

Financial Consolidation Solution

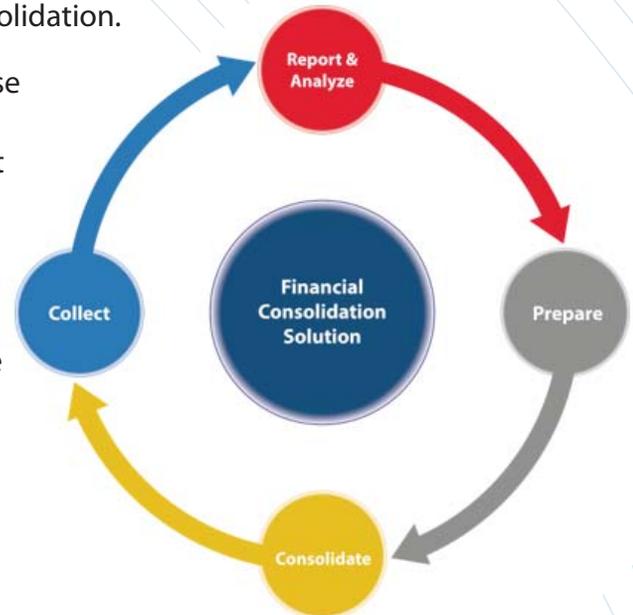
Providing a Framework of Controls that Facilitate Financial Reporting



What is a Financial Consolidation?

Companies with a need to consolidate multiple legal entities or departments for reporting purposes often face challenges, compared to of a company that is a single legal entity where all the management and statutory reports can be found in s single General Ledger or ERP system. Typically, companies do not have all operations running on the same ERP package, and the ERP system is generally not the most efficient place to perform the consolidation.

AA Financial Consolidation begins with a modeling exercise to represent what the books of the enterprise would look like if they were consolidated into a single entity and chart of accounts. The consolidation, therefore, translates all figures into one or more reporting currencies, and maps from multiple entities and, usually, ERP systems into to a consolidated chart of accounts. Although it is a model, the Financial Consolidation is crucial to understanding the financial performance of the enterprise. In addition to the model, other factors impact the Financial Consolidation, including intercompany sales, partial ownership interests, and inventory accounting.



Features of QueBIT's Financial Consolidation Solution:

- Consolidate multiple legal entities or departments for management and statutory reporting
- Real time FASB 52 compliant currency translation & Cumulative Translation Adjustment (CTA) calculation
- Audit trails and security
- Controlled, balanced, authorized and auditable journal entries including:
 - » Automated recurring and reversing journals
 - » Individual or batch posting of journals
 - » Automated eliminating journals for inter-company balances
- Acquire data from multiple ERP/GL data sources in Excel, flat file and via direct ODBC connectivity
- Reconciliation reporting for inter-company balances
- Excel and web user interfaces for ad-hoc analysis and standard reporting
- Rich reporting capability designed for use by financial analysts including delivery of management and statutory reporting
- Available On-Premise or in the Cloud with a Customized documentation package
- Administrative and End User Training & Support in one place
- The TM1 platform is a powerful business modeling tool and scalable, which means that additional financial analytic capability can be added and integrated over time to increase your organization's ability to understand and respond quickly to changes in the business environment.

Technical Architecture

IBM Cognos TM1 serves as the database and business modeling platform for the solution.

- TM1 - ETL (“Extract, Translate and Load”) tool, Turbo Integrator, is used to acquire data into the system.
- TM1’s rules language is used to encode the currency translation and CTA calculations, so translated values are available immediately.
- TM1’s fast dimension hierarchies deliver immediate aggregations of data translated into reporting currency.
- Excel and Web user interfaces are supported.

QueBIT Financial Consolidation Model is a proven TM1 cube and dimensional structure for Financial Consolidations refined through 2+ decades of experience implementing similar solutions for companies across all industries, which can easily be configured to match the structure of your general ledger(s). The model includes support for:

- Multiple “local” general ledger systems, potentially with different charts of accounts
- Definition of a corporate/global chart of accounts, and ability to define mappings from the local charts to the corporate/global chart
- Ability for local Controllers to be securely responsible for reconciliation of their data
- Designed for both management and statutory reporting

QueBIT ControlWORQ is an out of the box software tool that enables controlled, authorized and auditable journal entries to be posted to a TM1 cube from an intuitive web interface, and from Excel (using the ControlWORQ Excel add-in). It has an extended feature set that includes:

- Automated recurring and reversing journals
- Individual or batch posting of journals
- Automated eliminating journals & Reconciliation for inter-company balances

Additional Options

The QueBIT Financial Consolidation Solution can also serve as a basis for an integrated TM1 based financial planning and forecasting solution, or it can be added to an existing TM1 based financial planning and forecasting solution. Not only does this save on software license and training costs (by leveraging the existing software investment) but it's also the best possible architecture for your financial analytics system strategy as:

- Data reconciliation need only be done in one place
- Data does not need to be moved around or manipulated (example: To do consolidated actual vs. plan reporting)
- Calculations including hierarchy aggregations only need to be maintained in one place
- The TM1 platform is a powerful business modeling tool and scalable, which means that additional financial analytic capability can be added and integrated over time to increase your organization’s ability to understand and respond quickly to changes in the business environment.

About QueBIT

Trusted experts in analytics strategy and implementation, QueBIT is dedicated to helping organizations improve their ability to make intelligent decisions that create value. An IBM Premier Partner, QueBIT has conducted hundreds of successful implementations of IBM® Cognos® TM1®, IBM Cognos BI and IBM SPSS—we are one of few partners that offer such a broad range of analytics solutions. Financial, sales, marketing and operations departments in over 350 organizations in all types of industries say QueBIT's singular approach to business analytics produces tangible results—which is why we are repeat recipients of IBM's Business Analytics Partner Excellence Awards.



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