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I started as a COBOL programmer on dumb terminals connected to a mini mainframe in the early 80s, living admittedly boring days, which I killed by flirting with more interesting jobs such as becoming an English teacher, political activist cum speaker-writer, pitting as a parliamentary candidate against the Finance Minister in 1986, promptly lost, ending with a more settled spirit by starting a family at the bend of the decade by relying on selling PCs and batik cloth and even camping tents. Then I was resurrected with the advent of the Internet in the mid 90s, working as a webmaster for a large bank, then with the dot-com crash at the turn of the millennium, left for dead in an outskirts farm-land, rearing tilapia fish and growing vegetables for self-consumption. In 2003, I was introduced to Compiere and the following year began contributing tutorials on debunking the thick mist under its hood. Via my website created specifically to send my PDFs and manage a growing community around it, I weathered through thin rather than thick, when in the September of 2006, Compiere was sold to a closed commercial entity, leaving the community high but furious enough to ask me to lead a revolt to fork it as ADempiere. I was reborn as I grappled with a brand new world, swallowing as much as I can into the deep blue sea of free lunch vs freedom of an Open Source Software community inter-mixed with Java codes, SQL scripts, diverse ERP domains, projects, issues, and new experiences. I get to go around the world three times, trek of 23 countries of late, work-ing oddly, hanging on to a fast growing online Web. But it is back at this outskirt farmland that I try to defend my passion to perfect my craft as a Jedi fighting the dark side with free knowledge sharing. It wasn't easy and when I nearly went to the dark side, looking for a day job, that i received an email from a big supporter in Bangladesh inquiring how they can help sponsor my freedom fighter days. That was towards the end of 2010, my darkest hour, and since then SYSNOVA continuous support of my hobby has spared me ample breathing space to continue this dream of slaying the SAP dinosaur, one fine day.

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INTRODUCTION

Intelligent control in modern ERP

Today, the world of ERP applications is catching up with modern and versatile needs. There is a need to control spending and usually a budgetary system will come to mind. But there are constraints of speed and changing environment in many modern businesses today where not any budgetary system will do. There is a need for proactive and preemptive planning rather than post-mortems and disaster recovery after the fact. There is a need for intelligent control.

Modern budget planning

Budgetary planning and monitoring has always been done in a passive manner where figures and numbers are set before the business operations begin for the fiscal year. But such forecasts become irrelevant due to changing conditions as the business or operations progresses, it will take time to readjust. A modern budgetary system should be more dynamic where they take the basis of budget planning such as revenue into account.

Some experts even go further to say that a modern budget system should be as realtime as possible where it can take figures to-date or in previous months to roll the budget. Thus this month's budget is adjusted according to the performance as of last set of month's.

Of course not every month in the year is equal and at certain times of the year, certain activities are highlighted bringing in specific transactions and spending. There are festive seasons, high peak and low peak moments of the year. Thus a Year-On-Year, monthly concept would be ideal.

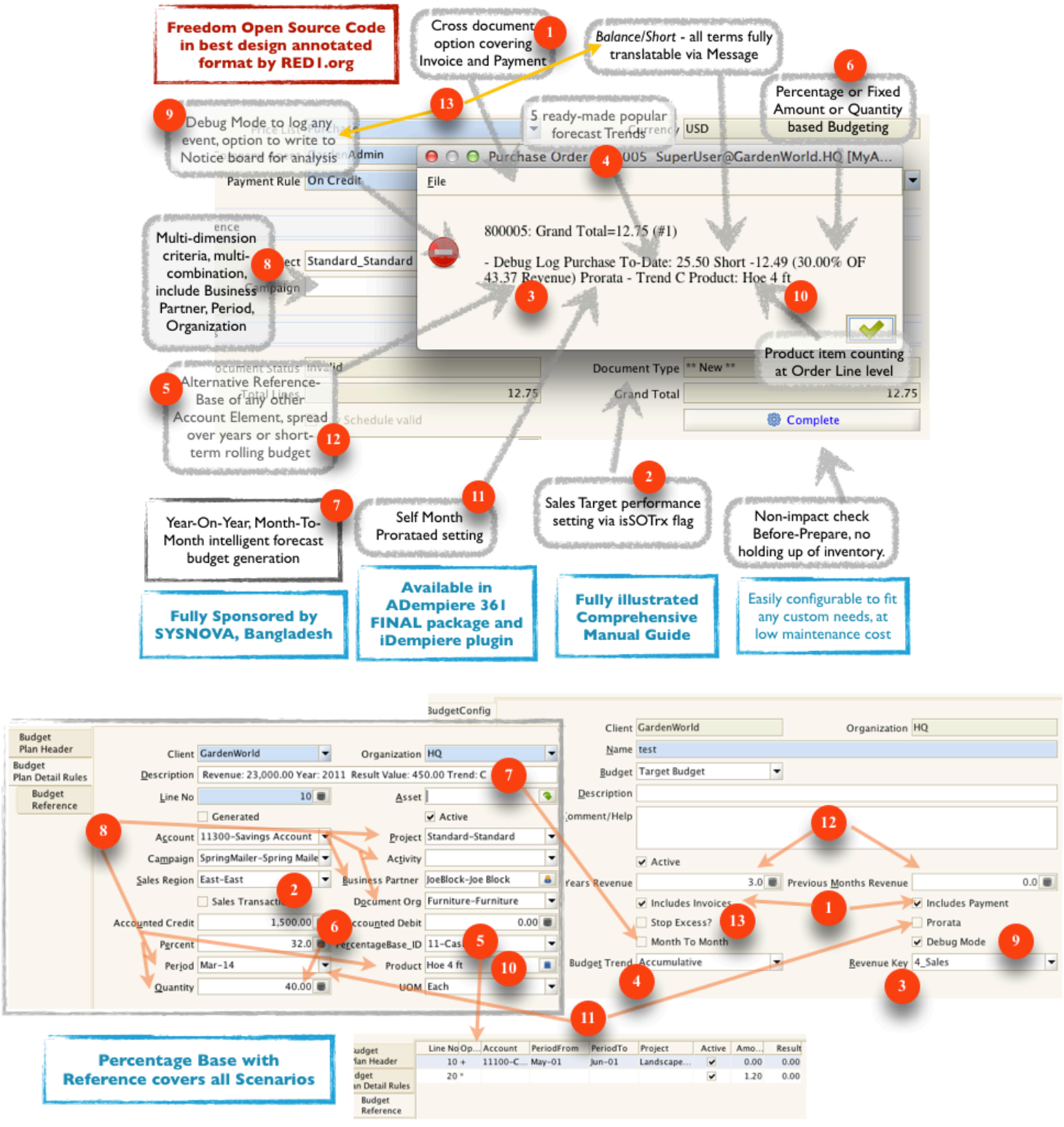
The good news is that we are now there with this plugin here for both ADempiere and iDempiere. It is self-made via some online research and talking with real accountants and business users in our project.

Understanding The Total Solution

Many have ideas of a total solution that caters for all budgeting needs. And usually they sit in a complex Excel spreadsheet. The challenge is not just coming out with a one size fits all, but to convey the power of a tool to the masses in a simple manner. When something tries to do everything, it becomes complex and difficult to learn. Its full power will not be realized if proper instrument to understand of it is not given. Though this guide renders all the details possible, the high level and starter understanding of it is vital. Thus I hone my skill at art to visualize for example the entry level menu action plan below to help towards that end.

Once you installed the Budget module, you will see a new menu, Budget Sales Planning that allows you to configure some settings where you can then plan out your budget rules for any scenario in your business or organization that centers around transactions and the general ledger. You can also plan your budget on a spreadsheet and load it via the Import Budget.

Next page we jump straight to an 'with the end in mind' exposé showing around the output message box, illustrating the highlights of the Budgetary module and many of its cool features, with the Budget Configurator and Budget planning tab below it for convenient reference throughout this guide. See if you can relate some of the items between the images. The numbers keep track of the same features as they are further explained later. Please report to me any mistake that I may have overlooked or provide better ideas on improving it, as you begin to digest this guide.



There is another nice one screen some pages down titled 'Covering all scenarios'. It is at page 15 at the time of this writing.

This PDF manual is written in soft copy to allow hyper-links for easy click-thru to the resources described. The writing style is in my usual famous (self-brag rights) conversational fashion to avoid been dry and too technical in presenting anything. It is also to avoid the pain of boring emotional dread I get whenever I have to document this much. So might as well let some juices flow. However long time followers will notice that I have cut out jokes and photos of my exploits in this PDF. Well, I don't know. Should I? I feel this Budget module is too pristine that I do not wish to distract with anything else.

I have divided the content to major headings as seen in the *Table Of Contents*. Firstly, as *A Total Guide* I want to fit in even the code expose. Also as my very first original huge creation, whereas others have always been 3rd party work that I convert or work on, this is done solely by me from the ground up for both ADempiere and iDempiere. It is in itself quite an achievement and I like to encourage any cynical peer review of which I be honoured if I do receive any. Praises of course are equally welcome.

This *Introduction* attempts to give the user and developer alike a good entry high level point to grasp this module, particularly in helping the decision early on, whether this module is worth it or viable for consideration without even reading further. Thus I made those high level one image reference guide with red dot numbers to correlate how each feature is represented on the user interface. I then proceed to use the same red dots to mark the detail explanation of the key features. I choose to leave out technical discussion about any feature for a later sections where it requires more expert reference.

I made a 'Test Drive' section to play a two fold benefit: to allow any user to ease into this module step by step; and to get me to confirm it manually that it works of which I discover runtime practical bugs or issues and could solve it accordingly. The 'Application Reference' helps explain some important architecture design for a deeper understanding.

The 'Source Code Reference' is where I expound the key source code and how or why I plan them that way. It evolved through my own iterative review where some have undergone refactoring to always keep the visibility and readability of the code in mind. I always remember the mantra cries of 'Document your code! Make it easy to understand English! One method one task! Make it reusable!'. Certainly it can never be my intention to make inaccessible code that will give it an early grave. Lastly, 'FitnesseTesting' is vital not just to save time but give assurance of this module's quality.

YouTube Movie Resource

I have done some movies while doing this project in progress. Here are the links to each related movie:

Budget360 for ADempiere http://youtu.be/stucPHLJwyo

FitNesse Testing on Budget ERP http://youtu.be/J3fGyeQ4Rrg

Budget Plan Lookup Calculator http://youtu.be/UoMm4rCsc2s

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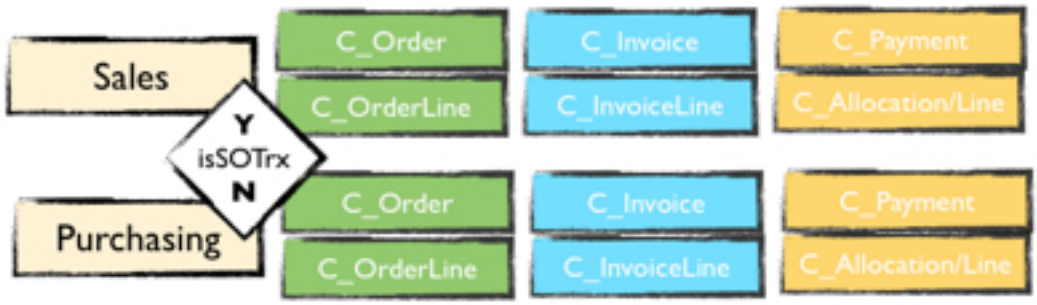
FEATURES

Cross Document Checking

1 The powerful and elegant design inherited from Compiere (owned by Jorg Janke 1999-2006) allows the budget control during Purchasing to check across Invoices and Payments that falls within the same defined budget control criteria. All three document types use the same table structure, first in its master-detail format, and further in much of its properties such as Business Partner, Period or Timestamp of occurrence, type of Project, Activity or Campaign, for the master level; and Product, Qty, Price amount for its detail level. Thus the matching criteria of the budget rule can be reused across these documents rather spontaneously. The only concern is not to overlap the same transaction cycle, i.e. an Invoice or Payment resulting from an Order are the same one and should not be counted as different transactions or more than one.

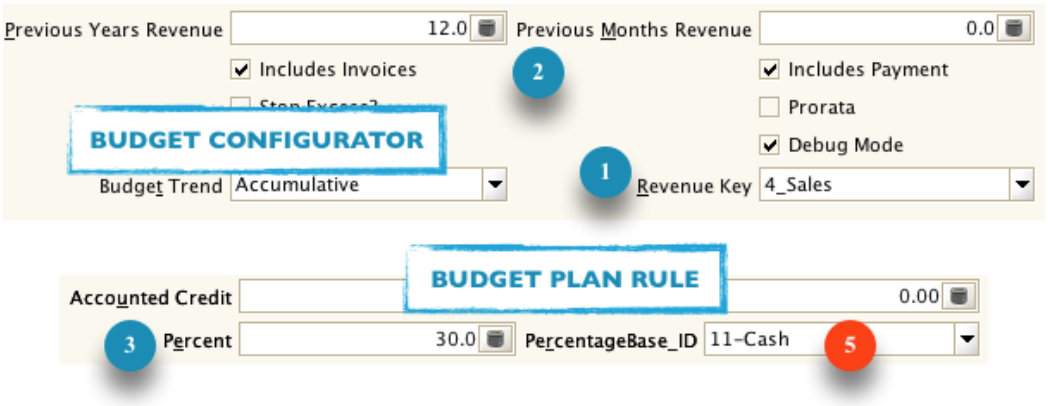


Sales Side Budgeting

2 Another powerful aspect from the design is that the sales side namely Sales Orders, Customer Invoices, and AR Payments are merely denoted either by isSOTrx set to true (see diagram above) which means sales transaction as in Sales Orders and Invoices and AR Payments. Similar at purchasing side, all three type of documents are the same structure but the isSOTrx set to false. Both Sales Orders and Purchase Orders are made up of the same C_Order in the database. Same with C_Invoice for both Vendor and Customer Invoices. And thirdly C_Payment. Therefore by tracking the IsSOTrx flag, we can define in our Budget system for the sales operations side where budget breaches are considered positive as reached or surpassed sales targets.

Revenue based budgeting

3 This module breaks away from traditional notions about budgeting in ERP by also allowing the revenue to be forecasted for the present year as a base amount to use in the Budget system. The revenue basis is a yearly estimate based on number of previous years or months.



First, a Revenue Key 1 is chosen to be the Accounting element that a percentage 3 be set against. The range for the revenue facts is set either in Previous Years Revenue or Previous Months Revenue 2. In the Budget Rule, user can set an alternative reference as percentage base (5 - see also next topic).

Percentages are used during purchasing and General Ledger posting against the revenue estimate. You can set the rules to apply to certain categories such as Business Partner, Project, Activity, Campaign or by Period month (see next section below). You can even make a combination of these criteria.

The revenue estimate can be done in three ways:

1. Zero setting means that a yearly estimate is not used and a more near monthly basis in used.

2. 1 to 100, where it stands for the number of years to look back for the revenue estimate to be based on. 100 or more will be treated as stated in (3) below.

3. A fixed revenue amount from 100 onwards.

Trend Formula

4 The revenue base, from the previous years or months is only one standard version. We can subject it according to the following **BudgetTrend** selection:

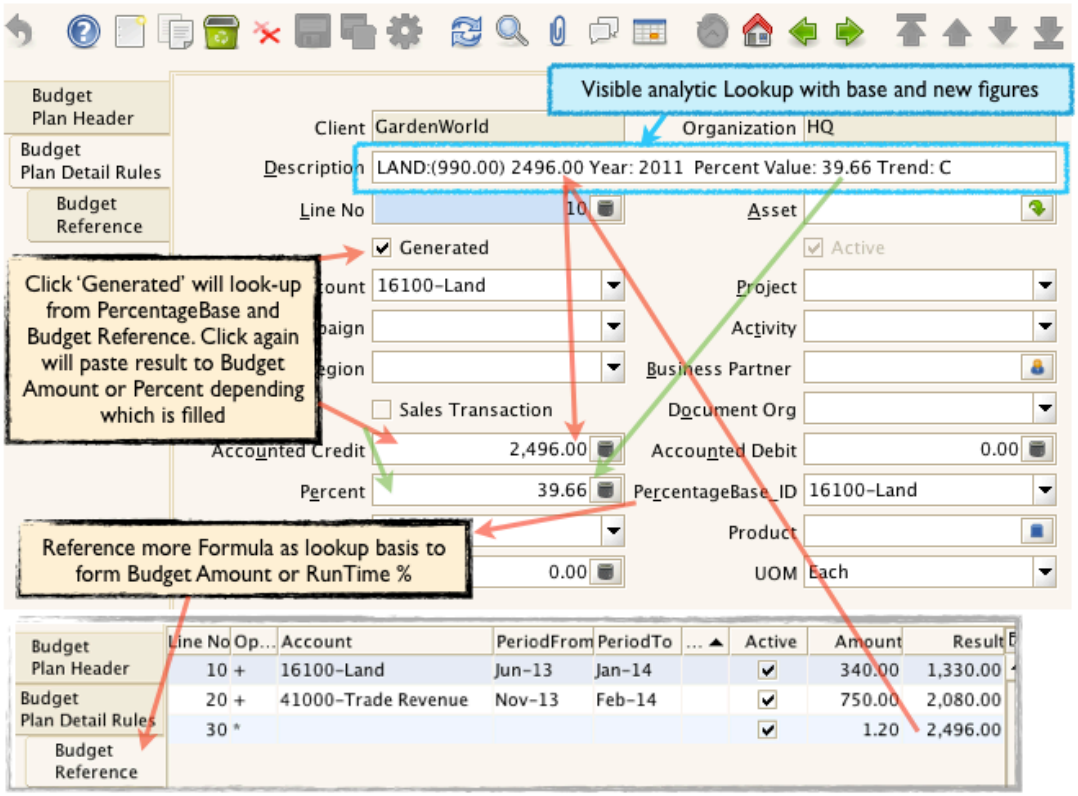
1. Accumulative
2. As an average
3. As an average on top of the last year's revenue
4. Progressive rate of change
5. Year-to-date which is the revenue thus far for the present year.

The percentage figure is not subject to change since it is relative. For fixed amount figure, no change also as it is fixed under assumption for the year and no years range are applicable. See also Pro Rata Rule later.

Alternatives to revenue

5 This answers the question, "What if revenue is not the ideal base to set against for certain budget percentage rules?" Say for example if the budget for electricity is dependent on the building asset or property value. Now, that is already possible in this wonderful budget module via the *PercentageBase* accounting element selection field. While revenue remains a default constant, any new rule that specifies its own preference will get to override the default with its own choice. This is useful also for purchasing or sales handling where certain criteria in the activity can be set against a different array of accounts.

Covering all scenarios



Further pursuance of the Percentage Base, is an underlying 'calculator' tab called Budget Reference that will allow any set of Accounting Facts possible. Coupled with the on-the-fly generated lookup informative description, planning becomes more exciting. Each reference record can be set to either +. -. *, / which are all the mathematical operators of plus, subtract, multiply and divide.

The choice of account ID and of what period range which is either bordered on one or both ends are possible. The absence of an accounting ID allows the reference to be just a fixed amount or denominator depending on the operator. This should allow a lot of possibilities to refer to. A movie to explain the inner workings of this is also made at http://youtu.be/UoMm4rCsc2s.

Developers can still extend the code further with conditional expression such as 'If <field.value> = or more than Amount, then add Amount2'. I will expose more under the *Source Code Reference* to let developers see how they can extend the code for this purpose.

Traditional Fixed Budget Amount

6 This module can still easily use the traditional fixed amount budgeting. It is a matter of putting in a credit or debit amount instead of the percent value. The category and criteria setting remains applicable. Thus this makes the module versatile where the user can have a choice between revenue percentages and fixed amounts for budget details.

Year vs Month Basis and Pro Rata

Any defined budget amount or percentage in a rule will assume to govern for the whole of the present year it is in operations. The exception will be when it is defined for a specific period month or divided by 12 by a pro rata setting. This pro rata setting also automatically takes effect during a Previous Month measure reference as the resulting revenue is meant to be a monthly estimate for the present month in operations. Thus any non periodic rule has to be prorated before it can be applied.

Another exception is when the rule has a period criteria or is said to be for that period month only. It is thus a monthly figure.

For example a 10% Salary budget for Project 'Threadstone' at period March, 2014, where yearly revenue estimate is $120k will get all Accounting Facts for Salary for that month added up to the present GL posting of Salary to be not more than $1k.

For a fixed budget amount, it is expected to be for that month stated in the period. When checking for all other documents to total up together with the in process document, it will only access that month in question. For example a Purchasing budget of $300 for March, 2014 that is under Project 'Threadstone' will get all similar project POs in presently March, 2014 retrieved and their grand totals together with the present PO be not more than $300.

During Previous Months used as the revenue estimate, where Period month is not set, both reference and transactions are taken as defined, subject to *BudgetTrend*.

Year-OnYear (YOY) Lookup

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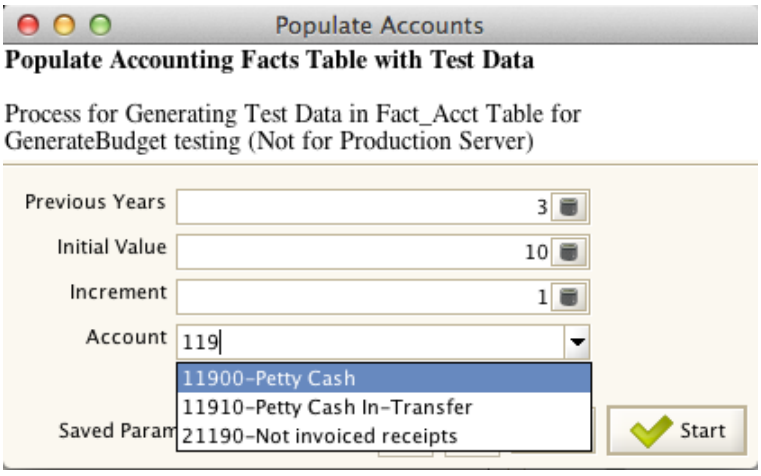
As years go by, the database of previous years accounting performance can be looked-up during the Budget Planning process, using the Budget Configurator's option of Month-to-month checkbox. It groups the same months of previous years, apply the **BudgetTrend** selection and allot for a new budget period as specified by the user. The following table gives a picture what is meant by YOY under the MonthToMonth feature.

In order to see it working you have to have the above data but if you are impatient like me, I have made a test populate process to do so. From the budget sub-menu you can click on Populate Accounts and choose what and how to populate the Fact_Acct table with. In the image shown on right it is creating 3 years of Cash entries.

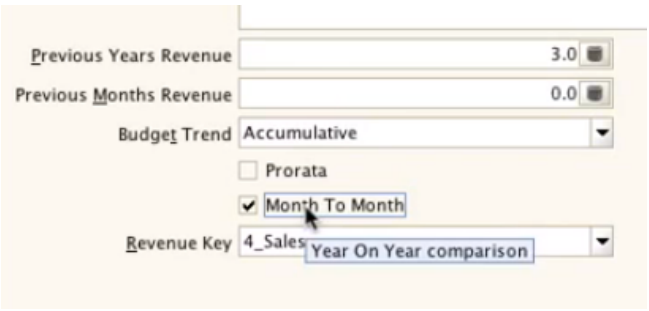
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	etc
2007	100	200	180	130	180	180
2008	120	220	120	220	120	120
2009	130	250	190	250	230	230
2010	150	260	150	160	150	150
2011	100	200	170	310	170	170
2012	120	220	200	220	170	170
2013	130	250	230	160	230	230

Rule for Month = Trend of Years Range for Same Months

2014	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	mths-14



Once you created some sample ac counting facts, you can then set the configurator MonthToMonth flag as seen here. Then you have to reset the Budget instance from a process at the sub-menu.



Then at the Budget Plan-Rule tab you can see the Lookup working every time you click on the Generated box. Note that you have to select a future month as shown at Period (this screen-shot was done in June-14).

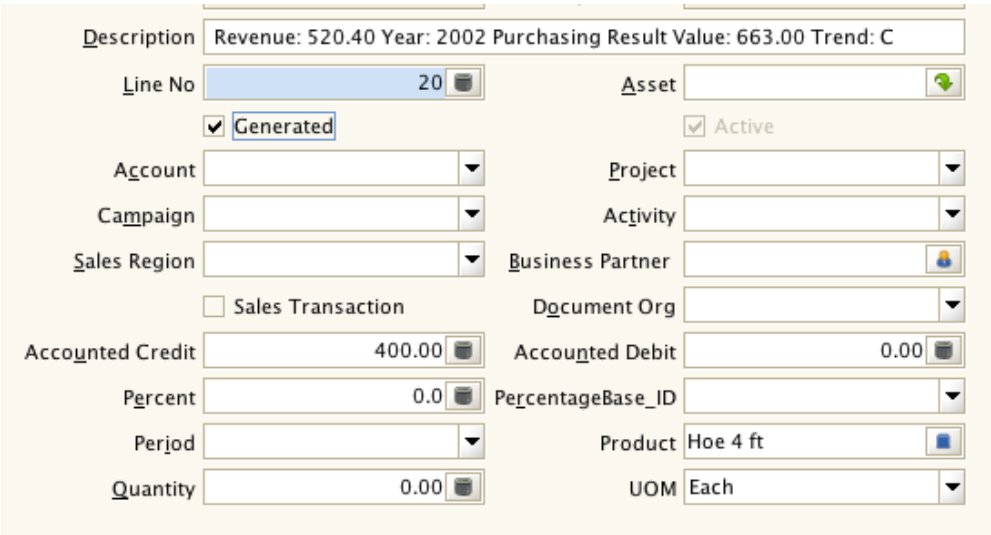
A detailed demo can be seen at my YouTube movie here http://youtu.be/stucPHLJwyo.

Be careful that you do not press the Generated field twice consecutively if you do not wish it to set the figures onto the budget amount or percent fields. You must have a new criteria change before clicking again if you just want to see the lookup value. A two click without any change in between will affect the transfer of the looked-up value to your plan.

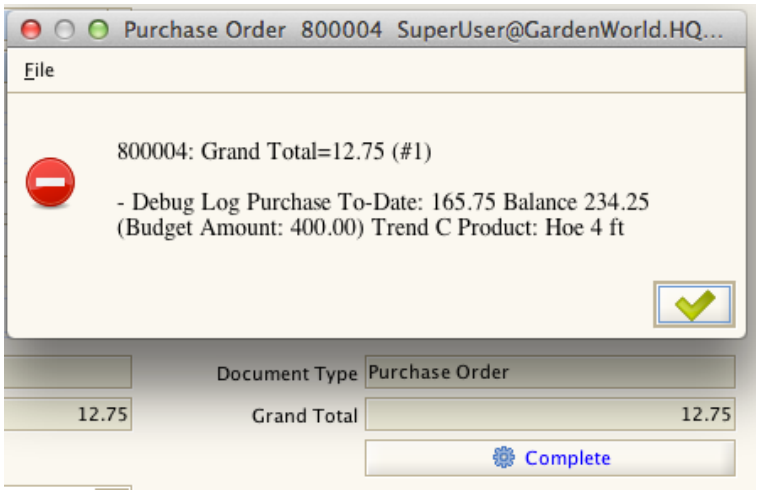
If you accidentally double click it, you can click on Undo icon that return back to previous values. So only when you save it that it is persisted on the database and model data.

Product and Qty Tracking

10 Yes, we can now track by product, separately or with quantity targets together.

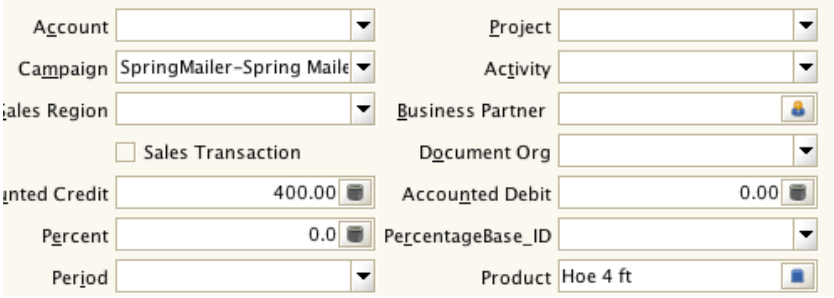


In the above Budget Plan line, I have defined a product, **Hoe** and set a budget amount of **400**. With no other criteria set, it will mean that it shall track ALL purchasing that was done for that product before this. So by pushing the *Generated* box, we get on *Description* some quick take. There has been 663.00 worth of Purchases since 2002 against Revenue estimate of 520.40. Very informative to help the budget planner. On right is the result when a purchase order of a single Hoe tries to complete.

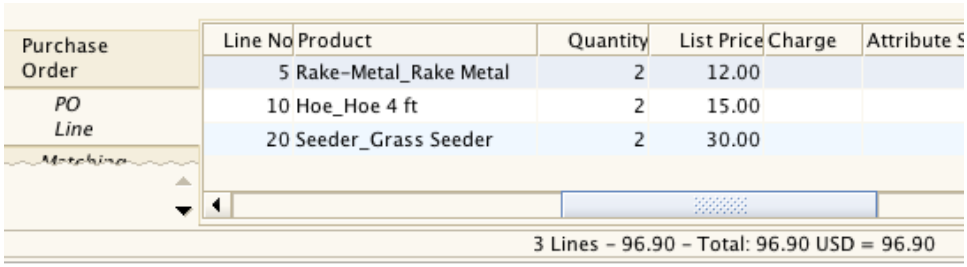


The excess notice indicates an excess of $234.25 due to a total to date of $167.75. The product name is also specified to let the user know which product is been hauled up.

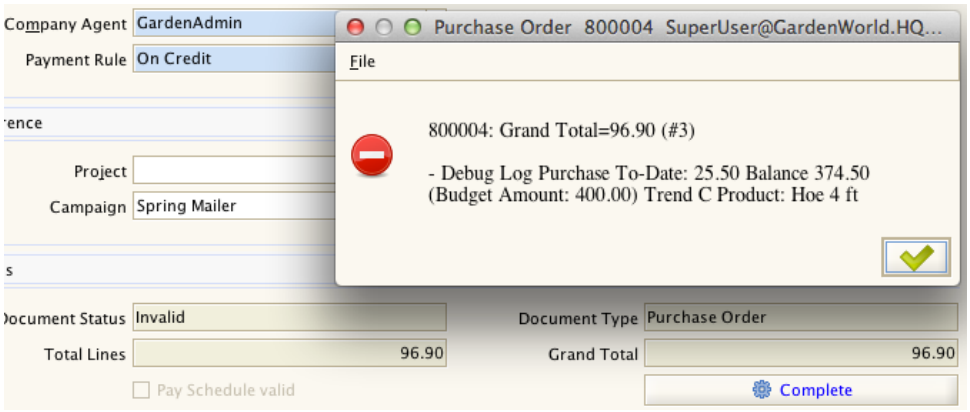
Next we try to make sure that if there is an extra criteria such as Campaign in the budget rule, it will bypass the rest of the lot which are not sold under Campaign code previously.



Now we see if it actually accounted for a single product price instead of the whole Purchase Order which is now set to similar campaign code.



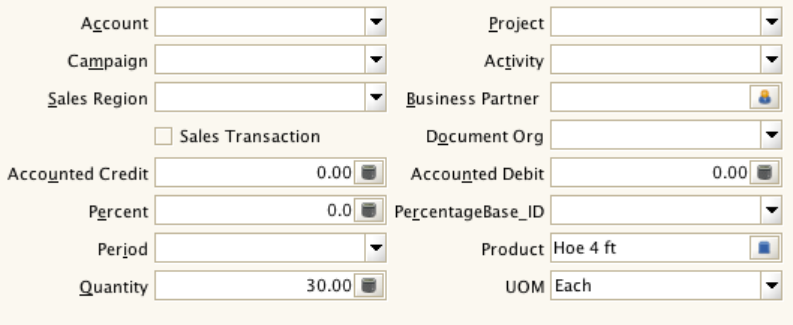
Note the PO's grand total is much higher because I put in a pair of Rake metals before it, and a pair of Seeders after it, and also make it a pair of Hoes, to prove the intricate logic holds under robust conditions. And it worked brilliantly as shown on the resulting screen-shot below.



See how it takes only the 2 Hoes and found them to cost only $25.50 which is still $374.50 from the $400 budget.

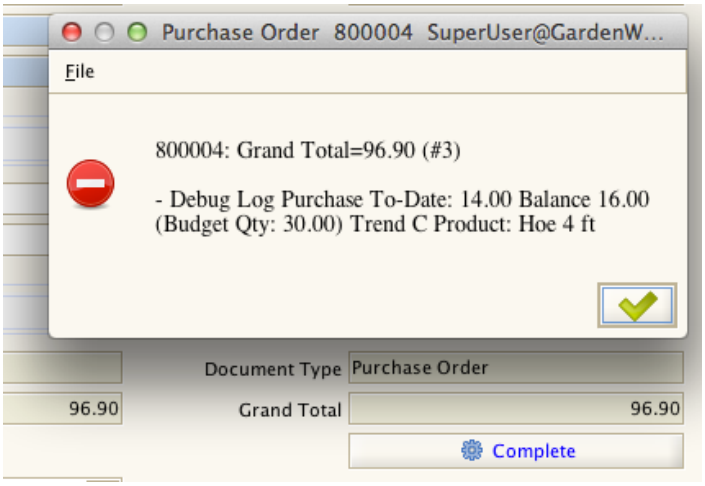
Now let us set another new rule which is just a lone quantity of 30 for the Hoe 4 ft product.

With no other criteria it is going to compare for all previous quantities, like the case before but this time for Qty value.

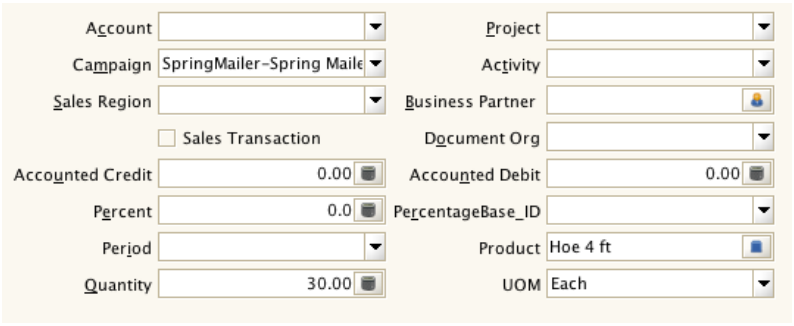


Screen on right shows how it turns out very nicely.

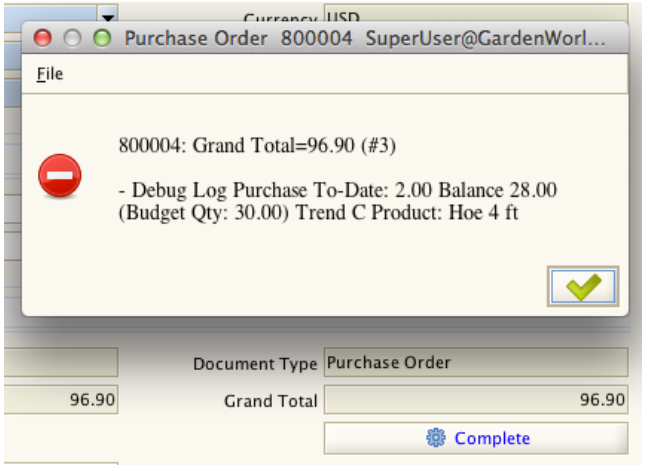
The budget checking picks out only the middle row line of 2 Hoes which to date adding with previous 12 qty purchased thus far, at 14 giving balance of 16 from the limit of 30 items.



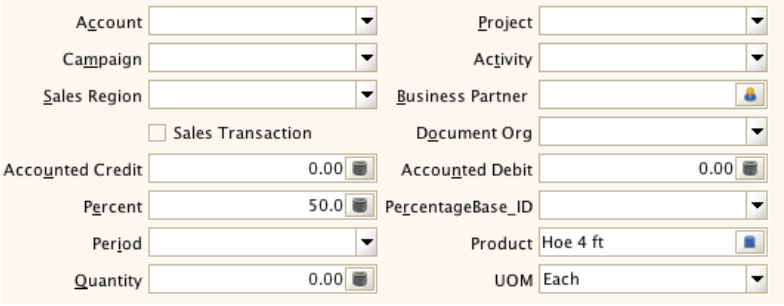
Again, to confirm with a Cam paign code, to test if it really single out the product.



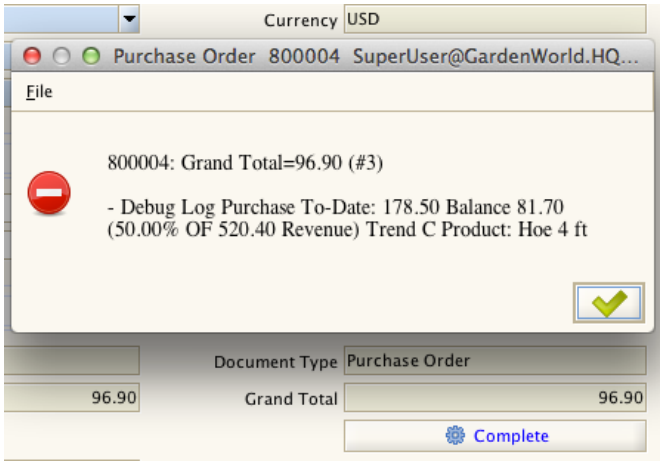
Yes, it turns out nicely. Only 2 are picked out to check it as positive 28 from budgeted 30.



Last exercise we going to show on this cool feature of the budget system is to set a Product rule with a Percent figure, so that it is measured according to its cost over Revenue.

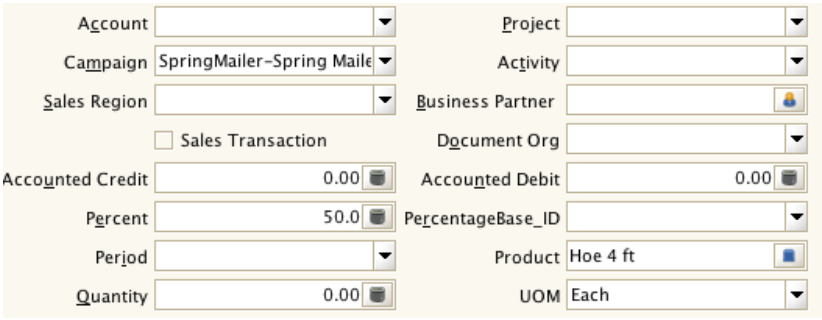


With no other criteria this will also mean it is taking all other purchases for that product into account. The result below.



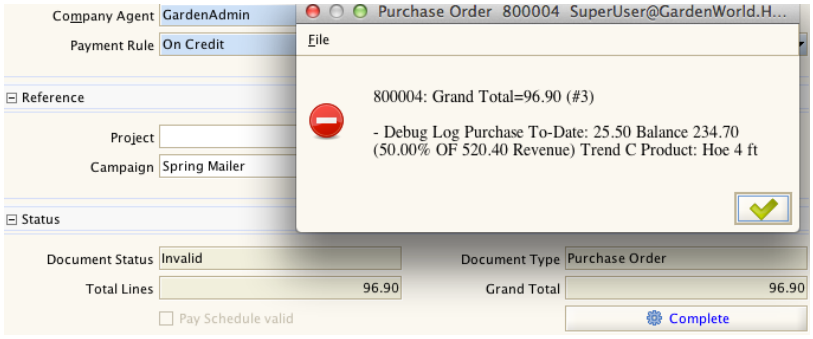
It calmly says that the total purchase including this present transaction is 178.50 which still has a balance of 81.70 compared to 50% budget limit of 520.40 revenue estimate.

Having last bit of fun, we set the Campaign code in both the rule and this document to single out the product.



With the Campaign code been set, when processing the document, it gives the screen below.

Only 2 Hoes costing $25.50 to-date and that is within budget by 234.70. The document total of 96.90 is not taken completely.



Product Rules Caveat

However there is a caveat when you plan for this. Usually there can be a bunch of different products in separate lines together in a single transaction, but it has to be just one rule that affects any line. If there are other rules that affect other product lines, they will not be taken into account once the first rule is matched. This also means that document should not have other rules on their main document's other criteria. For example in the Campaign code setting, if there is another rule with same Campaign code with no reference to a product, it will not take effect for this document that has a defined product. Unless of course the transaction document's products are not in the budget rules, the sole Campaign code rule sticks.

In other words, between checking for other rules that affect the same transaction document, the product rule is given exclusive treatment. If that product budget goes through, the other rule that might fail the transaction as a whole will not be considered.

Here a wise plan in case that you wish to fail a transaction under a spending budget. You can set a new rule to a different criteria i.e. Project, and not specify any product definition for it. Then if the transaction is also set to that Project code, the former rule for Hoe, whether with or without Campaign code, will not be affected.

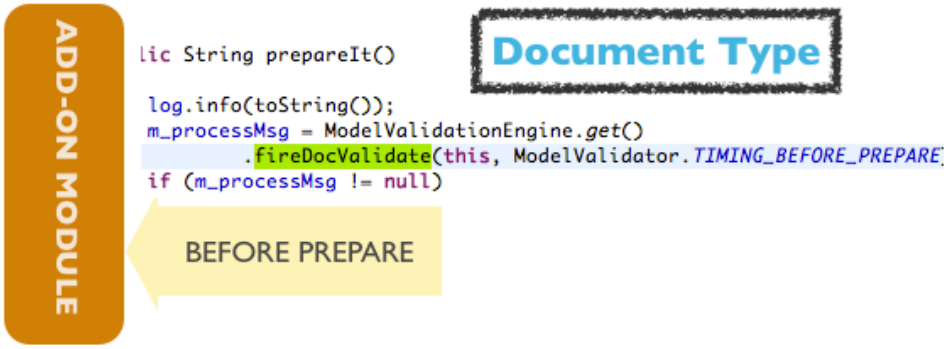
So planners must be aware of such constraints. That if you put up a Project that is set to a different budget, then the purchasing department can choose to put under that to escape the rule that its products purchase may fall on another different budget. It is really up to the coordination among the users to choose from. In the end we should be able to come up with a report that says which activity was done under which budget rule. (See also the Technical Reference, Criteria in Budget Rule topics onwards for more detail explanations.)

Loose Coupling to ERP

This budget module is written for both ADempiere 361 FINAL edition and iDempiere latest 2.0 edition. In both cases they use the ModelValidator or Document Type - Event Validation which is a sort of plugin or add-on method to the underlying ERP application with no change to the core code. However there are some overriding changes to some core model or code but this is done in an add-on manner with virtually no touching of the core whatsoever.

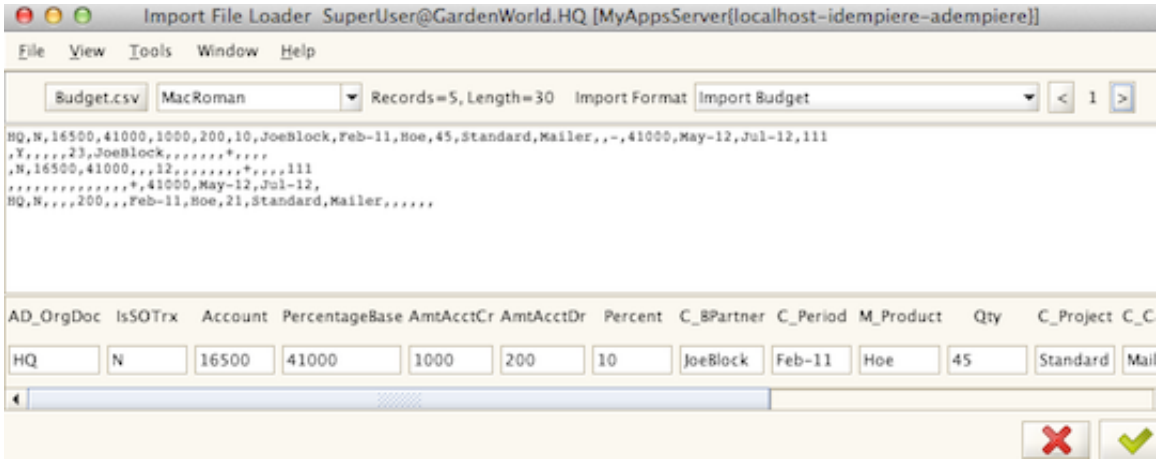
(Elsewhere in previous tutorials its already noted both editions' separate approach to the adding on, so that will not be repeated here.)

In both editions, the capability to do such an add-on is inherited from Compiere original design itself which allows every event in a document type to inspect the existence of callout code that handles such events. In the Budget module case, I am making the call from the mentioned documents at the BEFORE_PREPARE event without affecting any inventory reservation, to do the budget checking and make the resulting notification before proceeding.

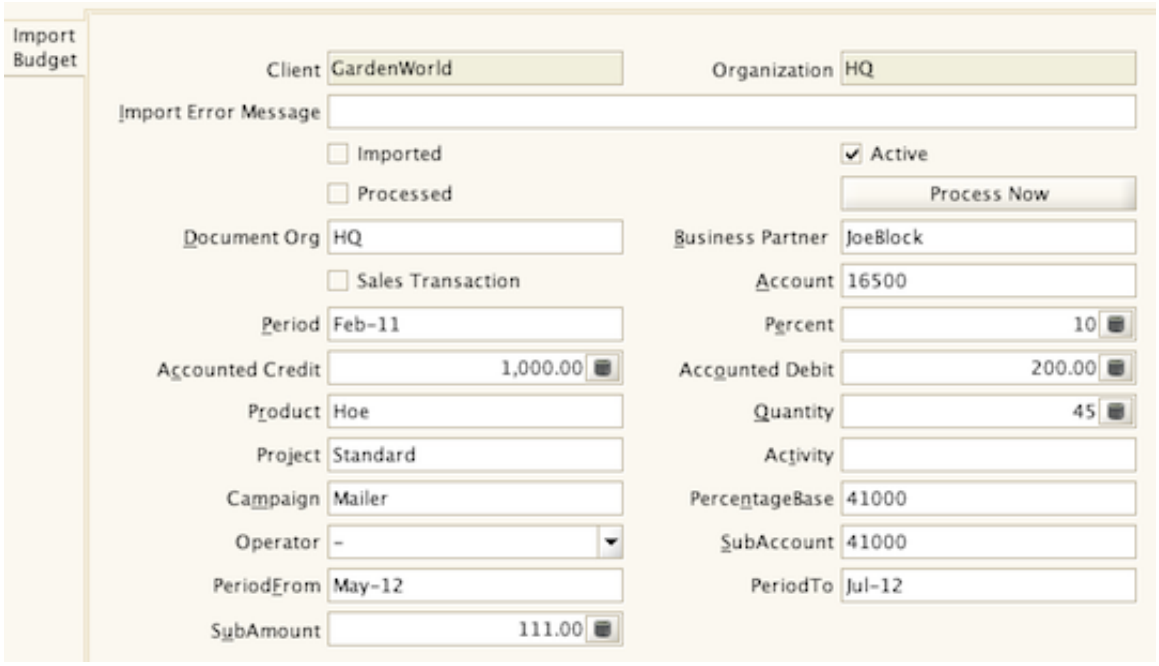


Import Loader

According to Steven Sackett, ADAXA, the long term contributor from Down Under, real world users still prefer a spreadsheet to plan out their financials and thus I made a BudgetPlanLine import loader that will load a CSV (comma separated values) file into an Import Budget model and then process it into the Budget Plan window. Below is the loader in action. A sample CSV file, BudgetImportTest.csv is also provided in the SourceForge repository site.



The Import File Loader has in its list Import Budget format as shown above. Once selected it will display the fields lower in the panel. Then you can select your CSV file. The sample has a row of headers to guide the planning of the budget lines. You have to remove that first row before saving it as a CSV file. The columns in the import loader format correspond to the budget plan lines and any sub reference lines that you may want to put in. It will create a new Budget Plan header file.



After completing the import, you have to process it from the Import Budget window to display each value imported for review if they are correctly placed. Each value must be exact or it be indicated in the Import Error Message column at the top when Process Now button is clicked. Review the results in the Budget Plan window. If mistakes are small, you may have to edit, or if they are a lot, then delete and repeat again.

SETUP

For those first timers you can learn to setup iDempiere from:

http://wiki.idempiere.org/en/IDempiere_Debian_Installer or

http://www.chuckboecking.com/blog/bid/258749/Install-iDempiere-Open-Source-ERP-on-a-AWS-Linux-Server-in-10-Min

For professional assistance it is highly recommended to contact the creators above. Do resist anyone else who undercut their fees. Unless you wish to waste time with lesser gods.

Downloading

1. http://sourceforge.net/projects/red1/files/p2/Budget/ is where you can find the plugin and a 2Pack zip file. There is a README.txt file that explains each file more precisely.

2. You can install the iDempiere bundle directly at the OSGi console or Felix panel.

3. Source-code for iDempiere version is http://bitbucket.org/red1/org.idempiere.budget.

The ADempiere 361 FINAL version is explained later together with the initial operational steps.

Uninstalling

For any reason that you wish to uninstall the system it will be hell and your ERP will never be the same again for making the biggest mistake in your life.

Just joking! Alright, it is this simple:

1. Delete the Budget360.jar in the packages folder.

2. RUN_silentsetup.

3. Then go to your System Admin, in the Menu window just uncheck the Active box in the Budget Planning item.

The budget model is designed separately from core and has no impact on anything else.

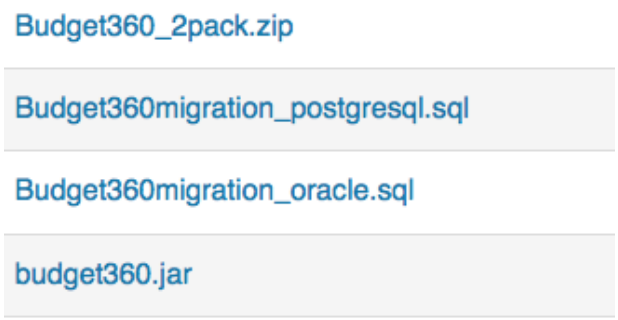
For iDempiere you just uninstall the plugin from the OSGi console. No need of any run_setup.

ADempiere 361 version

I have back port the budget module for use with ADempiere 361 FINAL from GlobalQSS by Carlos Ruiz. The sourcecode is here:

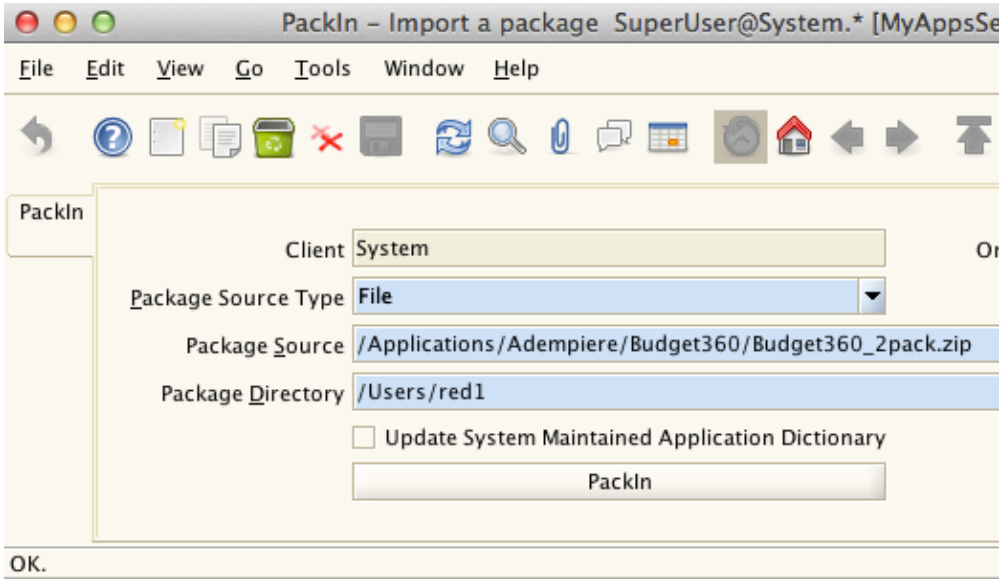
http://bitbucket.org/red1/Budget360. You can take the binary and 2pack from here:

http://sourceforge.net/projects/red1/files/p2/Budget/



First take the budget360.jar and create a folder under your ADempiere_Home/packages/budget/lib and place it at the end.

Then RUN_silientsetup to get it merged into your core ADempiere. Then launch with RUN_ADempiere.bat or sh and login as System Admin with the usual SuperUser/System.

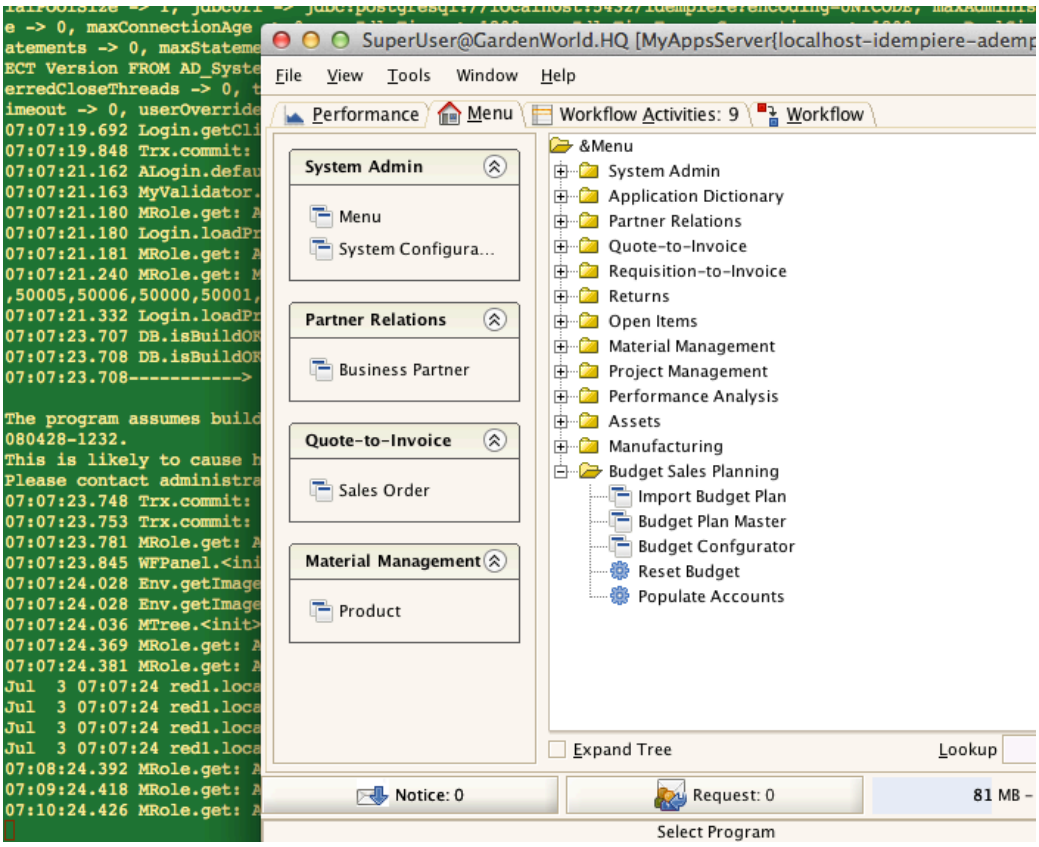


Application Dictionary (AD) changes

Next is just to get the AD changes and menu system into the database. Pack in the Budget360_2pack.zip from the PackIn window at the System Menu (see above). Leave the *Update Maintenance* box blank. There are also migration scripts that achieves the same result if PackIn has errors. The migration scripts are made with decentralised IDs.

After this step, you can do the usual Role Access Update at the GardenWorld or Client menu to get it appearing in full (see below). You have to exit the application and launch again to get the ModelValidator to be activated as seen in the background log below:

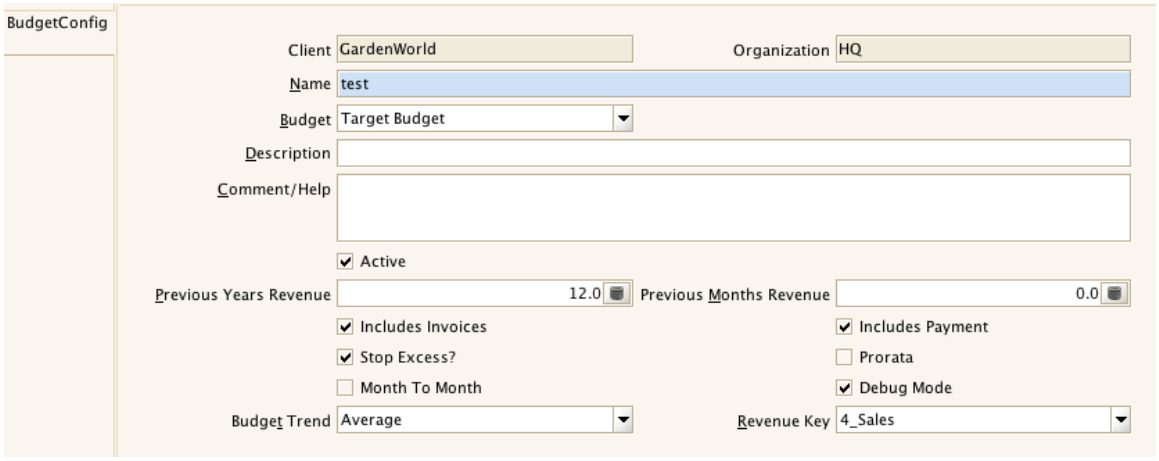
<<BUDGET>> MODULE INITIALIZED



In iDempiere you do not need to exit or even logout, but just start the bundle ID in the console. Then just a Role Access Update, and relogin to see the above.

Setting Budget Configurator

To test it right away you will have the basic setting already PackIn as below. We activated the Debug Mode so that even if nothing exceeds the budget the exception will be thrown to confirm it is fully working. You can also study the exception message to see if the figures are correct. You can switch it off during live testing or production later.



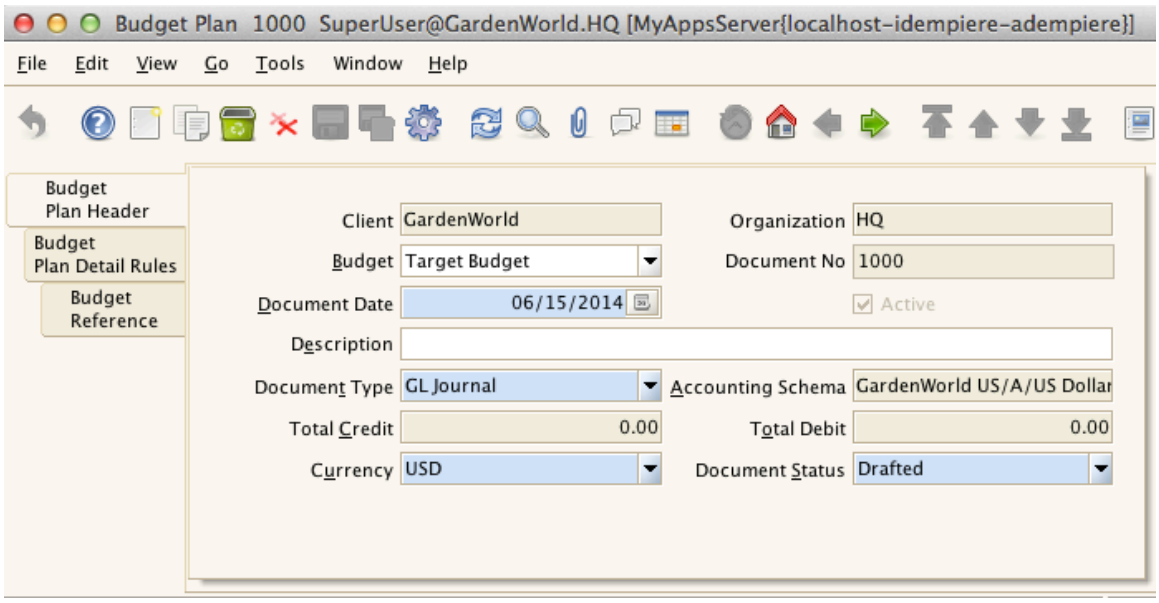
Alternatives will be to test the Monthly field, Pro Rata switch and even the Stop Excess? switch which if unchecked will not stop but write to a Notice table the details of excess.

The MonthToMonth box is not used during Budget checking. It is to use as a flag during Budget Planning.

Note that the Budget Trend is default to Average. You can set to Accumulative as GardenWorld has low amounts. If your RevenueKey is not correct, you can change it and percentages will refer against it.

Creating Budget Plan

Once code and database change are applied, you are ready to use it. Call up the Budget Planning, window and set the Main tab to the information below. The *Target Budget* setting is mandatory for it to be used by the Budget system.

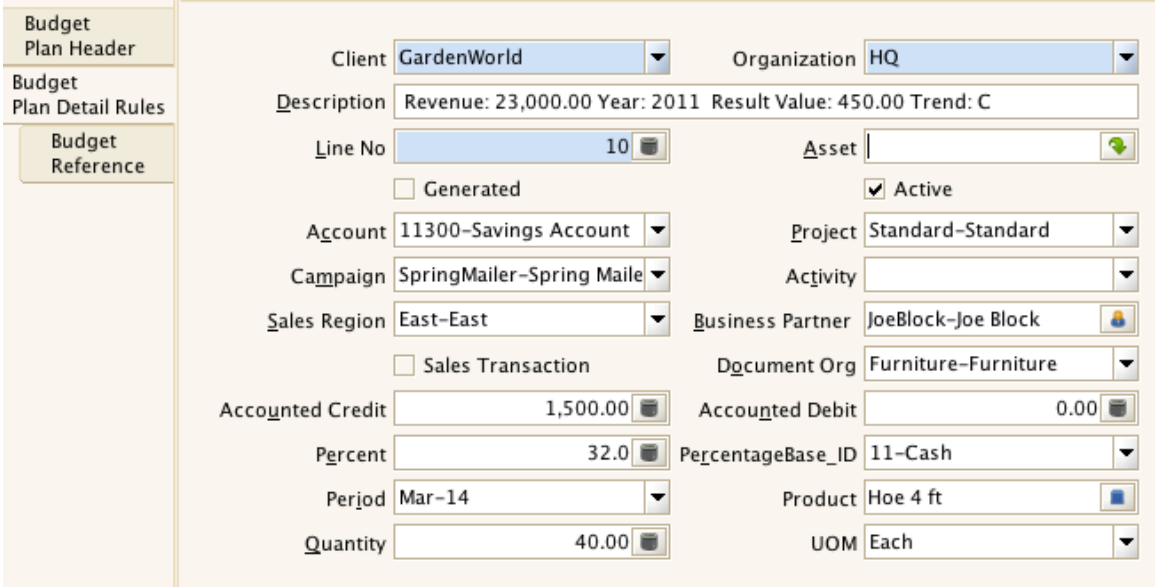


Only one Budget Plan can be set as a TargetBudget. If there is more the system will not do any checking as it will throw an error.

Defining a Budget Rule

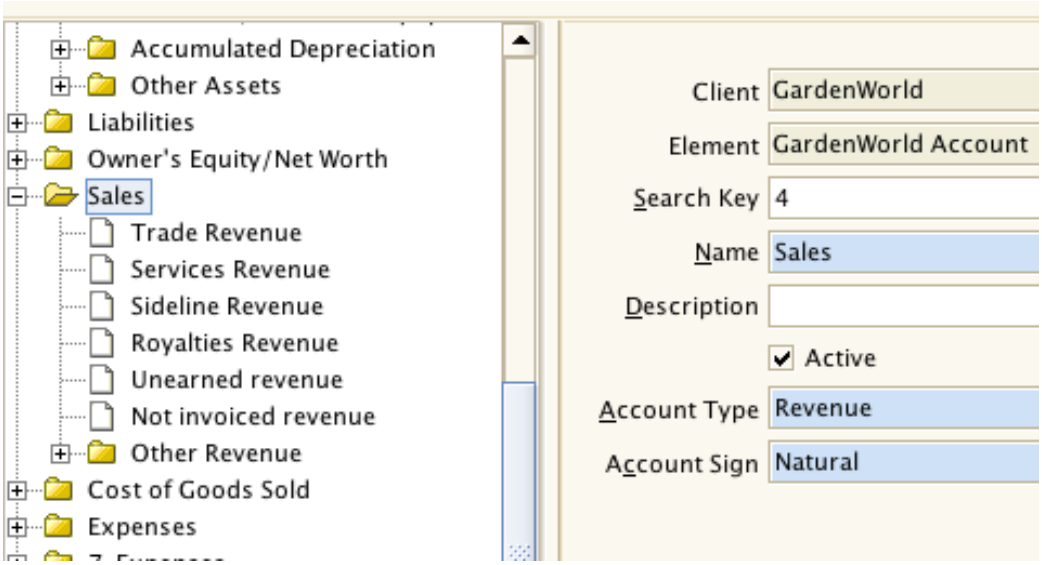
7 We proceed to define further rules. We can use an example as shown below. The Account element is for a GL Journal budget rule, if left blank is for Sales or Purchasing.

You can then set any of the further properties such as Business Partner, Campaign, Project, Period, and Document Org as the extra criteria to set this rule. Such setting will make it capture any purchase order, invoice (vendor) and AR payment that fits the criteria from now on.

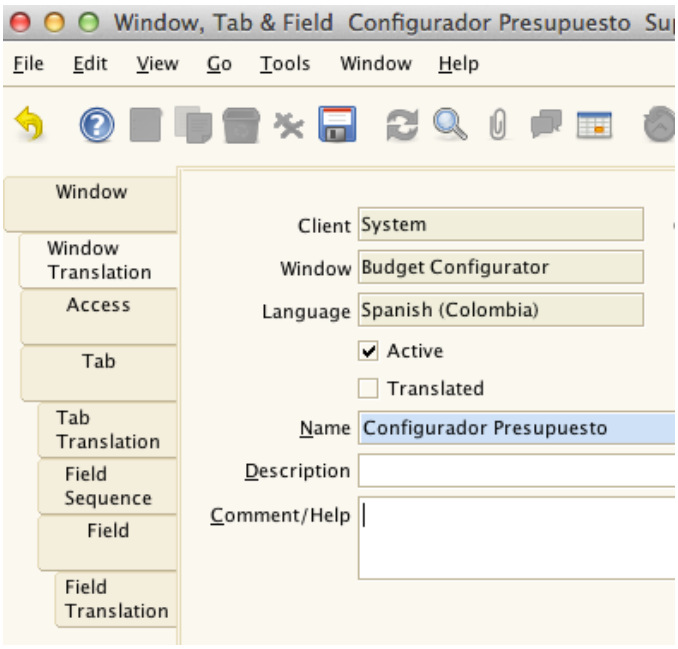


The Product and Quantity fields used for Purchasing as well as Sales documents. You have to finish up this rule with a control or limit figure of either a Source Credit or Percent. Now just set say 30% in the percent rule, set Campaign to *Spring Mailer*, and leave the others blank to test right away. The fields filled above are for show only and not used in that manner. UOM and Asset is not in use in this budget system but could be in future when defined in the code.

The Sales Transaction field is ticked if you want to make a Sales document rule instead. The Percentage Base is the alternative to override the Revenue Key earlier in the Budget Configurator.

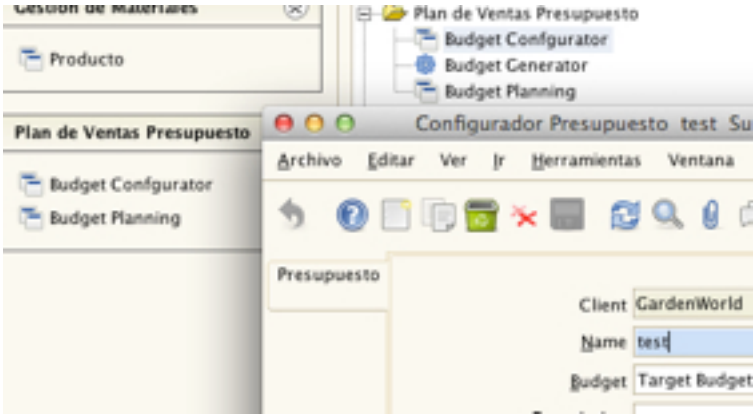


Translation Feature



You can translate the new model labels in its Menu, Windows and Tabs as well as Fields accordingly via the Translation Tabs in most of them. (Switch on the Show Translation Tab in the Preferences window from the top menu bar.)

Once done, you can relogin, choose your language, and view its effect. (You can export back your language edition via the Translation Import/Export menu.)

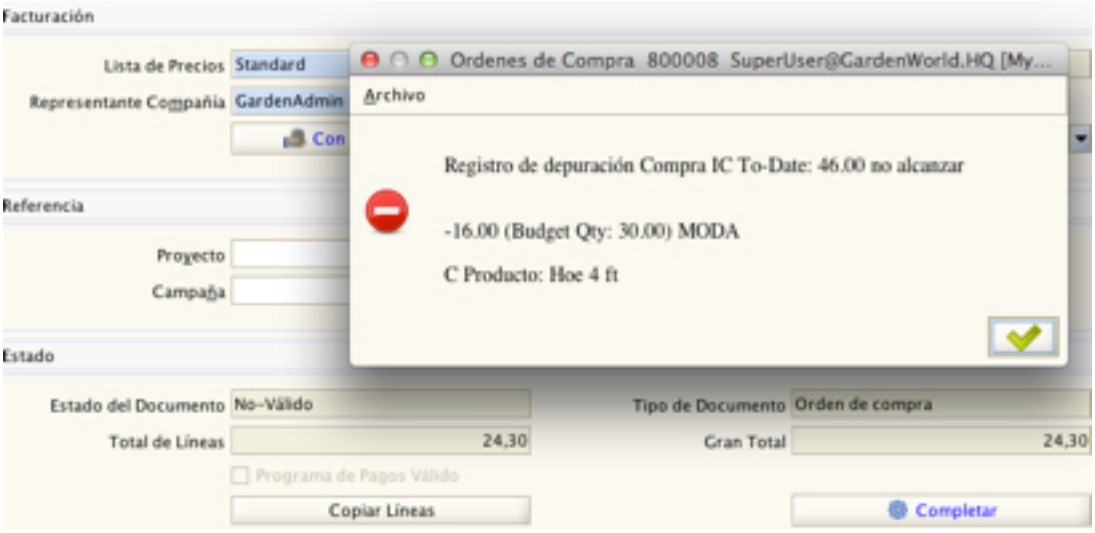


I have also created Message items for the pop up messages. Under the Message window you can search for EntityType = Applications to view them and translate each accordingly.

Message

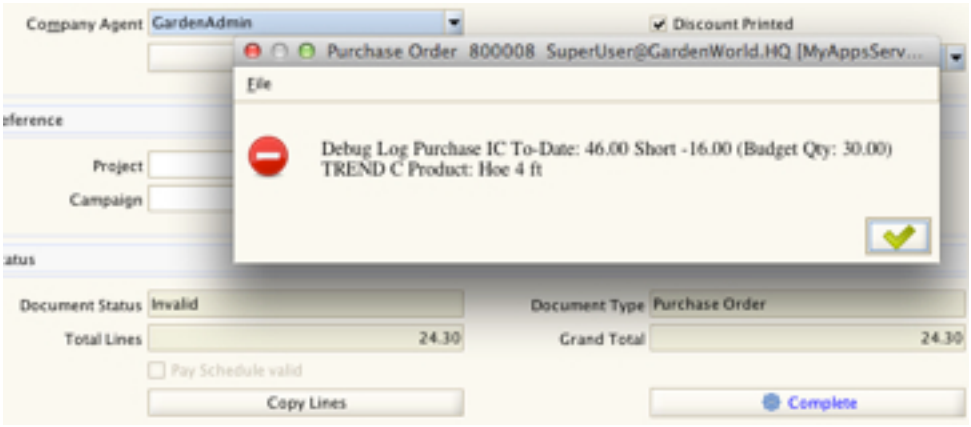
Translation

Search Key	Active	Message Text
Balance	☑	Balance
BudgetBreached	☑	** BUDGET BREACHED **
BudgetError	☑	BUDGET EVENT NOTICE
DebugLog	☑	Debug Log
Live	☑	Live
PRORATA	☑	PRORATA
REVENUE	☑	REVENUE
SalesTarget	☑	** SALES TARGET ACHIEVED **
Short	☑	Short
TREND	☑	TREND
To-Date	☑	To-Date



Some of the translation effect can be seen in this example pop-up. Compare it with the original below it. It seems that the Msg method needs some edit to do away with some new line input. Well, at least it works and any locale user can put in their preferred translation.

(I have swapped the DebugMode message with the present Debug Level message already existing in the system.)

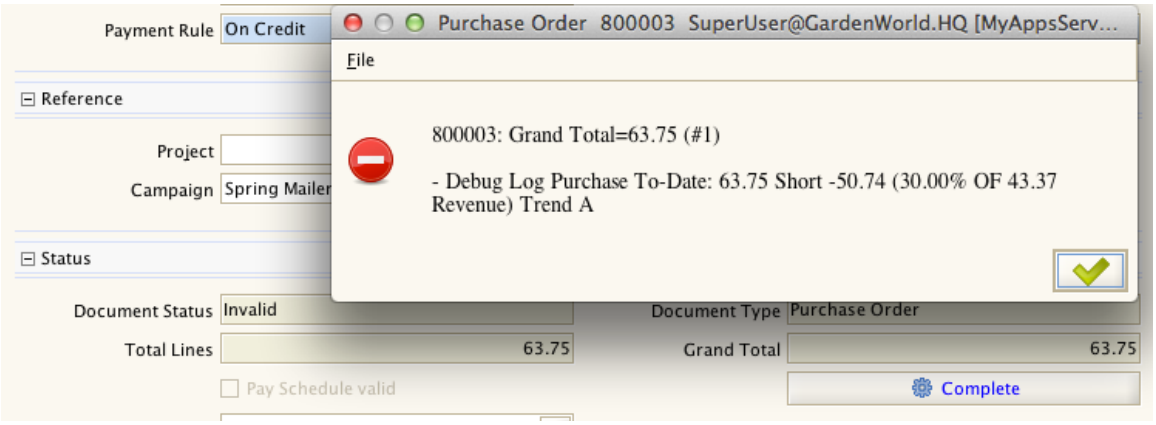


You can see the actual source-code handing of this at the Technical Section under *Stop Excess Message Box*.

TEST-DRIVE

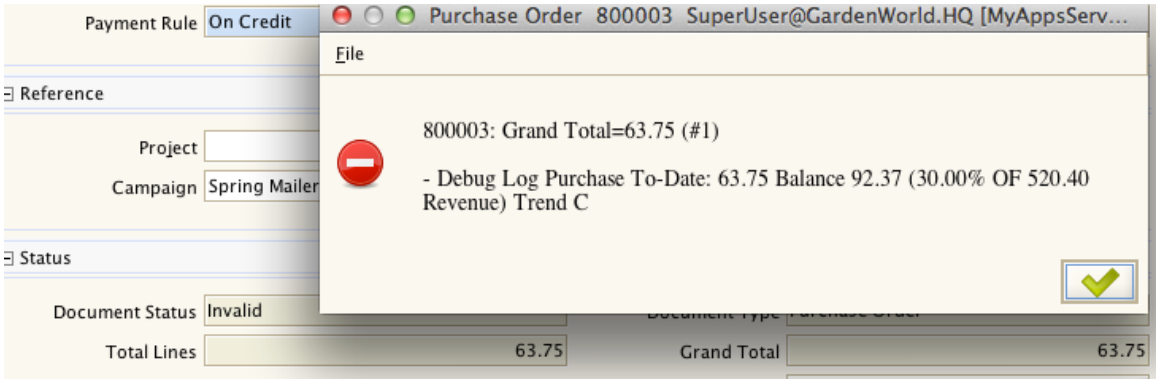
Purchasing Process Exercises

Now you are ready to test a Purchase Order in a series of different scenarios. Also note that this budget module checks likewise an Invoice and also any Payment process. It will do so with standalone documents i.e. not associated with any other Orders or Invoices to avoid duplication of total purchasing amount for that matching criteria in the budget rule.

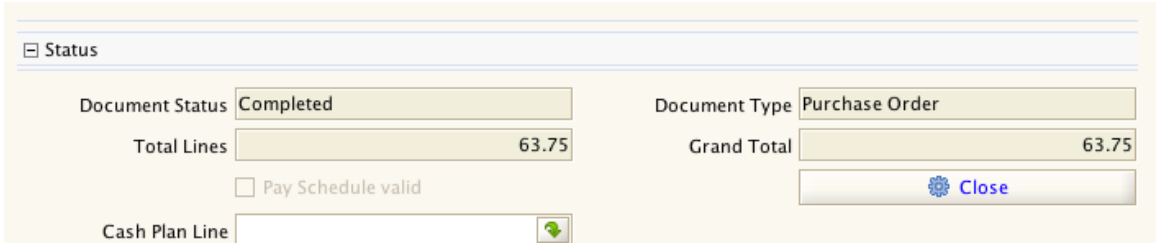


Pretend to purchase from Joe Block 5 Hoes amounting to 63.75. Complete it and the budget module checking will kick in and give a display in the pop-up. Here the budget system reports a negative -50.74 value which means it is in excess of the budget at 30% of 43.37 = 13.01. The 12 years revenue estimate seems small because remember we had the Average trend on, which will divide by 12 years it takes from. The Purchase label means it is a purchasing side budget rule meant for Purchase Order, Invoice (Vendor) and AP Payment documents. The Organic Goods label is the description in the matched budget rule window.

Try setting the trend to Accumulative and restart the application again. There is a new trick where you just run GenerateBudget with zero years and months :). In iDempiere you just refresh the bundle ID or likewise do a dummy GenerateBudget.



Now you will get a different one which is not an excess as it is positive 92.37 but since we have turned the DebugMode on it will give the pop-up anyway letting us this system more conveniently without redoing POs. This proves many things are working well. The RevenueEstimate, 2 BudgetTrends, matching by 1 criteria, measuring the Diff between To-Date and Budgeted, and the DebugMode. Next we will try something not in the matching criteria. Just set the Campaign to none and complete again. Note the result below.

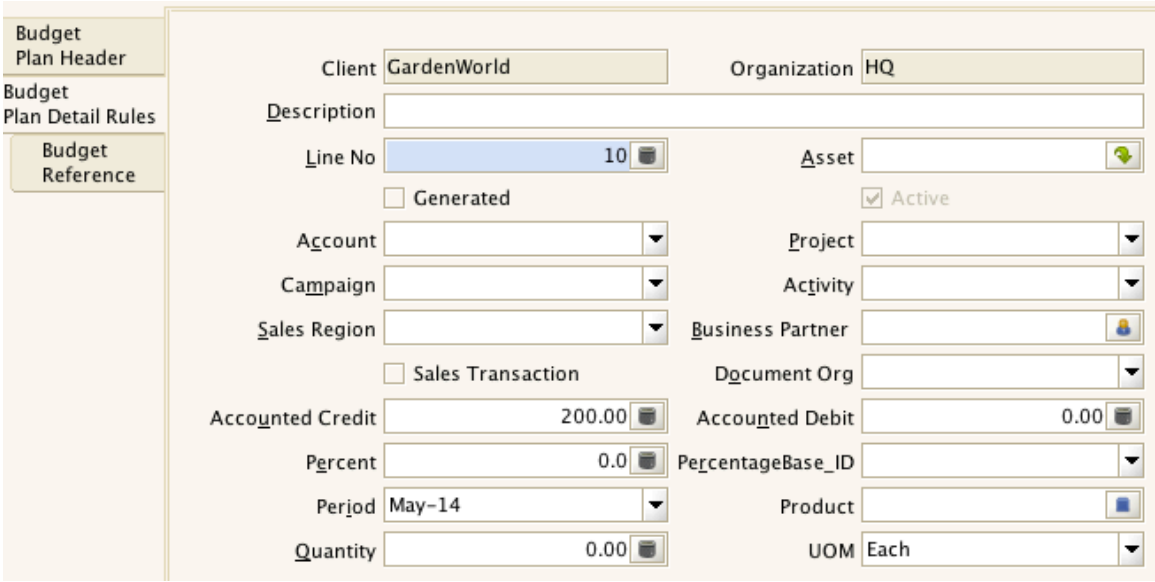


With the Campaign field left empty, we see the Purchase Order completing properly. This proves that a non-match works as expected.

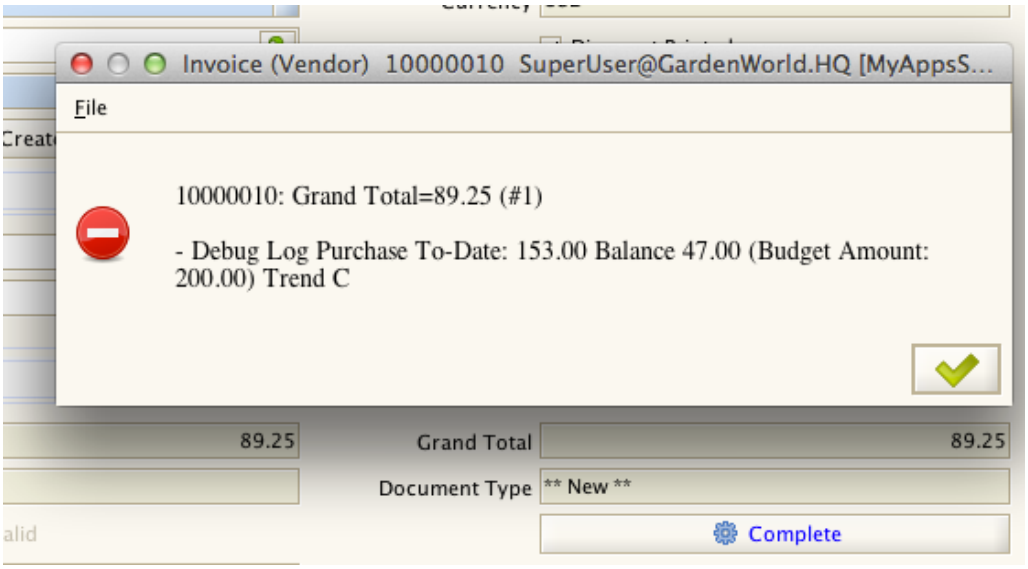
Associated Document Exercise

Now let us test another document associated with a PO to see if the system checks related criteria across documents so that a budgetary control truly cuts across and covers all activity under a set criteria. Now since we already have a processed PO with no criteria we shall use that as a start. The trick here is that the PO actually already has two implicit criteria which are the Org and Period it was completed, namely HQ and May 2014.

We now set a new Budget Plan rule to those two criteria or anyone of them. Two can be more useful here because we like to see if a multiple implicit criteria really works. Here we are and note that I am using a fixed amount of 200 instead of a percentage to test this new aspect.



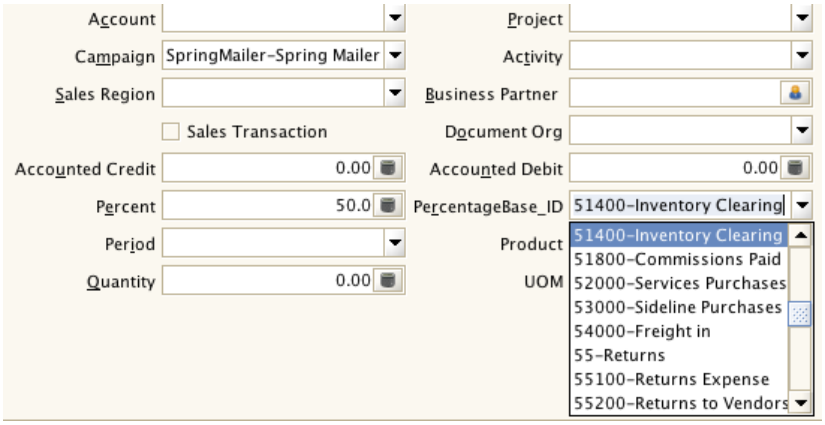
But also note that with a Period set, it will assume Pro Rata basis, which will mean it shall take only occurrence within the May 2014 as to any purchasing done, instead of year-to-date. Since we do not have other monthly data, we cannot confirm that this is tested. Now let us call up an Invoice (Vendor) and try to complete a current invoice of different value, say 7 Hoes. Below is what we get.



This proves that the budget system caters for an Invoice (Vendor), DebugMode still working to pop-up even though it is positive to say that the total here of 89.25 added to the previous completed Purchase Order of 63.75 giving 153.00 has not exceeded the BudgetAmount of 200 as defined in the new budget rule. The system also ensure that the documents analysed falls within the present period which is from 1st May till 31st May 2014 for the DateOrdered and DateAcct (in Invoice and Payment documents).

Fixed Revenue Estimate

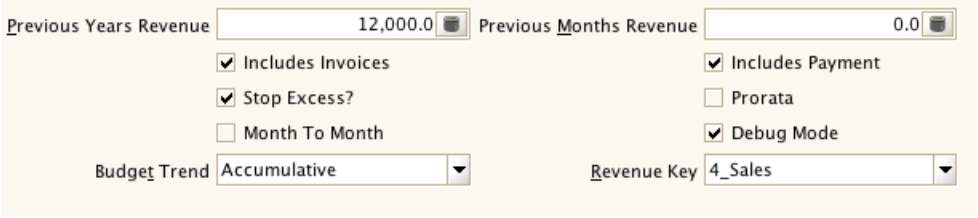
If there are no Trade Revenue (usually posted from past Sales) in your 12 year history, then you

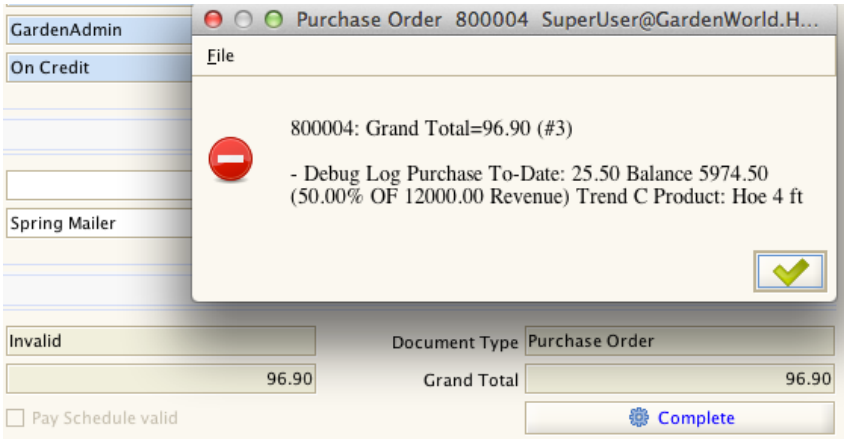


can set a a definite figure as an estimate. You can set for example, 12,000 in the Previous Years Revenue of the Budget Configurator window. This will mean you estimate a revenue this year of 1,200 or a Pro Rata monthly value of 1,000.

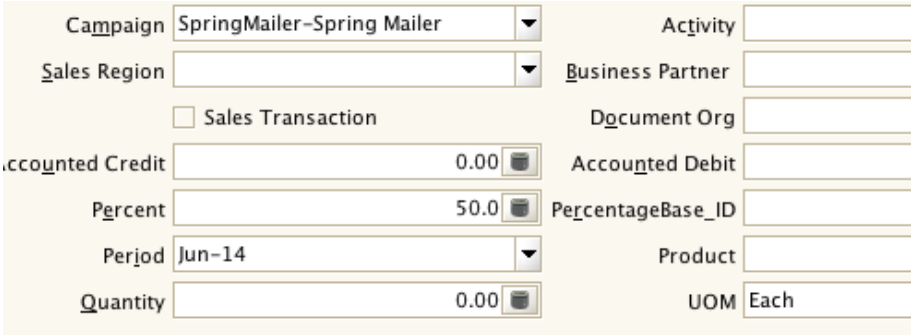
Or, use the **Percentage Base** to stipulate another set of accounts as your 'revenue' source to base your budget percentages on, and so on, activate the Budget Reference tab if more elaborate set of calculations is needed.

Note below the testing of a direct setting of '12,000' as revenue estimate. As it is above 99 it is taken at face value exact amount and the resulting PO test pops up a correct description of the Revenue. We use the SpringMailer budget rule for Hoe set at 50%.

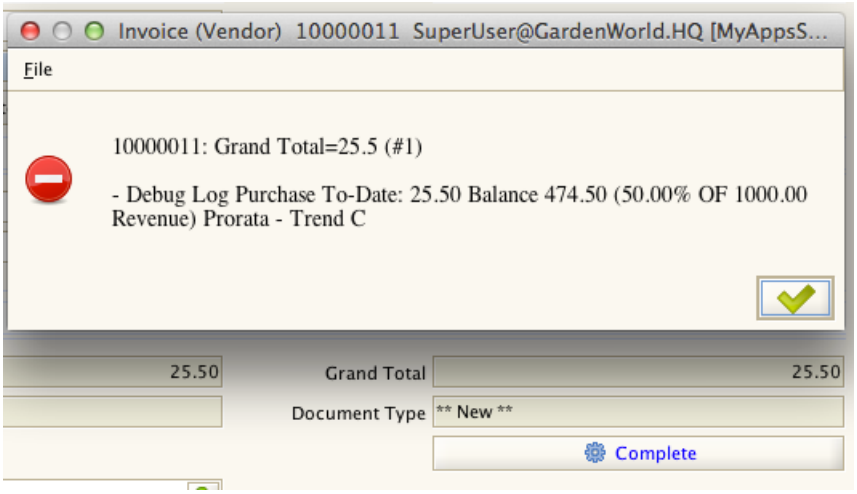




Next let's put a period in a new rule with no product and try out an Invoice instead and its payable for a Grass Seeder. See below it is set to the present month of this screen shot of the test.



Note below the $100 revenue due to pro rata convention applied when it is a period based rule, which takes the $1,200 dividing it by 12 months.



The 50% of 1000 = $500, minus from $25.50 = Balance $474.50 as shown.

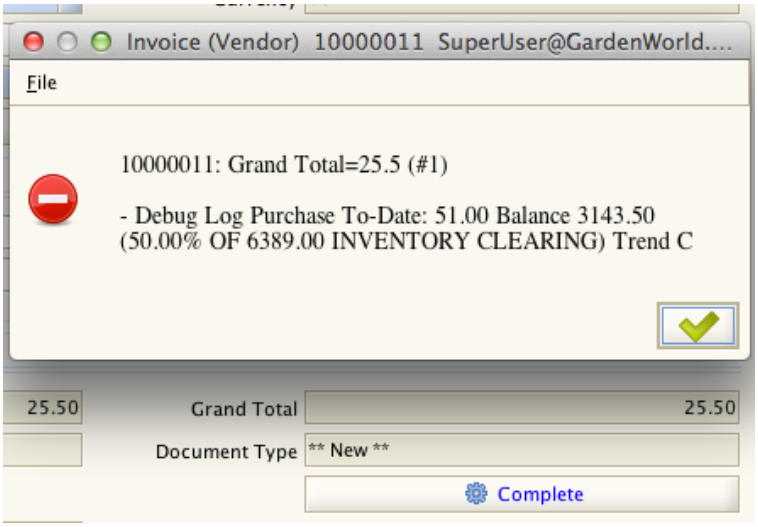
This thus proves fixed estimate for revenue, Pro Rata rule applies to the estimate, and still works across documents.

Percentage Base Exercise

Now we try testing the new PercentageBase feature which allows a rule to refer to another set of accounting reference instead of revenue.

Back at the Budget Planning rule, we choose 51400-Inventory Clearing which has some historical records from GardenWorld. Ensure the Previous Years Revenue is not fixed estimate, i.e. set it back to 12. Note that the selection box for PercentageBase can easily search for the account that you want either base on textual or numerical part of its element.

Below is the result for the Invoice.

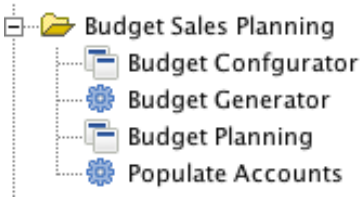


Setting changes in Budget Planning lines does not need to refresh the configurator. The result above shows another transaction has gone in before making it a double amount to-date. The Inventory Clearing is shown correct as selected in the budget rule.

Note the difference I made to the layout. I put a Debug Log text if it is *DebugMode* so that user will know that it is so, as this pop uo will throw up every time there is an event that matches any budget rule. Note also the Balance/Short text for negative/positive values.

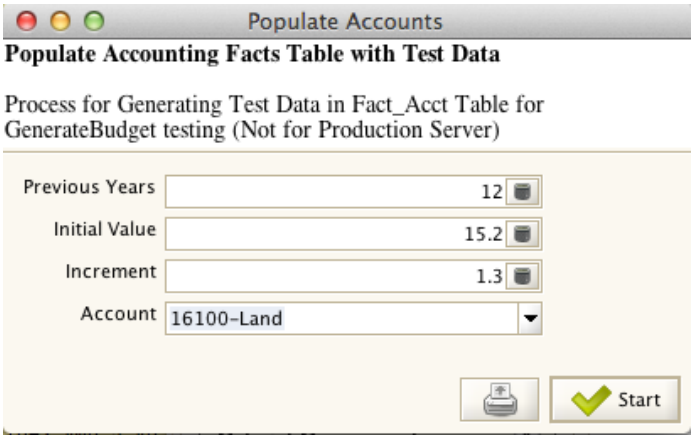
Populating Accounting Facts Test

I have created an extra process that is solely to generate test data in the Fact_Acct table for the GenerateBudget process to test on because in most installations that are new, there maybe no data yet and creating such test data can be cumbersome.



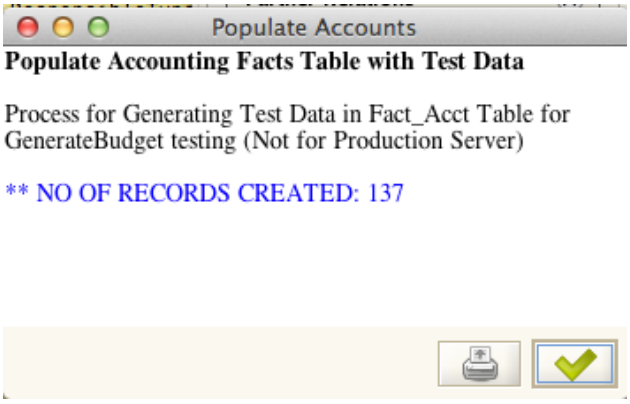
This process is solely for testing and thus must never be done on a live or production server. It can be used to generate any length of years and months within the years range for an account at a time. The initial amount will be inserted into the table under the specified accounting element and for each successive period until present month, it be incremented consecutively by the value given.

However you have to ensure manually that the Calendar Year and Periods of any missing years in between have to be created and opened first.



In the FitNesse Testing section later, all of these actions are automatically created silently and rolled back at the end of the test.

Thus this process only acts as a more manual approach where the user can exercise some quick trials, together to run the GenerateBudget to examine up close the resulting analysis under different configurator and Budget target rules.

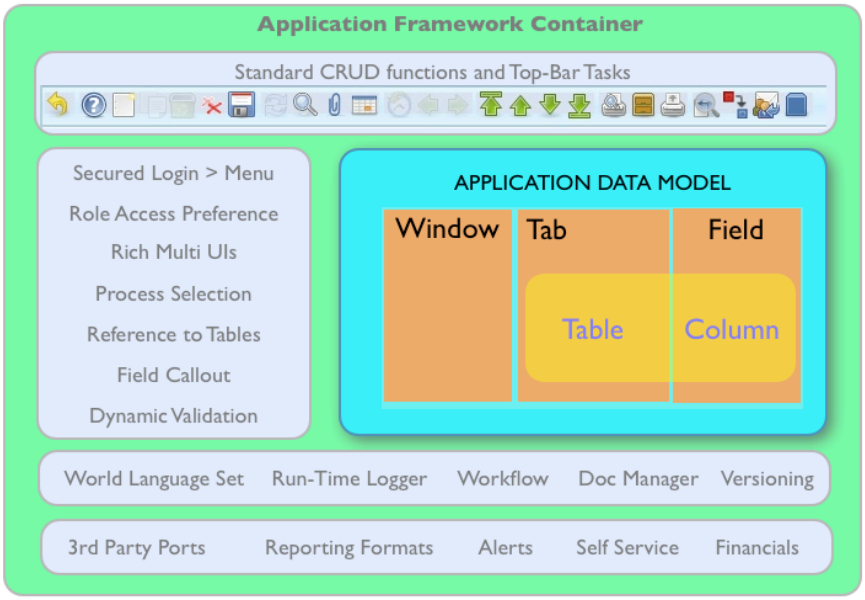


APPLICATION REFERENCE

Here we go into technical properties of the budget module. Some may already be explained before but here it is stated in more objective terms for convenience of reference in a glossary format.

Application Dictionary

Long time users will already be familiar with this and the Budget Module is using precisely such a standard of the Compiere family where all modeling of the new module is done based on the AD for its powerful framework and easy maintenance.



Thus many inherent capabilities come along when this is so:

1. **Translation Tab**. Each label of the menu item, window, tab and column as well as process items can be translated and localised. There is even a trick of adapting all labels to a particular business even though in the same language but using different terminology by using the Translation Tab feature.

2. **Generated PrintFormat**. Every table of information that is displayed can be printed on the fly as it has its inbuilt printing generator. A print format will be spawned and the user can manipulate further the arrangement of fields and so forth.

3. **CRUD**. The create, read, update and delete capability of the model is standard across the application including the new module.

4. User-Role Access is also controlled and the admin can manage what items of the module can be exposed according to the authority of the user defined.

5. **Dual User Interface**, for Java Swing and the more modern ZK Ajax. This budget module is purposely done without using any uncommon AD design such as the ZK Ajax InfoWindow which will render it useless in the Swing UI. Thus whatever you can see in the Swing mode will also be operational in the ZK Ajax version and vice versa.

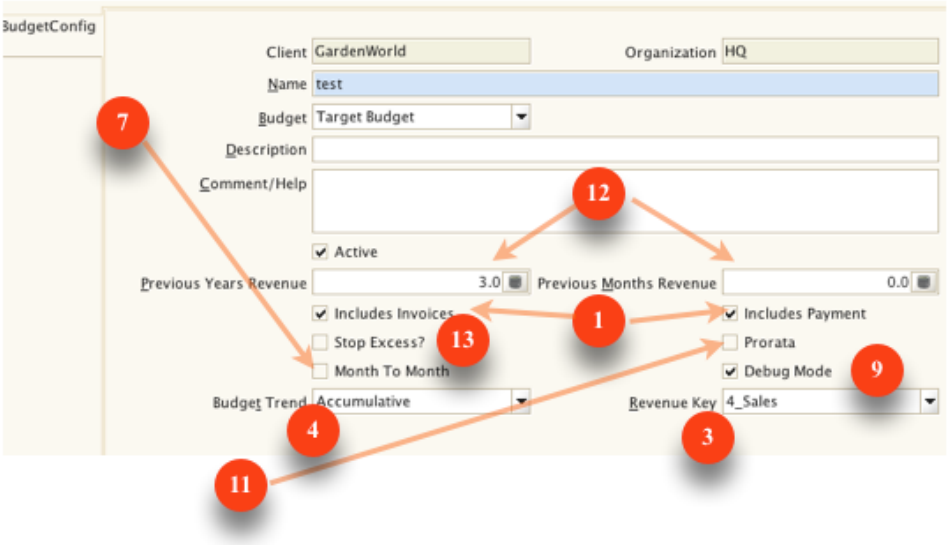
6. **Model Validator**. As explained early on, the use of event change hooks within the code allows external programming intercept without meddling with the core. It is thus a standard best practice where future changes can be incorporated likewise in a clean cut separation between the core and third party modules such as this Budget module.

7. **Preference Log Level**. There are commonly two log level in the Budget Module as scripted in the code, which is 'Fine' and Finer'. 'Fine' shall display the class method that is been accessed. 'Finer' displays the values of the parameters or results of the method.

8. **2Pack**. Due to the use of PackIn and PackOut feature contributed by a host of developers from Marco Lombardo to Robert Klein to Heng Sin, it is becoming a standard feature to use in migrating data from module to a fresh ERP instance. However ADempiere and iDempiere is not compatible in its 2Pack design and so I prepared separate respective 2Packs.

You can see more of the actual design of the AD models under the Source Code Reference.

Next we shall go through a glossary of fields in the Budget Configurator. They are red dot coded for easy reference to the large collage guide on Page 9, and the part pulled up here.



Previous Years Revenue 12

1 to 99 to stand for number of years range in the historical RevenueKey or PercentageBase account to total up. It will not include present year. If the value is above 99 it will be regarded as a one amount fixed RevenueEstimate. The total amount is called BudgetAmount in the code.

The BudgetAmount will be derived from the present year to-date of the transaction.

Previous Months Revenue 12

Number of months range based on the historical RevenueKey or PercentageBase account to total up a RevenueAmount (if RevenueKey is true) or BudgetAmount. It includes present month's details to-date. It can give a rolling effect for example if this month is May and you selected 6 months it will give a range since last November till May to-date. Then when next month comes it will be since December till June to-date.

The BudgetAmount will be derived from the specified months range to-date of the transaction.

Revenue Amounts in Code

The RevenueEstimate is final in the code. It is copied to BaseAmt that is updatable in the code.

Revenue Key 3

Accounting Element to derive RevenueEstimate.

Budget Trend 4

Five fixed formulas to take effect on the BaseAmt. Trend also affect BudgetAmount during plan generated look up (see Budget Plan, Lookup Base).

Percentage Base

Alternative to RevenueKey.

Debug Mode 9

This when set will report any matching budget rule to the document been processed whether the checking gives a balance of short value. If Stop Excess is not set, it shall write to the Notice table.

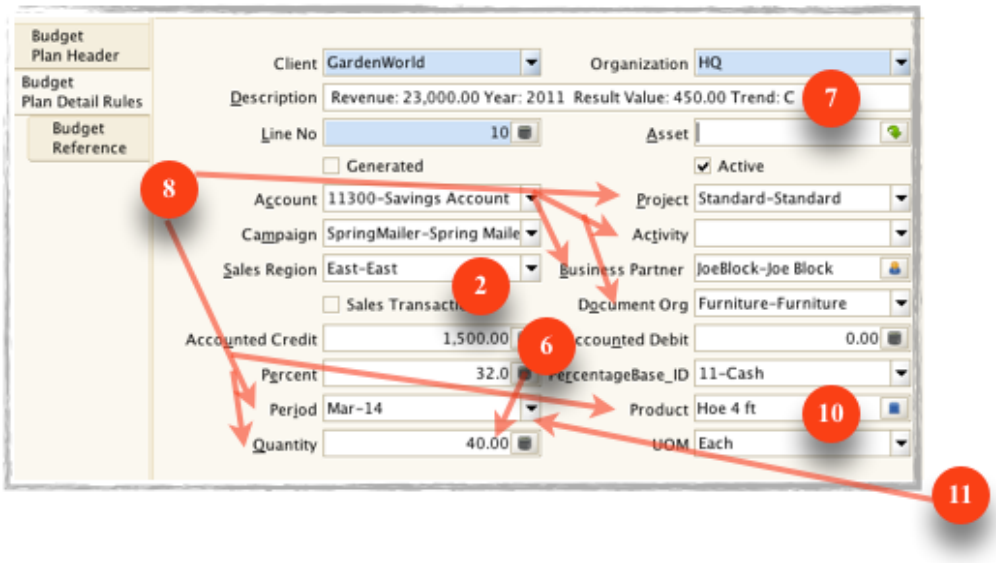
Stop Excess 13

Stop any short or negative value during budget rule checking by throwing an AdempiereException which shall appear on the display panel or pop-up an error display box. It will not allow completion of the document. However Sales transactions are not stopped but written to Notice.

Pro Rata Switch 11

The checkbox for this allows for BaseAmt to be divided by 12 for a flat monthly basis. The yearly revenue estimate and a non-period based BudgetAmount will both be subjected to the same division. However for percent setting, the percentage figure remains the same. In a Previous Months Revenue setting, pro rata switch will still divide its BaseAmt by 12.

Now we go through budget plan rule making. The part of the collage is extracted again here.



Criteria in Budget Rule 8

Budget rules criteria or dimensions that are present for both Purchasing and GL are - *Organization, Month-Period, Business Partner, Project, Activity, Campaign,* and *Product*. For GL posting it has extra dimensions of *Accounting ID* or *Element*. For Purchasing it can specify product with or without quantity.

Matching Criteria

When a document is processed, the criteria in that document is matched to the available budget rule to see which rule or rules stick. There are three ways a budget rule gets chosen as a match.

1. Explicit criteria - exactly based on the Project, Activity and Campaign criteria which is explicit in a budget rule. So if a budget rule only uses these three criteria, there will not be any ambiguity. Let's say we use one such rule now: Project = 'Landscape' and others blank. Its rule will be "Project = 'Landscape' AND Activity is null AND Campaign is null".

2. Implicit criteria - non explicit criteria in a budget rule because the document processed will always have such values. For example in the header of Purchase Order, there is Business Partner, Organization and Date (Period-Month). If a budget rule has any of this criteria, the matching process will include rules that do not use such criteria. For example if you add such a rule

to (1) above it will be something like, "(Business Partner = 'Joe Block' OR) AND Project = 'Landscape' AND Activity is null AND Campaign is null". So if you have two of such rules they are both pulled up by a document having Joe Block and Project = 'Landscape'. Only the rule that has Joe Block will be secured during ParamTrimming in the code when checking a document that bears Joe Block in its header.

3. Sub-criteria - this happens when the budget rule has Product or/and Qty values. Such criteria similar to implicit criteria are also making more rules been matched as the explicit criteria may also overlap. For example we can have more similar rules to (1) and (2) but having different Product/Qty combination values or null in some of them.

A good outcome of the use of (2) and (3) is the writing of less explicit budget rules but ambiguity may happen if the planner is not careful.

Param Trimming

This is a method that filters out multiple matching rules that do not actually match when a document is been processed against the target budget plan.

Ambiguous Case

Such cases happen when there are more than one matching rule at the end of the matching process. It means the ParamTrimming has failed to reduce the match to none or one.The first rule of the stack will be used by the document, but an error will be reported so that the user takes note and review the budget rules. This usually happens when you have more rules that are using more implicit criteria with no change in explicit criteria. For example if you add a rule to the above, Org = 'HQ' AND Landscape' of same explicit rules, then the document of Joe Block which happens to be from HQ, will get a final two rule match, this rule plus the earlier rule of 'Joe Block AND Landscape'.

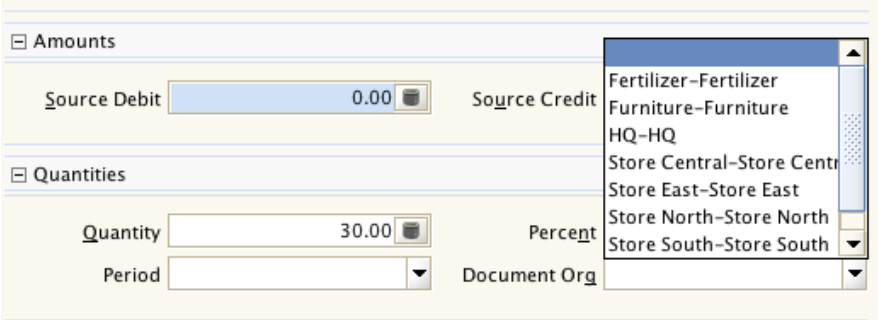
The following budget rules setting series guide should work with no ambiguity case for Sales and Purchasing:

1. By only Business Partner with all other fields blank.
2. By only Org with all other fields blank
3. By only Period with all other fields blank
4. By any Activity, or Project or Campaign or any unique combination of any of the three.
5. Any of 4 with setting of 1, 2, or 3, provided those used here are not repeated at 1, 2, 3

GL posting has less ambiguity because it is not processed at the header level which has Org and Period. It is processed at GL JournalLine level which is explicit in its use of such criteria.

Tracking by Organization 8

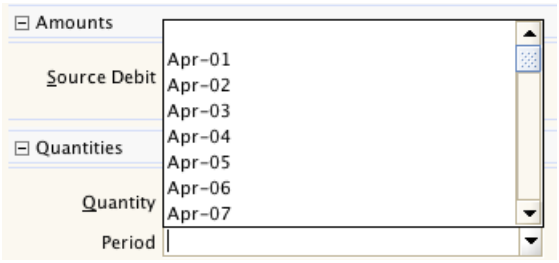
Here I explain how is Org made as a criteria in the matching set. Technically this was not possible because Org is a compulsory Application Dictionary field in the database. Thus to allow a distinct definition of that in the matching set, I have added a separate new field, AD_OrgDoc_ID in the GL_JournalLine table besides the AD_Org_ID.



So now the budget rule has such a way to specify for which organization as part of its criteria set. But they are different in names and how would I match them in the end? Easily resolved as I parsed this OrgDoc_ID back into Org_ID during Purchase Order and Accounting Fact tables access so there is no need to worry of field name havoc here.

Tracking by Period 8 11

Even though in the Purchase Order or Invoice (Vendor) there is no Period ID, I have created a helper method that converts the DateOrdered value or timestamp into its corresponding Period ID during runtime. In this way it facilitates tracking of purchasing documents according to month easily particularly for use in Previous Months.



This is also useful for the year-on-year Month-To-Month calculation which needs to track items purely on a month to month basis.

As a reminder, any budget rule that sets a period value checks performance during that particular period (see earlier Period Base section). Its Revenue base or Percentage base is also pro rata during percentage comparison.

Tracked by Sales Transaction 2

Flag to mark the rule for Sales or Purchases. If checked or true, it is sales side documents such as Sales Orders, AR Invoice (Customer), and AR Payment. If unchecked or false, it is purchasing side documents such as Purchase Orders, AP Invoice (Vendor) and AP Payment. GL Journal posting is not affected by this flag.

Tracked by Product 10 8

Budget rule for any transaction that has matching product. When specified, it will search within the document lines for such products and calculate its value to check against the BudgetAmount or as percent against the BaseAmt.

Tracked by Quantity 6

This works in conjunction with Product criteria. When specified, it will be check referred to as BaseAmt for checking with the transaction product quantity. All other similar product quantities within the present year or months range are also taken into account. Percent checking is not applicable.

General Ledger Posting

GL budget rules can use all other accounting elements provided they are not the document controlled ones. Accounting ID is a mandatory and explicit criteria of which each budget rule for GL posting must possess. Thus we cannot have a budget rule with no Accounting Element which will be treated as a Sales/Purchasing rule. Similarly all accounting facts fitting the same element and its other matching criteria within the time frame are pulled up and totaled to see if they exceed the budget controls. The checking is done at the GL Journal Line level so if only one line is a breach, it can stop the whole GL Journal process. A good workaround for uninterrupted processing of Journals is to uncheck Stop Excess? box and analyse the Notice table after a posting.

Credit-Debit Balancing

I need not be an accountant or know exactly which side any budget rule should be on, be it the credit side or if it should be on the debit side. This budget system utilised a runtime dynamic sensing and leave it up to the budget planner. If he or she sets up a budget rule and place a figure on the credit side then the processing shall take all the credit sides of matching JournalLines. If it is set for the debit side, likewise all debits will be added up.

SOURCE CODE REFERENCE

This can be quite huge on its own. My purpose here is to conform to the pristine principles of Freedom in Open Source Software, where others can learn from it, improve it and ultimately make their changes back to the source. The ability to examine source also saves time before a final or firmer decision to consider this software project as a basis to build a full ERP upon. Likewise many users who failed are often those who either take the code for granted (often accepting that this is free lunch and thus assume that it is lesser risk, wrongfully) or not possessing the capability to handle source code and thus robbed themselves of the primal advantage of having access to source-code in the first place. What I am presenting here is to allow a preview of my application and code design before the developer reader decides to really jumps in with a loaded Eclipse, or the user jumps in with a blank cheque.

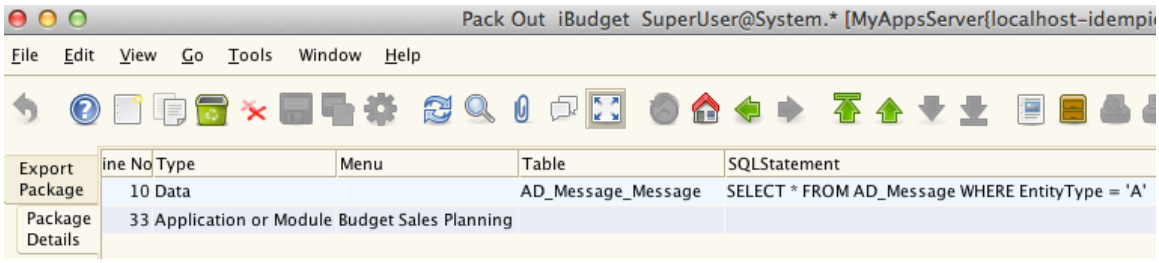
Application Dictionary (AD) Design

As part of the Compiere legacy, the source behind the application design is not just the code but also the Application Dictionary or meta-data of the database models. That is represented in XML format in the PackOut zip file, iBudget.zip (Budget360_2pack.zip for ADempiere).

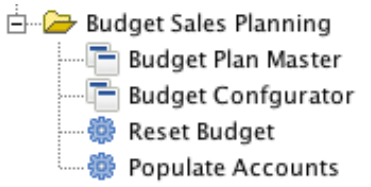
The whole module is contained under one menu structure, Budget Sales Planning for easy transport as it is defined in a single line in the PackOutFormat. You can access that format here:

http://sourceforge.net/projects/red1/files/p2/Budget/iBudgetPackOutFormat.zip/download

It is simply just two lines - one to get the defined Message items and another the top menu link to the budget module.



The menu tag will get the whole structure of 2 windows, its tabs of tables and fields, and 2 processes. The Budget Plan master has two tabs and together with the Configurator are independent table models with no impact to the legacy tables.



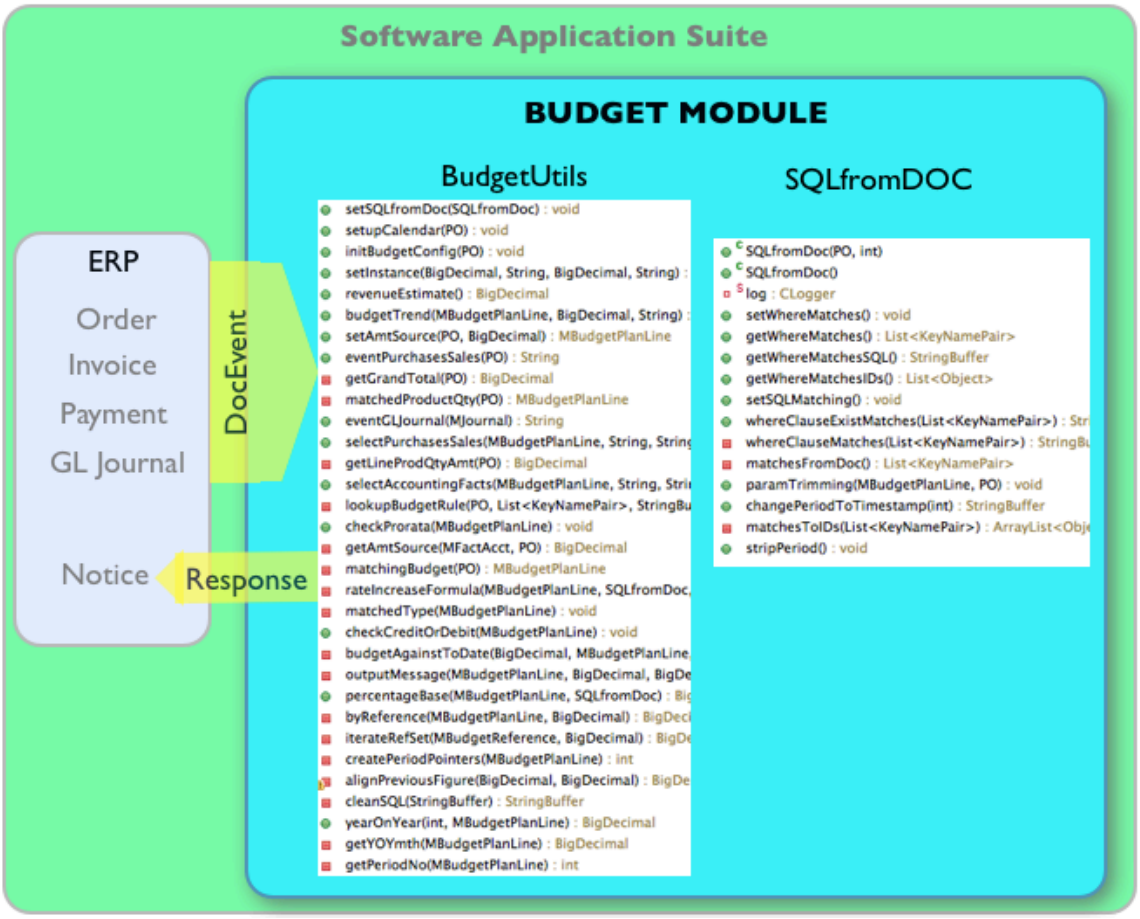
Design Consideration

The first and most important consideration is that the system has to be flexible, reusable and extendable with minimal maintenance. That will also mean that the design must fit well with minimal effort for use between both versions of ADempiere and iDempiere. Thus I have maintained that the migration scripts generated from the PackIn in ADempiere can be applied in iDempiere bearing that the Index Tables and UUID generations are done to make it iDempiere ready. The respective 2Packs are only applicable in respective versions.

The code avoids custom design and thus I avoid version specific SmartBrowser/InfoWindow definitions altogether and use the more traditional Process direct from menu and PrintFormat for reporting. The AD changes will thus be transferable via migration scripts from ADempiere to iDempiere but not iDempiere to ADempiere, where each change in iDempiere has to be manually crafted in the AD of ADempiere. But this is not foreseen to be required as no one will want to go back and the budget system I made here is already having an equivalent version for ADempiere 361 Final.

The only small change in code is the package layout where ADempiere needs the same org.compiere.model to override the core models as there is no other way to reuse it. Whereas in iDempiere, separation of core from module is granted and the new classes has its own package name. Beyond that, the OSGi Equinox extensions are redefined for all Callouts and Processes as well as the Event ModelValidator service remove the use of AD definitions to allow a clean plugin and plug-out of the module code with no adverse impact either way.

All the source is pushed to http://bitbucket.org/red1. Working binaries are uploaded to http://sf.net/projects/red1/files/p2/Budget. There is a README text to give final instructions that may change as latest updates are made.



Functional Design

The main functions of the module is:

1. Define Budget Configuration settings and Budget Plan rules (mostly handled by the AD).

2. Handle Document Event transaction or processing of:

   a. Before Prepare event of Order, Invoice and Payment business documents

   b. Before Complete event of GL Journal with its journal lines

3. Handle response either as Exception message or Notice content

(2) is taken care by the two main: BudgetUtils.java and SQLfromDoc.java as seen above. The business documents process that gets caught by the DocEvent are taken in by either eventGLJournal or eventPurchasesSales, which is self-explanatory.

Each of this handlers, have their respective document access routines: selectPurchasesSales and selectAccountingFacts. For eventPurchasesSales it is more elaborate as it has to consider those three types of documents:

```
public String eventPurchasesSales(PO po) {
    log.fine("String processPurchaseOrder(PO po)");
    referenceBase = Msg.translate(Env.getCtx(), "Revenue");
    runtimePO = po;
    isJournal = false;
    figure = Env.ZERO;
    if (po instanceof MOrder) {
        MOrder purchase = (MOrder)po;
        isPurchasing = !((MOrder) po).isSOTrx();
        po = purchase;
    }
    else if (po instanceof MInvoice){
        MInvoice invoice = (MInvoice)po;
        if (invoice.getC_Order_ID()>0 || invoice.getC_Payment_ID()>0)
            return null;
            isPurchasing = !((MInvoice) po).isSOTrx();
        po = invoice;
    }
    else if (po instanceof MPayment){
        MPayment payment = (MPayment)po;
        if (payment.getC_Order_ID()>0 || payment.getC_Invoice_ID()>0)
            return null;
        if (payment.getC_DocType().isSOTrx())
            isPurchasing = false;
        else isPurchasing = true;
        po = payment;
    }
    hasQty = hasProduct = false;
    matchedProdQtyArray.clear();
    MBudgetPlanLine matchedBudgetLine = matchingBudget(po);
```

But before arriving to this juicy part of getting all the related transactions, they undergo the criteria matching process which both document types share from a starter method, matchingBudget which setWhereMatches and lookupBudgetRule.

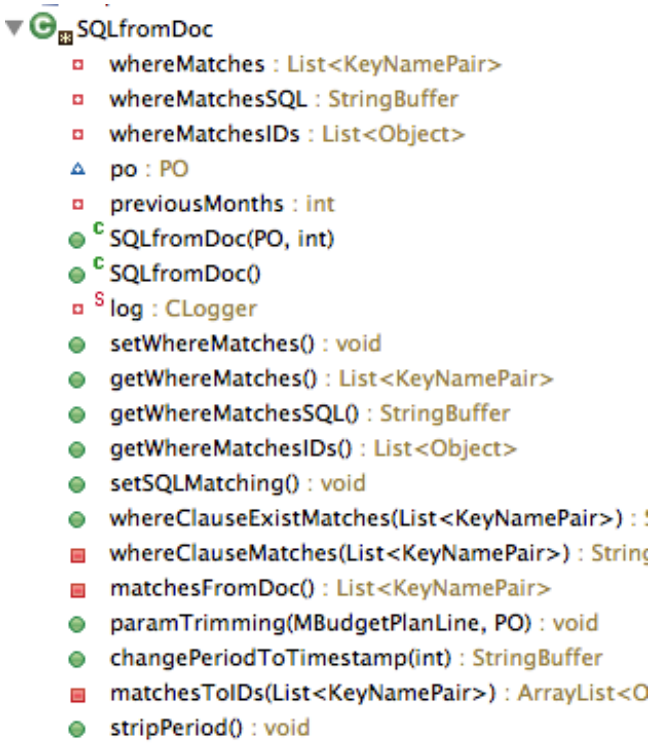
```
/**this returns matched budget amt or % with variables for matches
*      matched is credit or debit amt,
private MBudgetPlanLine matchingBudget(PO poLine) {
       log.fine("MBudgetPlanLine matchingProcess(PO poLine)");
       sDoc = new SQLfromDoc(runtimePO, previousMonths);
       sDoc.setWhereMatches();
       MBudgetPlanLine matchedMJournalLine = lookupBudgetRule(poLine,
              sDoc.getWhereMatches(),sDoc.getWhereMatchesSQL(),
              sDoc.getWhereMatchesIDs());
       return matchedMJournalLine;
   }
```

Its the setWhereMatches that arrange for the matching toolset:

```
public void setWhereMatches(){
       whereMatches = matchesFromDoc();
       whereMatchesSQL = whereClauseMatches(whereMatches);
       whereMatchesIDs = matchesToIDs(whereMatches);
   }
```

The Matching Process

The method matchesFromDoc() is the start of the affair of trying to fit every criteria to every document. It is one of the core methods in SQLfromDoc.java. The class outline is shown here on the right.



In the method, it handles three types of model to collect its matching criteria into an array: BudgetPlanLine, GLJournalLine and the business Documents.

Originally this is to obtain matches from the source business documents. The result of this method is to return whereMatches array which is used to create the SQL clause via whereClauseMatches (returns whereMatchesSQL) and keep a parameters array for it via matchesToIDs (returns whereMatchesIDs). These values are used to access the Budget Plan rules tables.

whereClauseExistMatches is a separate helper just for the Lookup during plan generate call as its source is the Budget Plan rule itself.

The second crucial method is paramTrimming which is explained earlier on page 46, that does the stripping of criteria from the matches arrays to allow proper access to the target business documents. The rest of the methods do all sort of roles to ensure a smooth operational cycle in a comprehensive manner. You can go through the source code directly in an integrated developer environment such as Eclipse.

FITNESSE TESTING

Automated Story Scripts

The use of FitNesse test engine is very powerful in saving time during debugging or change of code, to quickly ascertain if anything has been broken. The scripts i have written covers a range of transaction and configuration activity such as Sales, Purchases, GL Journal entry that covers different criteria and repetition.

The same code and scripts are used in both ADempiere and iDempiere. I have found that iDempiere is not only faster, but easier to execute and debug and better supported. Much of my progress is in the latest part of the Forum link.

The source code for both FitNesse projects are in my bitbucket repo.

https://bitbucket.org/red1/fitnessebudget360 for ADempiere.

https://bitbucket.org/red1/org.idempiere.fitnesse.budget for iDempiere.

You can adapt from the story script pasted in the forum:

http://red1.org/adempiere/viewtopic.php?f=45&t=1798&start=25#p8615

The iDempiere version has no need for the variables setting nor the remote debug switch when debugged at source. Just executing it against my Eclipse instance allows me to break anywhere.

Test Code Coverage

The code created for use under FitNesse is to look for bugs during following use-case:

1. Budget Configurator, setting of its Previous Years and Months values, Budget Trend, Includes Invoices, Stop Excess?, Debug Mode and Revenue Key
2. Budget Plan, all criteria be they explicit, implicit or sub-criteria and ambiguous cases
3. Budget Plan, percent or amount checking, product or/and qty checking
4. Budget Plan, percentage base and sub reference rules
5. Processing of PO, Invoice, and GL Journal

Test Results

I am pasting below the common setup and then the final results output as captured from the Notice table. They are useful enough to review if the code runs alright. The code rolls back all transactional activity so that they do not disturb the DB for further tests during the same life-cycle.

The first set is for 3 years previous years range. The second set is for 3 months range. First image below is just a sample but it contains the common Budget Plan Rules and config for both period range and trend progression.

//setup budget plan rules

Budget Plan											
Business Partner	Is Sales Trx	Percentage Base	Account ID	Org	Period	Project	Product	Qty	CR Amount	Percent	Create?
Joe Block	N			HQ	Jun-14	Standard	Seeder	0	0	40	true
Joe Block	Y			HQ		Standard		0	0	32	true
	N					Standard	Hoe	0	1500	0	true
Joe Block	N	16100					Seeder	0	0	30	true
	N						Hoe	50	0	0	true
	N		60130					0	1200	0	true

//execute transaction

Budget Activity					
Transaction Type	Project	Product	Qty	Acct	Execute Transaction?
Sales Order	Standard	Seeder	1		true
Sales Order		Hoe	1		true

Budget Activity			
Config Years	Config Months	Trend	Update Revenue?
0	3	A	true

Budget Activity					
Transaction Type	Project	Product	Qty	Acct	Execute Transaction?
Purchase Order	Standard	Seeder	1		true
Invoice Vendor		Hoe	1		true
Purchase Order	Standard	Hoe	1		true
Purchase Order		Seeder	1		true
GL Journal			500	60130	true

Budget Activity			
Config Years	Config Months	Trend	Update Revenue?
0	3	L	true

Query:Check Notes

Notice	Doc No	Message	Other Info
Notice	80003	Debug Log Sales To-Date: 27.00 Balance 289.80 (32.00% OF 990.00 Revenue) Trend C	MTable[259-C_Order]
Notice	800003	Debug Log Purchase To-Date: 25.50 Short -14.50 (40.00% OF 27.50 Revenue) Prorata - Trend A &Product: Grass Seeder	MTable[259-C_Order]
Notice	10000010	Debug Log Purchase To-Date: 1.00 Balance 49.00 (Budget Qty: 50.00) Trend A &Product: Hoe 4 ft	MTable[318-C_Invoice]
Notice	800004	Debug Log Purchase To-Date: 12.75 Balance 1487.25 (Budget Amount: 1500.00) Trend A &Product: Hoe 4 ft	MTable[259-C_Order]
Notice	800005	Debug Log Purchase To-Date: 25.50 Balance 55.50 (30.00% OF 270.00 LAND) Trend A &Product: Grass Seeder	MTable[259-C_Order]
Notice	1002	Debug Log To-Date: 500.00 Balance 700.00 (Budget Amount: 1200.00) Trend A	MTable[224-GL_Journal]
Notice	800006	Debug Log Purchase To-Date: 51.00 Short -24.20 (40.00% OF 67.00 Revenue) Prorata - Trend L &Product: Grass Seeder	MTable[259-C_Order]
Notice	10000011	Debug Log Purchase To-Date: 2.00 Balance 48.00 (Budget Qty: 50.00) Trend L &Product: Hoe 4 ft	MTable[318-C_Invoice]
Notice	800007	Debug Log Purchase To-Date: 25.50 Balance 1474.50 (Budget Amount: 1500.00) Trend L &Product: Hoe 4 ft	MTable[259-C_Order]
Notice	800008	Debug Log Purchase To-Date: 26.50 Balance 178.70 (30.00% OF 684.00 LAND) Trend L &Product: Grass Seeder	MTable[259-C_Order]
Notice	1003	Debug Log To-Date: 1000.00 Balance 200.00 (Budget Amount: 1200.00) Trend L	MTable[224-GL_Journal]
Notice	800009	Debug Log Purchase To-Date: 76.50 Short -36.21 (40.00% OF 100.73 Revenue) Prorata - Trend P &Product: Grass Seeder	MTable[259-C_Order]
Notice	10000012	Debug Log Purchase To-Date: 3.00 Balance 47.00 (Budget Qty: 50.00) Trend P &Product: Hoe 4 ft	MTable[318-C_Invoice]
Notice	800010	Debug Log Purchase To-Date: 38.25 Balance 1461.75 (Budget Amount: 1500.00) Trend P &Product: Hoe 4 ft	MTable[259-C_Order]
Notice	800011	Debug Log Purchase To-Date: 27.50 Balance 381.12 (30.00% OF 1362.06 LAND) Trend P &Product: Grass Seeder	MTable[259-C_Order]
Notice	[1004] expected [1001]	Debug Log To-Date: 1500.00 Short -300.00 (Budget Amount: 1200.00) Trend P	MTable[224-GL_Journal]

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Somehow a document sequencing jump happens while taking this test. I then edit it to the actual output so that it stays green next time. There are more tests that can be made or I be making them soon enough. The new sub-reference formula for PercentageBase is not yet in the testing code and script. And I found out that more business plan rules to cover all conditions such as for GL posting are needed. These need not code further but just adding in more combination of wiki lines.

Query:Check Notes			
Notice	Doc No	Message	Other Info
Notice	80003	Debug Log Sales To-Date: 27.00 Balance 289.80 (32.00% OF 990.00 Revenue) Trend C	MTable[259-C_Order]
Notice	800003	Debug Log Purchase To-Date: 51.00 Short -48.91 (40.00% OF 5.21 Revenue) Prorata - Trend A &Product: Grass Seeder	MTable[259-C_Order]
Notice	10000010	Debug Log Purchase To-Date: 2.00 Balance 48.00 (Budget Qty: 50.00) Trend A &Product: Hoe 4 ft	MTable[318-C_Invoice]
Notice	800004	Debug Log Purchase To-Date: 25.50 Balance 1474.50 (Budget Amount: 1500.00) Trend A &Product: Hoe 4 ft	MTable[259-C_Order]
Notice	800005	Debug Log Purchase To-Date: 26.50 Short -13.30 (30.00% OF 44.00 LAND) Trend A &Product: Grass Seeder	MTable[259-C_Order]
Notice	1002	Debug Log To-Date: 1000.00 Balance 200.00 (Budget Amount: 1200.00) Trend L	MTable[224-GL_Journal]
Notice	800006	Debug Log Purchase To-Date: 76.50 Short -72.74 (40.00% OF 9.38 Revenue) Prorata - Trend L &Product: Grass Seeder	MTable[259-C_Order]
Notice	10000011	Debug Log Purchase To-Date: 3.00 Balance 47.00 (Budget Qty: 50.00) Trend L &Product: Hoe 4 ft	MTable[318-C_Invoice]
Notice	800007	Debug Log Purchase To-Date: 38.25 Balance 1461.75 (Budget Amount: 1500.00) Trend L &Product: Hoe 4 ft	MTable[259-C_Order]
Notice	800008	Debug Log Purchase To-Date: 27.50 Short -0.80 (30.00% OF 89.00 LAND) Trend L &Product: Grass Seeder	MTable[259-C_Order]
Notice	1003	Debug Log To-Date: 1500.00 Short -300.00 (Budget Amount: 1200.00) Trend P	MTable[224-GL_Journal]
Notice	800009	Debug Log Purchase To-Date: 102.00 Short -100.27 (40.00% OF 4.34 Revenue) Prorata - Trend P &Product: Grass Seeder	MTable[259-C_Order]
Notice	10000012	Debug Log Purchase To-Date: 4.00 Balance 46.00 (Budget Qty: 50.00) Trend P &Product: Hoe 4 ft	MTable[318-C_Invoice]
Notice	800010	Debug Log Purchase To-Date: 51.00 Balance 1449.00 (Budget Amount: 1500.00) Trend P &Product: Hoe 4 ft	MTable[259-C_Order]
Notice	800011	Debug Log Purchase To-Date: 28.50 Short -14.33 (30.00% OF 47.25 LAND) Trend P &Product: Grass Seeder	MTable[259-C_Order]
Notice	1001	Debug Log To-Date: 500.00 Balance 700.00 (Budget Amount: 1200.00) Trend A	MTable[224-GL_Journal]

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