Microsoft® Forecaster

Realize the benefits of a budgeting and planning solution with Microsoft® Forecaster. Meet business objectives and gain competitive advantage with budgeting and planning capabilities that allow you to take more control of the budgeting and planning process, readily adjust to changing conditions and develop more realistic and accurate budgets.

[BENEFITS]

Implement quickly

Deploy budgeting and planning data throughout your organization with a simple, Web-based interface that maps to the look and feel of the Microsoft Office System applications that employees use every day.

Take control of your budgeting process

Harness financial data with powerful budgeting and planning functionality that allows you to build a precision budget, control expenses, and project sales effectively.

Quickly adjust to new opportunities

Take advantage of new opportunities as they arise with capabilities that show you exactly where your budget is and where it's going to be. Coordinate plans immediately and collaborate easily with your management team — regardless of location — using Web-based tools.

Better understand staffing needs

Make informed staffing decisions with human resource (HR) planning details that can be customized, viewed, and analyzed in a variety of ways.

Plan more effectively

Create accurate high-level plans instantly by automatically spreading increases and decreases across each of your planning periods, using accurate, up-to-date data pulled directly from General Ledger in Microsoft Dynamics™ GP.
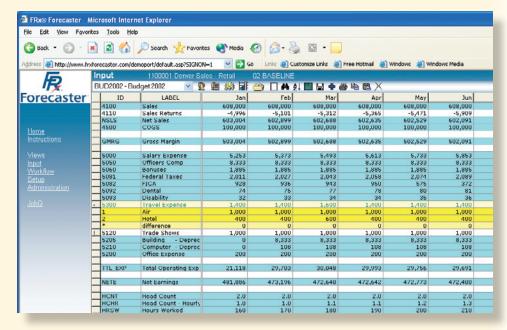
Streamline your planning

Manage your budget and planning to actual information, access data from your general ledger with ease, and drill back to data at its source with seamless integration between Microsoft Forecaster and Microsoft Dynamics GP.

MOVE BETWEEN BUDGETS easily with the Budget Version dropdown.

REDUCE THE LEARNING CURVE with a spreadsheet look and feel.

ESTABLISH EASY ACCESS, yet maintain user-based security, through the hyperlinked menu.

[FEATURES OVERVIEW]

Flexible Data Analysis and Views	View and analyze reports and budgets from anywhere in the world in a Web-based environment. Streamlined setup and calculations management help reduce the number of accounts and related calculations.
Comprehensive Account Balances	Use the detail planning modules, including human resources, capital expenditures, and revenue planning to complete detailed planning of account balances for major aspects of your business.
Extensive HR and Benefits Budgeting Options	Budget employee assets in multiple scenarios by adding more detailed budgeting data for specific personnel, with salary planning worksheets and flexible salary and bonus designations.
Pay Type Support	Make better staffing decisions with user-defined and customized Pay Types — such as Second Shift, Non-Productive Time, and Personal Time Off — for review and analysis. Users can analyze data in a variety of ways, regardless of your defined pay types, with up to 12 different HR views.
Detailed Capital Expense Budgets	Manage both the expense and depreciation of planned capital purchases with ease when going through the budget process for your business models.
Dynamic Revenue Forecasting	Maintain control over your revenue forecasting process by making adjustments at any time to accommodate budgetary and planning changes.
Comprehensive Planning Control	Use flexible input screens to define up to 100 different periods from multiple budget versions and create calculated columns such as variances between plans. Design templates to deliver the relevant information to the right people in the organization.
Drag-and-Drop Consolidations	View your business from the top-down with easy-to-manipulate scenarios and high-level views that let you quickly see the impact of the changes on the planning process.
Simplified Import	Extend your current financial data and match how you organize budgeting information and processes, using ExpressLink to flexibly map general ledger accounts to Forecaster account segments. For non general ledger data, simplified import functionality helps user more quickly import information by providing the ability to budget and plan beyond general ledger information.
Workflow Control	Understand the status of the budget at any time by coordinating your budget and planning process with workflow and automated e-mails.
Streamlined Reporting	Quickly modify the work you have done in Microsoft FRx reports by adding your Microsoft Forecaster accounts and versions to these reports. During the budgeting process, utilize Microsoft reports to immediately understand the impact of changes.

Microsoft Dynamics GP