

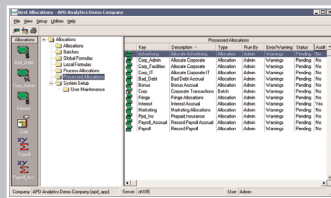
Best Allocations™



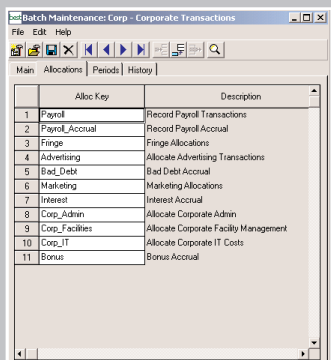
Today's organizations must efficiently deploy resources and carefully monitor costs. Best Allocations provides a flexible tool to structure virtually any allocation to accurately measure resource consumption. With Best Allocations, you'll shorten period end close cycles through timely and efficient allocation and accrual processing.

Streamline period-end processing.

All organizations strive to shorten period-end closing cycles. With Best Allocations, you can create virtually any type of allocation transaction, distribute allocations in a variety of ways, redistribute individual transactions, and create accrual transactions.



Quickly review allocation processing and posting status.



Tier transactions in any order to control the processing sequence.

Accurately measure resource consumption using individualized basis calculations.

For example, a single allocation source such as operating costs can have allocations based on sales, head count, and square footage. For simple fixed-percentage allocations, you can enter a specific value.

Create virtually any allocation transaction consisting of multiple source, recipient, and offset accounts.

Any account or group of accounts can be allocated to one or more accounts, with full control over the accounts used in the transaction.

Best Allocations is a complete transaction generator capable of automating entries made in the course of the normal accounting cycle.

You can create allocation transactions or accrual transactions to accurately measure resource consumption.

Redistribute individual transactions.

For example, advertising expense transactions can be allocated to individual stores based on revenue, with the original source information.

Create non-ledger based allocations.

Activity-based allocations and two-stage allocations can also be easily exported into the transaction system.

Easily create allocation batches to expedite the processing of multiple allocations and to control the processing sequence of allocations.

- Accurately measure resource consumption
- Streamline period-end processing
- Prevent errors with built-in processing controls

Flexible calculations.

At the core of Best Allocations, a formula engine is used to calculate the basis for an allocation, source pools, journal transaction amounts and much more.

Use formulas to calculate a variety of allocations.

For example, you can use formulas to calculate the basis of an allocation, compute journal transaction amounts such as interest based on the average daily balance of debt, or calculate the source pool of general and administrative expenses.

Define global and local formulas.

Global formulas can be used by anyone in the system, eliminating the need for users to re-key standard formulas. Local formulas can be created for and attached to a specific allocation.



"What drove our decision were the capabilities of Best Allocations. We have a very complex method for allocating expenses across 200 cost centers, and we needed a powerful tool to automate the process—from calculating and applying the right basis formulas to creating accurate journal entries."

— Joan Scalise,
The Resource Center

Prevent errors by selecting necessary processing controls.

Create an unlimited number of formulas and formula lines.

Each formula line in Best Allocations can incorporate account balances, fixed amounts, database queries, and Plan Sheet values from Best Active Planner™.

Use database queries in formulas to calculate and deploy values from other databases.

Values can be retrieved from many sources, including Access®, Dbase, Excel®, FoxPro, SQL Server™, and any ODBC or OLE-DB compliant database.

Control processing and establish allocation dependencies.

Best Allocations can group allocations into batches either for expediency or to control the processing sequence, providing you with timely and efficient allocation and accrual processing.

Tier transactions in any order to control the transaction processing sequence.

For example, you can process cost allocations for each location before accruing estimated bonuses based on profit.

Process multiple currencies in a number of ways.

With Best Allocations, you can incorporate multiple currencies in the calculation of journal amounts and allocations and designate currencies to be used in the resulting transactions.

Incorporate data from and create transactions for multiple companies using formulas or inter-company transactions.

You can designate specific companies in calculating allocations and journal amounts and apply the result to multiple companies.

Prevent errors with built-in processing controls.

Processing controls include: option to run individual allocations and allocation batches in specific periods; select effective dates to restrict the lifecycle of a particular allocation; choose to process allocations only if not previously processed or posted; flag processed allocations as pending until posted or canceled; audit trail and much more.

Transfer information directly from the source.

Real-time and seamless integration with your enterprise-wide systems provides increased data accuracy and reduced duplication of effort.

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