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Revised:

Oracle Hyperion Tax Governance provides a flexible integration framework that enables you to leverage services from external applications. The integration framework, built around industry standards, supports web-based interactive tasks and Web Services based automated tasks.

Tax Governance provides a flexible integration framework that allows end users to leverage services from external applications. The integration framework is built around industry standards and supports web-based interactive tasks and Web Services based automated tasks.

Tax Governance has two modules: Tax Operations and Tax Supplemental Schedules.

Uses

Subtopics

● Using Tax Operations
● Using Tax Supplemental Schedules

Using Tax Operations

You can:

● Define the close tasks and schedule to ensure the most efficient task flow
● Automate close management, track status, and provide notifications and alerts
● Integrate with product tasks
● Notify users by email for delinquencies, due dates, status changes
● Monitor close status from a dashboard
● Act quickly to fix errors and delays
Analyze the effectiveness of the close

Using Tax Supplemental Schedules

Tax Supplemental Schedules helps you organize, update, edit, and manage supplemental data, typically transactions, for financial analytical applications such as consolidation.

You can:

- Manage metadata by creating or importing it from EPM products such as Oracle Hyperion Financial Management
- Define the data definition and associated data forms for data collection
- Support the ability to create calculation formula and validation criteria
- Notify users to work on their assigned forms
- Control and monitor the data collection workflow

Prerequisites

Use Oracle’s EPM System Installer to install, register, and configure Oracle Hyperion Financial Close Management.

For required software components, see Oracle Enterprise Performance Management System Installation Start Here.

Before you can use this product, you must complete these prerequisites:

- Install and configure Oracle Hyperion Enterprise Performance Management Workspace.
- Install Oracle Hyperion Shared Services and register with Shared Services.

For complete installation instructions, see the Oracle Enterprise Performance Management System Installation and Configuration Guide.

This program is integrated in Oracle’s Hyperion EPM System product suite and is displayed in the EPM Workspace.


For information on the manual steps to install Event Monitoring, see the Oracle Hyperion Financial Close Management Event Monitoring Configuration Addendum on the Oracle Technology Network (OTN) website.

Setting User Preferences for the Time Zone

You can specify a user preference for the time zone to use for an application.
To set the time zone:

1. In your application, select Manage, and then User Profile.
2. In Timezone, select a time zone, and then click OK.

Managing Reports

Subtopics

- Generating Predefined Reports
- Managing Queries
- Creating Report Templates
- Managing Report Groups
- Managing Report Definitions
- Generating Reports

The Query Report Template, Report Group Assignment, and Report Definition functionality generates predefined or helps you build custom reports:

1. In Financial Close Management, a user with a Report Designer role creates a query whose definition can be then exported as an XML file.

2. Use Oracle Business Intelligence Publisher within Word (BI Publisher must be installed) to import the XML file created above and use it to create a template document, which should be in RTF format.

3. Back in Financial Close Management create a report, which uses both the query and the template created above. That report can be set with a default output of PDF, HTML, or XLS (Excel).

Generating Predefined Reports

For Tax Operations, you can start with predefined reports and change them for your reporting needs.

To import predefined reports:

1. From EPM Workspace, select Navigate, then Administer, and then Shared Services Console to access Shared Services.

2. Navigate to File System, and then your application reports.

3. By default, all reports are selected. To select a partial list, click Clear Selections to clear all the reports, and then select the reports that you want to import.

4. Click Import, and then click OK.

5. To generate the reports:
   a. In your application, select Tools, and then Generate Reports.

c. Select the reports in the Report Group, and then click Generate.

d. For each parameter, select the value.

e. In Generate Report, enter a report name.

f. Click Generate.

g. Click Open or Save File to save the ZIP file.

**Tax Operations Predefined Reports**

*Note:* To avoid report errors, you must enter the required parameters.

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| At Risk Tasks                | Displays the tasks that are “at risk” (where remaining time available to complete the task is less than the minimum task duration). | • **Schedule**—Select the schedules and period for the report.  
  • **Optional: Period**—Filter by period and schedule.                         |
| Compliance Analysis          | Displays key compliance metrics by user.                                     | • **Schedule**—Filter by schedule.  
  • **Optional: Period**—Filter by period.  
  • **Optional: Minimum % Late**—Users can provide a threshold that filters the records to be displayed. For example, if you enter 10, users with 10% or more of their tasks completed late are displayed. |
| Early Tasks                  | Displays the tasks that were completed before the due date, creating an opportunity to shorten close cycles. | • **Schedule**—Select the schedules that filter the records to be displayed.  
  • **Optional: Period**—Filter by period.                                      |
| Late Tasks                   | Displays the tasks that are late for either the Assignee role or for any Approver level role. | • **Schedule**—Select the schedules to be included in the report.  
  • **Optional: Period**—Filter by period.                                       |
| Performance Analysis by Organizational Unit | Displays key performance metrics by Organizational Unit. | • **Schedule**—Filter by schedule.  
  • **Optional: Period**—Filter by period.                                      |
| Rejected Tasks               | Displays statuses rejected by any approver.                                  | • **Schedule**—Select the schedules to be included in the report.  
  • **Optional: Period**—Filter by period.                                       |
| Task Audit Trial             | Displays the changes made to tasks during a user-selected date range.        | • **From Date**—Select the starting date.  
  • **To Date**—Select the ending date.  
  • **Optional: Changed By**—Select records changed by the selected user.  
  • **Optional: Field Changed**—Select changes made to a field.  
  • **Optional: Task ID**—Select changes made to a task.                        |
Managing Queries

Subtopics

- Creating Queries
- Editing Queries
- Duplicating Queries
- Deleting Queries

Designers can add, edit, and remove Queries. Queries must exist before reports can be defined.

All topics on generating reports:

- “Generating Predefined Reports” on page 15
- “Creating Report Templates” on page 19
- “Managing Report Groups” on page 20
- “Creating Report Definitions” on page 22
- “Generating Reports” on page 24

Creating Queries

Creating queries is the first step in generating reports:

1. Create a query. See below.
5. Generate the report. See “Generating Reports” on page 24.

To create queries:

1. In your application, select Manage, and then Manage Reports.
2. Select Queries, then Actions, and then New.
3. In New Query, enter:
   - Name
   - Description
   - Type
The selection of the Type determines where the Query appears in the New and Edit Report dialog boxes:

- **Parameter Query**
  
  A query that is defined as type Parameter Query is used to present a list of options that you can specify for this parameter’s value. Parameter Query allows you to present a list of options used when filling in a parameter’s value for a Report Query, where the list of options is not a simple Attribute already defined, but is instead a complex query that you need to define.

- **Report Query**
  
  Select the records to be included in the report. You can apply a security filter, so users see only the data that they are authorized to see based on their roles and the reconciliations to which they are assigned. To apply a Security Filter to a report query, add the following syntax to the end of the query WHERE CLAUSE statement:

  Tax Governance queries: $\text{TAXOPS\_SECURITY\_CLAUSE}$

  A sample Tax Governance query with the Security Filter applied: SELECT Task_name FROM fcc_tasks WHERE schedule_id = ~Schedule~ AND $\text{TAXOPS\_SECURITY\_CLAUSE}$

  **Note:** Because many predefined queries included with Tax Governance have the Security Filter applied, you can use them as examples when building your own.

  **TIP:**

  If the report you are designing contains parameters, you can design the report to display no records or all records. Examples of each are provided below. These examples assume that you want to run a report that displays the list of periods that contain the “Monthly” frequency.

  - **Parameter Query:** Select frequency_id, frequency_name from arm_frequencies
  
  - **Report Query, Option 1:** (Return no periods if the user does not provide a frequency value):
    
    Select p.period_name from arm_periods p, arm_period_frequencies pf where p.period_id = pf.period_id and pf.frequency_id = ~FREQUENCY~
  
  - **Report Query Option 2:** (Return all periods if the user does not provide a frequency value):
    
    Select p.period_name from arm_periods p, arm_period_frequencies pf where p.period_id = pf.period_id and pf.frequency_id = coalesce(~FREQUENCY~, pf.frequency_id)

  In the second option, the coalesce() function returns the first non-null value in the list; therefore, if the FREQUENCY was null, it would return
pf.frequency_id and in that case that condition would always be true
(pf.frequency_id = pf.frequency_id), causing all records to be returned.

- Generate Query
  Assists you in creating a query against the database by allowing you to select any existing
  attribute in the product to be queried and/or filtered against. The dialog then generates
  the SQL to match the attributes and filters specified, at which time you can modify and
  enhance it.

- Query
  To generate a sample XML file from the Query, click Generate Sample XML.

4 To test the query for errors, click Validate.

Editing Queries

- To edit queries:
  1 In your application, select Manage, and then Manage Reports.
  2 Click Queries, then select a query, then click Actions, and then Edit.
  3 Change Name and Type.
  4 Click OK.

Duplicating Queries

- To duplicate queries:
  1 In your application, select Manage, and then Manage Reports.
  2 Click Queries, then select a query, then click Actions, and then Duplicate.
  3 Enter the necessary updates.
  4 Click Close.

Deleting Queries

- To delete queries:
  1 In your application, select Manage, and then Manage Reports.
  2 Click Queries, then click Actions, and then Delete.
  3 Click Close.

Creating Report Templates

Creating report templates is the second step in generating reports:
1. Create a query. See “Creating Queries” on page 17.

2. Create a template. This section lists the steps to create a report template. Report Templates are created in Microsoft Word and require the Sample XML created from the report query in the Creating Queries section.


5. Generate the report. See “Generating Reports” on page 24.

This section assumes a basic working knowledge of BI Publisher. Refer to the BI Publisher documentation packaged with the Template Builder for additional information.

➤ To create a report template:

1. Download and install the BI Publisher Enterprise Desktop Client:

   **Note:** Close all windows before you install.

2. Open Microsoft Word with a new document.

3. Select the BI Publisher tab, then Load Data.

4. Locate SampleQuery.xml generated from the query and click Open.
   A message displays, “Data Loaded Successfully”. Click OK.

5. Select Insert, and then Table Wizard.

6. Select Table and click Next.

7. Select the default data set and click Next.

8. Select the desired fields to show in the report and click Next.

9. Select the Group By, then select the fields to group by, and then click Next.

10. Select the Sort By, then select the fields to sort by, and then click Finish.

11. Save the template as an *.rft file; for example: SampleQuery.rtf.

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### Managing Report Groups

**Subtopics**

- Creating Report Groups
- Modifying Report Groups
- Duplicating Report Groups
- Deleting Report Groups

The Report Groups section enables report designers to group reports.

Creating Report Groups

Creating report groups is the third step in generating reports:
1. Create a query. See “Managing Queries” on page 17.
3. Set up a report group.
5. Generate the report. See “Generating Reports” on page 24.

To create report groups:
1. In your application, select Manage, and then Manage Reports.
2. Select Report Groups, then Actions, and then New.
3. In New Report Group, enter:
   - Name
     Enter a group name for the group of reports.
   - Description
   - Display to User
     Select Display to User if you want this report group displayed to the user.
     Display to User enables report writers to have a group of reports hidden while they are working on them.
5. Click OK.

Modifying Report Groups

To modify report groups:
1. In your application, select Manage, and then Manage Reports.
2. Select Report Groups, then Actions, and then Modify.
3. Modify the report group, and then click Close.

Duplicating Report Groups

To duplicate report groups:
1. In your application, select Manage, and then Manage Reports.
2 Select Report Groups, select a report group, then select Actions, and then Duplicate.
The name is copied and a 1 is added to the report group name.

3 Click Edit, and then change the name and the order of the reports.

Deleting Report Groups

To delete report groups:
1 In your application, select Manage, and then Manage Reports.
2 Select Report Groups, then select a report group, then select Actions, and then Delete.
   Select Yes or No to answer the message, “Deleting the Report Group will delete all the Reports associated with the Report Group. are you sure you want to delete (the name of the Report Group).”
3 Click Close.

Managing Report Definitions

Subtopics
- Creating Report Definitions
- Editing Report Definitions
- Duplicating Report Definitions
- Deleting Report Definitions

Creating Report Definitions

Creating report definitions is the fourth step in generating reports:
1. Create a query. See “Managing Queries” on page 17.
4. Set up the report definition.
5. Generate the report. See “Generating Reports” on page 24.

To create report definitions:
1 In your application, select Manage, and then Manage Reports.
2 Select Reports, then Actions, and then New.
3 In New Report, enter:
   - Name
   - Description
- **Query**
  Select a query. See “Managing Queries” on page 17.

- **Template**
  Click **Browse** and then **Browse** to a report template. You can upload any supported BI Publisher template format. See “Creating Report Templates” on page 19.

- **Report Group**
  Select the Group Name for the report. See “Managing Report Groups” on page 20.

- **Display to User**
  Select if you want the report displayed to a user. For example, if a report is in progress, the user would clear this option.

- **Output Format**
  Select an report output format that Oracle Business Intelligence Publisher supports; for example: PDF, HTML, XLS.

To complete the report definition, you must set the access:

1. Select the **Access** tab.
2. Select **Actions**, and then **Add**.
3. Select the **Application Module** and the **Role**.

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**Editing Report Definitions**

To edit report definitions:

1. In your application, select **Manage**, and then **Manage Reports**.
2. Select **Reports**.
3. Select a report, then **Actions**, and then **Edit**.
4. Make parameter and access changes, and then click **OK**.

**Duplicating Report Definitions**

To duplicate report definitions:

1. In your application, select **Manage**, and then **Manage Reports**.
2. Select **Reports**.
3. Select a report, then **Actions**, and then **Duplicate**.
4. Select the duplicated report, named the same + 1. For example, Analysis +1.
5. Click **Actions**, and then **Edit** and then make parameter and access changes.
6. Click **OK**.
Deleting Report Definitions

To delete report definitions:

1. In your application, select Manage, and then Manage Reports.
2. Select Reports.
3. Select a report, then Actions, and then Delete.
4. Select Yes or No.

Generating Reports

Process for generating reports:

1. Create a query. See “Managing Queries” on page 17.
5. Generate the report.

To generate reports:

1. In your application, select Tools, and then Generate Reports.
3. Select the reports in the Report Group, for Format, select PDF, HTML, or XLS.

Note: HTML and XLS are not supported for graphs and charts.

4. Click Generate.
5. For each parameter, select the value.
6. In Generate Report, enter a report name.
7. Click Generate.
8. Select Open or Save File to save the ZIP file.
Part I

Tax Operations

In Tax Operations:

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See also:

● Chapter 3, “Navigating in Tax Operations”
● Chapter 4, “Updating Tasks”
● Chapter 6, “Monitoring the Dashboard”

Tax Operations Terms

● **Tasks**—A unit of action in the application, for example, data entry or data consolidation. Power users define the tasks that comprise a close process. Users can read task instructions, answer questions, submit, reassign, approve, and reject tasks, and can access tasks from email notifications or by logging on to the application.

● **Integration Types**—A definition of a service provided by an application. For example, the Consolidate Integration Type for Financial Management contains parameters such as the Point of View dimensions to run the consolidation. A standard set of Integration Types that are integrated with other Oracle applications is included with the installation.

● **Task Types**—Identify and categorize tasks commonly performed during a close period; for example, Data Entry, or G/L Extract. The Task Type enables you to set default information, such as settings that need to be input by the user, and questions or instructions that are shared by all tasks of that type. Task Types are often based on Integration Types.

● **Execution Types**—End-users, System-Automated Task, Event Monitoring Task

● **Templates**—Tasks that are repeatable over close periods. Administrators can create templates for different types of close periods, such as monthly or quarterly.

● **Schedules**—Defines the chronologically ordered set of tasks that must be executed for a specific close period, and is the alignment of a template’s generic close days to calendar dates.
Dashboard—This view presents a portal-style interface with views into schedules and task lists, and high-level summaries into which you can drill down for greater detail.

Alerts—Notifications from users on issues that they encounter during the process, such as hardware or software issues. Users create alerts identifying a problem and assign them to be resolved.

Report Binders—Summaries of close process activity. They contain a description of all task details that were executed as part of the close schedule. Report Binders enable administrators and others to review and adjust activities for future periods and are useful for audit purposes.

Starting the Application

**Note:** The Shared Services server, the EPM Workspace server, and the product server must all be running before you launch the application.

See the Oracle Enterprise Performance Management System Installation and Configuration Guide.

To access your product, first log on to EPM Workspace and launch your program.

1. **To start your program:**
   1. **Enter the URL.**
      
      The URL is the web server host name, web server port, and workspace.
      
      By default, the Workspace URL is `http://SERVER_NAME:PORT/workspace/`.
   2. **In the Oracle Hyperion Enterprise Performance Management Workspace logon dialog box, enter the system user name and password and click Log On.**
      
      If an error message indicates that the system can’t authenticate a user, verify these conditions:
      
      - The user is provisioned for the application. If not, use Oracle Hyperion Shared Services to provision the user.
      
      - The user token or session is not timed out. If it has timed out, log off, and then log on to start a session.
      
      - The web server is configured and running. If there is a problem with the web server, contact the system administrator.
   3. **Select Navigate, Applications, YOUR APPLICATION.**

Using Tax Operations With Smart View

When you use Financial Close Management with Oracle Smart View for Office, do not use the Microsoft Outlook Customize View functionality. Use the Customize fields dialog from the right click menu in the Smart View panel.
Viewing Tasks

When you start Financial Close Management, the Dashboard opens with the My Worklist view displayed by default. You can also open other Dashboard controls called portlets such as Schedule Tasks, Status Charts, or Status Overviews.

When you switch views, for example, from Calendar to Gantt, the system synchronizes the dates so that your current view displays the same date range as your previous view.

For more information on My Worklist, see “My Worklist” on page 65.

You can also view and update tasks from the Task Actions page, which you can launch from a link in your Financial Close Management email notification, or launch from a Dashboard portlet. For more information, see “Accessing Task Actions” on page 41.

Changing a User's Preferences

You can change preferences as follows.

➤ To change preferences:

1. In your application, click Manage, and then User Profile.

2. On User Details:
   - For Status, select Available or Unavailable.
     If the user is the primary user and unavailable, the task reverts to the backup user, if one is assigned, and if that backup user has a status of Available.
   - Select the Timezone.
     The Timezone setting is used to convert the task's scheduled Start and End Dates into the timezone of the user, thus producing the Start Date (Local) and End Date (Local) attributes.
   - For email notifications, enter the Email Start Time and Email End Time.
   - The Teams tab displays the user teams.
   - On the Notifications tab, for each type of notification, expand each notification preferences and choose when to be notified:
     For example: for Status Change Notification, expand to Tax Operations, then expand and choose “You are alert approver and alert status changes to open with approver”. Select Immediately as a choice of notification.
Note: You can override a setting at a lower level (for example, configure Notification Type to **Every 2 hours**, and override one of the Conditions to **Immediately**). Then the parent setting(s) displays the word **Mixed**, to provide a visual indication that more than one preference setting has been assigned to child level settings. You can change the value from **Mixed** to a different preference setting; the child level settings are changed to the new setting.

If an Administrator disables the System Settings Configuration Settings for Email Notifications, then notifications are suspended. See the Administrator’s Guide.

3 Click **OK**.

**Sample Task Flows**

**Subtopics**

- **Scenario 1 - Power User**
- **Scenario 2 - Power User**
- **Scenario 3 - Approver**
- **Scenario 4 - User**
- **Scenario 5 - User**

During the close process, you may receive email notifications of assigned tasks, and you can click email links for direct access to assigned tasks. Alternatively, you can log on to Financial Close Management to review and access assigned tasks in different types of views, for example, the Dashboard, a portal-style interface; or Calendar, Gantt, or Task List views. When you complete tasks, the tasks are sent to approvers.

You can raise alerts for issues that you encounter during the close process such as hardware or software issues. Alerts are forwarded to assignees and approvers for resolution.

**Scenario 1 - Power User**

The Power User sets up a template and tasks for an upcoming close period.

- The Power User logs on to Oracle Hyperion Financial Close Management and opens the Manage Templates page.
- The Corporate Quarterly Close template contains many of the tasks required for the corporation’s quarterly close cycle. From the list of templates, the Power User selects the Quarterly Close template and reviews it.
- The Power User selects the calendar dates on which to line up the template tasks, and creates a schedule from the quarterly template.
- The Power User then adds a task to the template specifically for Quarter 2.
- The Power User opens the schedule, which begins the close process.
**Scenario 2 - Power User**

The Power User monitors the status of close activities through the Dashboard.

- The Power User logs on and opens the Dashboard Status Overview view to check the status of activities through Day 3.
- From the Dashboard, the user drills down to see the details of the tasks that are not complete.
- The Power User reviews open tasks for comments or attachments provided by assigned users.

**Scenario 3 - Approver**

A user assigned as an Approver reviews a current task to determine if it can be approved.

- The assigned Approver receives an email notification of an outstanding task - Review MD&A Input for Services submission.
- From the email, the reviewer selects the link for Review MD&A Input for Services Submission.
- The Task Actions page is launched outlining the process.
- The reviewer reviews the document that the user submitted when completing the task to ensure completeness.
- The reviewer enters additional comments, reviews answers to questions, and approves the submission.
- If there is another level of approval required, the task is forwarded to the next approver. If this was the last required approval, the task completes, and the system runs the next task if it is ready.
- The reviewer can reject a task instead of approving it, in which case the task is reassigned to the assignee.

**Scenario 4 - User**

A user logs on to the application and reviews and completes an assigned task.

- The user logs on to the application and reviews the tasks displayed in the Dashboard in the My Worklist portlet.
- The user clicks the link for an assigned task - MD&A input.
- The task page is launched with instructions for the task, and a reference document.
- The user reviews the instructions and the reference document, processes the updates, enters a comment about the task, and submits it for approval.
- The system automatically updates the task status and sends a notification to the assigned approver.
Scenario 5 - User

A user responds to an email notification of a task to load data, clicks a link in the email, accesses the product from which to load data, and then completes the task.

- The user receives an email notification of an outstanding task—Load Salary Data through Oracle Hyperion Financial Data Quality Management.
- From the email, the user selects the link for the page where the required process is documented.
- The user reviews the instructions for the task and selects the Go to Task link in the Task Actions page to launch FDM.
- The user extracts data through Oracle Hyperion Financial Data Quality Management and loads it to Financial Management.
- When the task is completed, the user returns to the Task Actions page to the application.
- The user enters a comment about the task and submits it for approval.
Navigating in Tax Operations

Tax Operations Views

Subtopics
- Dashboard View
- Task List View
- Calendar View
- Gantt View

You can use the Dashboard, Calendar view, Task List, or Gantt view to track tasks in running schedules.

When you switch views, for example, from Calendar to Gantt, the system synchronizes the dates so that a new view displays the same date range as a previous view.

By default, the Dashboard is displayed.

You can view the My Worklist portlet to view task assignments.

Dashboard View

The Dashboard view presents a portal-style interface into the Tax Operations application, providing simple, efficient views into running (or Active) schedules and task lists, and high-level summary representations into which you can drill down for greater detail. It is used for real time management, not historical review or planning.
The Dashboard provides visibility to only the schedules and tasks that the user has access to view. Users can customize their Dashboard and maximize or minimize dashboard controls called portlets.

My Worklist portlet displays tasks for which you are the assignee or approver and the current status is with you, and alerts for which you are the assignee or approver.

The Schedule Tasks portlet presents information about tasks and issues associated with schedules, enabling you to filter and sort the list into a form most convenient for roles and responsibilities. By default, the portlet displays tasks of all statuses for all assignees for a specified schedule.

The Status Chart portlet provides a graphical representation of the progress of a schedule in terms of task status and alert status, with filtering mechanisms for adjusting the scope of the task set represented by the chart. The portlet is also a launch point into a schedule, bringing up the dashboard in a filtered state, matching the portlet configuration.

The Status Overview portlet presents an overview of a schedule, displaying daily workload and completion status.

**Task List View**

The Task List view is one of the transactional views, and the Calendar and Gantt. It lists all tasks in a schedule or template. It provides a hierarchical (parent-child) view of tasks. You can filter the list of tasks to display only the ones in which you are interested.

For example, if you want to quickly and easily see a list of tasks in a hierarchical view and edit some information directly, you can use the Task List view.

By default, the list is sorted by the Starts column. You can click a column heading to sort by that column. Parent tasks are indicated by an arrow, which you can click to expand or collapse the display of their children.

**Calendar View**

Calendar views display all schedule or template tasks in traditional calendar format by Month, Week, or Day.

The Month view displays the days in standard calendar format. Tasks occurring on a day are displayed as a colored bar in the day, and span the days of the task. If the task spans a week, a small arrow icon is displayed on the task bar to indicate that the task continues to the next week.

The Week view displays the tasks of the specified week. The top section displays tasks that span multiple days. The second section displays tasks that are contained within one day. The tasks are displayed vertically, spanning the hours of the day.

The Day view is focused on one 24-hour day.

Parent tasks are not displayed in Calendar views.
For Templates, each of the calendar views displays the dates of the month relative to the zero day that the template has set for the close process. For example, instead of displaying March 26 or 27, the calendar view displays -5 and -4, denoting 5 and 4 days until the zero day.

**Note:** Within the Gantt Chart and Calendar views, viewing a schedule or template with a very large number of tasks may cause the view to cycle a very long time. It is recommended to filter the view down to a smaller number of tasks when reviewing the schedule or template in these views.

**Gantt View**

The Gantt view displays a timeline for a schedule or template that graphically represents the duration of tasks and the dependencies between them. Bars represent duration, and arrows represent dependencies. You can view the predecessor relationships between tasks, for example, Task A must complete before Task B, and view the status of predecessor tasks. You can also see the parent-child task relationships (aggregations), in the hierarchy, for example, Task A is comprised of two subtasks, Task B and Task C.

You might choose to use the Gantt view when you create a template to see the predecessor relationships between the tasks, or to verify the precedence order after adding tasks to a schedule. You can use the Gantt view to see the status of predecessor tasks to other tasks, and see the status of tasks that are predecessors to other group member tasks.

**Note:** Within the Gantt Chart and Calendar views, viewing a schedule or template with a very large number of tasks may cause the view to cycle a very long time. It is recommended to filter the view down to a smaller number of tasks when reviewing the schedule or template in these views.

You can drag new tasks into the Gantt view and update a task using a double-click or menu option. You can drag a task to a new start date and stretch the task duration. You can filter to flatten the task hierarchy and sort by task status. Tasks that have child tasks are indicated by an arrow, which you can click to expand or collapse the task hierarchies.

**Selecting Views**

You can select to view tasks from the two Dashboards, or one of the transactional views (Calendar, Gantt, or Task List).

If you have created a Close schedule, you can first open the schedule, then select a view.

- To select a view, perform an action:
  - From the **Quick Links** section, select a view.
  - Select **View**, then select a view.
  - From the toolbar, click a button for the view:
Available View Actions

In the Calendar, Gantt, and Task List views, you can perform these actions:

- **Hover over a task**—Causes hovertext to display, showing the task name. For the Gantt view, this is available when hovering over the chart task bar and includes the task name.

- **Left-click a task**—Causes the task to highlight. The Task Panel at the bottom of the screen then updates to display the task’s information.

- **Double-left-click a task**—If the task is in a template or in an unopened schedule, the Task Details dialog box displays, where you can view and edit the task details. Otherwise, the Task Action dialog box displays.

- **Right-click a task**—Pops up a context-sensitive menu that enables you to perform certain actions. The menu contents vary depending on the task status and security role.

- **Change View**—You can click a button in the toolbar menu to change to one of the other view types.

- **Expand/Collapse**—Using the plus (+) or minus (-) options, you can expand and collapse the task hierarchies. (Only in Task List and Gantt views)

- **Drag/Drop a Task Type onto the view**—Drag a Task Type from the left side panel onto the view to create a new task of that type.

- **New Task**—Create a new task using the menu or toolbar.

You can perform these actions in the Gantt and Calendar views:

- **Move a Task**—You can click and drag a task to move it to a different day or hour.

- **Change Duration**—You can click and drag the right-side of a task to change its duration and end date.

- **Multiple Select**—On the Gantt view, you can multi-select tasks and perform actions; for example, delete.

In the Dashboard, for My Worklist, Schedule Tasks, and Status Chart, you can select one, all, or any number of schedules by multi-selecting.
Displaying Columns in Tax Operations Views

From the Task List or Gantt views you can specify which columns to display in the view.

Selecting Columns

You can specify which columns to display in the view. You can also click Show More to select custom attributes and other columns.

In addition, in Gantt views, you can display a Path column that indicates a task path to its parent.

➤ To select columns:
1. **From Quick Links**, select Gantt or Task List, then Columns.
   The Attribute Selection box is displayed.
2. Select the columns and then click the arrows to bring them to the Selected box.

Reordering Columns

➤ To reorder columns in the Task List and Gantt views:
1. **From Quick Links**, select Gantt or Task List
2. Do one:
   - Select a column and drag it to a new location
   - Click Columns to open the Attribute Selection box. In the Selected section select a column attribute and click the Up and Down arrows to reorder.
3. Click OK.

Changing Column Widths

➤ To change column width:
1. Hover over the right side of the column until the icon changes to a double bar indicating that the column width can be adjusted.
2. Drag the right side of the column to resize it.

Sorting Columns

➤ To sort columns in the Task List and Gantt views:
1. **From Quick Links**, select Gantt or Task List.
2. Hover over a column header until the Sort icons display, then click Sort Ascending or Sort Descending.
Navigating in Task Lists

In the Task List view, you can use menu options to expand and collapse the full or partial list of tasks, or scroll to the first or last task in the list.

To navigate the task list:

1. From Quick Links, select Gantt or Task List.
2. Select View, then select an option:
   - Detach
   - Expand
   - Expand All Below
   - Collapse All Below
   - Expand All
   - Collapse All
   - Scroll to First
   - Scroll to Last

Filtering Views in Tax Operations

Subtopics
- Creating Filters
- Deleting Filtered Views

You can use filters to define and view a subset of tasks to which you have security access. You can filter on various attributes such as Task Type, Active, Assignee, Priority, Owner, Approver, and Status.

A number next to each attribute indicates the number of tasks associated with that attribute. For example, if 10 tasks have a Completed status, the Completed attribute in the Status category shows (10). For attributes with a large number of values, the system displays the top ten items sorted in descending order, and displays a “+ more” link that you can click to view more items. Custom attributes that you created are also displayed and selectable.

When you select values of one attribute, the possible choices of other attributes may change depending on the data. For example, suppose you select Status and Owner attributes. If you filter the Status attribute to show only the Pending tasks, the Owner attribute displays only owners of Pending tasks.

Note: You can only filter on attributes that have the Display option enabled. You cannot filter on dynamic fields, for example, numbers.
Creating Filters

To create filters:

1. On the Filter panel, click **Manage Filters**.
2. Click **New**.
3. Enter:
   - **Name**
   - **Description**
   - **Type**—Select one type: Schedule or Template
   - **Public**
     Select if anyone can view this filter.
   - **Filter Definition**
     A group of conditions that limit the list.
   - **Condition**
     You can define the properties of a condition or group:
     - **Conjunction**
       Select **And** or **Or**. These state how this condition or group relate to prior sibling conditions or groups. This field is enabled only if the selected node is not the first child of its parent node.
     - **Attribute**—An attribute is a field or value that a condition will be comparing to a value for inclusion in the result set of a filter. However, for the case of a filter, an attribute denotes more than the list of user-defined attributes.
     - **Operand**—States what kind of evaluation to perform against the attribute.
     - **Value**—Specifies what values to compare the attribute against. The type of attribute determines what input field is available.
4. Click **Save Filter**.
5. Enter a name for the saved filter, and click **Save and Close**.

**Tip:** To view saved filters, select the drop-down list at the top of the Filters panel.

Deleting Filtered Views

You can delete filtered views that you no longer need.

To delete a filtered view:

1. Select **Manage**, then **Filters**.
2 From the list of filtered views, select a filtered view to delete.
3 Click Delete.
4 At the delete confirmation prompt, click Yes.

**Viewing Task Summary Information**

When you select a task in the Calendar, Gantt, and Task List views, you can view summary information from the Task Panel at the bottom of the view pane. Properties, Workflow, and Predecessors are displayed for the selected task.

The Properties pane displays the task name, status, start and end dates, and Owner.

The Workflow pane displays the Assignee and Approvers for the task.

The Predecessors pane displays Parent Tasks and Child Tasks. The predecessors are displayed in a hierarchy. You can click on a predecessor task to update the panel with the predecessor task information.

- To view summary information, from a Calendar, Gantt, or Task List view, select a task.
- To expand and collapse the panes, click on the black triangles on either side of the pane bars.
- To resize the panes, hover over the pane, click to grasp a side, and then drag it.

**Task Status**

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You can view tasks and perform actions on a task depending on its status and your user security rights. You can access tasks directly from an email link, from the Dashboard, or through Smart View.

**Accessing Task Actions**

On the Task Actions page, the Properties tab displays the key task information (description, start and end dates, status, responsibility, and priority). If the task contains an external product link, the Go to Task button opens external products required for the task. The Instructions section can include text, document attachments, Web links, or links to documents stored in Oracle Content Management. The Attributes section displays any custom attributes associated with the task. The Questions section contains questions for you to answer about the close process. The Comments section enables you to enter comments and provide additional information about tasks. The Workflow section shows task status and responsibility.

For System-Automated tasks, the Task Actions Properties page includes a Results section that includes this information:
- Message - Shows errors that occurred during the Web service startup or process. If no errors occurred, this section is not displayed.

- Log File Location: - Log file location for the process on the server

- Reports - Includes links that you can click to navigate to the specified report URL

For Event Monitoring tasks, the Task Actions Properties page includes a Results section that displays the event details; for example Event Received. For example:

“Event received for parameter EVENT_DATA value is 4782741.” EVENT_DATA is the parameter and 4782741 is the parameter value.

The History tab shows the actions performed on the task and details of changes made to it. The Related Tasks tab displays information on predecessors, successors, and prior task runs.

To access the Task Actions dialog box, perform an action:

- From a notification email, click the **Task Actions** link.
- From a portlet in the Dashboard, click a task.
- From the Task List view, click a running task.

### Accessing Tasks in Smart View

You can access Tax Operations tasks as Microsoft Outlook tasks in your Microsoft Outlook Calendar using Smart View. Using Outlook tasks, you can review instructions, answer questions, add comments and attachments, create and review alerts, and submit, approve, and reject tasks. See the *Oracle Smart View for Office User’s Guide*.

### Opening Pending Tasks Early

When administrators create tasks or Task Types, they can allow the assignee to open a task prior to its scheduled start time. The task must have the Pending status and all of its Finish-to-Start predecessor conditions must have been met before you can open it. If an administrator has set this option, **Open Task** displays under the Actions menu.

**Note:** If any of the Finish-to-Start predecessor conditions have not finished successfully for the Pending task, this option is not displayed.

To open a task early:

1. From the Task Actions page, select a Pending task, and select Actions, then **Open Task**.
2. Update the task as required.
Updating Task Information

Subtopics

- Reviewing Instructions
- Answering Questions
- Adding Comments
- Viewing Workflow

You can update information for tasks with the Open status. You can answer questions, add comments, and attach references. You can also view status, priority, owner, assignee, schedule, start and end date, instructions, supporting documents or Web links, and workflow. The workflow shows the approval chain of the task and displays the user name, access role (assignee or approver), status, and dates on which users performed their actions. If an administrator has included instructions with references for which there are links, you can link directly to the task.

Reviewing Instructions

When administrators set up tasks, they can include instructions for completing the task. You can read the instructions from the Instructions section, and review any additional supporting documents linked to the task.

► To review task instructions:
1. Select a task, then Actions, and then Open.
2. From the Task Actions page, select the Properties tab and review any instructions and supporting documents, if provided.

Answering Questions

Administrators may provide questions about a task for you to answer to indicate that a task is complete. For example, they may ask if a certain procedure was followed when completing the task. Questions may be in the form of a date, list, number, text, true/false, or yes/no format. Questions that require an answer are indicated by an asterisk (*). If a question is required, you cannot submit the task for approval until you respond to the question.

► To answer questions:
1. Select a task, then Actions, then Open.
2. From the Task Actions page, select the Properties tab and answer any required questions, using the format specified by the administrator.

Adding Comments

From the Task Actions page, you can add comments about any task and also attach references.
To add comments:
1. Select a task, then Actions, and then Open.
2. From the Task Actions page, select the Properties tab and click Create Comment, or select Actions, then Create Comment.
3. In the text box, enter a comment.

Tip: To delete a comment, select it and click Delete.

To add a reference:
1. In the References section, select Actions, then Add, or click the Add button.
2. From the Type list, select a type:
   - Repository File
     From the document repository file list, select the file, and click OK.
   - Local File
     Enter a name, click Browse to select and attach the file, and click OK.
   - URL
     Enter a URL name, then enter the URL, for example: Oracle, http://www.oracle.com, and click OK.
3. Click Close.

Viewing Workflow

Each task goes through a life cycle. Life cycle statuses are Pending, Open, Closed, or Error (automated tasks only). You define a workflow for a task to move the task through its lifecycle. Owners manage the task workflow. Assignees are the users who are responsible for working on a task. Approvers must sign off before the task can be closed. You can have multiple levels of approval.

From the Task Actions page, you can view the workflow for any task. The workflow shows the approval chain of the task, and displays the user name, access role (assignee or approver), status, and dates that users performed their actions.

When the task status changes from Pending to Open, current responsibility is assigned to the assignee. If there is no assignee, responsibility is assigned to the task owner.

When an assignee submits a task, responsibility passes to the approver. If there are no approvers for the task, the task status changes to Closed.

When an approver approves a task, responsibility passes to the approver at the next level. If there are no further levels, the task status changes to Closed.

If an approver rejects a task at any level of approval, responsibility passes to the assignee (or the owner if there is no assignee).
To view the workflow:

1. Select a task, and select Actions, then Open.

2. From the Task Actions page, select the Properties tab and from the Workflow section, review the workflow.

Authorizing System-Automated Tasks

When administrators create System-Automated tasks, for security purposes, they specify a user account under which the task is run. To preserve security, they may require authorization to perform the task if there is a change to the specified user, or if the task parameters are modified by someone other than the assignee or task owner. For System-Automated tasks, if a user other than the specified Run As user or Owner modifies the parameters, the task must be authorized. Authorization ensures that the user performing the System-Automated task has security privileges for the application and data for which the task runs.

Administrators may send an email request to users to obtain authorization. You can access the Authorization dialog box from a link in the email or by logging on to the application.

In addition, when the System-Automated task is scheduled to run, if authorization is not provided, the task is not run and its status changes to Needs Attention. If the task is assigned to you, it is displayed in My Worklist. Tasks that require authorization also are displayed in the Task List as Needing Attention.

To authorize a task:

1. Perform an action:
   - From an email notification, select Authorize Tasks.
   - From My Worklist, select an Authorization Required task.
   - From a Tasklist, select an Authorization Required task.

   The system displays a Users selection list and a table of unauthorized tasks. The user selection list is populated with users that have pending System-Automated tasks assigned to them that require authorization.

2. From the user selection list, select a user.

   The system displays a list of unauthorized tasks for that user. If you are a user for whom unauthorized tasks exist, your user name displays first on the list in bold.

3. Select a task that needs authorization.

   Tip: To select all tasks for authorization, select the Select All check box in the column header.

4. To view the task details, select a task name and review the task parameters.

   Tip: To contact the task owner by email, select the Owner name beside the task and view the user details.
If you select a user other than yourself, the system prompts you for the user password. Perform one of these steps:

- If you know the user password, enter it. The list of unauthorized tasks is displayed. Select tasks and click **Authorize** to authorize them, which removes them from the list.
- If you do not know the user password and must request authorization from the user, click **Send Authorization Request**, which sends an email to that user.

From the **Select Users** box, search for and select users, and click **OK**.

Click **OK**.

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**Working with Alerts**

**Subtopics**

- Creating Alerts
- Viewing Alert Status
- Editing Alerts
- Submitting Alerts
- Approving or Rejecting Alerts
- Deleting Alerts

During the course of running a close process, you may encounter roadblocks that affect your progress. For example, you may encounter a hardware or system failure, or software or data issues. You can create an alert and attach it to a task. You can view and drill into alerts to display the alert details, edit, and delete alerts. You can approve or reject alerts on which you are assigned as the approver.

**Creating Alerts**

You can create alerts for a task if you have access to it.

When you create an alert, its status is Open, and a notification is sent to the specified Assignee. After resolving the alert, the assignee can respond to the notification by marking the resolution complete, which sends notification to the Approver who can approve or reject it. If an Approver rejects it, the alert status returns to Open and the alert returns to the assignee.

For example, suppose you are running an AP Period Close Process and are unable to log in to the AP System. You can create an alert and send it to the System Administrator. The System Administrator resolves the login issue and reassigns it to you. You verify the solution and close the alert.

To create an alert:

1. **Select a task, and select Actions, then Open.**
2. **From the Task Actions page, select the Alerts tab.**
3. **Select Actions, then New, or click the New button.**
4 In the New Alert dialog box, enter a name for the alert, for example, Data Corrupted.
5 From the Type list, select a type, for example, Data Issue.
6 From the Priority list, select a priority: High, Medium, or Low.
7 For Description, enter a description for the alert, for example “Data has been corrupted”.
8 Optional: Click Create Comment and enter a comment for the alert, then click OK.
9 Select an assignee for the task.
10 Click OK.

Viewing Alert Status

From My Worklist, you can view a list of alerts, and drill down for more detail. You can also view alerts from the Status Chart, and the Alerts tab. The list displays the alert name, type, assignee, date of last update, and status.

> To view alerts, from the Task Actions page, select the Alerts tab.
> To view additional detail about the alert, click an alert name.

Editing Alerts

From the list of alerts on the Alerts tab, you can edit an alert name, type, priority, and description. You can also add comments and reassign the alert.

To edit an alert:
1 Select a task, and select Actions, then Open.
2 From the Task Actions page, select the Alerts tab.
3 From the alert list, select an alert.
4 Select Actions, then Edit, or click the Edit button.
5 Edit the alert as required.
6 Click OK.

Submitting Alerts

If you are the assignee for an alert, you can submit it for approval when you finish working on it. For example, if you have fixed the alert issue, you can submit it for approval. If there are no approvers, the alert is closed after you submit it.

To submit an alert:
1 Select a task, and select Actions, then Open.
2 From the Task Actions page, select the Alerts tab.
3 Select an alert.
4 Select Actions, then Submit, or click the Submit button.

### Approving or Rejecting Alerts

If you are an Approver for an alert, when you receive notification that an alert is marked complete, you can approve or reject it. When you approve an alert, its status changes to Closed. When you reject it, the alert status returns to Open and the alert returns to the assignee.

You can also route the alert to another approver to be approved.

► To approve or reject an alert:
1 Select a task, and select Actions, then Open.
2 From the Task Actions page, select the Alerts tab.
3 Select an alert and view the comments in the alert about the resolution.
4 Do one of the following actions:
   • To approve the alert, click Approve.
   • To reject the alert, click Reject.
   • To reassign the alert, click Reassign, and select the user to whom to send the alert.

### Deleting Alerts

You can delete alerts that you no longer need if you have access to the task associated with the alert.

► To delete an alert:
1 Select a task, and select Actions, then Open.
2 From the Task Actions page, select the Alerts tab.
3 Select an alert.
4 Select Actions, then Delete, or click the Delete button.
5 From the confirmation prompt, click Yes.

### Viewing Related Tasks

The Related Tasks tab of the Task Actions page enables you to view the predecessor and successors for a task. It also displays prior runs of the task in other schedules. This enables you to view comments or references from the prior task, which may help you complete the current task run. From the Prior Tasks list, you can click on a task name to launch the Task Actions dialog box for that task and you can reassign a task to another user.
To view related tasks:
1. Select a task, and select Actions, then Open.
2. Select the Related Tasks tab.

The predecessor and successor tasks are displayed. Double-click a predecessor or successor to view its details.

Note: The system displays a message if no predecessors or successors exist

3. Optional: To view information on a prior run of the task, click a task in the Prior Task list.
4. Optional: To reassign the task, click Reassign and select the user to whom to assign the task.
5. When finished, click Close.

Viewing Task History

The system maintains a history of task activities, which you can view from the History page of the Task Actions page. The History page displays the components that were updated, the modification type such as added, created, or changed, the old and new values, the user who made the change, and the change date. The information on this tab is read-only.

To view task history:
1. Select a task, and select Actions, then Open.
2. From the Task Actions page, select the History tab.
3. View task history.
4. When you finish, click Close.

Reassigning Tasks

Task assignees and task owners can reassign tasks to other users. For example, if an assignee is going to be out of the office for vacation, the assignee can reassign tasks to another user.

To reassign a task:
1. Select a task, and select Actions, then Open. and select the Properties or Related Tasks tab.
2. Select Actions, then Reassign Assignee.
3. From the Select Assignee dialog box, enter the user name, or part of the name, then click Search.
4. To identify a user, click Advanced, then enter a User ID, Email address, or Description.
5. From the Search Results list, select a user.

Note: The assignee must be an individual user, not a group.

6. For additional details about the user, such as groups and roles, click Details.
Click **Add** to move the user to the Selected list.

To remove a user, select the user, then click **Remove**.

Click **OK**.

### Submitting Tasks

➢ To submit tasks:

1. In your application, select **View**, and then **Gantt** or **Task list**.

2. Select the tasks you need to submit.

To multiselect, press **Ctrl** for random selection or press **Shift** while you click the first and last row in a range.

3. Do one:
   - Right-click and select **Submit**.
   - Actions panel: From **Set Status**, select **Submit** from the Status list.
   - Actions menu: Click **Submit**.

Click **Yes** in the confirmation dialog box.

4. Review any errors, and click **OK**.

### Approving or Rejecting Tasks

➢ To approve or reject tasks:

1. In your application, select **View**, and then **Gantt** or **Task list**.

2. Select the tasks you need to submit. To multiselect, press **Ctrl** for random selection or press **Shift** while you click the first and last row in a range.

3. Do one:
   - Right-click and select **Approve** or **Reject**.
   - Actions panel: From **Set Status**, select **Approve** or **Reject**.
   - Actions menu: Click **Approve** or **Reject**.

Click **Yes** in the confirmation dialog box.

4. Review any errors, and click **OK**.
Managing Task Reassignments

Subtopics
- Requesting a Reassignment for One Task
- Requesting a Reassignment for Multiple Tasks

You can use the Actions panel to work on multiple tasks simultaneously.

Requesting a Reassignment for One Task

From the Task Actions dialog box, workflow users (Assignees and Approvers) can request reassignment of their workflow role for a single task. These requests require approval. Administrators and schedule/template Owners can reassign the task using the Edit Task dialog box without requiring approval.

➢ To request a reassignment for one reconciliation:

1. In your application, from the Dashboard, or click View, and then Task List.
2. Click on a task to open the Task Actions dialog box.
3. Click the Actions menu and select Request Reassignment.
4. Enter or click Search to find the reassignment.
5. Select what tasks to reassign:
   - Selected Tasks
   - Selected and Future Tasks
6. Enter a Justification for the reassignment.
7. Click OK and then Close on Task Actions.

Requesting a Reassignment for Multiple Tasks

➢ To request a Reassignment for multiple tasks:

1. In your application, from the Dashboard, or click View, and then Tax Operations List View.
2. Select the tasks for reassignment.
3. On the Actions panel:
   a. Under Reassign, select Selected tasks or Selected and future tasks.
   b. Select the Role.
   c. If the you know the new user, enable To User, and then enter or search for the name.

   Note: If you do not know the new user, then submit a request without specifying the name of the user.
Canceling Tasks

Task owners and the Close Administrator can stop a running task at any time. When you cancel a task, the task status changes to Closed. Pending tasks with the task as a predecessor cannot run. If you have a sequence of tasks and you want to cancel the entire sequence, you can cancel the first task in the sequence.

➢ To cancel a running task:

1. Select a task, and select Actions, then Open. and select the Properties or Related Tasks tab.
2. From the Task Actions page, select Actions, then Abort.

Setting Tasks to Force Close Status

To stop a task but allow subsequent tasks to run, if you are the task owner or Close Administrator, you can force a task with a status of Open or Error to have a status of Close. For example, if you have an automated task with an error, and you have reviewed the error for that task, but want subsequent tasks to run, you can force the Closed status.

Tip: If you do not want the subsequent tasks to start, remove the predecessor links before force closing the tasks.

➢ To set a task to Force Close status:

1. Select a task, and select Actions, then Open. and select the Properties or Related Tasks tab.
2. From the Task Actions page, select Actions, then Force Close.

The status of the task changes to Closed.

Workflow for Groups and Teams

You can assign the Owner, Assignee, Approver, and Viewer roles for a task to Shared Services security groups and to teams. Teams are a list of members defined in Tax Operations. When you assign a group or team to a task role, any user in the group or team can then perform the role for that task.

Claiming Tasks

When a team or group is assigned the Assignee role, any member of the group or team can work on and submit the task, but only after a member has claimed the task. Prior to the claim, a member will have implicit Viewer access.
When a group or team is assigned the **Approver** role, any member of the team can approve the task without first claiming it. However, any team member can claim the task, which prevents other team members from approving it until it is released.

Once a task has been claimed, other members of the team or group still have the ability to claim the task. Doing so will cause the initial user’s claim to terminate, thus revoking that user’s ability to perform the role functions and granting the ability to the member with the most recent claim. The ability to claim a task away from another team member or group member is required in order to accommodate cases where a claim has occurred; however, the user with the claim is unavailable to complete the role functions (for example, due to an unexpected absence).

**Require Action By**

When you assign the Assignee or Approver roles, you can use the Required Action By option to specify the sign-off requirement for the tasks. You can require that all team members sign off on the task before the task is submitted or approved, or you can allow any team member to submit or approve the task.

**Primary Users (Teams Only)**

You optionally can assign one team member as the primary user for the team. If you assign a primary user, that user is by default granted the claim to tasks to which the team is assigned as assignee or approver.
Properties

The Properties tab enables lists the name, description, start and end dates, and owners for schedules. The default owner is the current user. The start and end dates specify the initial date range for the schedule, however, after the schedule is created, you can add tasks with dates earlier or later and the properties are updated to reflect the earliest and latest dates.

To view schedule properties:

1. **Properties tab:**
   - **Name**
   - **Description**
   - **Organizational Unit**
   - **Start Date**—Starting date for the schedule
   - **End Date**—Ending date for the schedule
   - **Year**
   - **Period**
   - **Day Zero Date**—The date to assign as day zero
   - **Owner**, use the default owner or click **Select Owner**. Administrators, Power Users, or Teams/Groups configured with the Administrator or Power User roles are the only roles that will display when the user clicks **Search** to select a user to assign as an Owner. Any member of the Shared Services group can perform the role, but the same person cannot perform more than one role.
• **Status**

  **Note:** The schedule status is initially set to Pending and is display only.

• **Template Name**

  2 Click Close.

### Instructions

 gör To view instructions to a schedule:

  1 Select **Manage** then **Schedules**.
  2 Select a schedule to which to add instructions.
  3 Click **Edit**.
  4 In **Instructions**, enter instructions for the schedule.
  5 To add a reference:
     a. In the **References** section, Click **Add**.
     b. From the **Type** list, select one of these types:
        • **Local File**
          Enter a name, click **Browse** to select and attach the file, and click **OK**.
        • **URL**
          Enter a URL name, then enter the URL, for example: Oracle, http://www.oracle.com, and click **OK**.
        • **Optional: Repository File**
          From the file list, select the file, and click **OK**.

  **Note:** The Repository File option is only displayed if the product is configured with Oracle Enterprise Content Management.

  6 To save and close, click **OK** or click the **Viewers** tab; all entries are saved.

### Viewers

  gör To see viewer rights:

  1 Select the **Viewers** tab.
  2 Click **Add**.
  3 To search by users or groups, click the **Search Users** button, then select **Users**, **Groups**, or **Teams**.
  4 Enter a user name, or part of the name, then click **Search**.
To identify a user, click Advanced, then enter a User ID, Email address, or Description.

From the Search Results list, select users.

For additional details about the user, such as groups and roles, click Details.

Click Add or Add All to move users to the Selected list.

Tip: To remove users, select users, then click Remove or Remove All.

To save and close, click OK or click the Attributes tab; all entries are saved.

Attributes

➢ To apply an attribute:

1. Select the Attributes tab.
2. Click Add.
3. From the Attribute list, select an attribute.
4. For Value, depending on the attribute, select a value for the attribute from a drop-down list, or enter a value.
5. To save and close, click OK or click the Day Labels tab; all entries are saved.

Day Labels

You use business day labels in the closing activity for a calendar day. Labels can mark a milestone day or specify the purpose of the day.

When you add Day Labels to a template, they are copied to schedules created from the template.

When schedules are opened, you see day labels in:

- Calendar views against the day they are marked
- Task List views and Gantt views in the start or end date of tasks
- BI dashboard, My Worklist, and schedule task, in start date and end date columns
- Status overview, when focused on date, its information is displayed along with day label.
- Report Binders

Working With Schedule Rules

Note: This feature is available in Tax Governance 11.1.2.4.100 (Patch ID: 20307212) only. For information on the 11.1.2.4.100 New Features and updating to 11.1.2.4.100, see the Tax Governance 11.1.2.4.100 Readme.
Schedule Rules apply to all Tasks in the Schedule and thus serve as a mechanism to apply rules to groups of Tasks. Rules configured on the Schedule dialog will be copied to newly created schedule tasks.

Available schedule rules:

- **Auto Approve Task**—The objective of this rule is to require specified approver levels to be required only if specified conditions have been met.

Examples of conditions that could apply to this rule include:

- If questions answered by a previous workflow level are answered a certain way
- If attributes have specified values (including calculated attributes)
- If questions are answered a certain way on a predecessor task by any workflow level, or if the predecessor task contains an attribute with a specified value
- If questions are answered a certain way on any other task (even if this task isn’t directly related to the task with the auto approve function), or if this other task has an attribute with a specified value

When conditions have been satisfied, the rule causes the specified approver levels to be marked as complete, thus progressing workflow to the next approval level, or to Closed if no additional approval levels exist.

- **Auto Submit Task**—Requires an assignee to submit a task only if specified conditions have been met.

Examples of conditions that could apply to this rule include:

- If questions are answered a certain way on a predecessor task by any workflow level, or if the predecessor task contains an attribute with a specified value
- If questions are answered a certain way on any other task (even if this task isn’t directly related to the task with the auto submit function), or if this other task has an attribute with a specified value

When conditions have been satisfied, the Assignee role is marked as complete, thus progressing workflow to the first Approval level, or to Closed if no Approval levels exist.

- **Prevent Task Approval**—Prevents approval of a task based on question responses, attribute values, or other characteristics.
- **Prevent Task Submission**—Prevents submission of a task based on question responses, attribute values, or other characteristics.

To view schedule rules:

1. Select Manage, and then Schedule.
2. Double-click a schedule.
3. Select the Rules tab. You can view the following information:
   - Order—The order of precedence.
   - Rule—Name of the Rule
To edit a rule, on the Rules tab, click Edit and update:

- **Rule**—Select a rule.
- **Description**—Optional. Explain why you configured the rule and how should be used.
- **Reviewer Level**—Select the rule for all levels or select the Reviewer levels
- Select **Create Filter** and populate the conditions section or select **Use Saved Filter**, and then select a filter. The filter selected and configured for the rule determines the conditions that trigger the rule to apply.
- **Conditions**—
  - If **Use Saved Filter** is selected, the Conditions section displays a read-only version of the conditions associated with the saved filter.
  - If **Create Filter** is selected, the Condition section is enabled. Conjunction, Source, Attribute, Operand, and Value behave as they do for the existing advanced filter feature.

**Viewing Schedule History**

The History tab captures an audit trail of changes to schedules.

- To view schedule history:
  1. Select Manage, then Schedule.
  2. Double-click a schedule.
  3. Select the History tab. You can view these fields:
     - **Field**—Lists the field involved
     - **Modification Type**—Indicates the type of change: Created, Changed, Added, Removed
     - **Modified On**—Date of the modification
     - **Modified By**—User name who modified the field
     - **Old Value**
     - **New Value**
  4. Click OK.
The Dashboard is a portal-style interface into the Tax Governance application, providing simple, efficient views into schedules and task lists, and high-level status overviews into which you can drill down for greater detail. The Dashboard is the default view for users with the Financial Close User security role, and provides visibility to the schedules and tasks to which you have access. You can filter the data displayed, customize the Dashboard layout, and maximize or minimize Dashboard controls called portlets.

Opening the Dashboard

- To open the Dashboard:
  1. From the EPM Workspace, select Navigate, then Applications, then Financial Close, and then Close Manager.
  2. From the menu bar, select View, then Dashboard, or click the Dashboard button,
Adding Dashboard Portlets

By default, the Dashboard displays the My Worklist portlet. In addition, you can add these portlets:

- Schedule Tasks—Displays a list of tasks and details for one or more schedules.
- Status Chart—Presents tasks grouped by status in the form of a graph for quick access to tasks that require attention.
- Status Overview—Presents an overview of a schedule, displaying daily workload and completion status.

You can add more than one copy of a portlet. For example, the Dashboard could include two My Worklist portlets, each displaying a different schedule. When you add a copy of a portlet, it is named with a number. For example, if you add Schedule Task portlets, they are named Schedule Task (2), Schedule Task (3), and so on; however, you can rename them.

**Note:** The first four portlets are displayed on the main areas of the Dashboard. The Dashboard minimizes the portlet that has been idle the longest.

To add a portlet:

1. Select View, then Dashboard.
2. Select File, then New.
3. Select a portlet to add:
   - My Worklist
   - Schedule Tasks
   - Status Chart
   - Status Overview

**Tip:** You can also add a portlet from the New menu option on the menu bar, or by right-clicking in the Dashboard and selecting a new portlet.

Customizing the Dashboard Layout

You can reorder Dashboard portlets by dragging them. You can maximize, minimize, or restore portlets. Minimized portlets are represented by icons in the icon region at the bottom of the Dashboard.

**Note:** By default, the Dashboard minimizes the control that has been idle the longest.
When you maximize a portlet, it expands to fill the portlet region and all other open portlets are reduced to icons. When you click the icon for another portlet, the maximized portlet is replaced with the selected portlet.

You can reorder Dashboard portlets by dragging them. The system retains the layout and ordering of the portlet region and the icon region between application sessions.

➤ To customize the layout:
   - To minimize a portlet, click Minimize.
   - To maximize a portlet, click Maximize.
     All other portlets are then minimized on the bottom of the Dashboard.
   - To restore a portlet, click the portlet icon at the bottom of the Dashboard, or right-click on the portlet name, and select Restore.
   - To close a portlet, click Close.
   - To reposition a portlet, select the title bar, and drag the portlet to another position on the Dashboard.
   - To change the position of minimized portlets, drag the portlet icons to other positions on the Dashboard.

Renaming Portlets

You can add more than one Schedule Tasks, Status Chart, or Status Overview to the Dashboard. When you add another portlet, they are automatically named with numbers, for example, Status Chart(2), Status Chart(3), and so on. You can rename the portlets.

➤ To rename a portlet:
   1 Select a portlet title bar.
   2 Right-click and select Rename.
   3 For Name, enter a new name.
   4 Click OK.

Opening Schedules

You open schedules to add, edit, or work on tasks. You open schedules from the Manage Schedules dialog box.

➤ To open a schedule:
   1 From Manage Schedules, select a schedule.
   2 Use one of these methods:
     - Select Actions, and then Open.
Filtering Portlet Views

You can filter portlet views to reduce the list of displayed tasks. For example, you can display only those tasks with a status of “Needs Attention”. Tasks can have a Needs Attention status for these reasons:

- An open task for which the end date is past the current date
- An open task for which the start date and duration are past the current date
- An open task with open alerts
- A task with Error status for an automated task that failed

To filter a portlet view:

1. From the portlet menu, select the criteria by which to filter.
2. Do one of the following steps:
   - Select values to display.
   - To display all tasks, select Show All.

Selecting and Sorting Portlet Columns

You can specify which columns to display in a Worklist or Schedule Tasks portlet. For example, you can display Status, Priority, Description, Task ID, Responsibility, and other task information. You can also sort columns by ascending or descending order.

You can adjust the width of a column by dragging it, and drag columns to reorder them.

To select columns:

1. From the menu bar, select View.
2. Select attributes to add the column to the view.
3. Deselect attributes to remove the columns from the view.

To change column width:

1. Hover over the right side of the column until the icon changes to a double bar indicating that the column width can be adjusted.
2. Drag the right side of the column to resize it.

To sort columns:

1. Hover over a column header until the Sort icons display.
2 Click [Sort Ascending] or [Sort Descending].

**Refreshing Views**
You can refresh the My Worklist, Schedule Tasks, Status Chart, or Status Overview view.
> To refresh the view, select **Actions**, then **Refresh**.

**Task Status**
Each portlet in the Dashboard displays the status of tasks. The following table lists available statuses:

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<th>Status</th>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Color</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Pending</td>
<td>📩</td>
<td>Yellow</td>
<td>Task awaiting action; not in progress yet</td>
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<tr>
<td>Open</td>
<td>🏈</td>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Task is in progress, with Assignee or Approver</td>
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<tr>
<td>Closed</td>
<td>🔄</td>
<td>Blue</td>
<td>Task is complete, with Success, Warnings, or is overridden</td>
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<tr>
<td>Error</td>
<td>✖️</td>
<td>Red</td>
<td>Task is finished but with errors</td>
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**My Worklist**

**Subtopics**
- Opening Tasks
- Viewing Task Alerts
- Viewing User Details

When you start Oracle Hyperion Tax Governance, the Dashboard opens with the My Worklist portlet. My Worklist can display tasks for a specified schedule or for all schedules. You can add or remove columns to display. For example, you could add a column to display the task owner. By default, My Worklist displays:

- Tasks for which you are the assignee or approver, and the current responsibility is with you
- Alerts for which you are the assignee, and the status is “With assignee”
- Alerts for which you are the approver, and the status is “With approver”

You can use filters to customize the display. These filters are available:

- Item Type: Tasks or Alerts, or both
- Status: current status of the task or alert
Priority

Responsibility (your current, completed, or upcoming tasks)

Tasks that need attention. Tasks are identified as needing attention if they are past their due date, have open alerts, have a status of Error, or require authorization.

Opening Tasks

You can open tasks from My Worklist in the Dashboard and display the Task Actions page for the task.

► To open a task:
1. From the Worklist list of tasks, click on a task name.
2. Review the Task Action page and update the task as required. See Chapter 4, “Updating Tasks”.
3. Close the Task Action page.

Viewing Task Alerts

From My Worklist, you can view alerts associated with a task. The Task Alerts page displays the priority, alert type, assignee, and approver.

If you are assigned tasks that require authorization, an alert is added to your Worklist portlet that indicates that you have authorizations pending. You can click on the alert name or alert icon to open the Authorize Tasks dialog and perform the authorization.

► To view alerts:
1. From the Item Type menu, select Alerts.
2. From the Task Alerts page, select an alert, or select Show All.
3. When you finish, click OK to close the Alerts page.

Viewing User Details

You can view user details for Tax Operations users such as assignees, approvers, or owners. The User Details dialog box displays the user details that were specified during setup, such as groups and roles.

In addition, from the User Details dialog box, you can use the contact information to email the user.

► To view user details:
1. From the Worklist, click a name.

Tip: To view user names, you must display the Assignee, Approver, or Owner column.
Optional: To email the user, click the Email link.

Working with Schedule Tasks

Subtopics

- Opening Tasks
- Viewing Task Alerts
- Viewing User Details

The Schedule Tasks portlet presents information about tasks and issues associated with a schedule, enabling you to filter and sort this list into a form most convenient for your role and responsibilities. By default, the portlet displays tasks of all statuses for all assignees for a selected schedule. You can drill through to task detail.

You can highlight a task and select to view details about the task or information about the assignee, or select to open the indicated schedule in the transactional dashboard view with the highlighted task as the focus. You can sort, resize, and reorder columns, and change how to view them. You can use filters to customize the tasks displayed.

You can display the details of a task or alert by clicking on the name of the item. You can launch the task action dialog box for a task item by double-clicking the task item name.

Opening Tasks

You can open tasks from a Schedule Tasks portlet in the Dashboard and display the Task Actions page for the task.

To open a task:

1. From the Schedule Tasks Name column, click a task name.
2. Review the Task Action page and update the task as required. See Chapter 4, “Updating Tasks”.
3. Close the Task Action page.

Viewing Task Alerts

From Schedule Tasks, you can view alerts associated with a task. The Task Alerts page displays the priority, alert type, assignee, and approver.

To view alerts:

1. Click the Alert icon on a task.
2. From the Task Alerts page, select an alert to review.
3. When you finish, click OK.
**Viewing User Details**

You can view user details for Tax Operations users such as assignees, approvers, or owners. The User Details dialog box displays the user details that were specified during setup, such as groups and roles.

In addition, from the User Details dialog box, you can use the contact information to email the user.

1. **To view user details:**
   - From Schedule Tasks, click a user name.

   **Tip:** To view user names, you must display the Assignee, Approver, or Owner column.

   The User Details information is displayed.

2. **Optional:** To email the user, click the Email link.

**Working with Status Charts**

**Subtopics**
- Viewing Task Status
- Drilling to Detail
- Viewing Alert Status

The Status Chart displays a visual summary of task status and alert status. You can drill down to a detailed view by focusing on particular hierarchies of tasks, or use filters to adjust the scope of tasks summarized by the chart. As the set of summarized tasks changes, the set of summarized issues is updated also. You can drill down from status charts into additional detail, and open a schedule in a filtered format matching the filters that you selected for the Status Chart.

**Viewing Task Status**

You can use the Task Status pie chart to quickly view summary information for tasks. It displays slices representing the number of tasks for each status (Pending, Open, Closed, Error). You can click a slice to open a schedule in a filtered format matching the current Status Chart filters.

The Needs Attention bar shows tasks that need attention, categorized by reasons:

- **Error**—When an Approver rejects a task.
- **Alert**—When roadblocks occur, (for example, hardware failures, software issues, system failure), an alert is created to identify the problem, and is attached to the task.
- **Late**—When the End_date is less than the Current_date.
• **Unauthorized**—When the parameters of a task are modified by a user other than the assignee (or task owner if the owner is also the assignee), the authorization is reset to unauthorized and must be obtained by entering a password. For System-Automated tasks, if a user other than the specified or default Run As user modifies the parameters, the task is reset to unauthorized.

• **At Risk**—When the Start date was missed AND the End date minus the Current date is less than the minimum task duration or the End Date minus the Start Date is less than the minimum duration.

• **Missing Parameters**—When tasks, pending to begin execution, are missing parameters. An email notification is sent with a missing task parameters message and a link to the Edit Task Details dialog where the user can fill in the parameters.

You can hover the mouse over a category to see the number of tasks in each category.

➢ To view task status:

1. **In the Task Status pie chart, hover over any of the pie chart sections.**
2. **Review the summary information.**
3. **Double-click a pie chart section.**

   The Calendar-Month view is displayed, with the focus on the task that you selected.

4. **Click the Dashboard view button or select View, then Dashboard to return to the Dashboard view.**

**Drilling to Detail**

From status charts, you drill on pie slices or other controls in the chart to view additional detail on the slice or on the tasks in the slice. For example, if you double-click on the Pending section of the status chart, you can drill through to the dashboard to view only the tasks pending for that schedule.

➢ To drill to detail:

1. **From a status chart, double-click a pie chart section and view additional detail.**
2. **Click the Dashboard view button or select View, then Dashboard to return to the Dashboard view.**

**Viewing Alert Status**

The Open Alerts Priorities chart displays the number of open alerts, with slices representing the alert priorities. You can click a slice to open a dialog box listing the alerts. In the dialog box, you can double-click to open an alert. You can then drill down to the Alerts page to view the priority, alert type, assignee, and approver.

The Alerts chart displays alerts categorized by status (Open or Closed). You can hover the mouse over a status to see the number of tasks.
To view alerts:
1. From the Task Alerts page, select an alert, or Show All, to review.
2. Click OK to close the Alerts page.

To view alert status:
1. In the Open Alert Priorities chart, hover over any of the pie chart sections.
2. Review the summary information on the popup dialog.
3. Left-click on a pie chart section.
4. From the Alerts page, review the alert summary information.
5. Click the alert name link to open the alert details.
6. Click the task name to review the task information for the alert.
7. Close the Alert page.

Working with Status Overviews

Subtopics
- Viewing Schedule Days
- Viewing Task Information
- Viewing User Details

The Status Overview chart presents an overview of a selected schedule, displaying daily workload and completion status. By default, it presents a timeline centered on Day Zero of the schedule. You can select the icon for a task to view a summary of the task information, and you can open the task.

Viewing Schedule Days

The Status Overview chart displays a timeline for the selected schedule, with tasks displayed on their corresponding days, grouped by status. The Status Summary represents the overall completion of the schedule tasks and displays the number of tasks by status such as Pending, With Assignee, and so on. You can scroll through the date range from the date indicator area. The current day in the schedule is indicated above the task stack of that day. You can drill into tasks to view task details, and hide dates on which no tasks are scheduled.

> To view schedule days, scroll in the schedule.
> To hide blank dates, select Hide blank dates at the bottom of the completion summary box.
**Viewing Task Information**

You can click on a task box above a date to view task details. You can also view the Task Actions page for the task.

- To view task information:
  1. Double-click a task in the schedule.
  2. Review the summary information.
  3. To open the task in the Task Actions page, click **Open Task**.
  4. When you finish, click **Close** to close the Task Actions page.

**Viewing User Details**

You can view user details for Tax Operations users such as assignees, approvers, or owners. The User Details dialog box displays the user details that were specified during setup, such as groups and roles.

In addition, from the User Details dialog box, you can use the contact information to email the user.

- To view user details:
  1. Double-click a task in the schedule.
  2. From the summary information in the popup dialog, click the assignee name.
  3. **Optional:** To email the user, click the **Email** link.
Part II

Tax Supplemental Schedules

In Tax Supplemental Schedules:

- About Tax Supplemental Schedules
- Navigating in Tax Supplemental Schedules
- Working With Dimensions
- Working with Forms
- Managing Data Collection Workflow
Tax Supplemental Schedules is a system for management of supplemental data, typically transactional in nature.

Main Topics:

- Chapter 8, “Navigating in Tax Supplemental Schedules”
- “BI Dashboard View” on page 79
- Chapter 9, “Working With Dimensions”
- Chapter 10, “Working with Forms”
- Chapter 11, “Managing Data Collection Workflow”

Terms

- **Approver**—Users assigned to approve data on forms entered by Preparers. Multiple reviewers may be assigned to a form.
- **Attribute**—Describes the information being represented. The information can be of different data type.
- **Connection**—A connection to a specific Financial Management Cluster and Application.
- **Currencies**—Known currency codes.
- **Data Collection Period**—A Data Collection Period is made up of the combination of Year, Period, and Scenario. The status of the period defines the allowable actions for data collection:
  - Open—Data collection begins when the period is open.
  - Closed—No data entry is allowed, but in-progress data collection can continue.
  - Locked—No changes can be made to the data for the period.
- **Data Set**—A collection of data around a single topic. Data is manually entered.
- **Data Set Record**—A single row of a Data Set.
- **Dimension**—A collection of data around a single topic.
- **Dimension Tables**—Dimension tables are considered metadata within your application. They are user-defined tables and members for selection and validation within data entry. Each Dimension table consists of one or more attributes. Each attribute is defined a data type.
- **Form**—The main interface that allows a user to enter data. A form is created based on the attributes selected from a data set.
- **Form Template**—Data collection and integration definition for some, or all, of a Data Set.
- **Frequencies**—Determines how often data collections are done for a specific form. A frequency is defined in system settings and is associated with periods.
- **Integrator**—User assigned to post back data to Financial Management on forms.
- **Period**—A unit of time, not including Year (Jan, Feb, Q1, etc.).
- **Preparer**—A user assigned to enter data on forms. Only the user assigned as the preparer may enter data on forms (aside from comments).
- **Viewer**—A user assigned read-only access to data on forms.
- **Workflow**—An individual workflow process for a single Year/Period/Scenario/Data Set/Form/Key(Entity). This is essentially the workflow component of a Form.
- **Year**—A numeric year unit of time.
- **Financial Management Integration**—Financial Management integration allows the system to import the dimension definition and members from an existing Financial Management application. For Financial Management customers who plan to post summarized data collected in their application to their Financial Management applications, they can setup the application connection information and import the dimension members to use in the application.
- **Smart View**—An Excel file can be opened in Smart View and stored in your application to be used for data entry.

**Process Overview**

Data management requires these steps:

1. The Administrator sets up system settings information: Connections, Currencies, Frequencies, Periods, Preferences.
2. The Administrator or Power User completes the required setup procedures:
   - Sets up users.
   - Sets up metadata information referenced in a data set; for example, dimension definition and members.
     
     **Note:** For existing Financial Management applications, you can import the dimension definition and members with the Financial Management Integration process.

3. The Power User defines the data set:
- Creates data sets, attributes, and calculation and validation rules for the attributes.

**Note:** Users can input or calculate an attribute.

- Creates additional Data Form Templates with a summarized section, and defines the section to include group by, and adds mapping information to Financial Management.
- Assigns workflow and access for each data form template.
- Deploys the form template to a specific data collection period to be ready for the collection process.
  - If the period is not open, then the form instances are in pending status.
  - If the period is open, then the form instance is active and available for data entry.
- Sends email alerts to assigned analysts for their related data forms.

4. The Preparer loads the data:
   - Loads data manually or uses a CSV file for each form data, web UI, or Smart View.
   - Performs validation and ensure correctness of data.
   - Submits data for approval.

5. The Approver reviews and approves or rejects the data (may have multiple levels of approval).

6. The Administrator opens the Period after dimensions, data sets, and forms are created in the system, and opens a Period to start the data collection process.

7. The Administrator or Power User sends email alerts to assigned analysts for their related data forms.

8. The Preparer or Approver groups and filters data to focus on certain data segments.

9. The User who performs posting to Financial Management is the one assigned as Integrator for the form. This user must also have proper data access in Financial Management to post the data to Financial Management:
   - View summarized data after data is approved (depends on workflow option)
   - Post data to Financial Management

10. The Administrator closes and locks the period for the data collection:
    - Closes Period for Data Collection (prevent additional form instances to start)
    - Locks Period for Data Collection (no more changes)
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Tax Supplemental Schedules Views

Subtopics

- BI Dashboard View
- Available View Actions
- Displaying Column Attributes in Tax Supplemental Schedules Views

Use dashboards and views to present records for onscreen viewing, to provide drill-down capabilities to record details, and to print or export to Excel for ad-hoc reporting.

BI Dashboard View

You can focus on key statistics and record sets by configuring dashboard portlets. You can see up to four portlets at once, or you can maximize one portlet for full-screen viewing.

Portlet types:

- **Data Set**
  Contains the details of the selected data set, making it easy to view and filter the information of Data Set transactional dashboard.

- **My Worklist**
  Contains the list of forms, depending on the user’s access and status for each form, for the user for the selected period. Typical users can use My Worklist to see form instances that need attention.

  The My Worklist summary list is displayed in the Tax Supplemental Schedules left panel. Click on a form to open it.

- **Status Chart**
  Uses a pie chart to indicate the status of the forms, showing the percentage and the number of forms that are Pending, Open with Preparer, Open with Approver, Open with Integrator,
or Closed. The Administrator or Power User sees the summary status for all forms for all users in the system for the selected period. The Analyst sees only the relevant form information.

- **Workflow**

  The Workflow portlet contains all the form instances that a user has access, the preparer and approver information, and the status of the form.

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**Working with the BI Dashboard Portlets**

You can select to view one to four portlets: My Worklist, Status Chart, Data Set Portlet, Workflow Portlet.

- To select a BI Dashboard portlet:
  1. Select **View**, and then select **BI Dashboard**.
  2. On an empty space, right-click and select a portlet.
  3. For My Worklist and Workflow, Status Chart, to view or hide column attributes, click **View** and select the attributes. To open the Attribute Selection dialog where you can select and move the attributes order, click **Show More...**
  4. Change the portlet state:
     - Minimize, Maximize, Close are on the upper right corner of each portlet.
       - Minimize—Click **Minimize**. Minimized portlets are represented by buttons in the minimized area.
       - Maximize—Click **Maximize**. Maximized portlets are expanded to fill the portlet region and all other portlets are minimized, represented by buttons in the minimized area.
       - Close—Click **Close**.
     - Restore—Right-click on the buttons in the minimized area, and then select **Restore** to resize to the portlet.
     - Move—Drag a portlet to another portlet area. The portlets are swapped.
     - Refresh—Right-click and select **Refresh** to update the portlet data.

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**Available View Actions**

On the BI Dashboard, Data Set Dashboard, and Workflow Dashboard, you can perform these actions:

- Left-click: Highlights the record. The Information Panel at the bottom of the screen updates to display the record details.
- Right-click: Displays a context-sensitive menu that enables you to perform certain actions. Menu contents depend on the status and security role.
Displaying Column Attributes in Tax Supplemental Schedules Views

Selecting Attributes

You can specify which attributes to display in a view.

► To select attributes for a view:
1 In a BI Dashboard, Data Set Dashboard, or Workflow, click Attributes.
2 In Attributes Selection, select the attributes to display.
3 To reorder attributes, select an attribute in the Selected list box, and then click the arrows.
4 Click OK.

Reordering Attributes

In list views you can reorder attributes.

► To reorder attributes:
1 Select View, and then select a view.
2 Select an attribute, and then drag it to a new location.
3 Click OK.

Changing Attribute Widths

► To change attribute widths:
1 Hover over the right side of the attribute until the icon changes to a double bar.
2 Drag the right side of the attribute to resize it.

Sorting attributes

In the list views, you can sort attributes by ascending or descending order.

► To sort attributes:
1 Select View, and then select a view.
2 Hover over a header until the Sort icons are displayed, and then click Sort Ascending or Sort Descending.

Filtering Views in Tax Supplemental Schedules

Subtopics
- Creating Filters
- Editing Filters
- Duplicating Filters
- Deleting Filters

Filters allow users to control what records they see in list views and dashboards. You can apply filters against BI Dashboard, Data Set Dashboard, Workflow Dashboard, Dimensions, Data Sets, Integrations, including system and custom attributes. All users can save private filters for future use by the user who created it. Administrators and power users can also save public filters accessible by all users.

The filter panel provides two modes for building filters:

- **Basic**—The basic filter mode exposes access to all filterable attributes and allows the user to provide values for the attributes they wish to filter on and the operand to use for filtering. Typical operands include: equal to, not equal to, starts with, ends with, contains, greater than, less than, etc. The list of operands available depends on the data type of the attribute. For example, operands for filtering text values are different than the operands for filtering numeric values. Filters configured in basic mode are combined together using “and” logic, which means only those records that meet all filter criteria are displayed.

- **Advanced**—The advanced filter mode enables configuration of more complex filters using “and” and “or” logic and grouping logic to determine the order in which filters are applied. Like the basic filter mode, the advanced filter exposes access to all filter attributes.

Creating Filters

To create filters:

1 On the Filter panel, click Manage Filters.
2 Click New.
3 Enter:
   - **Name**
   - **Description**
   - **Type**—Select one type
   - **Public**
     Select if anyone can view this filter.
Filter Definition

A group of conditions that limit the list.

Condition

You can define the properties of a condition or group:

- **Conjunction**
  
  Select **And** or **Or**. These state how this condition or group relate to prior sibling conditions or groups. This field is enabled only if the selected node is not the first child of its parent node.

- **Attribute**—An attribute is a field or value that a condition will be comparing to a value for inclusion in the result set of a filter. However, for the case of a filter, an attribute denotes more than the list of user-defined attributes.

- **Operand**—States what kind of evaluation to perform against the attribute.

- **Value**—Specifies what values to compare the attribute against. The type of attribute determines what input field is available.

Editing Filters

To edit filters:

1. On the filter panel, click Manage Filters.
2. Select a filter.
3. Click Edit.
4. Edit the filter.
5. To reset a filter to the original definition, from the Filter panel, click Reset.
6. Make your changes and then click OK.

Duplicating Filters

To duplicate filters:

1. On the filter panel, click Manage Filters.
2. Select a filter, then click Duplicate.
3. Select the duplicated filter, then select Actions, and then Edit.
4. Make your changes and then click OK.
Deleting Filters

To delete filters:

1. On the filter panel, click Manage Filters.
2. Select a filter.
3. Click **Delete** and then click **Yes** to the question, “Are you sure you want to delete (name of filter).”
Managing Dimensions

Subtopics

- Adding Dimensions
- Editing Dimensions
- Deleting Dimensions

A dimension has a name and associated attributes. A dimension table contains metadata information to use for lookup or reference purposes. Each dimension table has one or more attributes. A dimension table definition is created or imported from a Financial Management application. You can view and import the dimension metadata from external sources such as Financial Management.

System-generated dimensions:

- Scenario dimension—Contains Scenario and Scenario Description
- Entity dimension—Contains Entity and Entity Description

**Note:** You cannot remove or modify these dimension definitions and attributes.

To add attributes to these dimensions, edit the dimension. See “Adding Dimension Attributes” on page 86.

You can also add attributes as part of the product integration.

Adding Dimensions

To add dimensions:

1. In your application, select Manage, and then Dimensions.
2 Click Actions, and then Add.
3 On the Properties tab, enter a name and description.
4 On the Attributes tab, add the dimension attributes. See “Adding Dimension Attributes” on page 86.
5 The History tab logs changes to Dimensions, including changes in modification types, supporting objects, modified by, the old and new values.

**Editing Dimensions**

➢ To edit dimensions:
1 In your application, select Manage, and then Dimensions.
2 Select a dimension, then click Actions, and then Edit.
3 Enter updates.

**Deleting Dimensions**

➢ To delete dimensions:
1 In your application, select Manage, and then Dimensions.
2 Select a dimension, then click Actions, and then Delete.
3 Click Yes to answer the question, “Are you sure you want to delete the selected items?”

**Note:** The dimension must not be referenced in another dimension or in a data set. You cannot remove Scenario and Entity dimensions, because they are system-created dimensions.

**Managing Dimension Attributes**

Subtopics

- Adding Dimension Attributes
- Editing Dimension Attributes
- Deleting Dimension Attributes

**Adding Dimension Attributes**

➢ To add dimension attributes:
1 In your application, select Manage, and then Dimensions.
2 Select a dimension, then click Actions, and then Edit.
On the Attributes tab, click Actions, then New, and then Add Attribute.

Enter the following:

- **Name**
- **Description**
- **Key Attribute**
  
  Select Key Attribute if this attribute is the key attribute.

- **Data Type**
  
  Select one:
  
  - **Date**
  - **Date and Time**
  - **Integer**
  - **List**

  Click Add, and then enter values for the attribute.

  - **Number**

    If you select Number, select formatting options (The defaults are set in the Preferences section of the System Settings.):

    - For **Decimal Places**, enter a value for the number of decimal places to be displayed.
    - Select **Thousands Separator** to display a thousands separator (for example, 1,000.00). The system displays the thousands separator symbol for the user locale.
    - In **Negative Number**, select how to display negative numbers; for example, (123).

  - **Text** (255 characters maximum)
  - **True** or **False**
  - **Yes** or **No**

- **Use Value**

  The attribute is populated with this value by default, which you can override.

Click OK.

In Update Dimension, to select the new attribute as a “Key Attribute” for the dimension, select Key Attribute.

**Note:** The system allows multiple attributes as key for a dimension.
Editing Dimension Attributes

To edit dimension attributes:

1. In your application, select Manage, and then Dimensions.
2. Select a dimension, then click Actions, and then Edit.
3. On the Attributes tab, select an attribute, and then click Edit.

   Edit the following:
   - Name
   - Description
   - Data Type

   Note: You can't change the data type if a member already exists for the dimension or if the attribute is referenced in a data set.

Select one:
- Date
- DateTime
- List
  Click Add and enter values for the attribute.
- Integer
- Number
  If you select Number, select formatting options (Defaults are set in the Preferences section of the System Settings.):
    - In Decimal Places, enter the number of decimal places to be displayed.
    - Select Thousands Separator to display a thousands separator (for example, 1,000.00). The system displays the thousands separator symbol for the user locale.
    - In Negative Number, select how to display negative numbers, for example, (123).
- Text (255 characters maximum)
- True or False
- Yes or No
- Use Value
  The attribute is populated with this value by default, which you can override.

4. Click OK.
5. In Update Dimension, to select the new attribute as a “Key Attribute” for the dimension, select Key Attribute.
Note: The system allows multiple attributes as key for a dimension.

Deleting Dimension Attributes

To delete dimension attributes:

1. In your application, select Manage, and then Dimensions.
2. Select a dimension, then click Actions, and then Edit.
3. On the Attribute tab, select an attribute, and then click Delete. Click Yes to answer the question, “Are you sure you want to delete the selected items?”

Note: You can’t delete an attribute if it is referenced in a data set.

Managing Dimension Members

Subtopics
- Adding Dimension Members
- Editing Dimension Members
- Removing Dimension Members
- Importing Dimension Members
- Exporting Dimension Members

Adding Dimension Members

To add dimension members:

1. In your application, select Manage, and then Dimensions.
2. Select a dimension.
3. In Members and Attributes, click Add.
4. Enter the attributes.

Editing Dimension Members

To edit dimension members:

1. In your application, select Manage, and then Dimensions.
2. Select a dimension.
3. In Members and Attributes, click a member, and then edit the values of the dimension member.
4. Click Actions, and then Save.
Removing Dimension Members

To remove dimension members:
1. In your application, select Manage, and then Dimensions.
2. Select a dimension.
3. In Members and Attributes, select a member.
4. Click Delete, and then click Yes to answer the question, “Are you sure you want to delete the selected items?”

Importing Dimension Members

Administrators and Power Users can import dimension members from standard flat comma-separated value (CSV) files.

To import dimension members:
1. In your application, select Manage, and then Dimensions.
2. Select a dimension.
3. In Members and Attributes, click Actions, and then Import.
4. Click Browse, and then navigate to the file you want to import.
5. Select one of the following:
   - Replace—Replace dimension members with the definition in the import file. Replaces the member with the member in the file that you are importing. It does not affect other members that are not specified in the import file.
   - Update—Update some member attributes.
6. Click Import.
7. The Results screen displays the number of imported dimension members.
8. Click OK or Reset. The Reset button clears the dialog, and you can select another file to import. The imported members are saved with the import.

Exporting Dimension Members

Administrators and Power Users can export dimension members to standard flat comma-separated value (CSV) or XLS files.

To export dimension members:
1. In your application, select Manage, and then Dimensions.
2. Select a dimension.
3. In Members and Attributes, select a member.
4 Click **Actions**, then **Export**, and then select the **CSV** or **XLS** file format.

5 Browse to where you want to save the file.

6 Click **OK**.
For data entry, each section is displayed as a separate tab on the form.

**Viewing the Form Summary Tab**

The Summary Tab of the form contains the Name, Description, Data collection period, Status, Start Date, End Date, Instructions, Questions, Comments, and Workflow information.

To view the form summary tab:

1. In your application, in the user's BI Dashboard, under My Worklist portlet, click a form. See “BI Dashboard View” on page 79.

2. The POV (Year/Period/Scenario/Entity) and Data Collection Unit selection is displayed at the top of the window.

3. The summary information for the form:
   - **Name and Description**—From the Form Template
   - **Data Collection Period**—Period that this form has been deployed to
   - **Status**—Current detailed status
   - **Start Date**—Starting date for data collection
   - **End Date**—Final date for submission, approval, or posting (whichever is latest)

4. Enter the data directly or export the form to Oracle Smart View for Office for data entry.

5. The Actions list contains the actions available for each of the following users:
   - **Preparer**: Submit, Save, Reset

   **Note:** The Preparer clicks Reset to discard what was entered and reset it to the last time that the data was saved.
- **Approver**: Approve, Reject, Save, Reset

  The Save and Reset options apply to comments and answers.

- **Integrator**: Reject, Post, Save, Reset

  The Save and Reset options apply to comments and answers.

  After a form is posted, the integrator has only read access to the form data. The status of the form instance is “Closed”; only the Administrator can reopen the form instance for changes.

6. **The Instructions, Questions, Comments, and Workflow sections are in the bottom section.**

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### Entering Data into Forms

**How to enter data:**

- Input it manually
- Import it from a file
- Enter it using Excel

Data is stored in its base format with as much detail as was input. For example, if you enter $123,456.789 in a currency field formatted with two decimal digits and no thousands separator, the number is stored as 123456.789 but redisplayed as $123456.79.

The data entry tab displays the actual form columns and rows in data entry mode. You can select the entry in the point of view bar for data entry. If multiple data entry sections are defined on the form template, a corresponding data entry tab is displayed for each section.

Preparers enter data, and Approvers or Integrators review the data.

1. To use the data entry tabs:

1. **In your application, in the user's BI Dashboard, under the My Worklist portlet, click a form. See “BI Dashboard View” on page 79.**

2. **Actions** in the upper right contains the actions available for each of the following users:

   - **Preparer**: Submit, Save, Reset

     **Note:** The Preparer clicks **Reset** to discard what was entered and reset it to the last time that the data was saved.

   - **Approver**: Approve, Reject, Save, Reset

     The Save and Reset options apply to comments and answers.

   - **Integrator**: Reject, Post, Save, Reset

     The Save and Reset options apply to comments and answers.
After a form is posted, the integrator has only read access to the form data. The status of the form instance is “Closed”; only the Administrator can reopen the form instance for changes.

3 The Summary section Actions menus:
   - Print—Print the contents of the table. The table is displayed in an HTML window.
   - Refresh—Refresh the data.

### Entering Data into Sections

To enter data into Sections:

1. In your application, in the user's BI Dashboard, under the My Worklist portlet, click on a form. See “BI Dashboard View” on page 79.
2. Click a section tab.
3. The data entry section contains:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Task</th>
<th>Button</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Increment list</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>Select a number to indicate the number of rows the “Add rows” menu adds at one time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sort Ascending or Descending</td>
<td></td>
<td>Select A-Z or Z-A sort.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Validate</td>
<td></td>
<td>Checks all populated rows for correct data. Errors are displayed in a dialog box, which lists the row, column, and reason for the validation failure.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Open Form in Smart View</td>
<td></td>
<td>Open form in Smart View.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Print</td>
<td></td>
<td>Print the contents of the table. The table is displayed in an HTML window.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Refresh</td>
<td></td>
<td>Refresh the data.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add rows</td>
<td></td>
<td>Add a block of empty records to the table; the increment list displays the number of records in the block.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Delete rows</td>
<td></td>
<td>Delete the selected records. A message confirms the deletion.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Task</td>
<td>Button</td>
<td>Description</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>------</td>
<td>--------</td>
<td>-------------</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| **Import** | ![Import] | Imports contents from a CSV file. The Import dialog box is displayed and allows for three import styles:  
- **Replace**—Updates existing data records in the data set with the data records from the file for the DCU. Any new records in the file are added. Data records are not removed from the data set, even though they are not included in the file.  
  **Note:** Known as Merge mode in Financial Management.  
- **Replace All**—Replaces all existing data records in the data set for the DCU with data records from the file. Any existing data records for the DCU are deleted.  
  **Note:** Known as Replace mode in Financial Management.  
- **Update**—Allows you to update only specific columns of information included in the file. For example:  
  The form may contain four columns of loan detail information: Loan ID, Loan Amount, Interest Rate, and Due Date. If data records are entered in the database for DCU, but we want to update only the information regarding Due Date, we can include the Loan ID (key column) and the Due Date information, and the system updates each record in the file with only the new Due date information. If the file contains a new data loan record that was not in the database, the new record is added with only the Due Date information updated. This option is useful if you have data records and want to add columns of data without affecting the other columns.  
  **Note:** This option is not available in Financial Management.  
**Import status:**  
- If the import is error-free, a Success dialog box is displayed, indicating the number of new members added and updated.  
- If errors exist, the import fails. An import error dialog box displays the row and column of each error with its description. |
| **Export** | ![Export] | Download the summary table to a **CSV** format or to **Microsoft Excel**  
**Note:** Each CSV file contains records for a single form/data entry Section; therefore, if 10 forms (or sections) are in the system, you must export separately for each one, and the system creates 10 CSV files. This is not the same behavior in Financial Management where Oracle Hyperion Financial Management can export all data records for multiple entities to one file. |

**Viewing Form History**

The system maintains a history of form actions, which you can view in the Form dialog box. The History tab displays the user, date, action required, and the difference of the changes to the form.
To view the form history:

1 In your application, in the user's BI Dashboard, under the My Worklist portlet, click on a form. See “BI Dashboard View” on page 79.

2 Click the History tab.

3 View the following fields:
   - Field
   - Modification Type
   - Supporting Object
   - Modified By
   - Modified On
   - Old Value
   - New Value

4 Click OK.
The data collection workflow follows this order:

1. Select a Data Collection period by Year, Period, Scenario.
2. Deploy the Form Template.
3. Open the period to start the data collection process.
4. The system activates Form Instances based on Start Day offset. Applicable Form instances are in Open status.
5. Email notifications are sent to preparers.
7. The Prepare, Approve, and Post workflow process continues.
8. Close Period starts; no new form instances are generated. No new data entry is allowed.
9. Data collection that is in progress continues.
10. Lock Period starts; no changes can be made.
11. Data Collection is done for the period.