OVERVIEW

This job aid details the process for reviewing GL Balances with the Account Inspector.

NAVIGATING TO THE ACCOUNT INSPECTOR

Use the following process to navigate to the Account Inspector (Inquire and Analyze Balances):

1. Click the General Accounting icon

2. Click the General Accounting Dashboard icon

3. Click the Tasks ((tasks icon) icon
4. Click the Inquire and Analyze Balances hyperlink

**UPDATE THE COLUMN HEADER (X AXIS)**

Use the following process to update the Accounting Period header in the pivot table.

1. Click on the Currency field in the Page Level Dimensions region and ‘drag & drop’ the field to the Pivot Table Column Header (X axis) region

   ![Diagram showing the process of dragging the Currency field to the Pivot Table Column Header]

   **Note:** When the Page Level Dimension region is highlighted blue you have successfully ‘dragged’ the field and when the Pivot Table Column Header is highlighted blue you have successfully ‘dropped’ the field.

2. Hover over the MMM-YY field in the Pivot Table to populate the Accounting Period field

   ![Diagram showing the MMM-YY field in the Pivot Table]

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3. Click on the **Accounting Period** field in the **Pivot Table** region and ‘drag & drop’ to the **Page Level Dimensions** region

![Image of Oracle interface with Accounting Period field highlighted]

**Note:** When the **Pivot Table Column Header** is highlighted blue you have successfully ‘dragged’ the field and when the **Page Level Dimension** region is highlighted blue you have successfully ‘dropped’ the field.

4. In the **Accounting Period** field, select the month/quarter/year to view

![Image of Oracle interface with Accounting Period field selected]

**Note:** Month should be entered as MMM-YY (i.e. OCT-17), Year should be entered as YYYY (i.e. 2017), and Quarter should be entered as Qtr#-YY (i.e. Qtr2-17). When typing in your parameters be sure to delete the entire original value, enter the new value, and then press the Tab key on your keyboard to refresh the field.
5. Click on the **Accounting Period** field in the *Page Level Dimensions* region and ‘drag & drop’ the field to the *Pivot Table Column Header (X axis)* region

![Image of pivot table with Accounting Period field added to Column Header]

6. Hover over the **USD** field in the *Pivot Table* to populate the **Currency** field

![Image of pivot table with USD field highlighted]

7. Click on the **Currency** field in the *Pivot Table* region and ‘drag and drop’ to the *Page Level Dimensions* region

![Image of pivot table with Currency field added to Page Level Dimensions]

**Note:** You can use the same process to update the *Row Header (Y Axis)* fields in the pivot table.
UPDATE THE PAGE LEVEL DIMENSIONS

Use the following process to update the Page Level Dimensions in the Account Inspector.

1. Click in the Unit field in the Page Level Dimensions region

2. Delete the word Unit from the Unit field, type the unit number you would like to report on, and then press the Tab key on your keyboard to refresh the field

3. Repeat the process, as needed

   **Note:** The more Chart of Account segments entered, the more narrow the results will be.

4. Click the Refresh button
REVIEW GENERAL LEDGER BALANCES

You can review the results of your query in the pivot table by drilling down to the child values. From there, you will be able to click on blue hyperlinked to navigate to Inquire on Detail Balances.

1. Click the triangle (▼) in the Account field in the Pivot Table region

2. Click the triangle (▼) in the All Account Values field

3. Click any hyperlinked value in the Accounting Period column you would like to review

Note: You can either click the All Account Values hyperlink to see a list of all natural accounts or you may scroll down the page to view an individual account (see below).

Note: If you select to view the information by quarter or year, you can expand the columns and drill down to the individual month by clicking the triangle (▼) icon.
4. Review *Inquire on Detail Balances* results in the *Search Results* region.

**Note:** You can change the results of this query by updating the search parameters in the *Inquire on Detail Balances* region of the screen and clicking the *Search* button.

In addition, you can manipulate the data on this screen:

- Use the *Query by Example* button to filter the data
- Use the *Ascending/Descending* buttons to sort the data
- Use the *Export to Excel* button to populate the results in a spreadsheet