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How Ben Ramsey of Alinta Energy discovered key efficiencies through Account Reconciliation

Meet the Experts – Account Reconciliation



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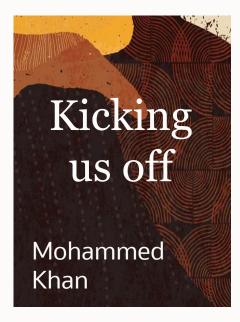
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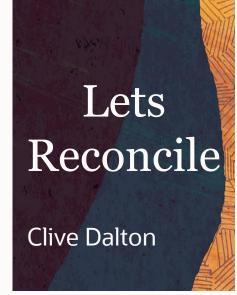
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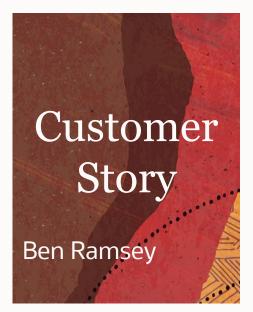
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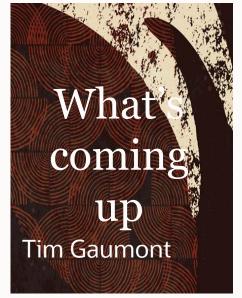


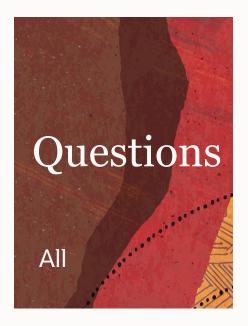
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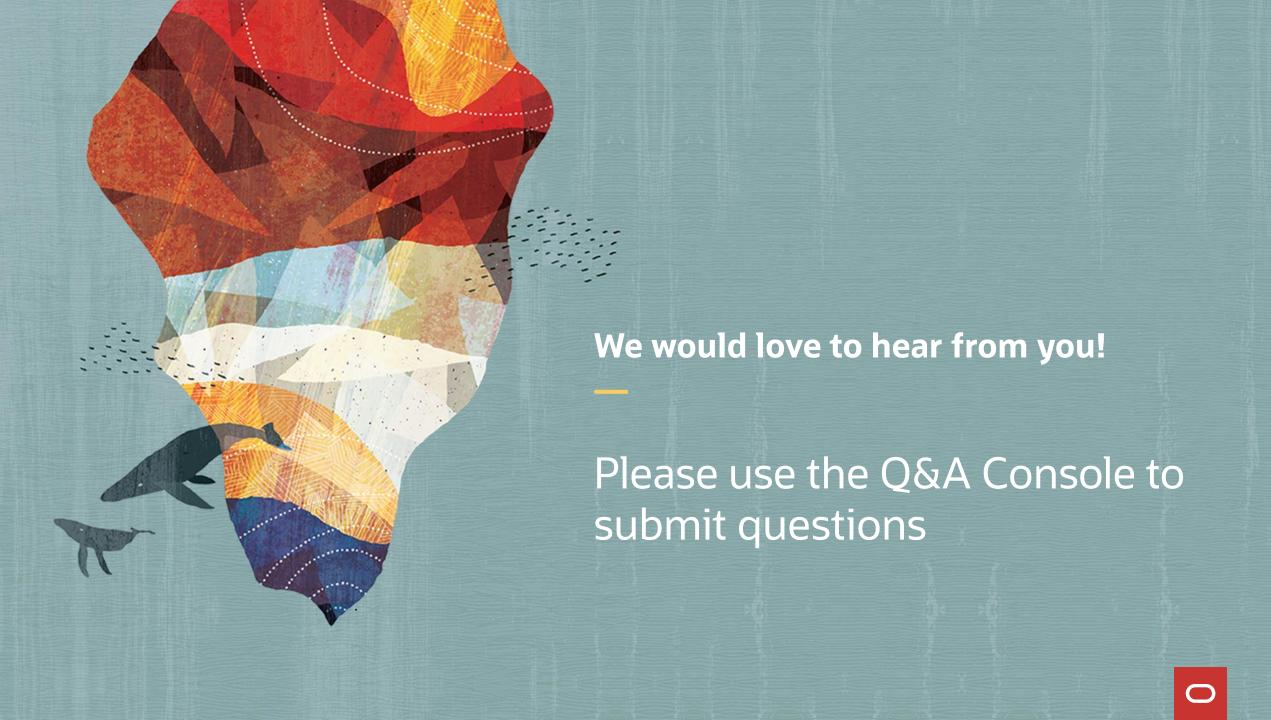












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Oracle EPM Overview

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Corporate Process & Capabilities

Enterprise Planning



Financial Close





Enterprise Planning

Business Process and Capabilities

Visibility and Process Management • Workflow • Audit • Task Orientated • Scheduling • Work Calendar

Financial Close & Ops Systems

Data Assurance Strategic Plans

Budget / Forecast

Profitability

Reporting

- Actuals
- Multiple Source Systems
- Operational drivers
- HR information

- Map multiple COAs
- Enable drill back to detail
- Business owned capability (No IT)
- Forecast/model strategic possibilities
- Select strategies
- Set targets
- MA analysis

- Seed targets to annual operating plan
- Start annual process
- Evaluate projects, resource and capital requirements
- Evaluate Financial Performance
- Allocations by business view
- Update strategic plan with latest forecast

- Management
- Statutory
- Device independent
- Financial aware
- Ad hoc analysis



Financial Close

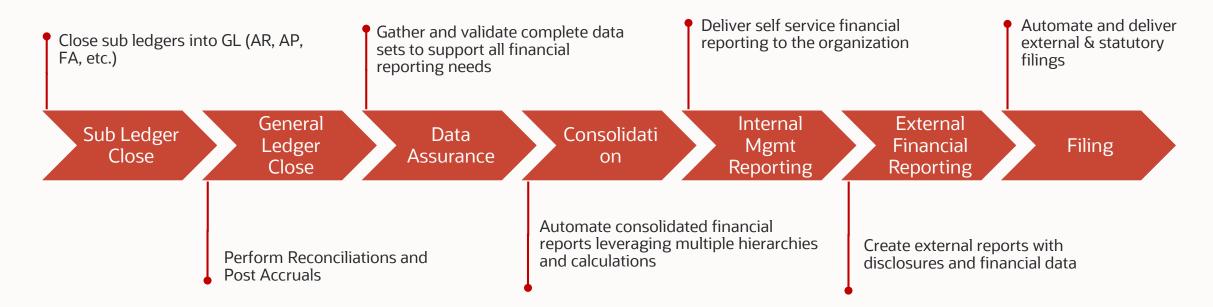
Business Process and Capabilities

Visibility and Process Management

• Workflow • Audit • Task Orientated • Scheduling • Work Calendar

Reconciliations & Taxation

• Account • Balance • Certification • Provisioning • Tax Reporting





Corporate Process & Capabilities

Enterprise Planning



Financial Close





Oracle EPM Cloud Suite

Adaptable | Personalized | Complete | Connected | Trusted



Enterprise Data Management



Enterprise Planning



Financial Consolidation & Close



Profitability & Cost Mgt



Account Reconciliation



Narrative Reporting



Tax Reporting





Account Reconciliation Overview

How Oracle solves Account Reconciliation issues

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Modernise Your Account Reconciliation



Enable Automated Account Reconciliation



Efficiently Manage the Process



Comprehensively Address Security and Risk



Best In Class Account Reconciliation Solution

Reconciliation Compliance

- Manage Entire Reconciliation Process
 - Balance Sheet
 - o B/S and P&L Variance Analysis
 - o Consolidation & other balance checks
 - o GAAP / STAT / IFRS / other
- Ensure Compliance Requirements

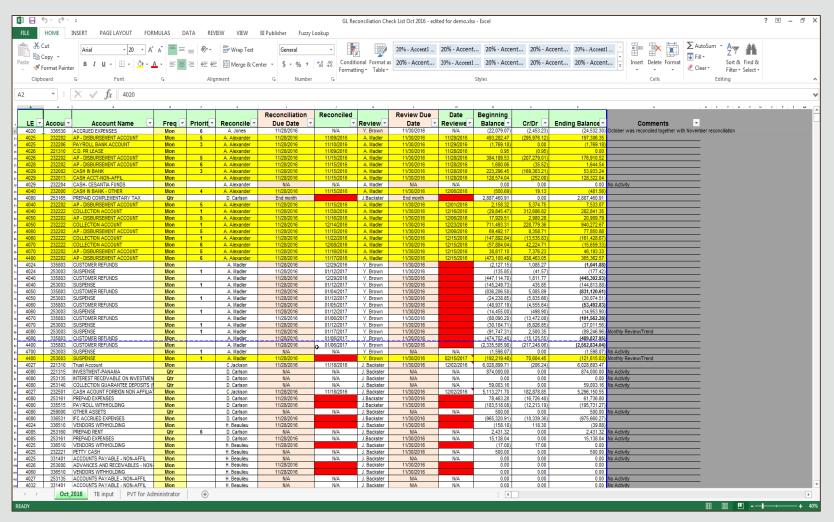
Transaction Matching

- Automate High Volume, Labor Intensive, Complex Reconciliations
- Transactions across one, two, or more data sources



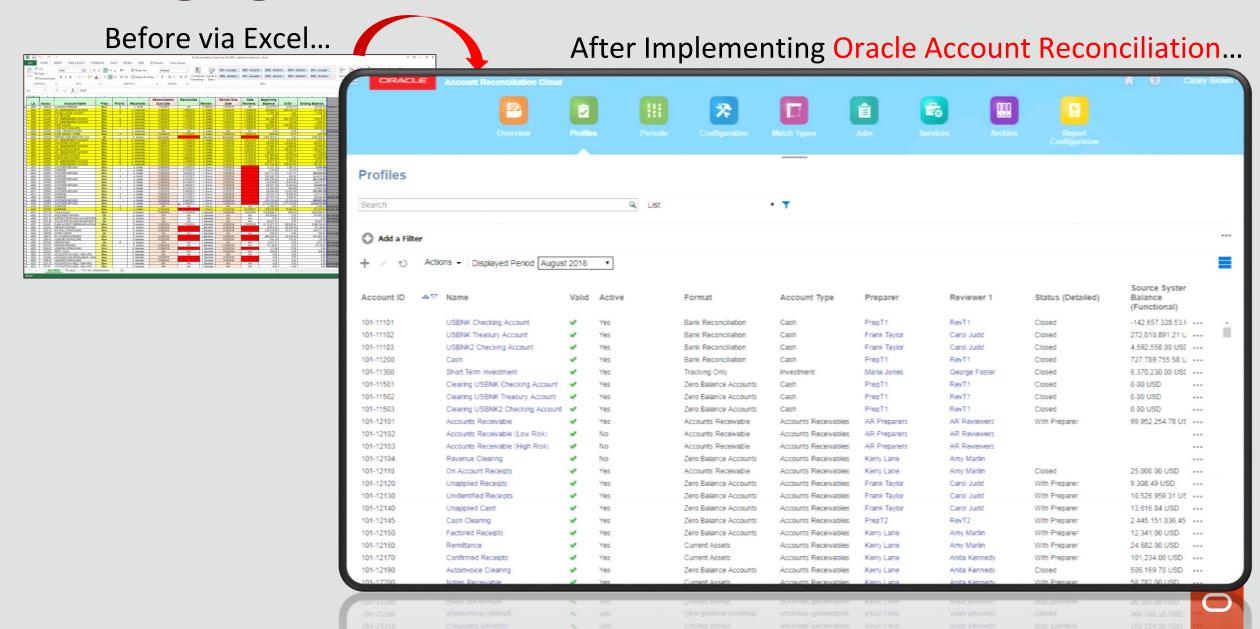
Overall Reconciliation Compliance tracking prior to Reconciliation

Excel Home-grown





Managing Reconciliations

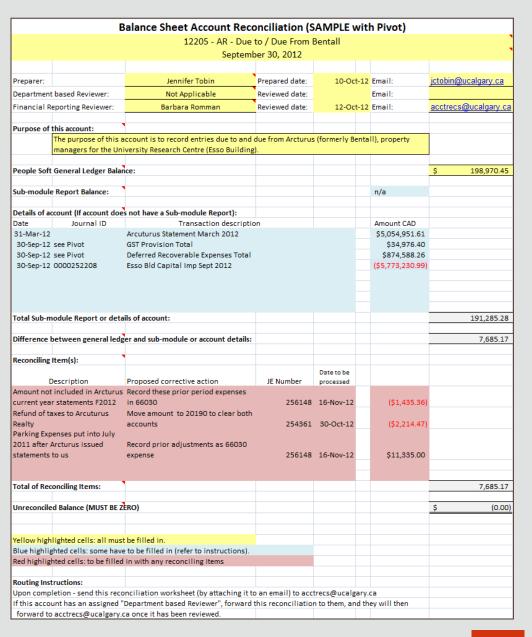


Recon preparation and review prior to Account Reconciliation

Excel / Word have been the tool of choice

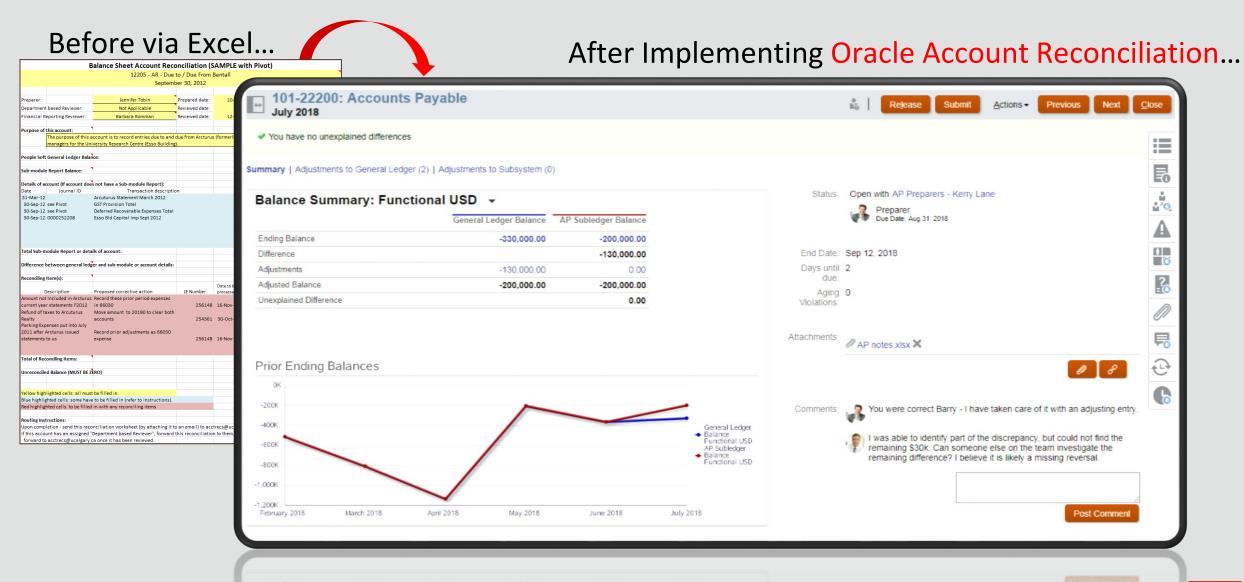
YOU CAN'T DO THIS IN YOUR ERP SYSTEM

- Risk Status
- Compliance with Policy
- Attachments
- Auditable Commentary

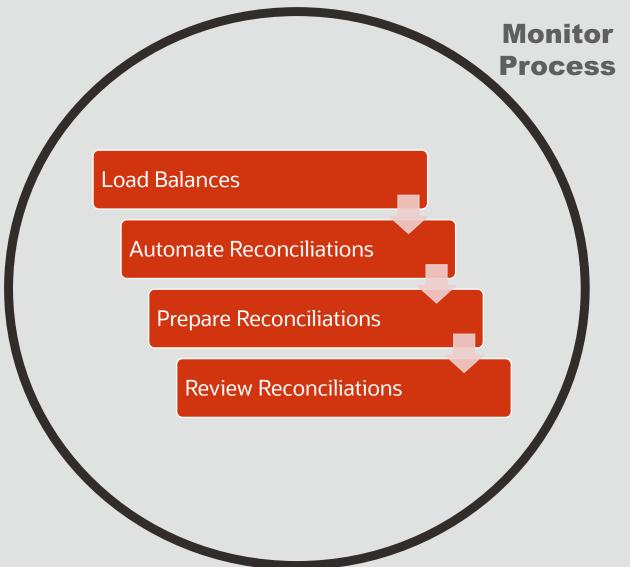




Performing Reconciliations



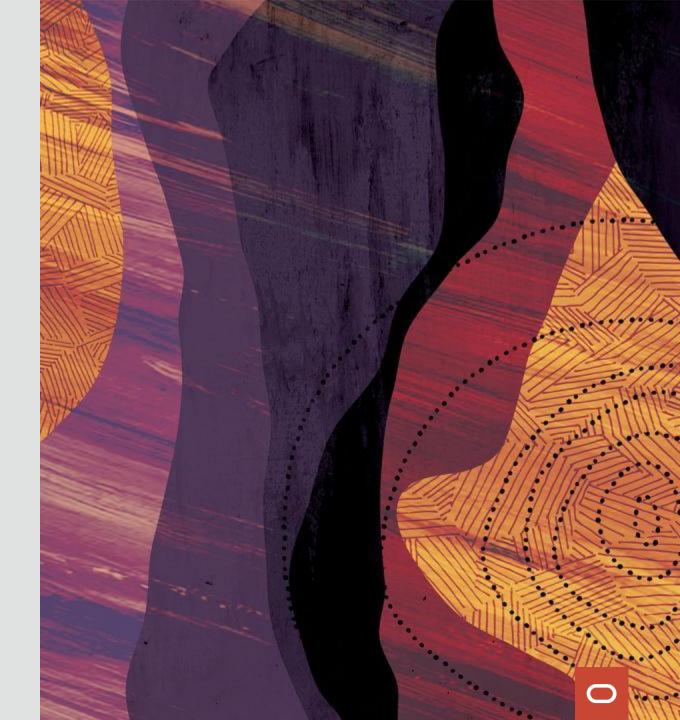
5 Step Reconciliation Process



- Easy Integration with any data system
- Auto Reconciliation
- Configurable Formats
 - ✓ Account Explanation
 - General ledger balance is substantiated by a list of transactions e.g. Prepaids, Accruals
 - ✓ Balance to Balance Comparison
 - Comparing your general ledger balance to any other source of data e.g. subledger
- Approval and Rejection Workflow
- Monitoring
 - ✓ Workflow
 - ✓ Compliance Analysis
- Email Notifications
- Inbuilt reports or produce you're own



Demonstration



Benefits of Oracle Account Reconciliation









Eliminate manual tasks and drive costs out of the close process through Automation

Reduces the time spent by reviewers and auditors by having a single, scalable repository for global reconciliation

Integration to the financial close reduces time to close and increases reliability of the numbers

Drill- back capability to your ERP application allows you to quickly check underlying reasons for discrepancies





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Affordable and sustainable. We're for both.

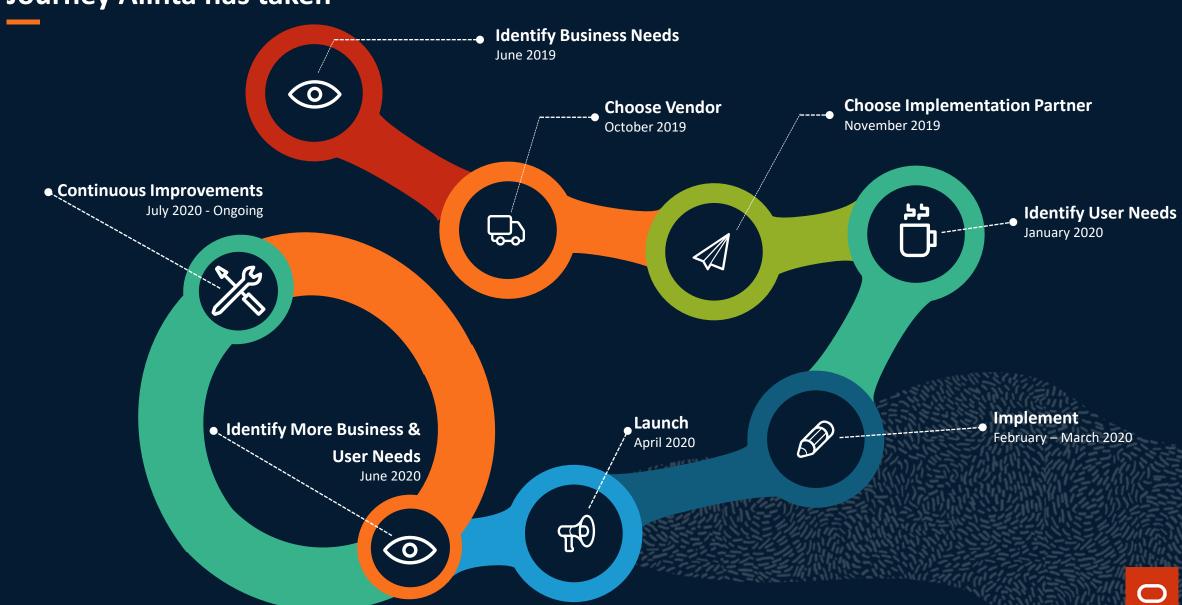
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Journey Alinta has taken





Account Reconciliations

ARCS gone live with Compliance and Transactional Matching. Some key points:

- Compliance Reconciliation: Reduces the amount of work they are doing each month
- Trans matching different way of looking at transactional level matches for their bank reconciliations



10,000 records auto matched per week

Looking at exceptions at times only 26 line suggestions

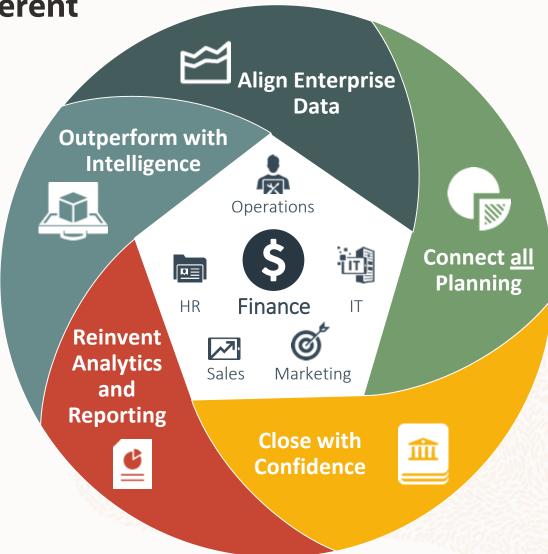
Time-saving solution vs Excel

Saved a days worth of work per month

A hidden gem in the EPM world

Oracle Cloud EPM is uniquely different

- Most comprehensive Cloud EPM on a common platform
- Covers all EPM processes with deep functionality
- Deploy in modular fashion according to your needs
- Leverage configurable best practice content







Customer Success and Roadmap

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Case Study: Beach Energy ARCS







- Reduced Close Cycle
- Efficient Closing of Accounts
- Standardised Account Reconciliation

- Beach Energy transformed its Month End Reconciliation process using ORACLE Account Reconciliation Cloud Service (ARCS).
- They required a standardised, efficient, and central solution to all Account Reconciliations.
- Tracking and status reporting for closing Accounts was a key consideration.
- Parallel processing of Accounts by different teams concurrently was a deficiency in the existing system.
- Automation greatly improved efficiency by removing manual reconciliation account creation, auto reconciling zero balance accounts and accounts with no activity.
- The solution implemented the above requirements, and it additionally provided a mechanism to view all relevant details to Accounts including past reconciliations, comments, and approvals in a single view.
- The ARCS created a scalable reconciliation process allowing for company expansion and contraction.



Case Study: NSW Health



- Eliminated hundreds of spreadsheet based reconciliations
- Processing over 1 million records using transaction matching
- Reduced errors through automation

DXC.technology

NSW Health chose Oracle ARCS and FCCS Close Manager to drive its Finance Transformation agenda.

- Eliminated over 500 excel spreadsheets, reducing errors
- Automation achieved through auto rec capabilities and robust rules engine, reduced time / effort to complete account recs
- Transaction matching solution is efficiently processing over 1 million records through the use of the flexible rules capability
- Combining multiple data sources into a single summarised reconciliation
- Improve visibility of reconciliation statuses, and aged reconciling adjustments
- Monitor Reconciliations, Transactions and Compliance reports etc. through out of the box reporting and FCCS Close Manager



Robotic Process Automation



"Virtual workforce" that performs repetitive, clearly defined tasks

Machine Learning



Algorithms that use statistical analysis to assess diverse types of data and provide insight

Human Interface

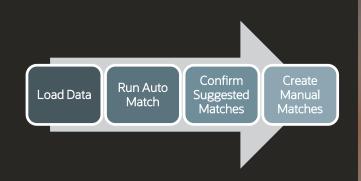


Technologies that enable users to interact with information in new ways

Technologies Influencing the Future of EPM for superior business outcomes



Account Reconciliation: Transaction Matching Configurable Intelligence for Automating Reconciliations



Use Case: Account Reconciliation

- Automate high-volume / complex reconciliations to allow accounting staff to focus on value add tasks
- Support needs of Corporate Accounting in all industries
 - Bank Accounts, Intercompany Accounts, Accounts
 Receivable, Accounts Payable, High volume accruals
- Address industry-specific high volume requirements
 - Banks: ATM / Fed Funds, Retail: Store Deposits / Credit Card, Insurance: Trade Settlement
- Flexibility for daily and period-end matching and balancing



Exception Management

Alerts are being expanded

Objects you can link to Alert Configuration:

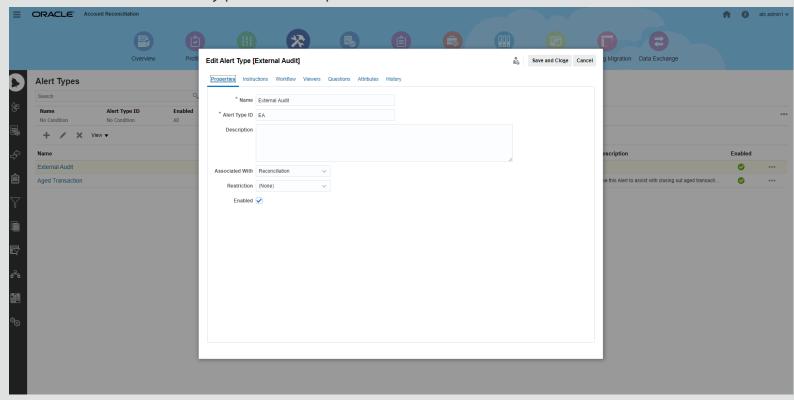
Account Reconciliation

- Alerts
- Reconciliations
- Period-End Transactions
- Transaction Matching (CY21Q2)

Consolidation and Close

- Alerts
- Year / Period
- Close Manager Task
- Close Manager Schedule

Alert Type example in Account Reconciliation

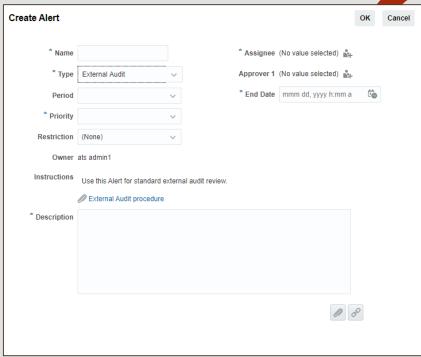




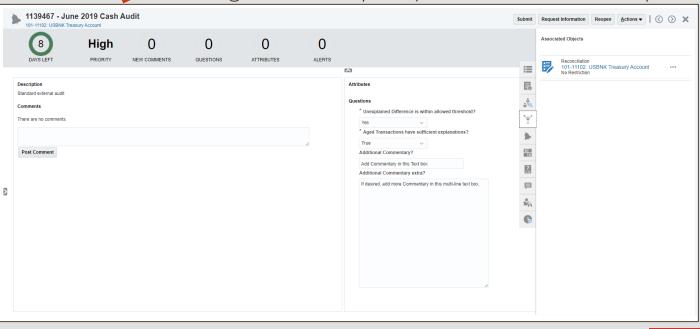
Exception Management

Responding to an Alert

Owner fills in requested Alert details (this can be automated via Rule as well)



Alert is associated with the reconciliation, then Assignee must respond / Submit Alert once completed





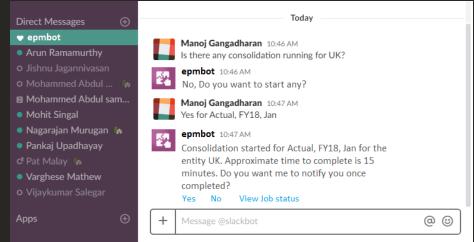
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Conversational Interface for EPM

- Type of Intents
 - epmbot has memory
 - Simple conversations
 - Scrolling and Paging

- Data drill down
- Charts and Images
- Access to Web UI
- Example intents/conversation
- Login
- Set/Get POV
- List of Journals
- Action on Journals

- Review Close Status
- Review Reconciliations
- Help
- and more...





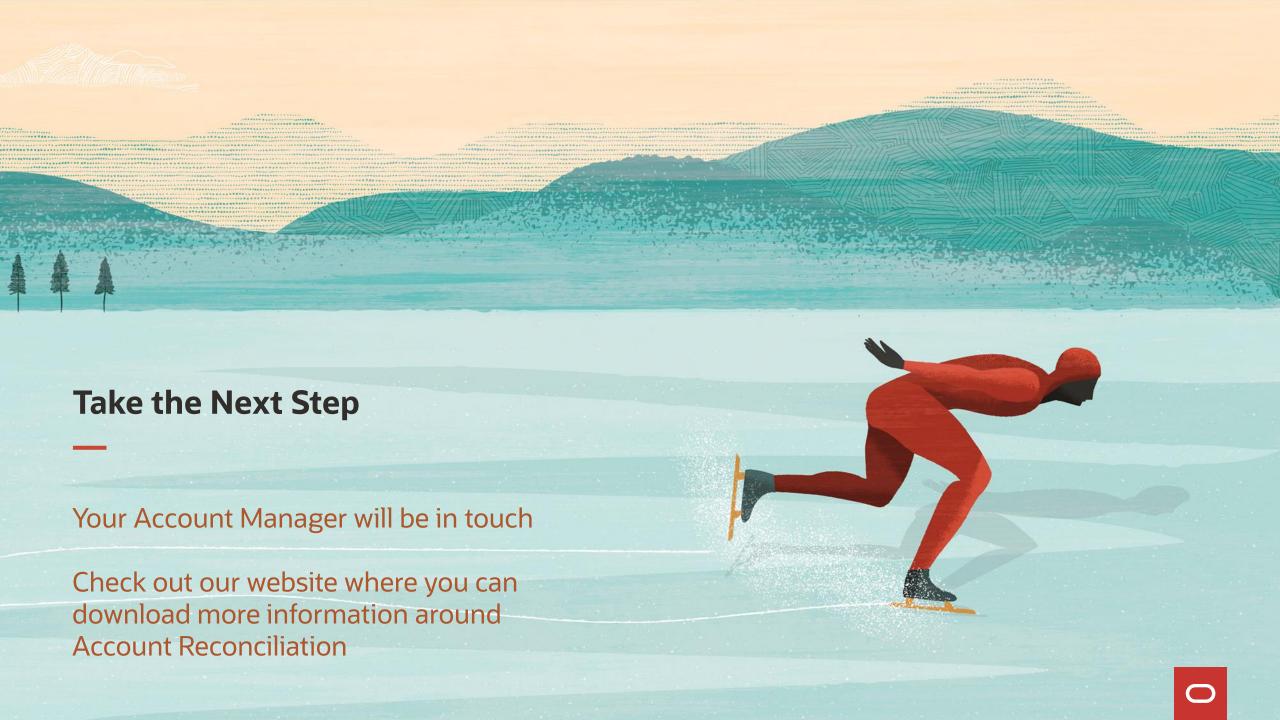


In Summary

Automating Account Reconciliation not only saves you money, but improves your time to close



- By using Accounts Reconciliation, you are materially reducing the risk of your CFO presenting incorrect numbers to the Board
- Your Auditors will love you! (until you ask for a huge fee reduction!)



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Adding Immediate Value with Automated Reconciliation

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Thank you for tuning in

