

# General Ledger Advisor™



## SELF-SERVICE REVENUE AND EXPENSE MANAGEMENT

As organizations become leaner and bottom-line pressures increase, finance executives and their teams must provide operating managers throughout their organizations with timely access to the information required to manage expenses and revenues in a more self-sufficient, secure, and cost-effective way.

To remain agile and competitive, organizations cannot afford to wait for paper reports or unsecure Excel® spreadsheets that compromise the data integrity by resorting to spreadsheet manipulations. They must become less dependent on IT for data extracts and report requests because general ledger systems are time-consuming and lack in built-in analytics, reporting, and integration with budgets and forecasts.

## GENERAL LEDGER ADVISOR

**General Ledger Advisor** is a revenue and expense analysis and reporting application that enables executives, department heads and budgeting and planning analysts to quickly access the data necessary to control costs, improve cash flows and increase productivity.

## ANSWER YOUR OWN QUESTIONS WITH CONFIDENCE

**General Ledger Advisor** combines an intuitive dashboard-based interface with powerful ad hoc analysis and reporting capabilities, enabling users to discover the answers to their own questions without involving IT. Users investigate performance trends, analyze expense and revenue data, and gain easy access to detail data 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 AND CONFIDENCE IN FINANCIAL DATA SHARED ACROSS THE ORGANIZATION

## Data Visualization

Dashboard views with the ability to see the information behind GL entries.

## Self-Service Analytics

Answer your own questions with self-service analytics.

## Data Discovery

Governed data discovery—investigate financial data with integrity and confidence.

The screenshot shows the 'General Ledger Advisor' interface with a 'Comparison' report titled 'GL Performance by Vice President'. The report is for the fiscal year 2012, month 04, comparing to a 'Flex' budget with a 10% threshold. The data is organized by Vice President and includes columns for Revenue, Salaries/Bene, Supplies, Other Exp, and Net Income. A tooltip is visible over the '116 BRENDA COTTON' row, showing options like 'See Directors', 'Responsibility Report', 'Metric Detail', and '24-Month Trend (All Metrics)'.

Vice President	Revenue	Salaries/Bene	Supplies	Other Exp	Net Income
102 JAKE MONTOYA		841,584	-144	159,514	-800,933
103 JAHE CALDWELL	2,933,888	1,098,718	73,093	34,588	1,729,489
106 SIDNEY WATTS	1,213	89,868	872	6,829	-76,155
109 TERI MCCRAY		54,284	302	-48,879	-5,887
112 TOM STEPHENS	17,288	1,588,187	209,203	1,245,781	8,928,135
116 BRENDA COTTON	27,806	828,515	3,004	1,481,788	-2,085,481
123 PRISCILLA CART		520,247	17,497	768,952	-1,304,896
128 EDGAR CLARK	89,923	10,483,299	8,383,271	1,293,387	72,319,965
129 STEPHANE INASH		104,933	13,387	443,888	-582,207
136 LYNETTE LONG		54,979	358	294	-55,829
137 SONYA HICKMAN	22,877,066	2,572,894	1,902,415	1,147,287	17,054,689
148 LOIS PETERS	30,881,593	4,971,208	1,473,915	708,377	23,728,493
151 CURTIS WILEY	1,203,500	2,988,587	217,052	278,220	-2,258,339
162 JOSHUA WAGNER - ANCLLARY	78,217,328	3,881,528	3,818,275	1,124,993	87,814,532
165 ROSALE SERRANO	2,234	1,978,281	104,380	1,382,019	-3,442,428
169 GRADY RLEY	128	401,022	3,857	23,808	-428,359
177 JON KDD	948	447,897	2,471	90,289	-539,689
188 DOMINICK BENNIETT	81,055	373,089	17,029	113,882	-443,025
299 CONTRA ACCOUNTS		-1,880,000	-25,890	-370,871	2,058,381
997 NONDEPARTMENTAL	-150,809,237	8,057,981	8,748	13,217,973	-172,091,917

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## BRING YOUR BUDGET, FORECAST, AND GENERAL LEDGER DATA TOGETHER

To gain visibility into an organization's profitability, its performance against budget, or comparisons across the organization, data from the general ledger must be combined with budget information, forecast feeds, and invoice details and made available to managers in a timely and consistent fashion.

Unfortunately, these disparate data sources are often combined in spreadsheets and distributed throughout the organization in an ad hoc and unmanaged manner—a time-consuming process prone to errors and inconsistencies. Lack of visibility caused by incomplete

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

**General Ledger Advisor** automates the integration of the general ledger with budget and forecasting systems and provides the ability to analyze revenues and expenses at all levels and dive into the data as needed. Full, 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 data 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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