# Tutorial Week 4 – Enterprise Systems – Sydney Campus



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# Overview of Week 4 Enterprise Systems and Introduction to SAP S/4HANA

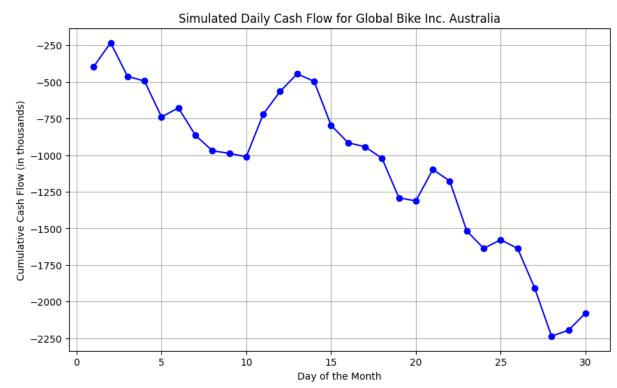
Welcome to Week 4 of our Enterprise Systems series, where we explore critical aspects of interface design evaluation and usability testing, crucial for effective user interfaces. This week, we delve into SAP S/4HANA, focusing on its essential role in financial and general ledger accounting within ERP systems. You will learn about the general ledger's function, various subledgers like accounts payable and receivable, asset and bank accounting, and how these components integrate to form a robust financial system. The tutorials will provide hands-on SAP exercises, reinforcing theoretical concepts and enhancing practical understanding of systems development and ERP functionalities. Prepare to apply your knowledge in practical scenarios that highlight SAP's capabilities in real-world business contexts.

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## **Overview of Financial Accounting in ERP Systems:**

Lecture 3 focuses on the integration of financial accounting within Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems, specifically using SAP as the primary example. Financial accounting in ERP systems is essential for capturing and managing all transactions that have financial impacts on the enterprise. This includes activities related to:

- General Ledger (G/L) Accounting
- Accounts Receivable (A/R) and Payable (A/P)
- Asset Management
- Bank Accounting



These components are crucial for preparing financial statements such as balance sheets and income statements, which are vital for both internal and external stakeholders such as executives, auditors, banks, and shareholders.

## **Key Financial Accounting Components:**

- **1. General Ledger Accounting:** The backbone of financial systems, recording all business transactions in detail.
- 2. Accounts Receivable and Payable: Tracking of all receivables from customers and payables to vendors, integrated with sales and procurement.
- **3. Asset Accounting:** Management of company assets, from acquisition to depreciation.
- 4. Bank Accounting: Handling all transactions with financial institutions.

## **Master Data:**

The lecture highlights the importance of master data in financial accounting, which includes:

- Chart of Accounts: Defines all accounts used in the organization.
- General Ledger Accounts: Specific accounts within the G/L for detailed tracking.

## **Practical Example in Australia:**

To provide a practical example, consider a scenario where an Australian subsidiary of a global company uses SAP for its financial accounting. The subsidiary needs to adhere to both local Australian accounting standards and the global policies of its parent company.

## **Scenario:**

The Australian subsidiary of "Global Bike Inc." needs to report its financials both locally and as part of the global consolidation. The chart of accounts must adhere to Australian standards, but also align with the group's reporting requirements.

## **Example of G/L Transaction Recording:**

Imagine the subsidiary sells bicycles to a local retailer. This transaction would involve several steps in the financial accounting module of SAP:

- **1. Sales Entry:** Record the sale in the accounts receivable ledger, debiting A/R and crediting sales revenue.
- 2. Receipt of Payment: When payment is received, cash/bank account is debited, and A/R is credited.

Here, we see a visualization of the impact of such transactions over a month on the subsidiary's cash flow.

the deficit.

The graph presents the cumulative cash flow for Global Bike Inc. Australia over a month, based on simulated data. The trend is decidedly negative, indicating that the company is spending more than it is receiving almost every day. The cumulative cash flow starts at a slightly negative value and continues to decline, reaching its lowest point by the end of the month. There are a few days where the cash flow improves slightly, suggesting days when payments received were higher than sales made. However, these are not enough to counter the overall negative trend. It's important to note that this analysis is based on randomized data and does not reflect any real financial situation. In a real-world context, such a consistent negative trend could be alarming and might suggest the need for urgent financial restructuring or investigation into the causes of

This plot provides a visual representation of how cash flow might vary day-to-day based on sales and receipts, helping you grasp the dynamic nature of financial accounting in a real-world business context.

The integration of financial accounting into SAP allows for seamless reporting and financial management across different geographical locations, adhering to both local and global standards. This example not only illustrates the practical use of ERP systems in financial accounting but also highlights the importance of adapting to different regulatory environments.



Based on the content in the Tutorial Week 4, it's evident that we will be learning about SAP S/4HANA with a focus on enterprise systems, particularly in ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) systems and financial functionalities within SAP. The comprehensive set of concepts that we need to understand includes both technical aspects of SAP S/4HANA and practical applications in business scenarios, particularly in financial accounting.

The concepts and background knowledge necessary for understanding the material and problems presented in the tutorial week 4:

## 1. SAP S/4HANA Overview

- **ERP Systems:** Understanding of ERP systems as integrated software platforms that manage all core business processes.
- **SAP S/4HANA:** Features, benefits, and the specific functionalities offered by SAP S/4HANA as an ERP system.



## 2. Financial Management in SAP

- General Ledger Accounting: Understanding the functionalities of general ledger (G/L),
  including G/L master records, chart of accounts, and the significance of company codespecific data.
- **Sub-Ledgers:** Roles of Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, and Asset Accounting within SAP.
- Consolidation and Reporting: How financial data is consolidated and reported for decision-making.



## 3. Business Process Integration

- Procure to Pay: Understanding the flow from procurement to payment, involving suppliers
  and Accounts Payable.
- Order to Cash: The cycle from order receipt through to cash receipt, involving customers and Accounts Receivable.
- Record to Report (R2R): The process of capturing transactions and generating reports.



## **Practical Application Example in Australia**

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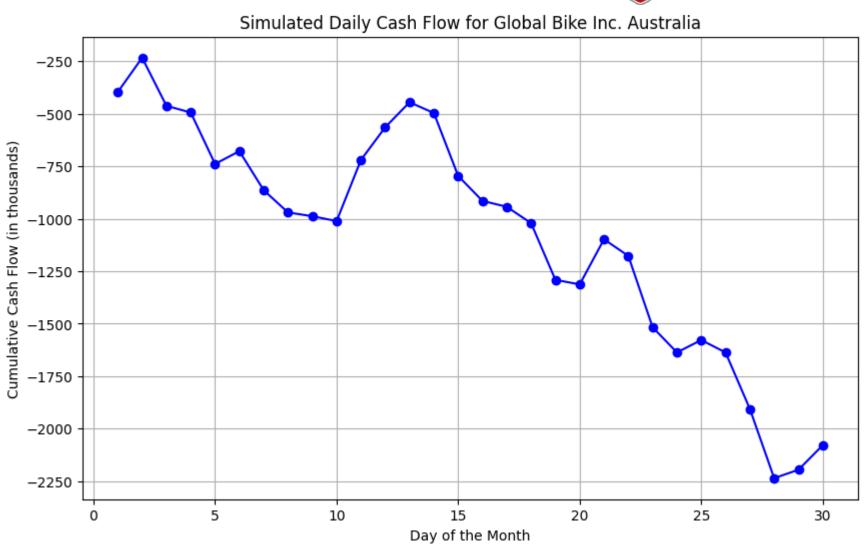
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Let's visualize the Orderto-Cash process flow to help students understand the sequence of operations within SAP S/4HANA.





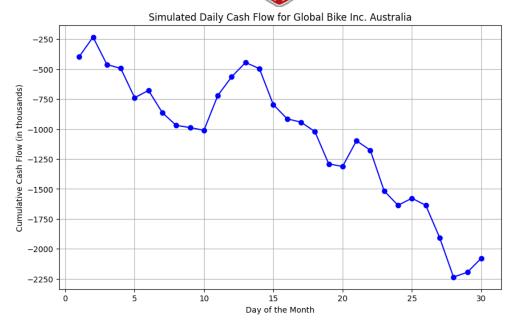
Here's an analysis of the results shown in the plot:

- The plot starts with a cash flow value in the negative, indicating that the company may have started the month with outstanding payments or initial expenses.
- There are several peaks and troughs indicating the inflow and outflow of cash-1750 throughout the month.
- The general trend of the plot is downward, suggesting that, over the course of the month, the cash outflows have exceeded the cash inflows.
- Towards the end of the month, the cumulative cash flow decreases significantly, which could be a concern for the company's liquidity if this trend continues.
- The plot does not go back up towards the end of the month, which might mean that there were no significant incoming payments or that the company's expenditures continued to outpace its income during this period.



The negative cash flow suggests the company should evaluate its cash management strategies. It could potentially look into:

- Timing of accounts receivables: Encouraging earlier payments from customers or negotiating longer payment terms with suppliers.
- Cash reserves and financing: Ensuring there is enough cash reserve or arranging for financing options to cover periods of low cash flow.
- Expense management: Reviewing operating expenses and investment to manage outflows better.



It's also an excellent example to illustrate how such financial data can be visualized and analyzed using SAP S/4HANA, and how that analysis can inform financial decision-making.





# Holmes Institute SAP Tutorial





#### **SAP ERP: S/4HANA**

## Introduction

#### **MOTIVATION**

This tutorial is an introduction to the SAP S/4HANA enterprise system.

It can be used in the classroom or for self-study.

On completion of the course, students will be able to understand the basic navigation and functionality concepts of the enterprise systems

The material also serves as a reference for occasional users of SAP systems.

#### **LEARNING METHOD**

The learning method used is "guided learning." The benefit of this method is that knowledge is imparted quickly. Students also acquire practical skills and competencies.

Exercises, in the end, enable students to put their knowledge into practice.

#### **Product**

SAP S/4HANA

#### Level

Introductory

#### **Focus**

**ERP Systems** 

#### Author

Professor. Paul Hawking

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### **SAP ERP: S/4HANA Accounting**

#### **MOTIVATION**

This material is an introduction to SAP S/4HANA financial functionality. It is aimed at students at universities and other educational institutions with limited experience with accounting

It can be used in the classroom or for self-study.

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### **Accounting**

The function of accounting is to provide financial documentation and information for an enterprise and other interested parties that are associated with it. There are two types of accounting:

- External accounting is oriented more towards satisfying the information requirements of external parties. This is referred to as **Financial Accounting (FI)**.
- Internal accounting meets the reporting demands of internal enterprise groups. This is referred to as Cost Accounting (CO).

	Financial accounting	Management accounting Internal		
Focus	External			
Purpose	Legal reporting (financial statements)  Tracking financial impact of processes  Communicate with investors	Managing the firm with regard to costs and revenues		
Content	Defined by laws and regulations	Defined by management needs		

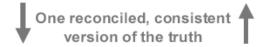
Each accounting area comprises a number of business scenarios and reporting requirements.



Legal reporting

#### Level:

Defined by law for compliance

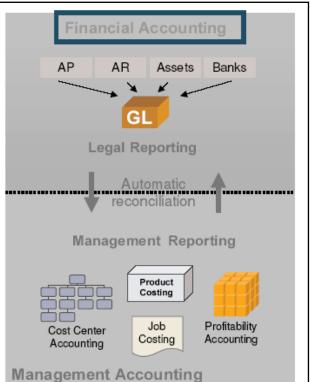


#### Goal:

Management Support, even across legal entities

#### Levels:

Cost and revenues including their internal transfers







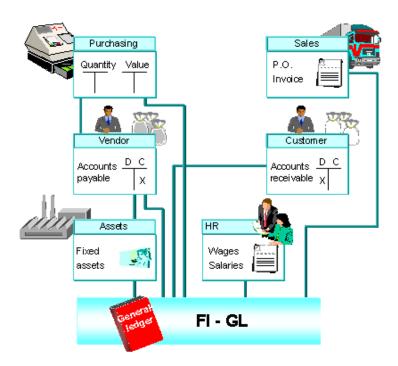
#### **Financial Accounting**

The main components of Financial Accounting are the general ledger(G/L) and sub-ledger accounting (accounts payable, accounts receivable, and asset accounting) and consolidation.

- **Accounts Payable** records all accounting transactions for dealings with suppliers. Much of its data is obtained from procurement. This supports the procure to pay business scenario.
- **Accounts Receivable** records all accounting transactions for dealings with customers. This supports the order to cash business scenario
- Asset Accounting records all accounting transactions relating to the management of assets.
- Travel Management manages and calculates travel costs and supports travel planning and travel expenses
- Bank ledger supports the posting of cash flows.

**General Ledger** (G/L) is the foundation of the accounting function. It serves as a complete record of all business transactions. It is the centralised, up-to-date reference for the maintaining of accounts. Actual individual transactions can be checked at any time in real-time processing by displaying the original documents, line items, and transaction figures at various levels, such as:

- Account information
- Journals
- Totals/transaction figures
- Balance sheet/profit and loss evaluations







#### **General Ledger Master Records**

General Ledger (G/L) account master records contain the data that is always needed by the general ledger to determine the account's function. The G/L account master records control the posting of accounting transactions to G/L accounts and the processing of the posting data. Before you can make postings to a G/L account, you need to create a master record in that account's system. G/L account master records are divided into two areas so that companies (company codes) with the same chart of accounts can use the same G/L accounts.

Chart of accounts area

The chart of accounts area contains the valid data for all company codes, such as the account number. It is a list of all G/L account master records which are used in one or several company codes. For every G/L account master record, the chart of accounts contains the account number, the account name and controlling information. This information is consistent across companies in the same organisation.

Company code specific area

The company code specific area contains data that may vary from one company code to another, such as the currency in which the account may be posted.

The G/L account master record in the company code contains company code-specific information which controls the entry of data to this account and the management of the account.

#### **Displaying the Chart of Accounts**

Many company codes may share a chart of accounts in the same organisation. For example, Apple Australia and Apple Singapore. Each company code must be assigned a chart of accounts. Once assigned to a company code, it is used to capture information for both Financial Accounting (FI) and Cost Accounting (CO). For each G/L Account, the chart of accounts contains the account number, the account name, and additional technical information

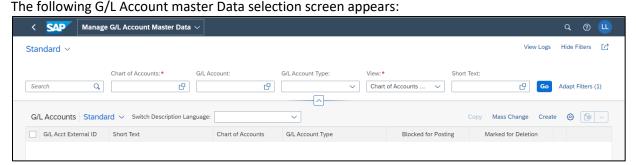
You want to view the Chart of Accounts to understand the structure of General Ledger better.

- to SAP S/4HANA if not already logged on. 1. Logon
- 2.

4. Click

Financial Accounting 3. Click on the Space Selection Bar to display this Space. Manage G/L Account Master Data

to select this function.





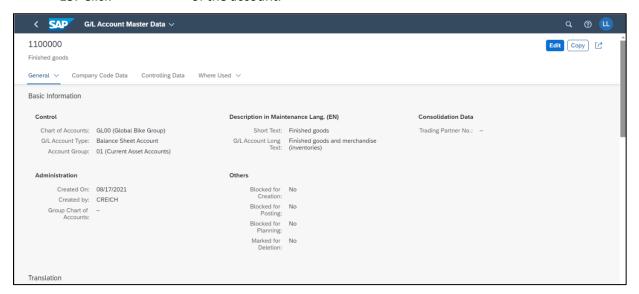


#### You want to view the Chart of Accounts for GBI Global

- 5. Click in the Chart of Accounts\* field to display the Search screen.
- 6. Click for **GL00** (Financial Statement (GBI) 000) to select this Chart of Accounts.
- 7. Click to continue and return to the selection screen.
- 8. Click to display the account definitions for the GBI Chart of Accounts. As you can see there are a lot of G/L accounts in this Chart of Accounts. You can filter the list to a particular account by using the search facilities in the header of the page. For example, to view the accounts associated with Finished Goods (acct. 1100000) you:
  - 9. Click in the G/L Account: field to display the Search screen.
  - 10. Type *Finished Goods* or **1100000** in the text field.
  - 11. Click to display the accounts that match the selection criteria.
  - 12. Click for 1100000 (Finished Goods) to select this account.
  - 13. Click to continue and return to the selection screen.
  - 14. Click to display the account.

#### To view further details:

15. Click of the account.







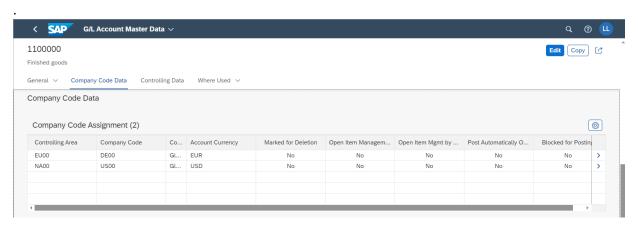
The Chart of Accounts includes a structure for Account codes.

What Account Group is this G/L account assigned to?								
What type of account is this account?								

#### The Chart of Accounts Applied to the General Ledger

The General Ledger is a version of the Chart of Accounts implemented for each Company. Each G/L Account being used by a company code is defined by the Charts of Accounts (Account Group, Numbering, Type, Description). Although there is a consistent definition of accounts in the General Ledger additional information needs to be added for specific company codes especially when these companies operate in different countries for example Currency, tax etc. In this way, in an organisation, a chart of accounts may be used by several company codes, with each having its own unique information and settings (different countries) but at the same time facilitating the integration of accounting information across the organisation. For example, Account 600000 would reflect sales transactions in each company.

16. Click Company Code Data to view company code specific data for the Finished Goods account (110000).



The screen indicates that this Account is used in the DE00 – Global Bike Germany GmbH and US00 Global Bike Inc. Company Codes. Also, it indicates that the currency for DE00 is euros (EUR) and US dollars (USD) for US00.





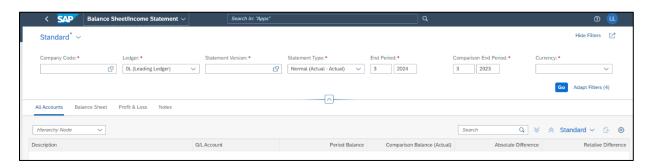
#### **Display Financial Statements**

Often Financial staff need to display financial statements which involves Balance Sheets and Profit and Loss statements for a company to gain insight to company's performance. These reports are generated by analysing all the relevant accounting line items. From these reports, a user can also access the line items of a specific G/L account or customer/supplier line items. To do this:

- 17. Click to return to the home screen.
- 18. Click Financial Accounting on the Space Selection Bar to display this Space.

Balance Sheet/Income

19. Click Statement to display a selection screen.



- 20. Type **US00** (Company Code for Global Bike Inc.) in the **Company Code\*** field.
- 21. Type **G000** in the **Statement Version\*** field.
- 22. Type **08 2022** in the **End Period\*** field.
- 23. Type **08 2021** in the Comparison End Period\* field

#### Similar to below:



24. Click Go to display the results.







The data is displayed in a hierarchy to assist the user with navigation. To display all the data:

25. Click



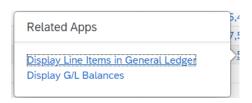
Description	G/L Account	Period Balance	Comparison Balance (Actual)	Absolute Difference	Relative Difference
✓ Assets		0.00 USD	-355,489,500.00 USD	355,489,500.00 USD	100.0
✓ 1 Current Assets		0.00 USD	-355,489,500.00 USD	355,489,500.00 USD	100.0
Inventories of raw materials, consumables and supp	1000000	0.00 USD	6,009,500.00 USD	-6,009,500.00 USD	-100.0
Work in progress (inventories)	1040000	0.00 USD	915,465,500.00 USD	-915,465,500.00 USD	-100.0
Finished goods and merchandise (inventories)	1100000	0.00 USD	-1,277,509,500.00 USD	1,277,509,500.00 USD	100.0
Merchandise inventories	1140000	0.00 USD	505,250.00 USD	-505,250.00 USD	-100.0
Bank 1	1810000	0.00 USD	-5,250.00 USD	5,250.00 USD	100.0
Bank 2	1820000	0.00 USD	45,000.00 USD	-45,000.00 USD	-100.0
✓ Profit & Loss Statement		0.00 USD	355,489,500.00 USD	-355,489,500.00 USD	-100.0
✓ Revenues		0.00 USD	-45,000.00 USD	45,000.00 USD	100.0
Sales	4000000	0.00 USD	-45,000.00 USD	45,000.00 USD	100.0
✓ Expenditure		0.00 USD	355,534,500.00 USD	-355,534,500.00 USD	-100.0

You will notice that the aggregated period balances on appear at the top of each hierarchy level.

As mentioned previously one of the strengths of these types of systems is to be quickly navigate to related data enabling a user to gain an insight as to the factors that contribute to balance. The highlighted data on the screen indicates that a user can drill-down to further detail. For example:

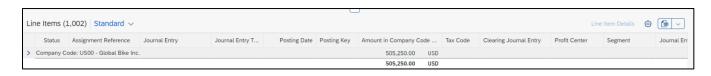
26. Click the **Comparison balance (Actual)** for **Merchandise inventories**.

A dialog screen appears;



27. Click Display Line Items in General Ledger

The following screen appears;



28. Click hierarchy. Company Code: US00 - Global Bike Inc. to expand the

The G/L Account associated with the balance is displayed.

- 29. Click of this account to display the Journal Entries which contributed to the merchandise inventories balance.
- 30. Click the first **Journal Entry** number to display its details.





A dialog screen appears.



31. Click Manage Journal Entries

Details of the Journal Entry appear. This includes the amount, quantity, business area, and controlling area.

#### Post Transfer of Funds to an Account

The General Ledger contains a number of accounts. In some scenarios, funds may need to be transferred between accounts. In this exercise you are going to generate a journal entry for the US GBI company to transfer funds (\$USD5,000) from the Consumables account (1010000) to the Concessions bank account (100000).

To create a Journal Entry you are going to use the **Post General Journal Entries** app.

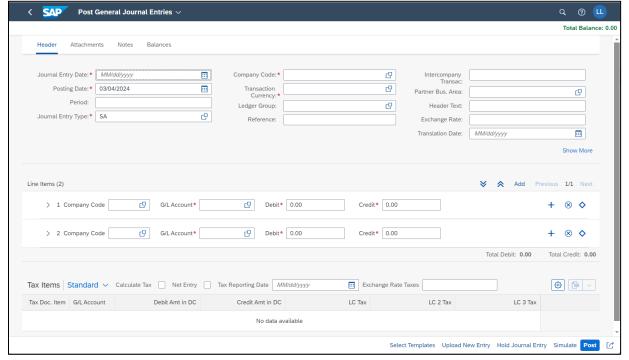


- 32. Click to return to the home screen.
- 33. Click Financial Accounting on the Space Selection Bar to display this Space.
- Post General

  Journal Entries to display the posting screen.







First you need to indicate the Journal Entry Date.

35. Click in the **Journal Entry Date** field to display the calendar.

You will notice that today's date is highlighted.

36. Click **<ENTER>** to transfer today's date to the **Journal Entry Date** field.

The Posting Date has defaulted to the same date but you could make the Posting date sometime in the future. For this exercise you will leave it as it is. You now need to indicate the company which is involved in the transfer.

37. Type **US00** in the **Company Code** field to indicate GBI US.

As monies are often transferred in different currencies to need to indicate the currency type.

38. Type **USD** in the **Transaction Currency** field.

Now you need to enter the details of the transfer. Transfer funds (\$USD5,000) from the Consumables account (debit) to the Concessions bank account (credit)

39. Type the following details







You can test if the postings are correct by simulating the posting.

40. Click Simulate to test the postings

No errors should appear and a summary of the Journal Entry appears. You are now ready to make the transfer of post it.

41. Click to complete the transfer.

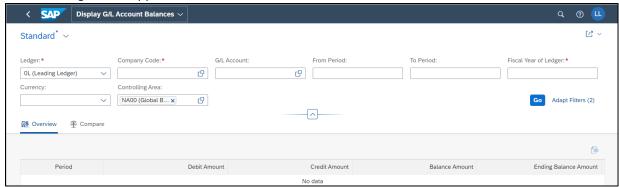
The details of the posting appears. Notice that it indicates which user was involved what time it occurred.

#### **Display G/L Account Balance**

You can now view the impact that the Journal Entry had on the accounts involved. It is important for users to be able to quickly view the balance of different accounts. The accounting function underpins all businesses process in a company. The General Ledger and its accounts is the area where accounting activity is recorded. Throughout the exercises you will be continually reviewing the general ledger accounts to get an understanding how the various business processes and their associated transactions impact on the accounting function.

- 42. Click to return to the home screen.
- 43. Click Financial Accounting on the Space Selection Bar to display this Space.
- Display G/L Account
  44. Click Balances app to start this application.

#### The following screen appears:



You will notice that there are a number of fields in the **Header** area which require data.

45. Type **US00** in the **Company Code** field.





As you type the relevant data for US GBI Bike is displayed.

46. Click **US00** to select it and transfer the details to the **Company Code** field.

47. Type **1010000** (Consumables) in the **Account** field.

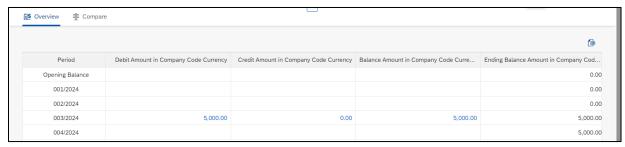
Again, notice that as you type, the available accounts are being searched automatically and those which match are being displayed.

48. Click 101000 Consumables to select it.

49. Ensure that the **Ledger Fiscal Year** matches the current year.

50. Click Go to display the details.

#### A screen similar to below appears:



Notice that this account has been debited.

If your numbers are different, can you explain why?

Answer: Other students have also been using this account.

Now you need to view the account balance of the account that was to be credited to ensure that the posting has occurred. Rather than enter most of the same details again you can just change the account number.

- 51. Click the in **G/L Account**: field.
- 52. Type **100000** in the **G/L Account** field.
- 53. Click to display the details.

#### A screen similar to below appears:



Notice that this account has been credited indicating the posting has been successful.





#### **Journal Entry - Business Scenario**

The business scenario is that you need some office supplies immediately. You drive down to OfficeWorks and buy \$175 of supplies (paper, folders, and a software package) and pay for the purchase with a company check drawn on your alternate bank account. Two Cost Center's budgets (Internal Services-\$80, IT Costs-\$95) in the company will incur these costs.

54. Click to return to the home screen.

55. Click Financial Accounting on the Space Selection Bar to display this Space.

56. Click Journal Entries to display the posting screen.

Post General

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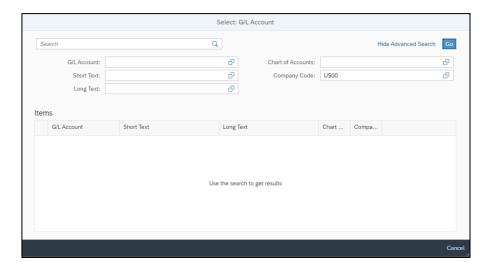
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- 60. Type **USD** in the **Transaction Currency** field.
- 61. Type ### (your id) in the **Reference** field.
- 62. Type **OfficeWorks** in the **Header Text** field.

You now need to provide the sending account details, the type of transfer, and the amount. However, you are not sure what the account number for the Supplies Expense account. You will need to search for it.

63. Click in the first row of the **G/L Account** field to display the search facility.





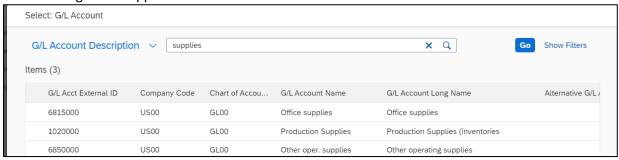


The screen is requesting the G/L Account number but you are unsure what this number is. You need to search by description.

64. Type Supplies\* in the **Short Text:** field.

65. Click Go to display the search results.

#### The following results appear:



The account you require is the Office supplies account.

66. Click the first column to select this record and transfer these details.

67. Type **80** in the **Debit** field.

68. Press **<ENTER>** to display additional fields

You now need to indicate which Cost Centre's budget will be impacted. This data is displayed in the **Account Assignment** area.

69. Type **NAIS1000** for (Internal Services).in the **Cost Center:** field.

Now you need to repeat the process for the second Cost Center.

70. Scroll down to the next input area.



71. Type **6850000** (Other oper. supplies) in the **G/L Account** field.

72. Type **95** in the **Debit** field.

73. Press **<ENTER>** to display additional fields

You now need to indicate which Cost Centre's budget will be impacted.

74. Type **NAIS1000** for (Internal Services).in the **Cost center** field.

At the bottom of the screen there is a summary of the transactions.

Total Debit: 175.00 USD Total Credit: 0.00 USI

You have indicated which cost center accounts will be contributing to the purchase of the office supplies. However, funds from the Consumables account will be used to pay OfficeWorks. The debited amounts need to be credited to the Consumables account. To do this you need to add an additional line item.

75. Scroll to the top of the screen and click + to add another line item (3).





76. Scroll to the bottom of the screen to access the new line item.

77. Type **1010000** (Consumables) in the **G/L Account** field on the first line.

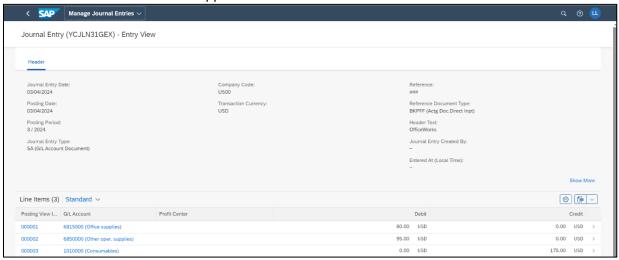
78. Type **175** in the **Credit** field.

79. Press **<ENTER>** to check the details.

You have entered all the required details and should simulate the posting to detect any errors.

80. Click Simulate to test the postings

A screen similar to below should appear:



As there are no errors you are now ready to make the transfer of post the Journal Entry.

81. Click Post to complete the transfer.

#### **Display General Ledger Account Balances**

You now need to display and confirm by individual account number the activity and associated balances for several accounts in the general ledger of the US GBI company.

Previously you displayed account balances in the general ledger (steps 25 to 31)

82. Repeat these steps for each of the accounts involved in the purchase of office supplies

What is the account balance for:

- Consumables?
- Supplies Expenses?

You have now completed the exercises on Financial Accounting. However, as accounting underpins all other company processes the exercises will continually be referring to accounting functions.