



Use Budgets to Execute Strategic Goals

Relying on a spreadsheet application typically results in an annual budget that is outdated before it is approved, has no linkage to organizational strategy, and cannot be updated easily as business conditions change. Extensity® MPC financial performance management software provides budgeting capabilities to help you solve these problems.

With MPC's Excel interface on top of a single database, you still have the familiar look and feel of a spreadsheet, but eliminate the spreadsheet drawbacks—version control, and the need to re-key numbers, verify calculations, and fix spreadsheet links. You can design any number of zero-based, historical-based, and rolling budgets and plans. Submit the approved budget passes to MPC's database to create one version of the truth.

MPC allows you to shorten and improve the accuracy of tasks such as calculations, allocations, phasing, and currency translations. Using guided workflow capabilities and alerts helps ensure that the enterprise remains on schedule and within guidelines. When a business change occurs, you can adjust the budget and save it to the database, relying on the system to automatically update numbers and reports affected by the change.

When you use Extensity MPC, you benefit during the budgeting process in a number of ways.

You can better define, communicate, and manage your budgeting process with MPC.

- **Guided workflow and email alerts**—promote fast and easy enterprise-wide understanding, monitoring, and participation in the budgeting process (i.e., instant update of policies, rules, and timelines on the intranet; budget submission status communicated and available in real time; availability of budget for use immediately after approval)
- **Built-in budget submission monitoring and approval process**—provides a real-time view of those who have submitted figures and those who have not; users can see status of whether managers have accepted or rejected the budget; managers can send explanation of needed changes on rejected budgets

Using MPC, you can streamline data submission, collection, and consolidation.

- **Web-based**—allows you to submit and retrieve data easily anywhere, anytime; promotes easy, economical deployment and ongoing maintenance
- **Central database**—eliminates time-consuming, error-prone process of collecting data from hundreds of budget models and enables users to submit data to a single system; allows you to consolidate data automatically as it is submitted, resulting in a single version of the truth
- **Excel interface**—makes it easy for you to enter data, perform calculations, and format and print reports
- **Built-in data security**—ensures users view and work only with information pertaining to their own areas of responsibility

You can perform calculations, budgeting allocations, and currency translations quickly and accurately with MPC.

- **Built-in financial intelligence**—allows you to reduce implementation time and improve data integrity (i.e., knows the difference between debits and credits and between financial and nonfinancial information; understands how to handle data for P&L statements, balance sheets, and statistical measures)
- **Currency translation**—allows you to translate multiple currencies into a single reporting currency, eliminating manual conversion errors; meet IFRS, FASB, GAAP, and other requirements; and support multiple currency rate versions such as actuals, budgets, and forecasts

- **Allocations**—enable you to apportion budgets to each business unit according to rules defined by finance
- **Phasing**—helps you budget to seasonal patterns or other weightings; pre-built formulas allocate a budget number over a specified time period
- **Text notes**—allow you to attach remarks explaining the rationale behind numbers, improving communication
- **Salary and asset budgeting**—lets you accurately budget asset and salary information (e.g., for salary planning, you can enter annual amounts and an increase range, which is then converted into period amounts; automatically documents details of budget after plans are submitted, creating a complete audit trail; for asset budgeting, lets you itemize asset information; automatically calculates depreciation and net book values based on predefined asset profiles to obtain accurate figures)
- **Support for event-based budgeting**—allows you to easily adapt the budget after any significant business change (e.g., add a new business unit, reassign sales territories, eliminate an initiative), with automatic and immediate duplication of the change throughout the system

Using MPC, you can identify critical information instantly.

- **Proactive email alerts and color-coded exception reports**—allow you to identify problems and opportunities, thus eliminating hours spent reviewing stacks of budgets and reports
- **Ad hoc reporting and analysis**—allows immediate investigation of problems and opportunities without the need for IT assistance
- **Multidimensional analysis**—enables you to evaluate financial and nonfinancial measures from multiple perspectives (by organization, by product, by market, by account, etc.)
- **Drill-down capabilities**—allow users to penetrate beyond summary numbers to transactional details, often in the source system itself

Beyond Budgeting

With Extensity MPC, you can move beyond budgeting to true performance management. MPC not only helps you reduce your budgeting cycle time, but also enables you to enhance the overall efficiency and effectiveness of your business.

You can direct the focus and actions of the organization through strategic planning; align resources to support your corporate objectives through financial and operational planning, flexible budgeting, and realistic forecasting; and monitor and control performance with meaningful reporting and analysis that leads to improved decision-making.

MPC is an open, fully integrated financial performance management system that helps you extend your investment in your existing platforms, applications, and systems.

About Extensity

Extensity is *the leading* financial performance management company focusing exclusively on the comprehensive needs of finance professionals. With more than 12,500 customers worldwide, Extensity enables better financial management and decision-making throughout the enterprise in many of the world's most progressive and successful companies.

We leverage the power of trusted, finance-centric data through a comprehensive set of end-to-end solutions from financial applications to performance management. Extensity has over 1,100 employees in 42 offices worldwide.

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