



Financials & Reporting

Fast, reliable, secure, fully integrated and auditable...as you would expect from award-winning software, the core modules of the Dimensions solution are stamped with the hallmark functionality that gives Access Accounting its reputation for excellence. Combining all your transactions into a centralised database, Dimensions modules integrate seamlessly with each other in real-time to ensure your accounting data is always up-to-date. A comprehensive toolkit for data consolidation and interrogation, the cash book, nominal, sales and purchase ledgers come with 360° views for ultimate drill-down and a host of system-wide benefits to form the foundations on which your entire system is built – whatever your size, structure or industry.

Turn to the closely related issue of reporting, and Dimensions offers a modular suite to provide businesses with the most flexible and complete reporting service available. It takes complex reporting requirements and turns them into a series of intuitive steps, eliminating the frustrating and time-consuming practice of data extraction and re-keying to make report production a simple process. Available in an array of formats to suit your working practices, Dimensions Reporting Services addresses every reporting need – from the production and deployment of monthly management reports to ad-hoc and by-exception requirements through easy-to-use two-way linking with Microsoft Office.

Dimensions Reporting Services provides the technology to deploy report production to every individual and every department, so providing powerful two-fold benefits to your staff. By spreading the availability of reports throughout an organisation, more people have access to key business information when they want it; and by removing much of the burden from IT and financial departments, your staff in these departments have time to pursue value-added activities.

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access the ultimate solution for growing business

Dimensions Financials

Our accounting modules are designed to give you better access to your business information than you ever thought possible. The Dimensions range is grounded in a series of system-wide features that equals significant improvements in performance and functionality over similarly priced products. These features include:

Real-time updates

Your Nominal Ledger is automatically updated by every other module in the system to give you up-to-the-minute information on your precise financial position. Two years' accounts can be kept open at any time, without losing any of the controls of a period-based system.

Security

Processing, analysis and sign-off procedures are all geared to the strict controls required by larger organisations. Users can be granted or denied access at two different levels: through the Dimensions application itself (which controls visibility of records, transactions, fields and options) and within the SQL Server database (which controls your data visibility to other applications). This enables you to segregate duties at module and transaction level, or all the way down to individual fields and processing options. Use this flexibility to mirror your existing internal controls and build profiles that give your staff the functionality they really need (hiding options and records that are irrelevant or inappropriate). Dimensions can then be deployed in every department and for every individual with complete confidence.

Speed & Capacity

Because data processing occurs on your server (rather than on individual PCs) tasks can be completed with far greater speed. In a typical business environment, Dimensions performs between 20 and 40 times faster than solutions built using proprietary databases. With the capacity of SQL Server to draw upon, there is no practical limit to the volume of historical data that can be stored within Dimensions.

Multi-Periods Auditing & Enquiries

Dimensions brings greater transparency to your trading activities. Completed transactions update your whole system instantly, and automatically become part of an indelible audit trail. You can retain the full line by line detail of every transaction indefinitely, or purge selected items at your discretion. Two years' accounts can be kept open at all times, allowing transactions to be posted forwards and backwards from the current trading period.

Instant access to your bank balances

The Cash Book facility provides an unlimited number of accounts for currency, credit cards, cash and petty cash and can be used as the starting point for all transactions and operations – including cheque writing. Reconciliation is easy; the screen is designed to closely resemble your bank statement and you can reconcile transactions in bulk by applying predefined rules and automatically updating or individually using a simple 'point and click' method.

Nominal Summary

The powerful summary functionality within the nominal ledger adds an interactive level of analysis to the viewing of standard financial statements, providing you with snapshots of key information.

Flexible search options allow you to filter your data and then restrict your search to individual departments or cost centres for example. You can then switch between associated key financial statements without having to re-run your search. 'Slicing and dicing' your data in this way lets you control what is displayed, freeing you from the conventional 'top down' hierarchical views typically associated with financial statements such as P&L.

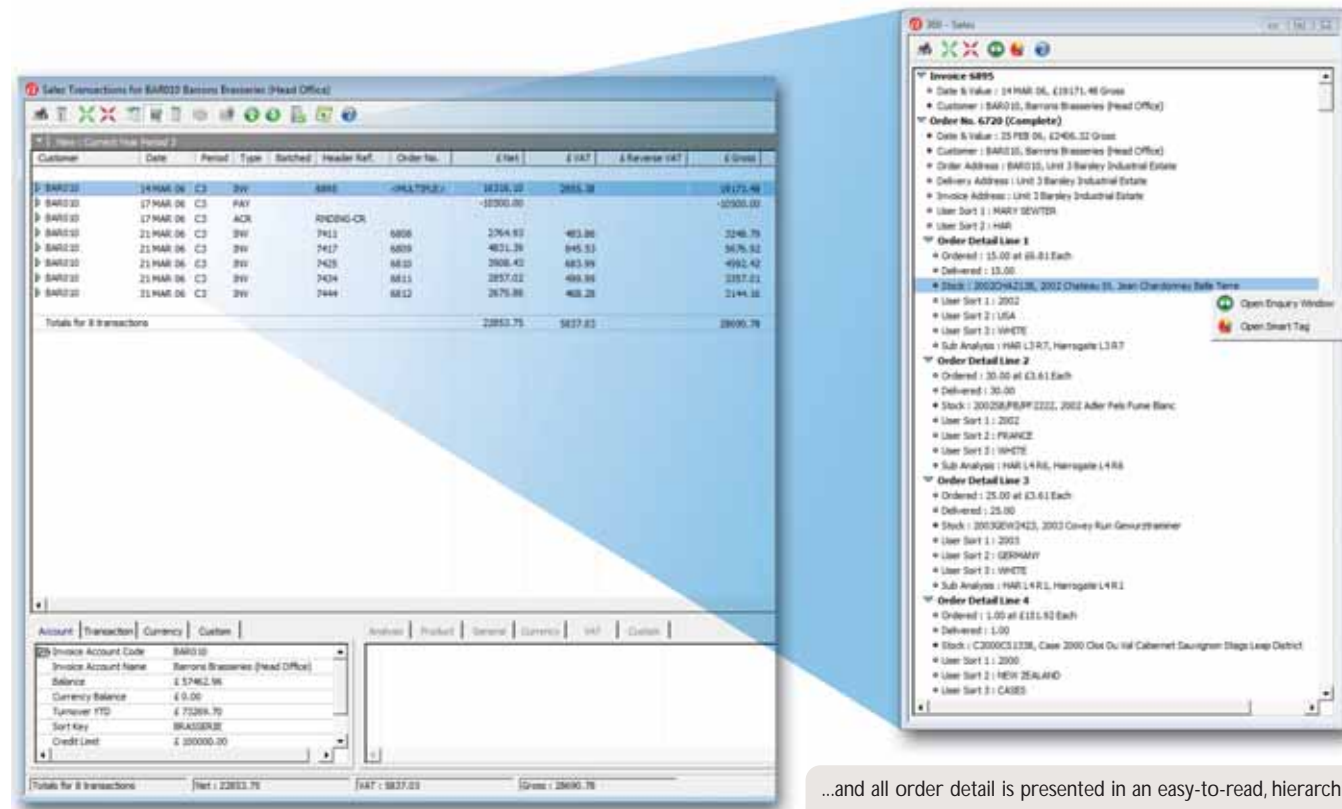
The visually attractive look and feel of the software makes it both easy and intuitive to select and analyse for any combination of information you require without leaving the Nominal Summary facility.

Group/Heading	Account Code/Name	£ Actual PTD	£ Budget PTD	£ Difference PTD	Difference PTD%
Income	844113.91	847098.02		115.89	0.13
WRENEN	42941.75	44522.50		-1580.75	-5.5
WANDGATE	248777.60	227611.50		21166.10	9.28
00111 RED WINE SALES -MAN	38291.06	30346.30		7944.76	25.7
00111 WHITE WINE SALES -MAN	53476.38	72861.20		-19384.82	-36.4
00111 SHIRAZ WINE SALES -MAN	28744.61	3253.11		25491.50	784.0
00111 CHAMPAGNE WINE SALES -MAN	42440.46	27783.30		14657.16	52.8
00111 CIDER WINE SALES -MAN	35235.59	8496.39		26739.20	86.4
00111 SERVICES SALES -MAN					
00110 PROJECT INCOME	94851.72	90000.00		4851.72	4.3
MANCHESTER	623944.21	92173.22		11791.09	12.7
HOTTINGHAM	146862.25	22440.80		-124421.45	-84.8
Cost of Sales	274368.47	283223.42		-9454.95	-5.0
Gross Profit	289345.44	234674.60		54670.84	5.0
Gross Margin %	46.32	46.32		0.00	0.00
Other Income	5390.00	5390.00		0.00	0.00
Gross Profit After Other Income	279405.44	280424.76		-14620.88	-4.3
WRENEN	22581.09	22250.41		330.68	1.5
WANDGATE	79296.49	79874.72		-578.23	-0.7
00111 SALES & SALARIES -MAN	5074.70	4617.46		457.24	9.3
00111 EMPLOYERS N.E. -MAN	138.49	177.80		-39.31	-5.1
00111 OPERA NATES -MAN	17460.18	18276.20		-816.02	-4.7
00111 ELECTRICITY -MAN	111.89	136.22		-24.33	-2.2
00111 GAS -MAN	62.26	66.94		-4.68	-7.5
00111 POSTAGE & CARriage -MAN	14.99	14.99		0.00	0.00
00111 OFFICE STATIONERY -MAN	18.99	24.75		-5.76	-3.0
00111 TELEPHONE -MAN	181.28	173.23		8.05	4.6
00111 FAX -MAN	61.77	11.17		50.60	45.3
00111 OTHER COMM COST -MAN	378.22	381.27		-3.05	-0.8
00111 SUBSCRIPTIONS -MAN	39.21	40.78		-1.57	-4.0

An example of a Profit and Loss statement within the Nominal Summary facility (above). The easy-to-use graphical format makes it simple to select any data combinations that you require - it then takes just one click to switch between the views of corresponding financial statements.

Dimensions Reporting Services

When it comes to reporting and data analysis, Dimensions Reporting Services provides flexible formats to satisfy the reporting requirements of your entire organisation. The suite comprises Crystal reporting to facilitate the production of management reports, full integration with Microsoft applications, such as Excel, Word, Outlook and Sharepoint, and an Executive Desktop, which provides graphical reporting and business alerts delivered through web and email technologies.



Click on any transaction line within the 360° view...

360° Views

Transactions can also be viewed from Dimensions' unique 360° facility. These work alongside standard enquiry screens to reveal how the chosen item fits into the flow of your accounting activity. In the case of a purchase order, you would be able to see goods received notes, associated stock movements and all other relevant information, bringing speed and efficiency to every enquiry.

...and all order detail is presented in an easy-to-read, hierarchical structure.

This facility gathers information from all parts of the system and presents it in one place, so that you can see, for example, dates, values, customer delivery information and all associated sub-analysis with just one click.

Management Reporting

The production of weekly, monthly and yearly management reports and board packs is integral to the decision-making processes of any business. The Crystal Reporting functionality is tailor-made for this purpose, generating reports that are comprehensive, easy to understand, and simple to distribute. System-wide sort keys enable you to establish the guidelines for management reporting and transactions can be searched, sorted and sub-totalled with ease. They can be analysed to an unlimited number of headings and allocated to any number of project or cost centres.

Drill-down

You can interrogate your data in sophisticated ways, drilling down on an individual account to display double entry details, allocation history and source documents for every transaction. The Nominal Ledger includes comprehensive budget facilities and highly flexible reversing, recurring and profile journals.

Flexible enquiries

In every part of your system, information is represented in the clearest way possible. You can open an enquiry window at any time without freezing or cancelling the work in progress. Your enquiry can cover a single record or a collection, and you can choose to view information at either header or line detail level. Pursue your enquiry in any direction, from nominal balance through to source transaction.

Analytics

In addition, the Access Analytics functionality provides staff with a highly functional alternative to pivot tables, using 'data cube' technology to view different elements of your data without creating separate spreadsheets. Data cubes can be distributed to key decision makers, allowing them to view the data they want without making repeat reporting requests.

By Exception

Dimensions provides the flexibility of by-exception report functionality through its alert system, delivering succinct, targeted information on a 'need to know' basis. Whether a stock level goes below your preferred minimum, or a customer places a significant order, you set the rules within the Executive Alert module so that the information is delivered to your desktop the moment it happens.

Smart Tags

Pre-defined summaries of any aspect of a record, delivered via 'Smart Tag' technology are a key element of Dimensions Reporting Services. Information, such as profit history, turnover summaries, and order books are displayed in an easy-to-read graphical format. This information is easily accessed, whether you are working within the accounts, or via an embedded link within any part of the Microsoft Office suite.

Dashboard

Monitor key information such as your top ten performing customers or your ten slowest-moving products without the need to be logged into your accounts system. Dimensions Reporting Services can publish this data to your email homepage or to a website (such as your intranet), using Microsoft Sharepoint technology, giving you the flexibility to view this information whenever and wherever you are.

Ad-hoc enquiries

Many organisations place the responsibility for ad-hoc reports onto their IT departments, since they require specialist

technical knowledge. Remove the burden with a choice of two highly configurable reporting tools. If you prefer to work within the familiar environment of Microsoft Office, Dimensions Reporting Services integrates seamlessly with Excel and Word. This allows everyone with knowledge of Microsoft Office to generate their own reports at will. Easily accessible, intuitive menus within Excel enable you to directly identify and access the data that you wish to work with (a set of prices, for example). Having identified which data you want to be downloaded, a single click will populate your Excel spreadsheet with exactly the data you need. Once the data is inside Excel, you can change information where necessary and update the accounts with a single click - all without having to leave Excel.

Alternatively, Dimensions Reporting Services provides executive summaries with over 250 pre-formatted reports complete with trends, statistics, graphs and analysis for greatly improved decision-making. This provides the functionality you need to give every one of your staff immediate access to the information they really want, delivered as emails to a schedule that best suits your business processes or available to view via a website.

Date	Ref	Account	Project	Qty	Cost	Sales	Profit	%
14/01/2006	INV/6901	RCV070		7.00	19.18	35.42	16.24	45.8
31/01/2006	INV/6978	ELT090		6.00	18.24	30.36	12.12	29.9
31/01/2006	INV/7017	DALL30		6.00	16.44	30.36	13.92	45.8
31/01/2006	INV/7054	HE0210		8.00	24.32	40.48	16.16	39.9
31/01/2006	INV/8878	CRC020		6.00	16.44	30.36	13.92	45.8
MERCHANT				20.00	54.00	101.20	46.40	45.8
RESTAURANT				15.00	45.60	75.90	30.30	39.9
RETAILER				6.00	16.44	30.36	13.92	45.8

Pre-defined summaries of any aspect of a record can be delivered by 'Smart Tag' technology, whether you are working within the accounts or via an embedded link. This example shows a number of the pre-defined summaries that can be clicked on to reveal additional detail in an easy-to-read graphical format.

Key Financials Benefits

Real-time information – integration between all aspects of the Dimensions solution ensures that changes made in one part of the system are reflected across all modules and ledgers
Fully auditable - completed transactions update your whole system instantly, and automatically become part of an indelible audit trail
Unrivalled capacity & speed – Dimensions true Client / Server technology and Microsoft SQL Server delivers Dimensions performance & between 20 & 40 times faster than proprietary databases
Security – define employee access at module, transaction or record field level to mirror employee responsibilities
Visibility - 360° views collate all the information related to each enquiry in an instant
Eliminate the paper trail – integrate all your information and there's no need to manually re-key information from separate printouts each time you run a report

Key Dimensions Reporting Benefits

Time savings – you need enter data only once and any changes you make will be made across the system; seamless links allow data from Excel to be written directly into the accounts with a single click
Real time information – with Dimensions' integration capacities, all data is live at the same time so that changes in one part of the system automatically update the rest – meaning the information you use within your reports is always up-to-date
Industry-standard – integration with Crystal offers the highest-quality reporting facilities for formal management reports
Easy to publish and distribute – user-friendly output options, such as PDF, allow reports to be emailed or uploaded to the web with ease, saving time and stationery
Full customisation options as standard – format your reports in a way that suits your exact needs. Dimensions Reporting Services presents accounts data graphically, so you decide how the picture is formatted, who gets to see it and precisely what it shows.
Extensive drill-down options – Dimensions Reporting Services provides flexible interrogation methods, so from a single starting point – perhaps a summary of sales by region – you can move in any direction, answering each successive question within seconds.
Drive your productivity and profitability - Key Performance Indicators are also built into the system. These enable you to set productivity targets and monitor performance across your entire organisation. KPI summaries can be analysed in the same way as financial summaries as a further aid to the decision-making process.