Take the pain out of period-end close

Every period-end carries the same mandate: close quickly, close accurately, and enable leaders to take action with confidence. But without a structured process and a single source of truth, finance teams often spend more time chasing data than analysing it.

Establishing a clear order of operations, supported by integrated ERP and FP&A data, brings transparency, trust, and predictability back into the period-end close while easing the team's operational burden.

Connect daily operations to long-term strategy

Operational processes often evolve independently from strategic planning. When ERP and FP&A systems operate in silos, teams struggle to link real-time performance to future priorities. By consolidating data, structure, and workflow into one connected ecosystem, organizations gain:

- Direct alignment of operational plans with strategic drivers
- A clear, real-time view of performance to support future-focused decisions
- A single, trusted foundation of financial and operational truth

Unit4 enables organizations to move beyond transactional processing and harness their data for strategic value—without the overhead of manual intervention.

What is ERP and FP&A?

ERP and FP&A: Stronger Together

ERP captures the day-to-day reality of an organization—sales orders, procurement, invoicing, timesheets, reconciliations, people data, and more. It provides a reliable, structured, and retrospective view of operational activity.

FP&A extends the value of that data by enabling strategic planning, budgeting, forecasting, consolidation, and analytics. It transforms static information into forward-looking insight.

Bringing the two together eliminates data friction, enhances trust, and simplifies every part of the period-end cycle, from reconciliation to reporting to scenario planning.

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In business for people

A smarter period-end close

When ERP and FP&A operate as one system, the entire finance rhythm becomes more agile, accurate, and predictable:

- Actuals are refreshed automatically, without manual data wrangling
- Teams self-serve insights and investigate anomalies directly
- Reconciliations follow a consistent, structured workflow
- Collaboration improves as everyone works from trusted numbers
- Period-end close becomes repeatable, transparent, and significantly faster

This integrated approach frees your finance team to shift focus from collecting numbers to elevating them, adding commentary, shaping forecasts, and steering the organization with confidence.

Why integrate your finance data?

- Improve visibility and decision-making with one authoritative data source
- Reduce risk and manual errors through automation and governed workflows
- Boost productivity by eliminating low-value manual effort
- Lower operating costs by consolidating tools and standardizing processes
- Scale effortlessly using modern, modular architecture

Proven impact

> **Unit4's benefit-to-cost ratio is 30% higher than the total ERP market across service- and asset-centric industries.**
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> Nucleus Research

> **We're seeing improvements in our period-end processes where we've got quicker access to the data. We used to spend a lot of time just getting the numbers... now we're spending far less time. Therefore, we have more time for those value-added actions.**
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> WSP

Key outcomes achieved by Unit4 customers

90% average reduction in monthly reporting time

2-year average payback period

50% reduction in IT effort supporting data and systems

Unit4 ERP

- Unified data model enabling fast access to accurate insights
- Cloud-based microservices for resilience, flexibility, and agility
- Integrated applications supporting project visibility and financial control

Unit4 FP&A

- Advanced forecasting and modelling capabilities
- Self-service analysis and dashboarding
- Out-of-the-box best-practice workflows that accelerate planning cycles

Understand trends. Identify opportunities. Navigate change with confidence.

Finance teams rely on tight alignment between transactional data and strategic planning. Unit4 brings both together in one connected, intelligent platform—reducing friction between Finance and FP&A, reinforcing trust in the numbers, and giving leaders the clarity to act decisively.

Our fully integrated solution alleviates the stress of period-end preparation by consolidating, validating, and enriching your data automatically. Instead of chasing spreadsheets, your team can focus on guiding the business.
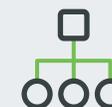
The Unit4 connected period-end experience

Collect
Automated actuals refresh with real-time data flow

Validate
Guided analysis highlights issues and anomalies

Reconcile
Structured tasks, ownership, and documentation

Forecast
Rapid updates based on verified insights

Report
One-click management accounts with commentary

Collaborate
Shared visibility across Finance and FP&A

Partner
Strengthen partnerships across your organizational functions

Optimize
Unify data, reduce risk, and simplify processes

Navigate
Respond with agility to model uncertain market and industry conditions