

Narrative Reporting in Oracle Cloud EPM

Narrative Reporting is a purpose-built business process available in Oracle Cloud EPM for management, narrative and regulatory reporting. It provides a secure, collaborative, process-driven approach for defining, authoring, reviewing and publishing financial and management report packages for internal and external stakeholders, as well as a cross-cloud service reporting tool for producing integrated Cloud EPM reporting.

Key business benefits

- Efficiently manage and Data + Narrative = Actionable Insight
- Combine the what (data), with who, when, why and how (narrative)
- Utilize GenAI to create management report narratives
- Data access and data integration, which provide “one version of the truth” on a single reporting platform
- Obtain the most accurate picture possible through collaboration
- Shrink the time it takes to define, produce and deliver reports
- Peace of mind that your most important and confidential data is visible only to authorized users
- Trust and reliability that the numbers are accurate
- Rapid time-to-value and reduced cost of ownership
- Deliver faster, more accurate insights to all stakeholders, anytime, anywhere
- Same Oracle security and reliability of all Oracle Cloud deployments

Complete corporate and management reporting solution in the cloud

Corporate and management reporting is experiencing significant change. As reported earnings become more volatile, corporate guidance—and the ability for management to clearly explain the quality and sustainability of corporate performance—is more important than ever.

Today, most performance reporting processes are manual and ad hoc. Monthly or quarterly fire drills are endured to get report packages delivered to your stakeholders. The effort is manual and time-consuming, with flawed processes and inefficient collaboration. Errors are made in combining data (what) with narrative (who, when, why), especially when data is reentered into reports. In addition, organizations lack the ability to analyze the data to validate the narrative. The disconnected process means it is difficult to bring subject matter experts into the process for centralized commentary on content. Tracking progress and determining who is responsible for individual areas of content can be difficult. Content should be auditable, and access to that content should be limited.

As a result of Oracle’s domain knowledge of narrative reporting, we can provide a solution that uniquely meets customers’ challenges and is purpose-built for management and narrative reporting.

Narrative Reporting's Report Package provides a secure, collaborative, process-driven approach for defining, authoring, reviewing and publishing financial and management reports.

Report Package key features

- Combine management, narrative and statutory reporting needs in one solution
- Advanced mobile, self-service and collaboration capabilities
- Instant visibility to the progress and status of a reporting Lifecycle
- Easily combine system of record data into reporting
- Embedded Content and Variables allow you to incorporate refreshable report content like Charts, Tables and data within report packages.
- Next generation web and tablet interface with Microsoft Office integration
- Role-based document and content access
- Secure at all levels to handle sensitive content, from network to storage

Combine data and narrative in a streamlined process

Narrative Reporting streamlines the narrative reporting process by providing a flexible, intuitive method for creating a secured and auditable report package. Whether you are using your existing documents, a previous report package, or letting the system automatically create doclets for users, you can quickly create a report package in mere minutes and with minimal information. The system walks you through the setup to enable the phases you need for your report package.

You set the due dates, add doclets, assign users to their roles (Owner, Author, Approver, Reviewer, and Viewer), and you are ready. The Report Center is the single interface for the report package owner to define, manage, monitor, and interact with the content. You can also preview content and perform reviews directly in the Report Center interface. Assigned users also work with the report center and see only the content applicable to the role they have been assigned. Lastly, you can securely distribute report content to stakeholders at any point in the report development process.

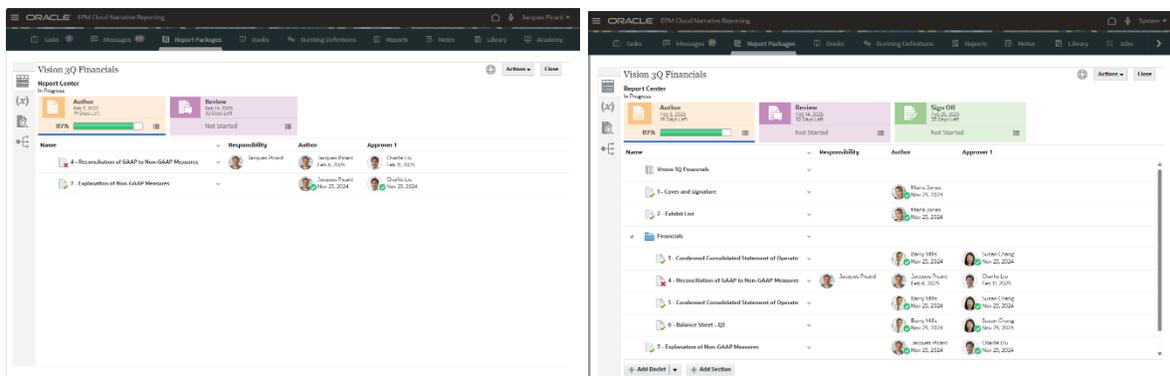


Figure 1: The Report Center is the single web interface for report package contributors.

The Author Phase, when enabled, provides for distributive and collaborative authoring of content in a report package. It allows you to set dates and maximum number of approval levels for any piece of content in the report package. The dates for the phase define when the author phase begins, when content must be submitted for approval, when each level of approval must be complete, and when the phase ends. Users can be designated as authors or approvers for any piece of content (doclet) and are notified by the system when their tasks must be performed. Authoring can be done by downloading the doclet from the web interface or by using Oracle Smart View directly in Microsoft Word.

The system supports checkout (to lock content from other users), upload (to store a working copy visible to the author), check in, and submit. Versioning is provided (in case you need to retrieve a prior version of the doclet), as well as history and audit reporting. As a report owner, you have full visibility into the status of all doclets during the Author Phase.

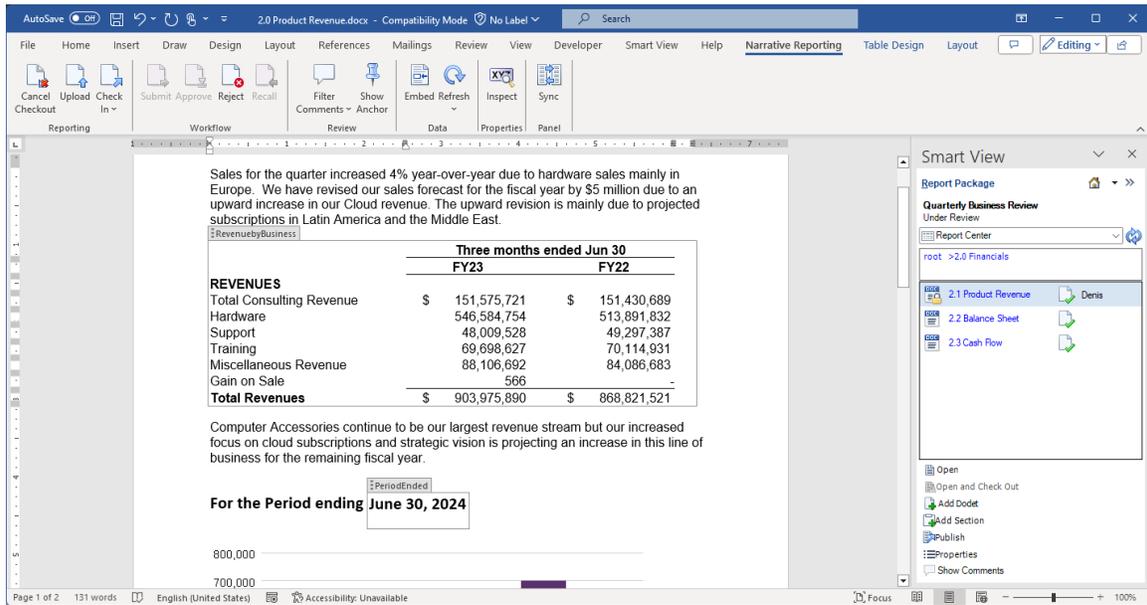


Figure 2: Embed refreshable reporting content and data into doclets from EPM Cloud and non-oracle sources using Smart View.

Enabling the Review Phase provides for powerful collaborative yet secured reviews of content. The phase defines the expected dates and the number of review instances required for the report package. These can be modified during the lifecycle of the report. For example, you can add a review that may be required based on feedback. Reviewers are notified when a review is initiated, and they are presented a secured view of the report package for the content they have been authorized to see. Participants in the review can anchor and open comments against the content or respond to other participants' comments.

When subsequent reviews are initiated, prior review comments are pulled forward, enabling participants to see the evolution of the report between reviews and understand how comments were addressed. The Report Center provides quick visibility into the status of the review and access to the Review Center.

Commenting is recorded and maintained against a single instance of the report package to allow efficient resolution of feedback. Reviews can be performed on the web or within Oracle Smart View. Reviewers can also view and compare changes made between review instances.

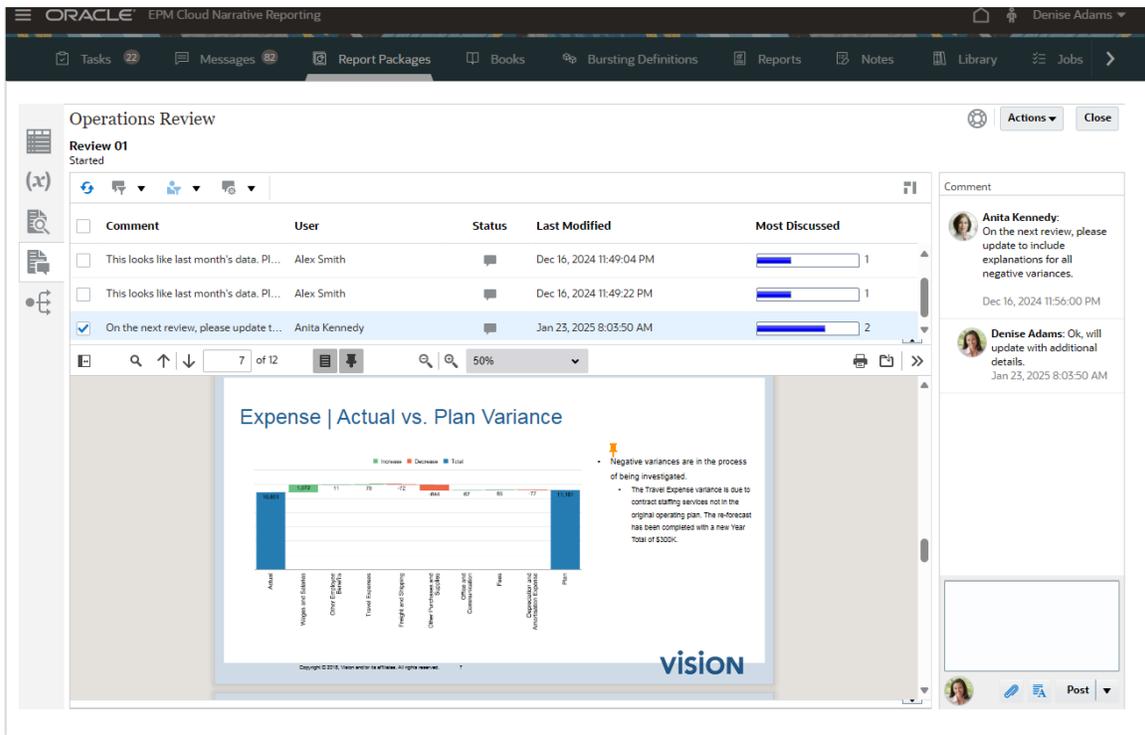


Figure 3: The Review Center provides secured collaboration during the review process.

The Sign-off Phase, when enabled, allows you to set dates and assign the users required for final workflow approval. After the phase is initiated, the content is locked. If a signer rejects the report, the report package owner can reopen it to address issues and resubmit for sign-off.

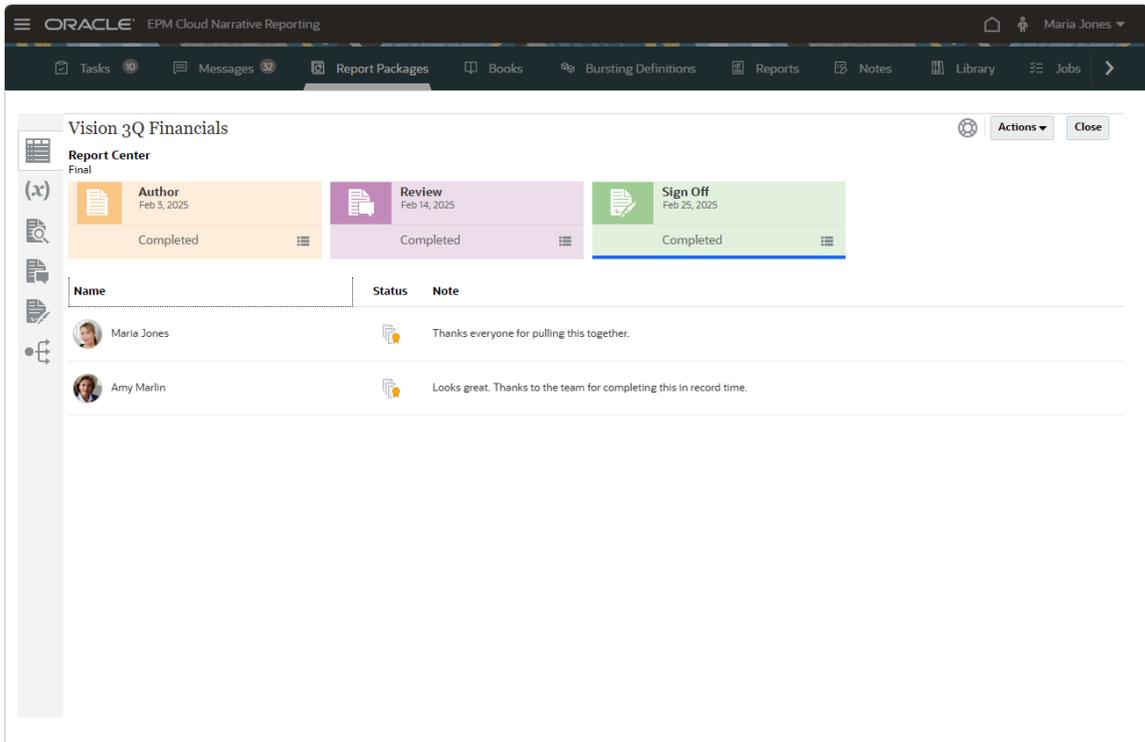


Figure 4: The Sign-off Phase captures electronic approval of a report package.

Confidently report

Using a robust Reference Doclet framework, Narrative Reporting can integrate data from nearly any source into report packages and provide single point of update when data changes or for roll forward needs. Narrative Reporting uses Oracle Smart View for an integrated analysis experience. Smart View enables you to perform dimensional analysis against on-premises and Cloud-based EPM and BI sources. You can use formatted grid, chart, and image content. In the Microsoft Office environment, a closed loop analysis and narrative authoring capability includes an easy refresh of data. Authors can integrate EPM and BI data and reporting content directly into the doclet, and participants can access doclets. Using the Reference Doclet and File feature allows you to integrate data from nearly any source directly into narrative report packages, and provides the ability to separate the publishers of data content (charts, graphs and grids) from the narrative authors tasked with providing the business commentary.

Collaborate securely

Narrative Reporting enables business users to participate in the narrative reporting process through the web interface on a variety of devices, including desktops and tablets. Whether you are a report package owner, an approver, a reviewer or report recipient, you are no longer bound to a bulky device or complex document systems to monitor, manage, review, approve, or sign off on content. When the system notifies you of a task, connect, sign in, complete your task, and be on your way. If the Microsoft Office environment is preferred, participants can author, approve, and review tasks through Oracle Smart View.

Leverage built-in report writing

Narrative Reporting includes the Reports toolset, which is a centralized, cloud- based reporting solution for creating financial and managerial reports and books. It enables users to insert charts and grids from multiple Cloud EPM sources, Essbase OCI, as well as Cloud ERP Financials. The reports can be used stand- alone by users for online viewing, interacting and printing. The reports can also be embedded into Narrative Reporting report package doclets, providing direct integration with the collaborative narrative reporting process. Reports also support system reporting with relational tables against Cloud EPM System Data Sources, such as Task Manager, Supplemental Data and Enterprise Journals.

Reports key features

- Production quality, highly formatted, management and financial reporting with HTML, PDF and Excel report formats.
- Report Book, bursting and distribution for standard financial reporting
- Conditional Text and Generative AI-enabled narrative generation.
- Report-based commentary collection and reporting with Notes
- Cloud EPM System reporting for Cloud EPM System Data Sources such as Task Manager, Supplemental Data and Enterprise Journals
- Direct integration into Oracle EPM, BI and ERP data sources
- Hierarchical and dimensional analysis capabilities for financial data

Reports include improved design paradigms, enhanced charting, an enriched report viewer experience, and narrative generation via the conditional formatting framework.

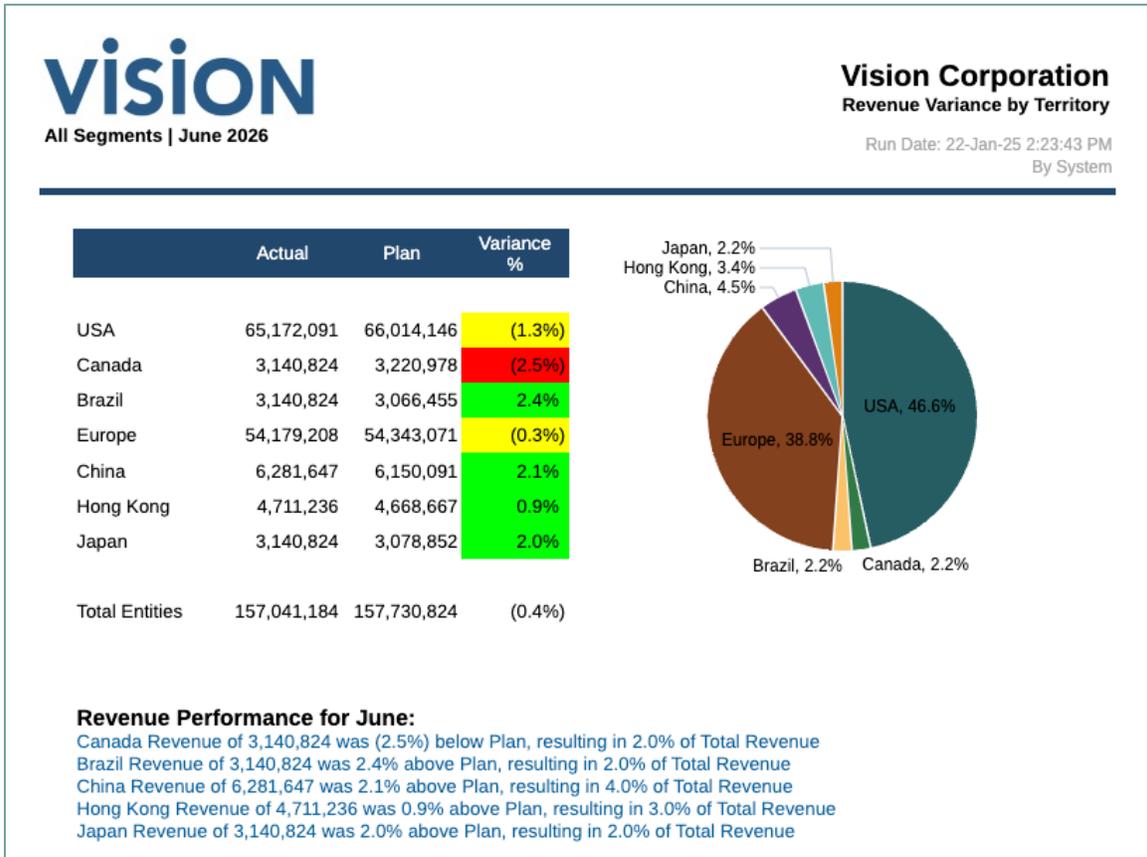


Figure 5: Generate highly formatted financial and managerial reports.

Notes allow for the entering and displaying of structured Point of View-based narrative text.

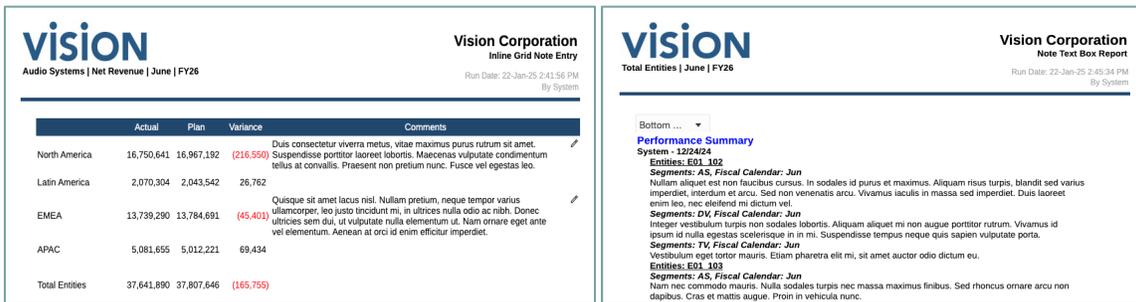


Figure 6: Enter Notes inline in a report and view consolidated Notes.

Utilize Generative AI (GenAI) for producing narrative summaries in a text box or text rows/columns. It can be used for describing exceptions, the causality for exceptions and comparative analysis.

		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
vision						Vision Corporation
Net Revenue All Segments 2021						Major Market Summary Report
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North America	160,150,418	178,225,775	183,347,657	174,592,709	In Quarter 4, 2021, the Net Revenue for North America across all segments amounted to 174,592,709 USD. The top 3 contributing entities were the USA with a value of 162,822,414 USD, Canada with 7,846,863 USD, and Mexico with 3,923,432 USD.	
Latin America	19,793,872	22,027,905	22,660,946	21,578,874		
EMEA	131,359,332	146,185,186	150,386,281	143,205,256	In Quarter 4, 2021, the Actual Net Revenue for the EMEA region totaled 143,205,256 USD. The top contributing entities were Europe with a value of 135,358,393 USD, Middle East with 3,923,432 USD, and Africa, also with 3,923,432 USD.	
APAC	45,858,952	52,964,174	55,622,323	48,422,266		

Figure 7: Generative AI to produce narrative descriptions based on a predefined condition being met.

Books provide the ability to group together one or more reports, other Books and other documents, to generate a single PDF or Excel output. You can optionally include a customizable Table of Contents, and common margins, page headers and footers. Reports can be run for multiple member selections in a Book.

Bursting provides the ability to run a report or book for more than one member of a single dimension, generating a PDF or static Excel output for each member. You can email the generated output to a recipient list and/or save the output to the Narrative Reporting Library. You can utilize a distribution template to specify email recipients and Library permissions. You can also schedule bursting definitions via the Job Console or execute them via EPM Automate

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Figure 8: Distribute books of reports.

Narrative Reporting offers full repository management capabilities to organize, manage, and access to content in a secured and auditable environment. The system maintains shortcuts to recently accessed artifacts. Users can mark and organize favorites or store third-party content in shared or private folders.

Artifact owners can run audit extracts for details on activities on the artifact, and authorized users can see history. Artifacts and folders can be exported and imported to migrate content across environments.

Library key features

- Role-based document and content access
- Secure at all levels to handle sensitive content, from network to storage

Regulatory reporting and XBRL

Narrative Reporting includes the capabilities to generate XML-based, as well as the PDF-based narrative, reports required for submission to local regulators to satisfy Country by Country Tax Reporting (CbCr).

Narrative Reporting report packages can be used to meet XBRL-based reporting mandates. You can perform taxonomy management, tagging, validation, generation and submission of XBRL/iXBRL-based reporting, powered by Ez- XBRL¹.

¹ Separate subscription is required.

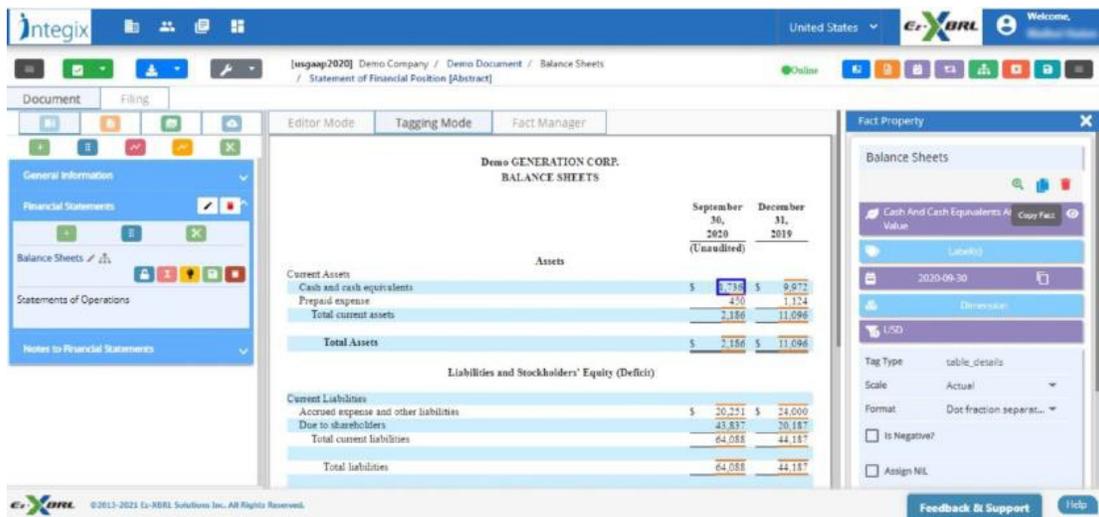


Figure 9: Regulatory Reporting powered by Ez- XBRL.

Related EPM business processes

- Enterprise Data Management
- Financial Consolidation and Close
- Planning
- Profitability and Cost Management
- Narrative Reporting
- Tax Reporting

Other related solutions

- Oracle Fusion Cloud ERP
- Oracle Fusion Cloud SCM
- Oracle Fusion Cloud HCM
- Oracle Fusion Cloud CX

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