal Header Details

Adding Attachments to Journals (Cont'd)

4. Click the **Browse** button and select the document you wish to attach.
5. Give the document a title and description.
6. Click the **OK** button to confirm the attachment.

Select the attachment type:

File: attach a document from your computer, which can downloaded by a reviewer.

Text: Manually enter text, which downloads as a text file when accessed by a reviewer.

URL: Enter a link to a website.

Type	* File Name or URL	Title	Description	Attached By	Attached Date
File	Browse...				

Click the **Browse** button to locate the document you wish to attach.

Enter **Title** and **Description** (optional) for the attachment here.

Click the **OK** button to complete the process.

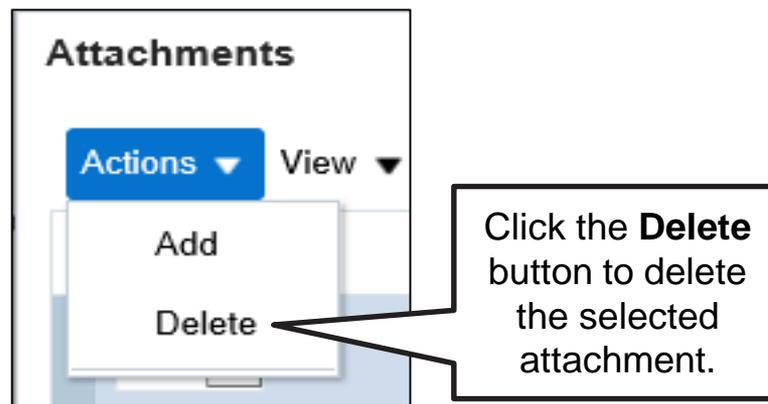
Note: You can add attachments to journals after they have been posted.

Enter Journal Header Details

Deleting Attachments

You can also delete an attachment from the **Attachments** window by performing the following steps:

1. Select the attachment to delete from the displayed list.
2. Click the **Actions** drop-down menu.
3. Select the **Delete** option to confirm the deletion.



Note: You can delete attachments from any journal, regardless of who prepared the journal.

Enter Journal Lines

Enter the journal line details in the Journal Lines section of the form.

Journal Lines							
Actions ▾ View ▾ Format ▾ + [Icons] Detach ↶ Wrap							
	Line *	Account	Entered (USD)		Unit of Measure	Statistical Quantity	Description
			Debit	Credit			
▶	1	900.1000.1010.0001.100.9999.100	1,000.00				
▶	2	900.1000.1010.0001.100.9999.20020.0000		1,000.00			
Total			1,000.00	1,000.00			

Enter the account combination in the **Account** fields.

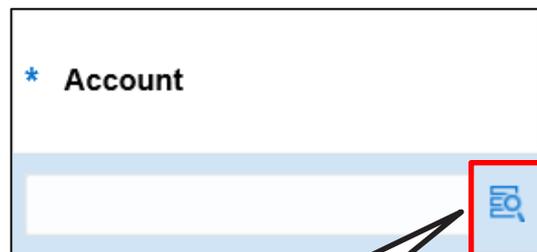
Enter the amounts in the **Debit** and **Credit** fields.

Enter the description for the lines in the **Description** field if it is different than the batch name or journal header description.

Enter Journal Lines

Tips for Entering Valid Account Strings

Account strings can be entered manually. However, this may be difficult at first until you become familiar with the chart of accounts. Fortunately, there is an easy way to search for valid strings.



Click the **Account Selector** button to bring up the Account form.

 A screenshot of the "Account" selection dropdown menu. The menu is open, showing a list of account segments. A red box highlights the "Unit" dropdown arrow, and another red box highlights the "Search..." link at the bottom of the list.

Segment	Value
Unit	▼
Division	000 Intra Unit
Organization	100 Chancellor Camden
Location	110 Faculty of Arts & Sciences Camden
Fund Type	120 School of Law Camden CLAW
Business Line	130 School of Business Camden SBC
Account	140 School of Nursing Camden SON
Activity	150 Athletics Camden Division III Intercollegiate
IntraUnit	155 Bookstore & Campus Retail Camden
Future	160 Dining Camd
Future	165 Housing Car

Click the drop-down arrow for a segment.

Click the **Search** link.

Enter Journal Lines

Tips for Entering Valid Account Strings (cont'd)

The image shows two screenshots of the 'Search and Select: Unit' dialog box. The first screenshot shows the 'Advanced' search mode selected, with a callout box pointing to the 'Advanced' button. The second screenshot shows the 'Basic' search mode selected, with callout boxes pointing to the 'Search' button, the search criteria (Value: Starts with, Description: Contains Central), the search results table, and the 'OK' button.

Search and Select: Unit

Search

Match All Any

Value

Description

Advanced

Click the **Advanced** button to search using query operators.

Search and Select: Unit

Search

Match All Any

Value

Description

Basic

Search Reset Add Fields ▼ Reorder

Click the **Search** button to display results.

Select the appropriate segment value.

Value	Description
900	Central Units

Click the **OK** button to select the segment value.

OK Cancel

Enter Journal Lines

Tips for Entering Valid Account Strings (cont'd)

Account ✕

▲ Hide Segments

Unit ▼

Division ▼

Organization ▼

Location ▼

Fund Type ▼

Business Line ▼

Account ▼

Activity ▼

IntraUnit ▼

Future ▼

Search

Account ✕

▶ Show Segments

Unit	Division	Organization	Location	Fund Type	Business Line	Account	Activity	IntraUnit	Future
900	1510	3103	0001	100	9999	10994	0000	000	00000
900	1510	3103	0001	100	9999	10995	0000	000	00000
900	1510	3103	0001	100	9999	31010	0000	000	00000
900	1640	7632	0001	640	3100	20130	0000	000	00000
900	1640	7632	0001	640	3100	17210	0000	000	00000
900	1640	7632	0001	640	3100	12425	0000	000	00000
900	1640	7632	0001	500	3100	12405	0000	000	00000
900	1640	7632	0001	580	3100	12405	0000	000	00000
900	1000	1010	0001	100	9999	70180	0000	000	00000
900	1000	1010	0001	100	1000	49410	0000	000	00000

Click the **Search** button to view a list of *all valid account combinations used so far* using the segments entered on the Accounts form.

Select the appropriate account string and click the **OK** button to populate the account string in the **Create Journal** form. Or, select a combination that is close and change a particular value as needed.

Enter Journal Lines

Tips for Entering Valid Account Strings (cont'd)

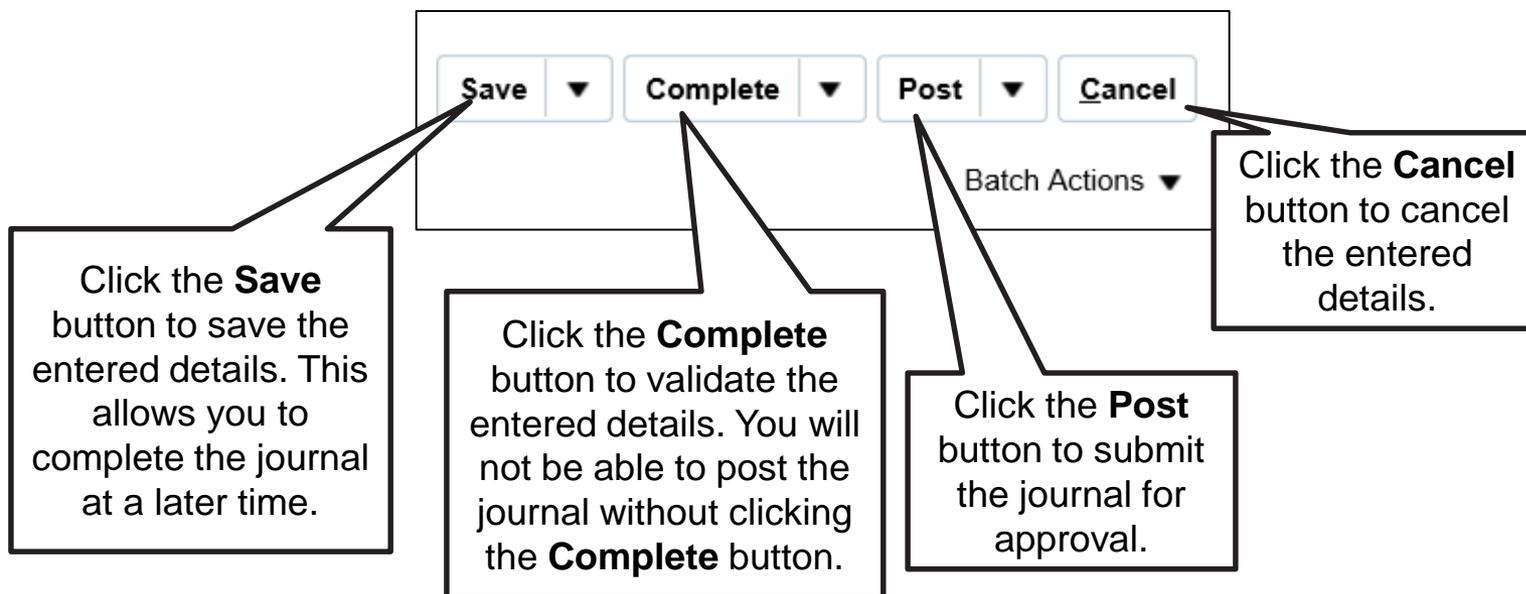
Cross-validation rules have been put in place to prevent you from entering invalid account strings.

- If you are using the Account Selector and enter an invalid account string, the Account Selector window will remain open until you correct the error.
- If you are entering account strings manually and enter an invalid string, an error message is displayed at the top of the form. You may need to scroll up the page to see this error message.

The screenshot shows a 'Create Journal' form with an error message at the top. The error message states: 'This combination is invalid: CVR 3a - Balance Sheet Accounts can only use Balance Sheet'. Below the error message, there is a 'Journal Batch' section with a 'Show More' link. An 'Account' selector window is open, showing a 'Hide Segments' button and three dropdown menus: 'Unit' (290), 'Division' (5585), and 'Organization' (3642).

Submit a Journal for Approval

After entering all journal lines, submit the journal for approval by clicking the **Post** button. The journal will be routed for approval automatically, but will not post until it is approved.



Note: When you click the Complete button, the journal appears under the Incomplete tab on your dashboard.



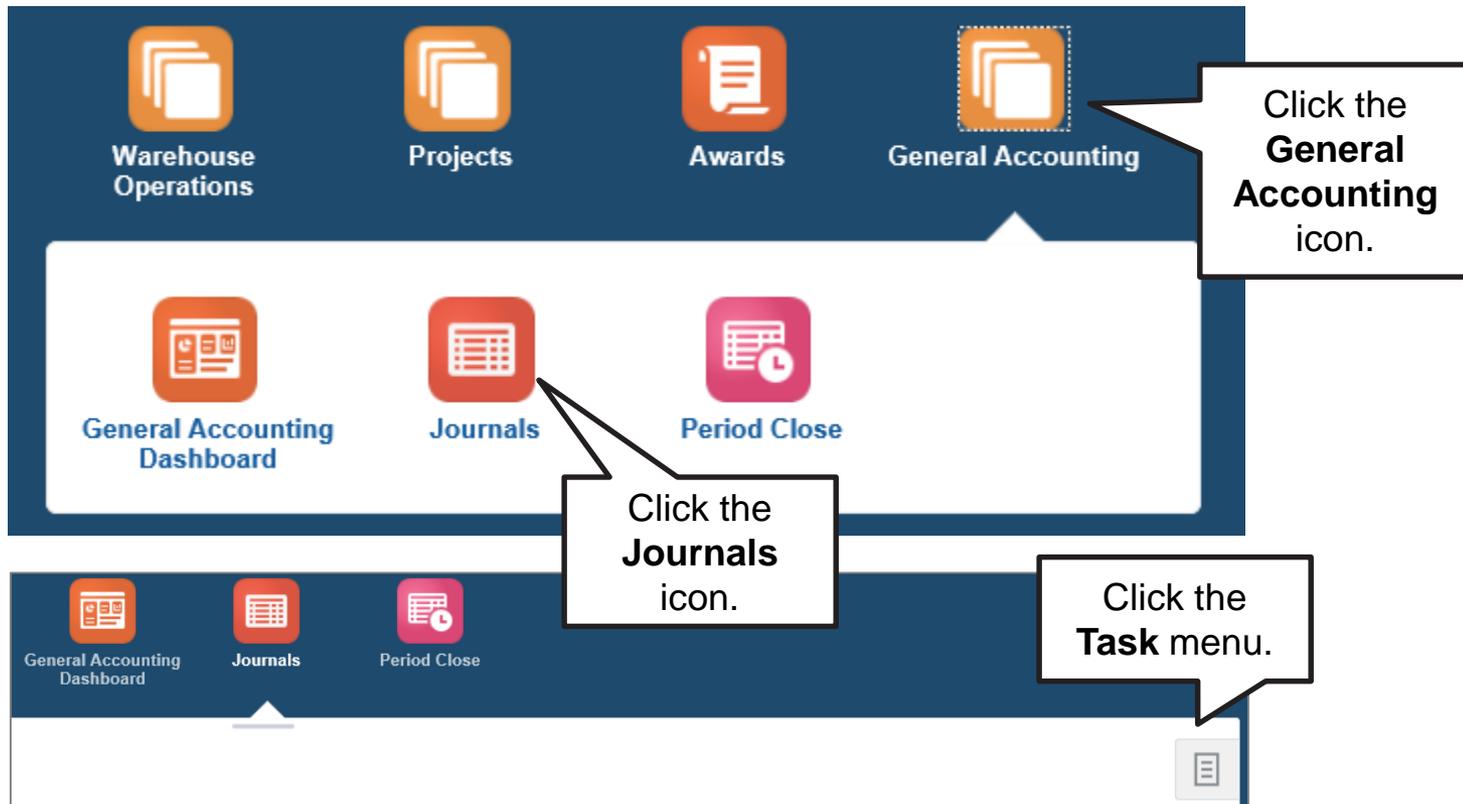
Demonstration

Click here (hyperlink to the simulation) **to view the demo on how to create a journal using a form.**

- Scenario: In this demonstration, you will enter a manual journal using Journal Entry form in the Financial Management System.

Navigate to the Journal Spreadsheet Template

After you login to the Financial Management System, you can navigate to the journal spreadsheet template by performing the following steps:



Navigate to the Journal Spreadsheet Template (Cont'd)

Once the **Task** menu is displayed, you can create a journal using the journal spreadsheet template by clicking the **Create Journal in Spreadsheet** link.

The screenshot shows a vertical menu with three main sections: Journals, Allocations, and Journal Import. The 'Journals' section is highlighted with a dotted box, and a callout box points to the 'Create Journal in Spreadsheet' link.

Journals

- Manage Journals
- Create Journal
- **Create Journal in Spreadsheet**
- Create Encumbrance Journal in Spreadsheet
- Run AutoPost
- Run AutoReverse

Allocations

- Create Allocation Rules
- Generate General Ledger Allocations
- Generate Intercompany Allocations

Journal Import

- Import Journals
- Correct Import Errors
- Delete Import Data

Click the **Create Journal in Spreadsheet link to create a new journal using MS Excel.**

Enter Journal Batch Information in Spreadsheet

When entering a journal via spreadsheet, a batch name can only be entered on the Multiple and Bulk worksheets. The Single worksheet does not provide the option to enter a journal batch. However, per Rutgers' naming conventions, you should **leave the Journal Batch field blank**.

ORACLE Create Journals

Submit

*Required **At least one is required

If any rows on the worksheet have an Insert failed status, none of the rows are loaded to GL Interf

Data Access Set Rutgers Ledger Group ID 300000010161415

Worksheet Status Journal Information Status

Changed	Row Status	Journal Batch	Description	Journal	Journal Description

The system will automatically assign a name to the batch which will include the journal source, a unique number, and the date and time when the journal was created. For example, Spreadsheet 193048 15-JUL-2016 21:01:17.

Enter Journal Header Details in Spreadsheet

On the Single worksheet, header details are entered in a specific region at the top of the worksheet. The details here apply to all lines entered below. The following fields are populated by default when you open the spreadsheet template:

- Data Access Set
- Group ID
- Source
- Category (remember to change the category to RU Actuals)

ORACLE Create Journal

Submit

*Required **At least one is required

If any rows on the worksheet have an Insert failed status, none of the rows are posted to GL Interface table.

Data Access Set	Rutgers Ledger	*Group ID	300000010161415
Journal Description		*Source	Spreadsheet
*Ledger	Rutgers Ledger	*Category	Adjustment
*Accounting Date	6/16/2016	Reversal Period	
Adjusting Period		Reversal Date	
		Worksheet Status	
		Journal Validation Status	

You can select **Ledger** value from the drop-down.

You can enter **Accounting Date** in this field.

Remember, any field with an asterisk (*) is **required**.

Enter Journal Line Details in Spreadsheet

Enter journal line details directly in the journal line region of the spreadsheet. You can also use the account selector to validate account strings by double clicking in a cell within the journal lines region.

The screenshot shows the Oracle 'Create Journal' interface. The 'Journal Lines' table is highlighted with a red border. A 'Key Flexfield' popup is open, also with a red border around its main content area. Two callout boxes provide instructions:

- Callout 1: "You can use this popup to search for account combinations as a shortcut." (points to the Key Flexfield popup)
- Callout 2: "Click the **Search** button to view all available account strings." (points to the Search button in the Key Flexfield popup)

The 'Key Flexfield' popup contains the following fields:

- Unit
- Division
- Organization
- Location
- Fund Type
- Business Line
- Account
- Activity: 0000
- IntraUnit: 000
- Future: 00000

At the bottom of the popup are buttons for Search, Reset, OK, and Cancel.

Submit the Spreadsheet Journal for Approval

Once the journal is ready for submission, click the **Submit** button in the template to initiate the process of uploading the journal. The template verifies the account string and other details and then submits the journal for approval.

Click the **Submit** button when you complete entering journal line details.

Select this option to submit the journal for import, approval, and posting.

Click the **Submit** button to upload the spreadsheet journal.

ORACLE Create Journal

Submit

* Required **At least one is required

If any rows on the worksheet have an Insert failed status, ...

Submission Options

Submission Option

- Save to Interface
- Submit Journal Import
- Submit Journal Import and Posting

Submit Cancel



Demonstration

Click here (hyperlink to the simulation) **to view the demo on how to create a journal using a spreadsheet.**

- Scenario: In this demonstration, you will create a manual journal using a spreadsheet in the Financial Management System.

Journal Entry Tips and Notes

You will be able to enter journals to Unit-Division-Organizations (UDOs) other than your own as required. Be careful to avoid inadvertently entering journals to UDOs other than your own, and be sure to notify charged units when necessary.

The Financial Management System will allow you to submit unbalanced journals via Forms with a warning. Spreadsheets allow unbalanced entry without a warning. The journals will be balanced by posting the difference to a suspense account. Be sure to check your work to avoid suspense.

Journal Entry Tips and Notes

Journals will create balancing segment lines when posted if the journal has different units or different fund types. These are system generated transactions to balance journals for financial activity between units and/or fund types.

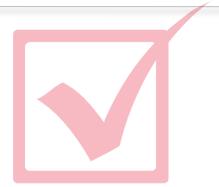


Knowledge Check

True or False.

The Financial Management System allows you to delete attachments from any journal irrespective of who created those journals.

- A. True
- B. False



Knowledge Check

True or False.

Clicking the Post button posts a new journal without submitting it for approval.

- A. True
- B. False



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LESSON 3: CASH RECEIPT JOURNALS

Lesson Objectives



Upon completing this lesson, you will be able to:

- Describe the key differences between cash receipt journals and other standard manual journals
- Follow the business process for recording cash receipt journals
- Enter the appropriate project and task information when recording cash receipt journals for non-sponsored projects

Cash Receipt Journals Overview

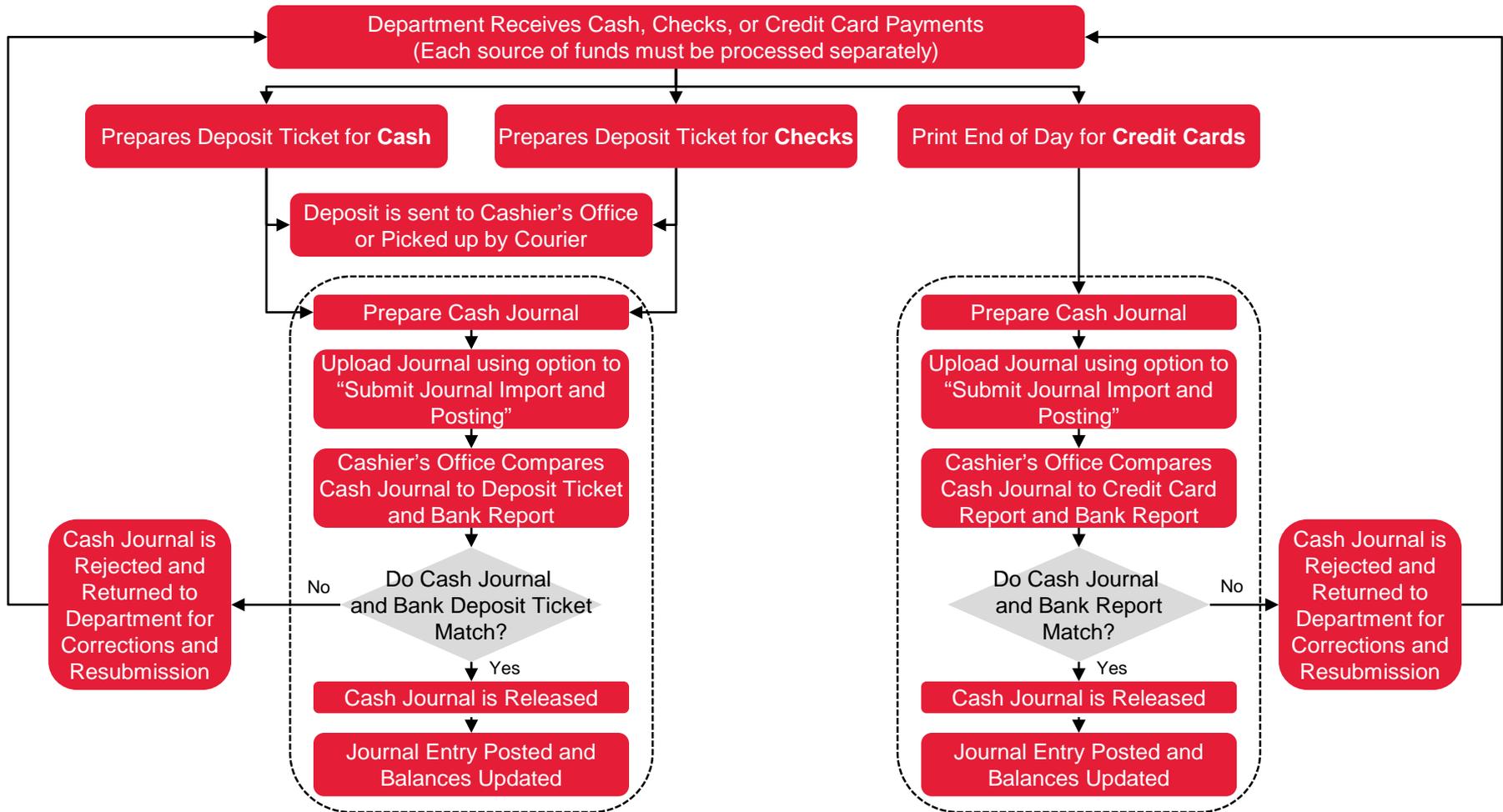
A cash receipt journal is a standard manual journal that uses the RU Cash Receipts journal category. This replaces the Cash Transmittal form that was used by RIAS and the Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences (RBHS) Cash/Check Deposit Transmittal form used by Banner.

All cash receipt journals are manual and can be created for GL cash transactions or project transactions.

For project transactions, the cash receipt journal process only applies to non-sponsored projects. The Grant and Contract Accounting (GCA) office will use the Projects module to record receipts for sponsored projects.

Cash receipt journals are only created for non-student cash, checks, credit cards, or wire transfers.

High-Level Business Process for Cash Journals



Additional Information for Cash Receipt Journals

- It is recommended that Cash Receipt Journals are created using the spreadsheet upload template. If you use the spreadsheet upload template, you must:
 - Select the option to “Submit Journal Import and Posting” when uploading the journal.
 - Query the imported journal in the system and attach the deposit slip to the journal header.
 - An easy way to find imported Cash Receipt Journal is to search by:
 - Accounting Period:** the period in which the journal was imported (e.g., AUG-17)
 - Category:** RU Cash Receipts
 - Created By:** The name of the preparer (note: this is a hidden field that must be added to the form)
- When attaching deposit slips to the journal header, name the scanned deposit slip and the attachment description **Deposit_MM.DD.YYYY**, where MM.DD.YYYY represents the date of the deposit.

Type	* File Name or URL	Title	Description	Attached By	Attached Date
File	Deposit_08.24.2016.pdf	Deposit_08.24.2016.pdf	Deposit_08.24.2016.pdf	user390	8/24/16 2:55 P



Knowledge Check

Multiple Choice

Deposit slips should be scanned and attached to which of the following? Select the correct answer.

- A. Journal batch
- B. Journal header
- C. Journal lines
- D. Descriptive flexfield



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LESSON 4: JOURNAL APPROVAL AND POSTING

Lesson Objectives

Upon completing this lesson, you will be able to:

- Submit journals for approval
- Describe the approval process for manual journals
- Respond to requests for more information



Journal Approval Overview

When a journal is submitted for approval, it is automatically routed to an approver within the system. The journal approver is the **UDO Business Manager** associated with the journal preparer. You are not able to select an approver when submitting journals.

Please note that:

Journal approval is required for all manual journals.

A journal can only have one approver, even if it affects multiple UDOs.

Once approved, journals are posted automatically.

Submitting Journals for Approval

There are two ways that journals can be submitted for approval in the Financial Management System:

- Submitting journals entered via forms:
 - Journals entered via forms are submitted for approval by clicking the **Post** button.
- Submitting journals entered via spreadsheet:
 - Journals entered via spreadsheet can be submitted for approval as the spreadsheet is uploaded.
 - Select the **Submit Journal Import and Posting** option while uploading the spreadsheet, and the journal will be submitted for approval.

Submission Options ✕

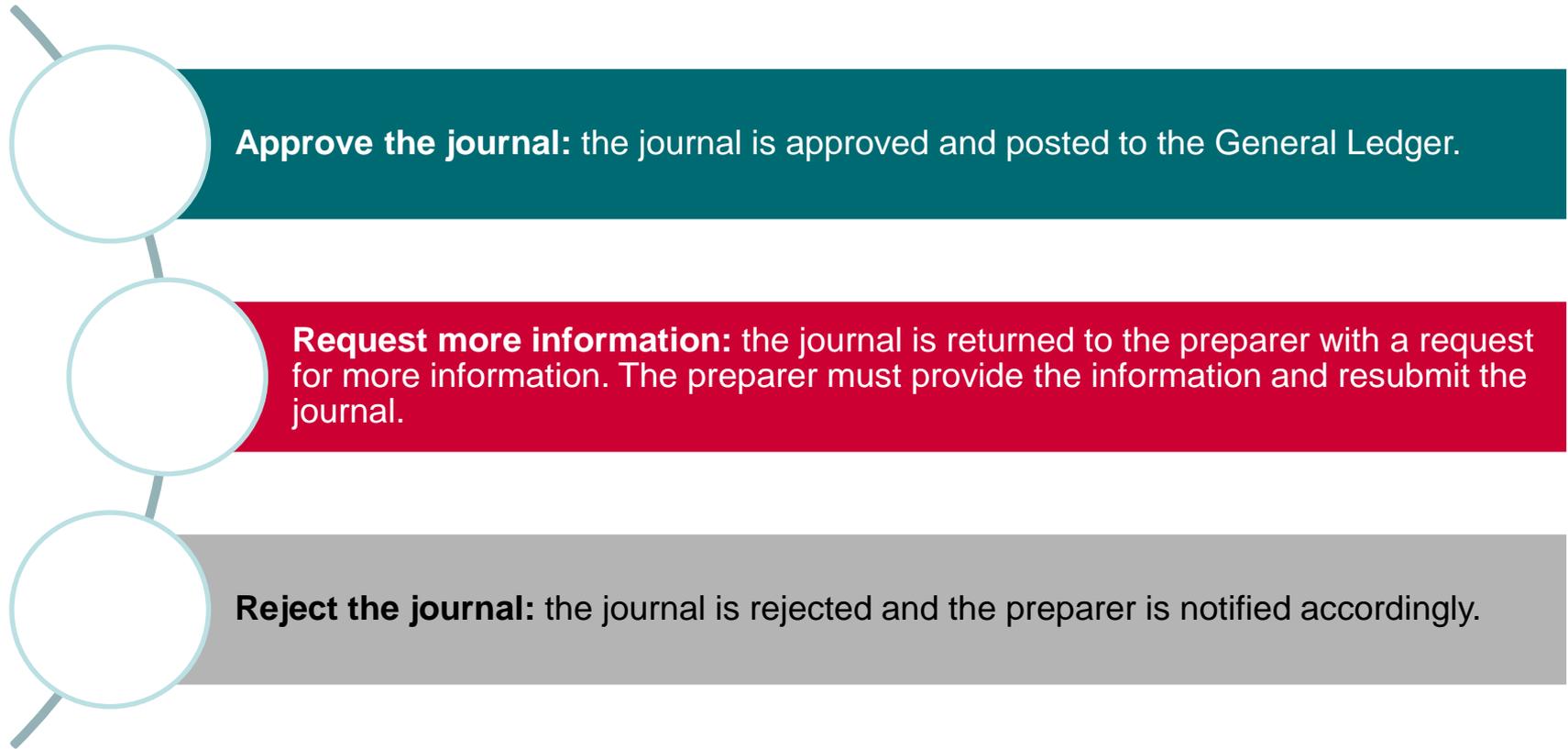
Submission Option Save to Interface
 Submit Journal Import
 Submit Journal Import and Posting

Submit Cancel

Note: The journal will not be posted until it is approved.

Approving Journals

Once a journal is routed for approval, the approver has three options:



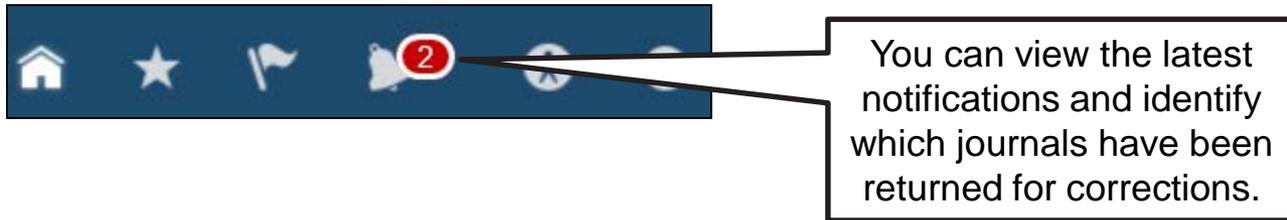
Year-End Accrual/Deferral Journal Approval

Year-end Accrual/Deferral journals require a second approval step.

- First, the preparer should select the RU Accrual/Deferral journal category. Then the journal is routed to the UDO Business Manager for approval, as usual.
- Second, the accrual/deferral journal is routed to a special approval group that has authority to approve year-end accrual and deferral journals.

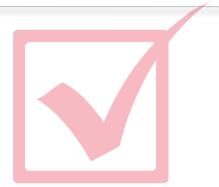
Responding to Request for More Information/ Viewing Notifications

- Once submitted, an approver may return a journal to you for more information. If this happens, you will receive a notification in your notifications list.



- You can also identify these journals under the **Recent Notifications** icon on the **Journals Overview** dashboard.





Knowledge Check

Select the correct answer.

How many approvers can a journal have if it affects multiple UDOs.

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Three
- D. Four



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LESSON 5: JOURNAL INQUIRIES AND REPORTS

Lesson Objectives

Upon completing this lesson, you will be able to:

- Find and review journal entries
- Drill down from journal entries to subledger transactions



Finding Journals Requiring My Approval from the Journals Dashboard

You can use the Journals dashboard to quickly identify journals that may require your approval.

The screenshot shows the Journals Dashboard interface. At the top, there are five tabs: "Requiring Attention (0)", "Requiring My Approval (0)", "Pending Approval from Others (0)", "Incomplete (7)", and "Import Errors (3)". Below the tabs is a toolbar with buttons for "View", "Format", "Freeze", "Detach", "Withdraw", and "Errors". A table is visible below the toolbar, with columns for "Accounted", "Debit", "Credit", "Source", "Journal Batch", "Accounting Period", and "Issue". The table currently displays "No data to display." and "Columns Hidden 1".

Callout boxes provide the following information:

- Requiring Attention (0):** Journals that require attention across the university are displayed here.
- Requiring My Approval (0):** Journals that require **your** approval are displayed here.
- Pending Approval from Others (0):** Journals pending approval from others, incomplete journals, and journals with import errors *across the university* are displayed in the tabs below.
- Withdraw:** You can withdraw journals as long as they have not been approved. Use the Pending Approval from Others tab and click the Withdraw button.

Finding Specific Journals

To search for specific journals, click the **Tasks** button on the **Journal Dashboard** page to view the menu.

The screenshot shows a sidebar menu with three main sections: Journals, Allocations, and Journal Import. A callout box with a black border and white background points to the 'Manage Journals' link in the Journals section. The text inside the callout box reads: 'Click the **Manage Journals** link to search journals.'

Journals

- [Manage Journals](#)
- [Create Journal](#)
- [Create Journal in Spreadsheet](#)
- [Create Encumbrance Journal in Spreadsheet](#)
- [Run AutoPost](#)
- [Run AutoReverse](#)

Allocations

- [Create Allocation Rules](#)
- [Generate General Ledger Allocations](#)
- [Generate Intercompany Allocations](#)

Journal Import

- [Import Journals](#)
- [Correct Import Errors](#)
- [Delete Import Data](#)

Finding Specific Journals (Cont'd)

You can use various search criteria to find specific journals. The search results are displayed at the bottom of the **Manage Journals** page. You can select **Add Fields** to include other search criteria, such as the journal preparer. However, added fields are not displayed in the results.

The screenshot shows the Oracle Manage Journals search interface. The search criteria fields are highlighted with a red box:

- ** Journal Starts with
- ** Journal Batch Starts with
- ** Accounting Period Equals
- Source Equals
- Category Equals
- ** Batch Status Equals

A callout box points to these fields with the text: "Enter the values in these fields to search for a journal."

At the bottom of the search area, there are buttons for Search, Reset, Save..., Add Fields, and Reorder. A callout box points to the Search button with the text: "Click the Search button to perform the search."



Demonstration

Click here (hyperlink to the simulation) **to view the demo on how to find a specific journal.**

- Scenario: In this demonstration, you will navigate to the Manage Journals link to find a specific journal.

Drill Down

If you are reviewing a journal entry from a subledger, you can drill down from the journal to the transaction recorded in the subledger. For example, you can drill down from GL to Payables.

If the transaction was recorded in an external system, you cannot drill down from the Financial Management System to the external system. For example, payroll details will be reviewed in the Controllers Reporting Library and the Financial Data Warehouse.

Data Access Set: Rutgers Ledger

Transaction: Invoice 6

General Information

Business Unit	Rutgers GCA BU	Transaction Date	6/30/16
Transaction Source	CONTRACT INVOICES	Billing Date	
Transaction Type	Federal G&C_INV	Accounting Date	6/30/16
Transaction Number	6	Salesperson	
Billing Number		Invoicing Rule	
Reference	190005	Attachments	None
Document Number			

You can drill down from journals to transactions within the Financial Management System.



Demonstration

Click here (hyperlink to the simulation) **to view the demo on how to find a subledger journal and drill down to the transaction.**

- Scenario: In this demonstration, you will learn the steps to drill down to the transaction level in a subledger.

FD Document Lookup Report

You can use the **G/L Transaction Report by Document Number** to view journal information for a specific batch in the Financial Management System. This report is available in the Financial Reporting Studio, which can be accessed as follows:

- Navigator > Tools > Reports and Analytics > Shared Folders > RU Custom > Reports > ATC Reports > *select G/L Transaction Report by Document Number*

Enter the following parameters to refine your search and locate the required details:



Batch Number



Preparer



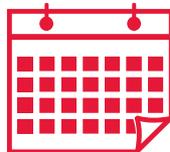
Approver



Amount Type



Journal Source



Period Name



Journal Category



Accounting Sequence

Note: This report can be used to identify the accounting sequence number that is automatically generated for each journal entry.

FD Document Lookup Report Interface and Output

Batch Number All

Accounting Sequence All

Amount Type All

Journal Source All

Preparer All

Approver All

Period Name All

Journal Category All

Apply

RU_FIN_Document_Number_...

You can select the batch number using the **Batch Number** drop-down.

You can use the **Preparer** drop-down to select the preparer name.

G/L Transaction Report by Document Number																		
Journal Batch Name	Accounting Sequence Number	Activity Date	Posted Date	Cre dit	Deb it	Transaction Line Description	Uni t	Unit Description	Divis ion	Division Description	Organizat ion	Organization Description	Locati on	Location Description	Fund Type	Fund Type Description	Business Line	Business Line Description
JFOBGYN0 RBHS Actuals Detail A 30528 N		2016-04-01T00:00:00:00+	2016-06-28T10:16:00:00+	###		Journal Import Created	700	Chancellor RBHS	6295	Office of the Dean	1759	Business Office	3999	RBHS Wide	630	Restricted General NonGrants	9999	Z DEFAULT
JFOBGYN0 RBHS Actuals Detail A 30528 N		2016-04-01T00:00:00:00+	2016-06-28T10:16:00:00+	###		Journal Import Created	760	Robert Wood Johnson Medical School RWJMS	6295	Office of the Dean	1759	Business Office	3999	RBH				

The output of the report is generated in MS Excel.



Knowledge Check

True or False.

If the transaction was recorded in an external system, you cannot drill down from the Financial System to the external system to view the transaction details.

- A. True
- B. False



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COURSE CONCLUSION

Course Summary

You are now be able to:

- Describe the major steps in the journal entry process in the Financial Management System
- Enter a standard manual journal via forms
- Enter a standard manual journal via spreadsheet upload
- Add attachments to journals
- Describe the key differences between cash journals and other standard manual journals
- Describe the approval and posting process for manual journals
- Submit journals for approval
- Find and review journal entries
- Drill down from journal entries to subledger transactions