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# Unit4 Financials

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**BEST-IN-CLASS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
WITH UNRIVALED FLEXIBILITY, SCALABILITY  
AND INTEROPERABILITY.**

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# Unit4 Financials – Provide more insight than ever before

## “No compromise” financial management for the CFO

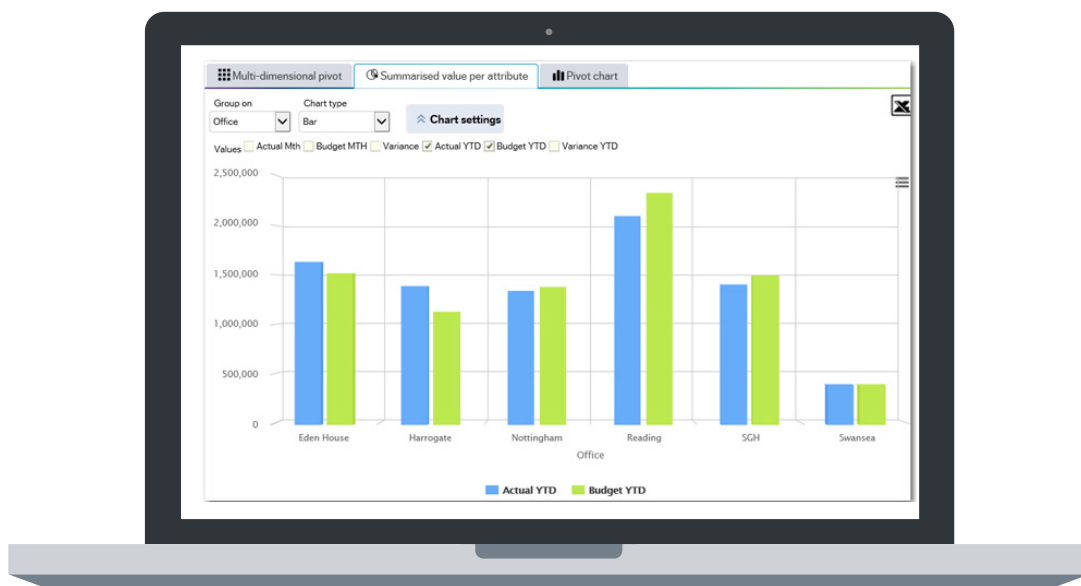
**Unit4 Financials** is our best-in-class financial management and accounting solution, designed to integrate with your industry- and company-specific applications. By acting as the financial information backbone for companies with fast-changing and mixed-application environments, it offers a “no compromise” approach to financial modeling, process controls and application choice.

The core **accounting** capabilities are complemented by a range of additional applications, enabling you to augment your solution and tailor it even more closely to your needs. And these are all underpinned by the solution’s unique architecture. These extend real-time financial visibility and control across your organization’s people, processes and systems, for improved decision support and efficiency, while eliminating the risks and potential costs of non-compliance.

## Gain immediate insight of what’s happening

No matter how demanding or complex your requirements, Unit4 Financials rises to the challenge. It delivers the “multi-everything” (country, company, currency, language, deployment, product lines and many other dimensions) capabilities that you need, so that you can both meet specific local accounting requirements and maintain global consistency, visibility and control.

With Unit4 Financials, you gain the most flexible, scalable single financial modeling structure on the market. It provides infinite ways to classify, measure, and analyze your business (enabling each line of business to monitor profitability the way it needs to), yet still provides a single reporting model or ledger that is always in balance.



## Accounting for change

Our teams have worked with thousands of organizations around the world to help them solve their business problems, to navigate successfully through changing markets and uncertain times. Today, our solutions are acknowledged as the best for organizations that face frequent business change – simply because they prove to be easier, faster and more cost effective to change than any other solution in the market **and** you can do so without being dependent on your vendor or expensive external IT experts.

## Best-in-class focus, agility and interoperability

Unit4 Financials' outstanding integration and interoperability enable you to easily connect best-in-class applications, of all types, in a federated approach using our web services. This allows you to concentrate on adding value to your specialized systems, while simultaneously benefiting from the very best in financial management solutions and a range of other dedicated solutions from Unit4 to complement and extend your solution.

# Unit4 Financials

## Business Capabilities

### Core Accounting

- General Ledger
- Accounts Payable
- Accounts Receivable
- Project Accounting

### Additional Capabilities

- Procurement
- Billing & Invoicing
- Fixed Asset Management

## Solution Foundation

### Architecture

Financial Model - Interoperability - Process - Control

### Reporting & Business Intelligence

Bi-directional Excel integration, Multi-dimensional Analysis & Analytics,  
Financial & Operational Reporting (incl. 3rd party data)

# Give intelligence back with smarter accounting

Unit4's award-winning Financial Management software helps you streamline and automate your financial processes (from accounting and procurement to reporting and analysis) to achieve better compliance and corporate governance.

## No sub-systems. No sub-ledgers. No waiting. No reconciling

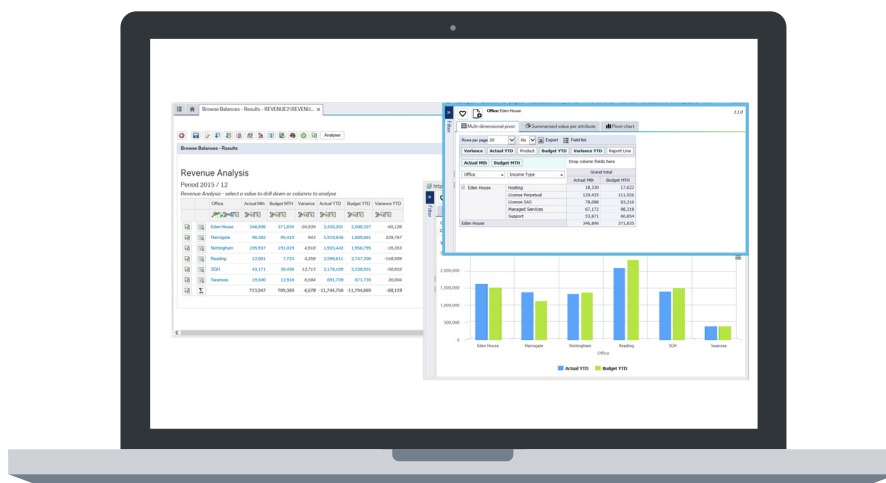
Unit4 Financials broke new ground when it was launched, as the first single-ledger (or unified) accounting system. Unlike the batch or multi-module designs that came before, the general ledger and all the sub-ledgers, such as Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, etc. are all part of **one system and one multi-dimensional financial model**. This single system design still leads the market today, eliminating time lags, sub-ledgers, data fragmentation and the need for reconciling different modules. Without the need for integration between sub-systems, your business data is consistent and always in balance and your ledgers are always up to date.

## Multi-dimensional – infinite ways to classify, measure and analyze your business

The multi-dimensional financial model of Unit4 Financials provides exceptional ways to capture, store, and maintain financial data. For example, the chart of accounts offers unparalleled flexibility to measure profitability, accommodating different account coding schemes within the same company. This allows each line of business to measure profitability the way it needs to, yet provides a single reporting model or ledger that is **always** in balance. Unlike “Code Blocks” that are flexible once, Unit4 Financials is designed and ready for diversity and can be updated easily when needed.

## Multi-everything

The financial model of Unit4 Financials includes dimensions for multiple currencies, account balances, budgets, forecasts, supplier activity, customer activity, and other business statistics. It is a **multi-everything design** (country, company, currency, tax, language), handling even the most complex or evolving corporate structures. Unit4 Financials may be implemented and run as a single version worldwide, delivering the control that you need to ensure consistency across your enterprise. But it also offers the capability and flexibility to satisfy a huge range of local requirements and approaches to accounting found around the world.



## Real-time visibility

A hallmark of Unit4 Financials is our world-famous, real-time drilldown. Because of the single financial model and configurable business dimensions, users can browse from high-level balances down to original source documents without passing through complicated summary entries and without missing any transactions due to batch integrations, module updates or balance roll-up routines. For instance, cash balances instantly reflect activity as cheques are issued in A/P and cash is received in A/R.

With Unit4 Financials, you always know your cash position – up to the minute and down to the last cent.

## Faster closes

One of the most stressful and demanding times in an accounting department is during a period close. While there are many causes for the hectic nature of a close, a great financial system can reduce the stress and workload; an inferior system can add to the work, frustration and lost time.

Unit4 Financials users enjoy a number of capabilities that take the stress out of the period close, including:

- The single financial model delivers a rolling close that is always up to date.
- There is no reconciling of accounting modules or sub-systems to do – so it is always in balance too.

## Enlarge your visions with Flexi-Fields

Capture more information in your system with Flexi-Fields, and do away with external sources. Benefit from more complete, more relevant information, and use it to make faster, better decisions.

- **Centralize your data**  
Add information from sources outside Unit4 Financials and eliminate the need for different software packages – all your data is in one place.
- **Add the info you need**  
Create your own fields with real-world information relevant to various stakeholders.
- **Create a bigger picture**  
Achieve a richer project analysis and get more perspective. Be better equipped to make the informed decisions that benefit your bottom line.

## Intuitive and efficient – do more with less!

The application's intuitive browser-based interface is designed to make life straightforward and easy for users.

Easily customized user interfaces mean that screens and entry forms can mirror your existing company systems—simplifying data entry, while ensuring consistency and familiarity for operators. And because all functions share a single financial model, users can be easily cross-trained to work in A/P, A/R and general accounting. Capabilities such as browse, pay, matching, document entry etc. work the same across all the functions, enabling accounting teams to do more – even with fewer staff.

## Core accounting capabilities

- **General Ledger** – validate, record, view and summarize your financial information, in real time!
- **Accounts Payable** – delivering streamlined, flexible “requisition-to-check” processing.
- **Accounts Receivable** – delivering streamlined, flexible “order-to-cash” processing.
- **Project Accounting** – fully integrated handling of project and program financial management.

# Improve efficiencies and save money with smarter procurement

Indirect spend is often one of the most manual and least controlled business functions. If your business has an informal or inconsistent approach to procurement, your workers are likely to spend more time and money than they should with vendors and service providers. Approvals can require a long line of manual review and data inputs. Participants have no visibility into the full process. And financial control is purely retrospective rather than proactive.

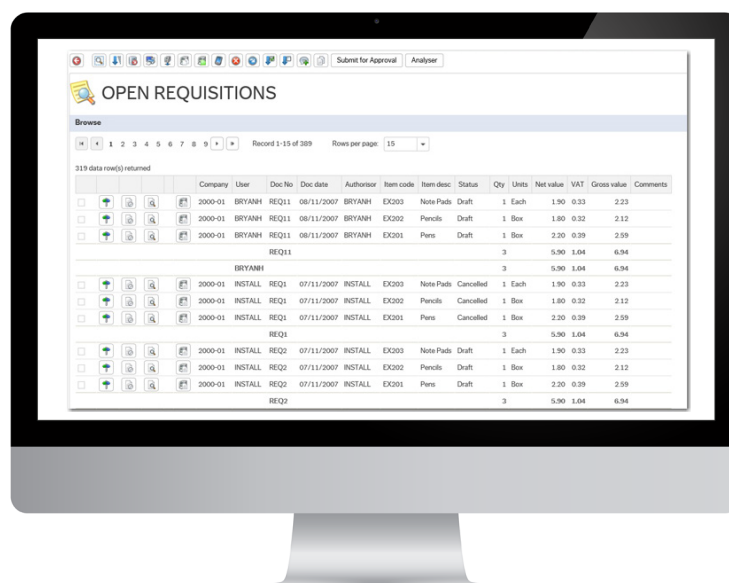
best prices. This provides a perfect opportunity for you to increase earnings: savings fall directly to the bottom line, while improving employees' experience and freeing your staff from manual-intensive procurement processes.

## Better business outcomes

- Every worker can find the best prices and services quickly and easily
- Reduced administration and authorization leaves more time for productive, high-value work
- Financial control is improved by integrating other cost and expense management with procurement
- Intuitive interface and more responsive processes support happier, more focused employees
- Smarter procurement and economies of scale enable major, rapid, and sustained financial savings
- Standardizing product selections helps pursue strategic goals more effectively – such as auditable sustainability
- It's easy for users to update policies themselves – avoiding potential costs or delays of IT support

What if you could automate your procurement processes and provide visibility for every participant?

The Procurement module of Unit4 Financials provides a platform that helps you fully control your procurement processes, consolidate activity, and negotiate for the



## Establish processes with improved control

The Procurement module enables you to establish electronic controls throughout the purchasing process, while reducing the effort it takes to request, order, receive, invoice and pay for an item. By extending procurement functionality to all users and putting managers into an authorization workflow, you can eliminate unregulated spend and establish budget accountability.

With the proper requisitioning and purchase order approval process in place, invoices can be matched up quickly and electronically, without re-keying and unnecessary data entry. Invoice matching also ensures that adequate “goods received” processes are in place and completed before payments for items are made.

## Consolidate purchasing activity

Bring better visibility and focus to the process while consolidating purchasing activity with the best suppliers. This begins by driving adoption across a wider corporate audience, thanks to an intuitive interface for requisitioning and purchase orders. The easy-to-use system means you will have no trouble with user adoption and more spend will go under management control.

When everyone is using the system, the full volume of corporate buying activity can then be funneled to the best suppliers, based on prices and service. You can provide electronic catalogues to your users showing items from the preferred suppliers and at the best prices. Users can also access items on websites of preferred suppliers and pull chosen goods into the approval process. All this means fewer suppliers to manage, more spend under management control and lower overall item prices.

## Negotiate more effectively with your full buying power

With complete visibility over all your buying activity, your procurement managers are armed with information for supplier negotiations. Managers can analyze buying activities by item, category, supplier, location, department, time of year and other user-defined criteria. With this valuable information in hand, they can negotiate more effectively with preferred suppliers.

The available items are then published in centralized catalogues, where end users can benefit from the agreed prices and quantity discounts, to help make their budgets stretch further.

## Gain new business capabilities for procurement

- Smarter ways to consistently define, apply and oversee procurement policies and processes across the business
- Integrated processing, circulation and authorization of electronic requests for capital and expense items
- Automated receiving and 3-way invoice matching
- Better visibility and control of purchasing, to identify and drive economies of scale
- Self-service capabilities providing end-to-end visibility into the status and details of purchases
- Total integration with the finance system of your choosing
- Instant logging of expenditures against budget
- Automated, configurable workflows that accelerate the procure-to-pay process



# Realize earnings and optimize cash flow with precision billing

Cash flow has never been more important to a business's financial position and ability to capitalize on growth opportunities. Too often, however, billing involves manual processing that slows progress and introduces errors. Aligning finance and operations with the right digital billing solution can help companies produce significantly more net profit and improve their cash flow.

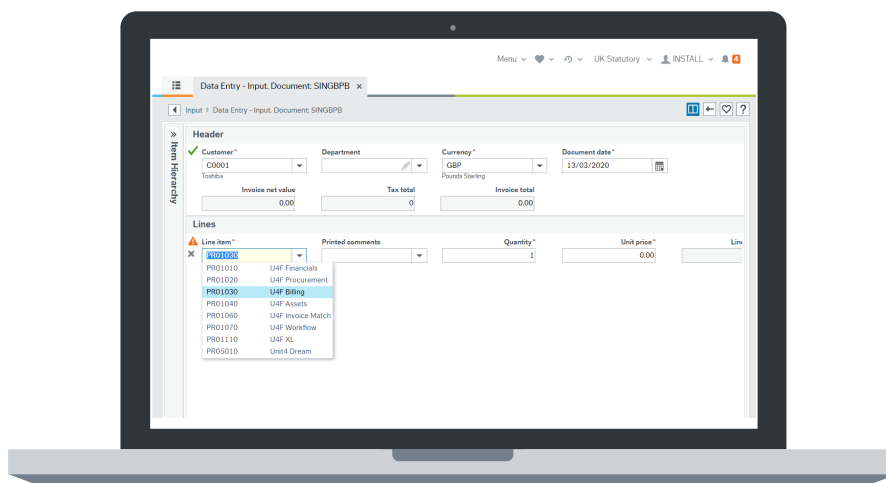
Has your company implemented the right billing solution to secure positive cash flow?

The Billing module of Unit4 Financials gives you self-driving technology to bill faster and with precision. With these capabilities, your business will improve cost control,

make bills more accurate throughout the entire service-to-cash cycle, collaborate between business leads and finance leaders, and report your cash position with confidence. It's time to master your billing process to build a foundation for financial success.

## Better business outcomes

- Maintain a more solid financial position with increased revenue and profit margins
- Gain visibility into billing, so costs no longer slip through the cracks
- Make better business decisions thanks to a clearer view of future cash flow
- Reduce administrative overhead with tracking and billing costs
- Minimize customer disputes, through improved billing accuracy
- Empower the best person on your team to “own” oversight and approvals for accurate billing
- Improve collaboration between finance and business teams through a common billing workflow
- Help managers at all levels to drive better business performance by analyzing actual and forecast billing



## Capture accurate costs

To plan cash flow for projects, you need intuitive models that show the projected cash flow position at any moment in time. The Billing module, provides COOs, CFOs and Project Managers with a dashboard of unbilled work and an overview of open items per project so they can stay aware – and maintain accountability – for the financial position of projects in the portfolio.

Quickly raise and track billing documents including repeating, rental, fixed price, credit agreement and pre-payment invoices. Implement a proposal workflow that prompts Project Managers to approve invoices (or write-off, park, or postpone billable items) before they are sent out.

## Bill on time and with precision

As a core module of Unit4 Financials, Billing is a scalable solution that streamlines the invoicing function for users across the organization. With a fully digital workflow that integrates business and finance, participants can start with invoice creation, move the costs through approvals, and invoice customers from the same platform. Users can create an invoice or credit note through the native interface or from other integrated applications.

When you distribute billing oversight responsibility to the people with the greatest project and customer knowledge, you will improve invoice accuracy, as well as speed of approval and issuing, to accelerate the service-to-cash cycle.

Plus, timely capture of actual costs makes your bills more accurate, leading to fewer customer disputes and faster payment.

## Report accurately across the organization

Gain a clearer understanding of current profitability across the entire portfolio and for each individual project – making it easier to track profits and seize opportunities for growing margins. Seamless connectivity between the Billing module and the rest of the Unit4 Financials solution closes the circle back into your accounts – posting the completed, authorized invoices, without the time and risk of errors introduced by manual data entry.

Users also gain powerful BI tools that enable reporting and analysis in a fluid, collaborative process to facilitate input and cooperation across all functions and levels. Participants at all levels are empowered to analyze business performance, conduct their own root-cause analysis and act fast.

## Gain new business capabilities for billing

- Track costs and revenues – from overall company level down to individual projects
- Accelerate invoice creation, approval, and issuing with a fully digital workflow
- Control and review creation and edits to invoices across teams for faster, accurate billing
- Format invoices and other billing statements to meet customer requirements
- Provide users with a graphical view of real and expected cash flow for business planning
- Automate workflow and reduce manual data entry

# Maximize value and financial impact with integrated, flexible, high-volume asset control

The larger and more complex your organization becomes, the harder it can be to maintain insight and control over of your assets. Mergers, acquisitions and reorganizations make it challenging to track assets over time and plan for their replacement. Business units in different parts of the world have unique depreciation and reporting rules. And transitioning assets across cost centers can lead to confusion and financial errors.

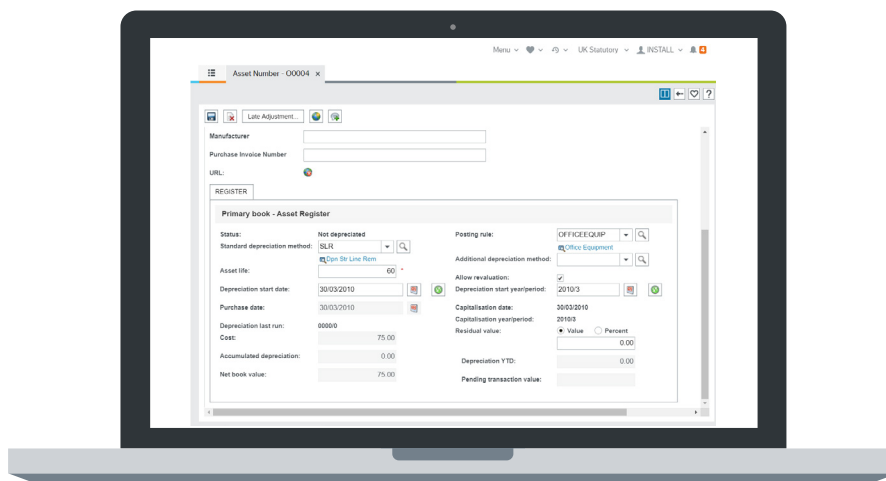
Are you able to track your assets with confidence, maximize their value, and share the information whenever and wherever it is needed?

The Assets module provides the ability to deal with unparalleled volumes of assets and complex “multi-everything” environments – harnessing total integration

with the broader Unit4 Financials solution for the clearest view and best possible control. By providing a system that is easier to use, with real-time data for everyone in your organization, you can be confident that your teams can access accurate, up-to-date asset information wherever they are and whenever they need it.

## Better business outcomes

- Greater business flexibility by setting your own depreciation rules and methods of calculation
- Enhanced employee productivity, thanks to the solution’s intuitive, customizable interface and more responsive processes
- Financial confidence, which is maintained even in challenging and dynamic environments
- Improved efficiency with mass sharing of assets from external systems using XML
- Reduced administrative time, through automated processes such as depreciation processing
- Total reliability and control over capitalization, disposal and depreciation
- Collaboration across teams that span companies and around the world
- Easy policy and process updates by users themselves avoiding potential costs or delays of IT support.



## See your assets in action

With the Assets module, you gain improved valuation reporting, and control over capitalization, disposal and depreciation. Combine that with enhanced usability, international capabilities and seamless access to information, and you can make your assets work more effectively to meet your organization's goals.

By seamlessly sharing data with the rest of Unit4 Financials and the full Office of the CFO suite, you can maintain full financial control and visibility over your assets. Share years and periods, security mechanisms and element tables for account code validation, or load assets from third-party systems.

## Tackle complexity with confidence

Help your organization deal with unparalleled volumes of assets. The solution's multi-company, multi-book and multi-currency functionality offers you greater flexibility than ever before – allowing everyone in your organization to access accurate, up-to-date asset information, wherever they are and whenever they need it.

Fully or partially dispose of assets, with the ability to automatically post sale proceeds and expenses on the transaction. Transfer between cost centers and assets, with confidence that appropriate financial values will be transferred automatically with the transaction.

Revalue appreciating assets and post the financial transactions to separate revaluation accounts. And forecast depreciation charges for future years to inform your financial planning and projections.

## Maintain total flexibility

The Assets module supports all methods of asset creation, including bulk loading, automatic creation from an invoice, and customized manual entry. The Asset InTray facility allows initial entry of asset details for subsequent authorization and capitalization. You can also help your teams work more efficiently and make the right choices for your organization through customized lists of assets, with comprehensive drill-down to view full asset details, associated transactions and financial postings.

Standard and table-driven depreciation rules are provided, and any customized options can be added through a plug-in system. The depreciation process is highly flexible, allowing multi-company runs and batch processing.

And because Unit4 Financials employs a flexible web-browser-based architecture with high end-user customization, all user interfaces can be adapted to suit the unique personality of each person involved in the financial oversight and control of your assets.

## Gain new business capabilities for managing assets

- Quickly view and share data on asset additions, transfers and disposals
- Carry out full or partial disposal of assets, with proceeds, expenses and financial impact automatically posted
- Transfer assets between cost centers, with automatic transfer of financial values
- Revalue assets based on appreciation and post financial transactions to separate revaluation accounts
- Forecast depreciation for future years based on flexibly defined assets and period ranges
- Apply comprehensive depreciation rules for assets around the globe
- Track and move assets in multi-company, multi-book, and multi-currency business environments
- Integrate the financial impact of assets seamlessly with your financial management suite

# Ensure data accuracy with best-in-class architecture

At the heart of Unit4 Financials is a unique combination of system design and core capabilities that not only delivers multi-everything global accounting but extends real-time financial visibility and control across your organization's people, processes and systems.

You and your colleagues can maintain effective financial control and ensure that key business decisions can be based on reliable, up-to-date information. Users enjoy real-time reporting, multi-dimensional analysis and a faster period close, and the solution's architecture clearly ties all the business systems, manual processes and authorizations for your organization's financial information.

This enables your financial software to take on a much more strategic role in managing your business. It also helps you adapt to constant business changes and mitigates the potential impact that change can have on your reports, processes, controls and systems.

## Delivering unrivalled software interoperability

Unit4 Financials was designed to serve as a financial information backbone for companies in fast-changing and mixed application environments. This is made possible by the unique architecture:

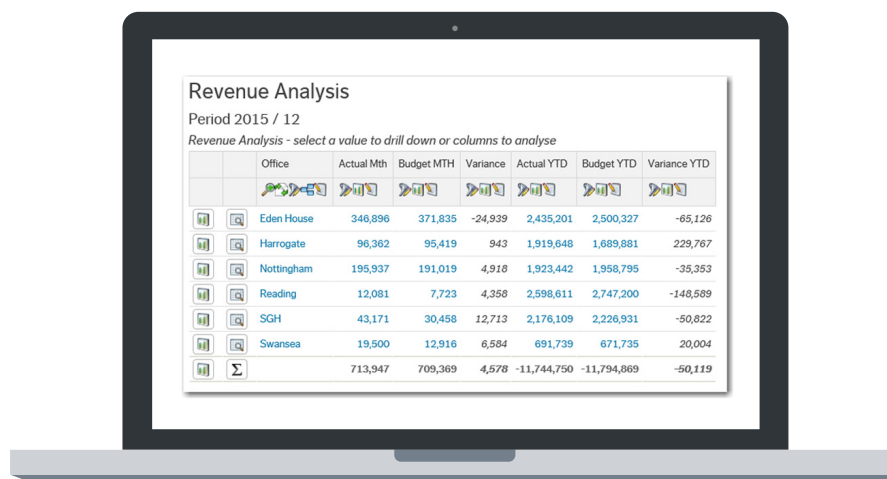
### The single financial model – no sub-systems or sub-ledgers

Because the data in Unit4 Financials is held within one financial model, changes can be made efficiently in **one** area, without: losing control, creating reporting problems or increasing the risk of noncompliance.

### Interoperability – accounting as a web service

In order to manage operations more effectively, you need the ability to connect together any or all of their applications, in a federated “best-in-class” approach to running the business.

The integration architecture is unique, using modern techniques such as web services and XML to provide secure, real-time integration to your operational systems (whether those are on-premise or cloud-based). In a best-in-class application ecosystem, the architecture exposes all business logic and financial validation to other applications, providing accounting functionality as an internal service or in an internal cloud, as needed.



## Reporting is only as good as the underlying information model

It's an old IT axiom, but "garbage in – garbage out" is inescapably true for reporting. If the source of the information suffers from built-in inflexibility and inadequacy then the reporting tools won't help – no matter how sophisticated. Easy, yet powerful reporting starts with a robust financial information model; the flexibility of the Unit4 financial information model, combined with the real-time nature of the single-ledger system provides the deepest and most agile reporting system available on the market today.

## Comprehensive reporting

At its simplest level, financial analysis is about being able to see and communicate what is happening – quickly, clearly and accurately.

Whether you are measuring the profitability of a new product line or preparing consolidated financial statements, Unit4 Financials provides both halves of the equation to

help all your different users report on, model and analyze your business – in the ways that they need

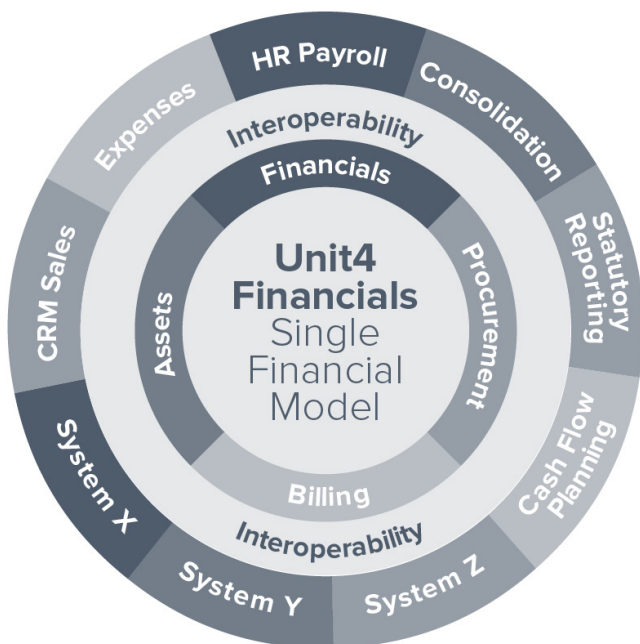
- The vital foundation of having a robust, flexible financial information model.
- A full array of reporting and business intelligence tools.

## Choose the right tool for the job

The important thing is to provide reporting and intelligence capabilities that match the needs and technology preferences of the many types of users in your organization.

Unit4 Financials provides both general reporting tools and specific reporting functions, each designed for a particular purpose. You can choose from a complete spectrum of inquiry, reporting and business intelligence options: from built-in reporting and browsing functions, through to extended data warehousing and analysis solutions.

Users can be given instant access to the appropriate data, wherever or whenever they need it and by the most effective means, whether that's via a company portal, a web browser, a Microsoft® Excel® spreadsheet or even embedded as part of another key business application.



Unit4 Financials – a best-in-class accounting solution for the Office of the CFO, delivering unrivaled interoperability.

## Enhance your reporting with Analyzer

Make simple work of the complex reports process with Analyzer, a browser-based tool that allows you to come up with accurate, customized, and graphically illuminating reports in record time.

- **Explore all your data**  
Use Analyzer's in-memory analysis to search all your Unit4 Financials data in minutes – including spreadsheets, departmental databases, and even external information sources.
- **Seeing is believing**  
Produce impressive graphics with the interactive visualization tools. Spot patterns, anomalies, and opportunities more easily than ever before.
- **Customize, save and share**  
Create and save different filter sets for a range of targeted reports. Share the output with colleagues and stakeholders and ensure everyone is on the same page.

# Cloud at your speed: deployments without compromise, at the speed you require.

Today's organizations – regardless of size, focus or sector – operate in an environment of constant change, and we celebrate that! In order to thrive and to keep achieving the goals that come with an increasingly complex business environment, organizations need to harness the latest techniques and technology while also keeping costs down and avoiding increased risk.

No two organizations are identical. So our Cloud at your Speed approach means that no matter where your journey to the Cloud starts, you can benefit from the full functionality, fast implementation and total flexibility that Unit4 can provide.

**Secure:** We ensure the highest integrity and security of your data, and protect against security threats or data breaches.

**Flexible:** You choose if and when to transition your solutions to the Cloud, with minimal effort.

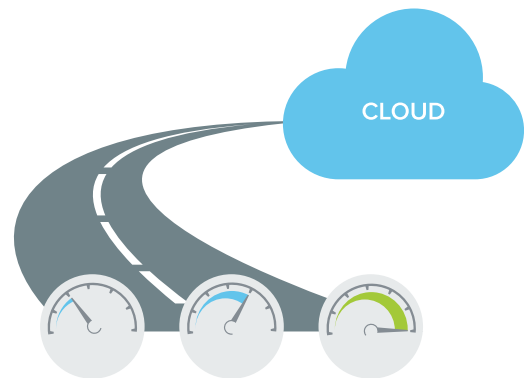
**Standardized:** Easy to implement and use, with low implementation costs, and vastly reducing the time to value.

**Ready to use:** Access your software anywhere, anytime, with any device without delay.

**Business continuity:** Continually benefit from the latest innovations – without extra configuration, extensive testing or the need to upgrade.

## Use the Cloud in total confidence

Cloud computing gives you greater security when unexpected problems, such as data loss, happen. Because your data is stored in the Cloud, you can access it no matter what happens to your machine. Our solutions enable you to secure your private data and adhere to the highest standards of security, compliance and data privacy.



## Unit4's Cloud principles



### Security

We implement strong security measures to safeguard your data.



### Privacy & Control

We provide you with control over your data to help keep it private.



### Compliance

We help you meet your specific compliance needs.



### Transparency

We explain what we do with your data in clear, plain language.



## Unit4's Cloud at your Speed advantage

You want a modern cloud option that offers:

- The best business software implementation.
- Relevant, effective updates to optimize utilization.

AND

- Reliable support that enables you to reduce complicated, costly in-house IT infrastructure.

Our flexible cloud deployment options for Unit4 Financials adhere to the highest industry standards for service delivery and security, and they enable us to give our customers the independence, flexibility and confidence they need to deploy their business software in the cloud without fear and at an affordable cost.

## Portability: your Unit4 solution – deployed your way, without lock-in!

With Unit4, you gain the agility and scalability to match your Unit4 solution and deployment to your ongoing needs.

This includes unrivaled portability, with the guaranteed freedom to choose, and keep adjusting, your deployment options to absorb and adapt to ongoing business change.

And because you won't need to either recode or make any changes to the setup or to your database when moving, this makes it a fast, low-cost and painless option.

- Move into the cloud.
- Move to a different cloud.

## Upgrade Elasticity: your Unit4 solution – always the best fit!

With Unit4, you retain the independence and control to move up to new main releases of your application, at the time that best suits your organization's needs and situation:

- Updates are automatically added when needed.
- It is your choice to either accept an upgrade or to postpone.





## Completeness: your Unit4 solution – stable, complete and future ready!

With Unit4, you still benefit from the same fully featured, proven financial management solution, regardless of how you deploy the application:

- Having exactly the same code means unrivaled rich functionality, all available right now.
- There is no delay or complication in getting the latest advances.
- You gain the technical AND business change agility to minimize cost of ownership.

## Data Disaster Recovery: protecting you from human error, with quick and painless data restoration!

With Unit4, you can still quickly and painlessly restore crucial data and reverse potentially crippling ‘disasters’ caused by user errors, even though your solution is deployed via the cloud. Backups are kept for a long time, so even if years have gone by before you notice the loss of data we can still restore it for you:

- Genuine data restoration NOT just basic business continuity measures.
- Rapid data recovery - as flexible as the experience you would have in an on-premise situation.
- No need for expensive third-party backup and recovery solutions.

## The choice is yours

We understand that every organization is unique, with a range of different requirements for how your solution is deployed.

For this reason, we offer a choice of approaches:



### Managed Cloud

- Run in most suitable infrastructure
- No dependence on IT resources and IT employees



### On-Premise

- Same platform as operational systems
- Customizations possible

For more information go to:

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