

Microsoft FRx

Microsoft Dynamics AX

BENEFITS:

- Provides immediate control of your entire financial reporting process
- Produces professional reports that are easy to distribute and publish
- Helps decision-makers stay on top of business trends by providing you with accurate and timely data
- Helps increase the productivity and effectiveness of everyone involved in the reporting process

Microsoft® FRx® is a financial reporting application that is offered as an add-on module to Microsoft Dynamics™ AX. Microsoft FRx can be implemented rapidly, and immediately strengthens the financial reporting capabilities of Microsoft Dynamics AX by helping you increase productivity and gain tighter control over your financial reporting practices.

Immediate control of your financial reporting and analysis process

Microsoft FRx provides you with a comprehensive view into the financial health of your business by supplying accurate and timely reporting in a cost-effective way. The solution is easy to implement, and helps you quickly and easily build and maintain financial reports and complex ad-hoc management reports. Microsoft FRx also helps you save time by automating the most time-consuming tasks associated with financial reporting, such as gathering, verifying and categorizing data coming from your general ledger.

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Dynamics AX interface. On the left, a tree view shows the organizational structure with folders for 'Paris Region' and 'Frankfurt Region', each containing sub-folders for 'Sales Division', 'Wholesale Sales', 'Service Division', and 'Lab. Services'. The main window shows two reports for 'Fabrikam Works, Inc.' for the period 'For the Four Months Ending 30 April 2003'. The top report is a summary income statement, and the bottom report is a detailed income statement.

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Net Earnings	€163,601	€462,214

	May	YTD
Net Sales	871,524	2,070,204
Paris Region - Net Sales	261,088	882,187
Frankfurt Region - Net Sales	1,122,451	3,258,422
Total Net Sales		

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	May	YTD
Regional Net Earnings		
Paris	€127,089	€234,874
Frankfurt	€36,542	€147,740
Functional Net Earnings		
Sales - Paris	80,028	170,811
Sales - Frankfurt	2,244	-81,182
Total Sales	€95,354	€226,608
Service - Paris	41,050	167,723
Service - Frankfurt	27,198	104,955
Total Service	€68,248	€262,388

A sample income statement

Professional reports that are easy to distribute and publish

With Microsoft FRx, you can create attractive, professional reports quickly. You can select formatting and font options, set up headers and footers and specify output options so that each report can be individualized according to the style that works best for your organization. All formatting and formulas stay with the report when it is exported, so it doesn't lose its presentation quality and functionality.

Help decision makers stay on top of business trends

Microsoft FRx, combined with Microsoft Dynamics AX, can easily provide the comprehensive, timely and accurate information that decision makers need to make confident decisions about the future. Built-in accounting intelligence means that decision makers can trust the information provided, so they can spend their time analyzing data rather than checking its integrity. With the reports available from Microsoft FRx, you can monitor the status of your business and easily understand what is happening at any moment.

Microsoft FRx can also help you determine the financial impact of a proposed change by performing a “what-if” analysis. Changes can be depicted quickly and efficiently and presented for analysis. A visual, hierarchical picture allows you to use drag-and-drop functionality to create different roll-ups or reporting groups without changing the chart of accounts, losing historical information, or impacting comparative reporting.

Confidence in the integrity of your financial data

Microsoft FRx helps ensure the integrity of your financial data by pulling information directly from your Microsoft Dynamics AX general ledger. This built-in link with your Microsoft Dynamics AX general ledger means that Microsoft FRx immediately works with your fiscal periods, chart of accounts, detail transactions and various types of balances. You can use accounting books and run reports based on the fiscal periods that are already defined in your Microsoft Dynamics AX general ledger.

Accounting intelligence built into Microsoft FRx recognizes accounting concepts such as beginning balances, YTD totals, debit and credit balances, positive and negative variances, and posted and unposted transactions. Exception reporting provides the confidence that every report is complete and accurate by providing an audit trail that makes it easy to identify missing or duplicate accounts.

Increase productivity and effectiveness

Microsoft Dynamics AX and Microsoft FRx can be tailored to each individual user's requirements, giving you exactly the information you need to support your decisions. You don't have to waste time juggling spreadsheets and maintaining massive reporting systems. It is easy to design a report in Microsoft FRx, save and run it with current general ledger information any time you need. With Microsoft FRx, you no longer spend significant amounts of effort dedicated to data access, report development, and data integrity. Tasks such as data gathering, verifying, and categorizing are all automated, saving you valuable time and improving the productivity and effectiveness of everyone involved in the reporting process.

The key to the flexibility of Microsoft FRx is a unique system of three building blocks: Row Format, Column Layout, and Reporting Trees. In Row Formats, you can use your chart of accounts to select individual accounts or groups or ranges of accounts. In Column Layouts, you define the source of the data and select the type of column you want to include in the report such as period actuals, budget information or statistical data. And it's easy to set up columns to calculate and display variances.

Report Trees include a powerful “auto-build” function that represents a hierarchical picture of your organization directly from your chart of accounts. Using easy-to-use drag and drop functionality, you can change the way your business information is presented in seconds. Once the building blocks are built, they can be mixed and matched to produce a number of new reports.

FEATURES

Accounting intelligence

- Understands fiscal periods, charts of account structures, transaction details and various types of balances
- Simplifies processes by recognizing concepts such as current and year-to-date amounts, debit versus credit balances, and posted or unposted transactions

Built-in link to the general ledger

- Helps ensure that every report is complete and accurate
- Users gain additional confidence in their reports because easy to identify missing or duplicate accounts
- Auto-build functionality reduces the database knowledge and manual identification of general ledger details

Flexible report creation and maintenance

- Unique system of three building blocks: Row Format, Column Layout and Reporting Trees
- Saves time on creating financial reports and time spent on maintenance
- Customized fonts, formatting and formulas offer presentation quality in financial reports

Simple and automatic distribution

- Microsoft FRx Drilldown Viewer™ helps users immediately answer their own questions by drilling down from summary information to transaction-level detail without accessing the general ledger
- Financial reports can be emailed or posted on a secure Intranet site for faster electronic distribution, viewing and analysis
- Export to other formats such as Microsoft Excel worksheet or graph (pivot chart), an OLAP (online analytical processing) cube, XBRL Instance Document, HTML or an ASCII text file
- Microsoft FRx Report Manager makes it easy to pull together reports generated by Microsoft FRx with the other information users need to evaluate the financial performance of their organization, all delivered in one comprehensive report book

For more information about Microsoft Dynamics AX, visit:
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