

UNIT4 FINANCIALS

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& Support

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For the past few years we have been able to rely on Millennium's Service Desk and are happy that we found a highly competent and responsive partner to work with. Their ability to apply their knowledge about systems and finance and accounting requirements to our needs are second to none.”

Manager Accounting and Controlling, Global Pharmaceutical Company




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Millennium Consulting



At Millennium Consulting, we are experts in business transformation, accounting, software development, regulatory compliance, and the impact of business and technology change.

For over 25 years, Millennium have provided global solutions and services across the world's most demanding industries, with customers in finance, retail, logistics, construction, and manufacturing.

Millennium first partnered with Unit4 back in 2014 and have since become one of the leading global Unit4 partners for Unit4 Financials (previously known as CODA Financials) sales, services, and support.

Group Website:
millenniumconsulting.com

Employees: 40+

History: Established in 1995, Millennium was originally a specialist consultancy for organisations who used the Infor SunSystems or Coda Financials Finance Systems. Over time Millennium has become a system agnostic finance transformation consultancy and in 2010 launched a software development arm. In 2016 Millennium opened offices in the US and in 2018 in Milan, Italy, and 2020 Budapest Hungary. In 2020 Millennium achieved Elite Partner status from Unit4, one of only two Unit4 Financials Elite Partners globally. Millennium's Elite Partner status has been reaffirmed by Unit4 in 2021 and 2022.

About Unit4

Unit4 is a leading provider of enterprise applications empowering people in service organisations including: financial services, professional services, retail, manufacturing, logistics, education, public services and not-for-profit.

Unit4 has operations, distributors and partners around the world for easy, local access to sales, service and support.

Unit4 Financials product suite: Unit4 Financials, Purchase Order Processing, Purchase Invoice Matching, Billing, Assets, FP&A, Analyser, Travel & Expenses and Unit4XL.

Group Website: unit4.com

Employees: 4,000+

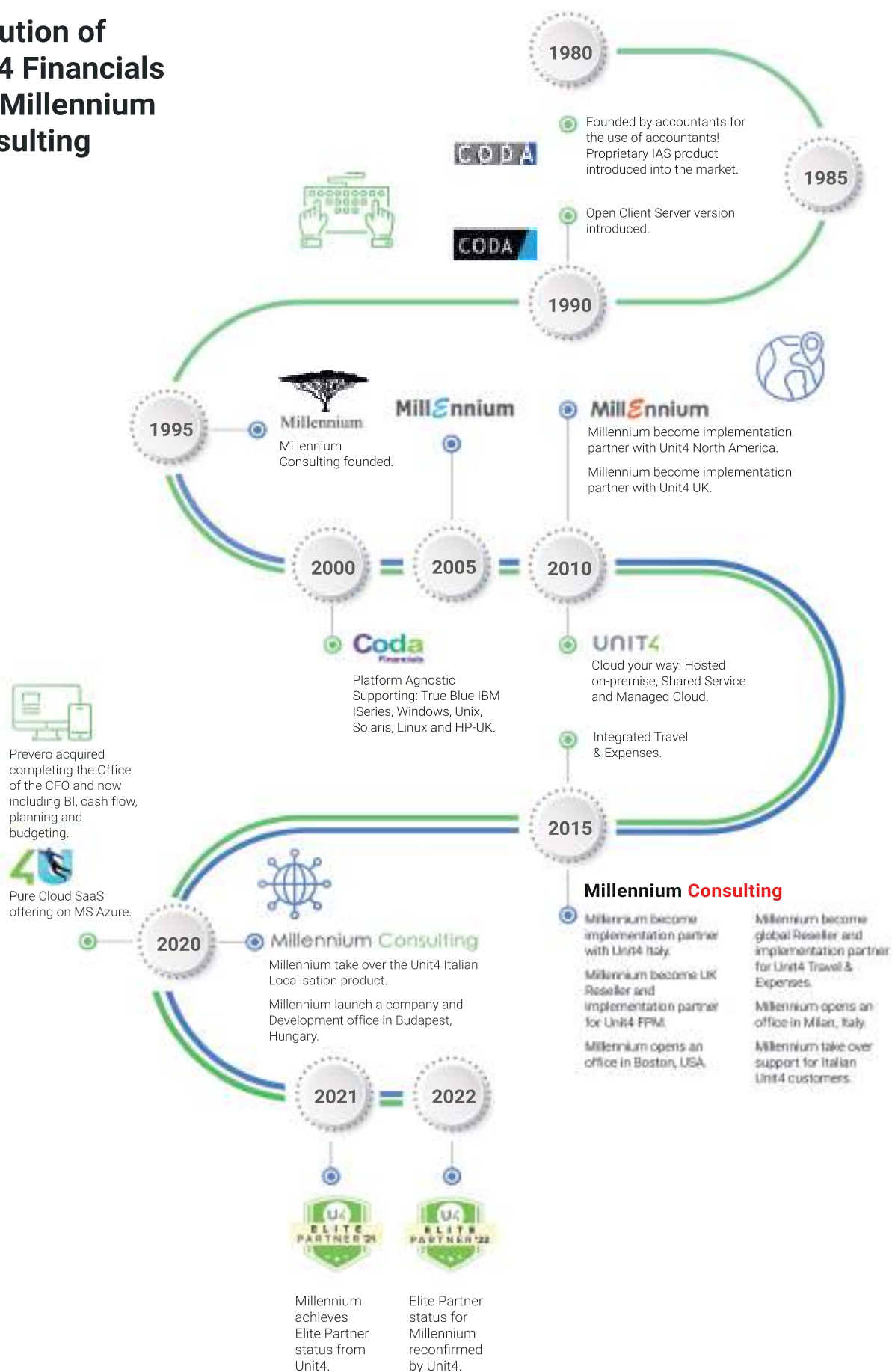
History: Coda Plc was established in Leeds, Yorkshire in 1979 by Rodney Potts & Christopher Lennox. In 2008 following periods of ownership by Baan and Science Systems, it was acquired by the Dutch registered software vendor Unit4. In March 2014 Unit4 was acquired by international venture capital firm Advent International. In March 2021 Unit4 received a majority investment from TA Associates, a leading global private equity firm.



Working as part of an internal IT support team, covering many applications, keeping focus across all bases to provide an effective level of support to colleagues can be difficult. Knowledge can also become a limiting factor. Having Millennium Consulting on board to assist with this; not only provides the ability to increase my knowledge from system experts, it can take away some concern of being unable to support my colleagues in the very busy times. This does not mean they should be the backup option as they can also assist with many proactive tasks for system maintenance.”

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Evolution of Unit4 Financials and Millennium Consulting



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The Millennium team was professional and responsive. They provided excellent knowledge and expertise of Unit4 Financials and quickly resolved issues within our business processes. They took a high level of ownership of results to have a positive outcome in the project.”

Project Leader, Global Insurance Company

Unit4 Financials

Best-in-class financials management with unrivalled flexibility, scalability, and interoperability.

No-Compromise Financial Management

- **Single ledger** – make changes just once, for real-time financial information that's always in balance.
- **Multi-everything** – classify, measure, and analyse your business globally while still meeting local requirements locally.
- **Interoperable** – keep adding value to your specialized systems without affecting them or being affected when they need to be changed or replaced.

Financial Accounting

- Get the true financial picture with real-time drill down from high-level balances down to original source documents.
- Use "Flexi-fields" to capture more complete and relevant information, helping your people make better decisions faster.
- Take the stress out of period close with a single financial model that ensures your accounts are always up to date and in balance.

Procurement Management

- Improve control and drive efficiencies throughout the entire procurement process.
- Drive compliance by providing a better experience that maximizes user adoption.
- Understand which suppliers deliver the best value, focus your spend and streamline your approved suppliers.
- Arm your procurement managers with the facts and insights to negotiate more effectively with preferred suppliers.

Billing Management

- Make it easier for your teams to raise and track billing documents. Use workflows to get invoices approved and ready to send more promptly.
- Help your business and finance people work together more efficiently and improve invoice accuracy to reduce customer disputes and receive payments faster.
- Post invoices straight back into your accounts for accurate reporting and better-informed action.

Asset Management

- Manage Fixed Assets with confidence across businesses, countries, and currencies with full control over capitalization, disposal and depreciation.
- Use automation to reduce the time your people spend on admin tasks such as depreciation processing.
- Integrate asset tracking with accounting, procurement and other financial functions for full financial control and visibility.



UNIT4



Unit4 Financials (previously known as Coda Financials) is a best-in-class financials 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 modelling, 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 organisation's people, processes, and systems, for improved decision support and efficiency, while eliminating the risks and potential cost of non-compliance.

Gain immediate insight of what is 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 modelling structure on the market. It provides infinite ways to classify, measure, and analyse your business (enabling each line of business to monitor profitability the way it needs to, yet still provides a single model or ledger that is always in balance.





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. 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 analyse your business

The multi-dimensional financial module 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.

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 its 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 Accounts Payable and cash is received in Accounts Payable.

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, whilst 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 Flex-Fields and do away with external sources. Benefit from more complete, more relevant information, and use it to make faster, better decisions.

Centralise 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 customised 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 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.

Reporting is only as good as the underlying information model

It is 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.

Whenever 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 analyse 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 organisation.

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 Continuous Release

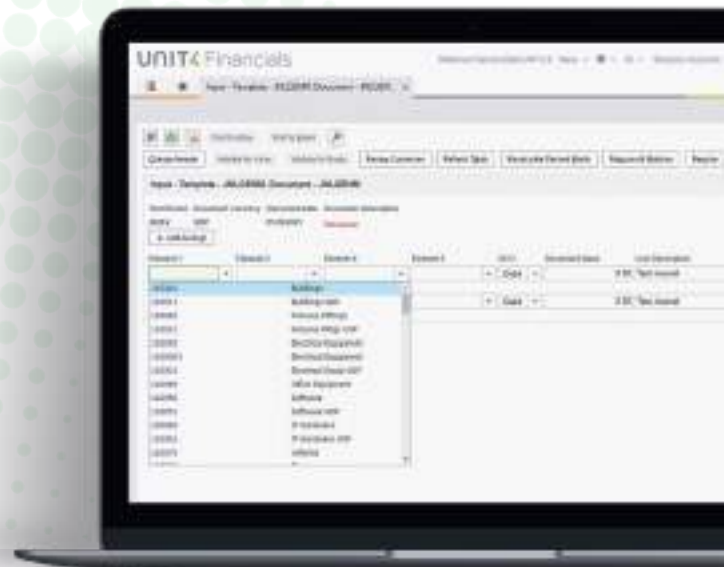
What's new in Unit4 Financials Continuous Release?

New functions rolled out under recent Unit4 Financials quarterly releases have significantly enhanced the user experience, further enabling your finance team to streamline business processes, reduce operational risk and free up resources for value-added work.

Here's a summary of what has been added since October 2020, along with a closer look at some of the most noteworthy enhancements.

At a glance: release date summary

CR 2022 Q2	(07.06.2022)
CR 2022 Q1	(08.03.2022)
CR 2021 Q4	(07.12.2021)
CR 2021 Q3	(14.09.2021)
CR 2021 Q2	(09.06.2021)
CR 2021 Q1	(09.03.2021)
CR 2020 Q4	(08.12.2020)
CR 2020 Q3	(14.10.2020)
V14 R16	(27.07.2021)
V14 R17	(30.11.2021)



Unit4 Financials Continuous Release 2022 Q2

- Browse Transactions
- Statement Processing
- Billing Browse
- Client Secret
- Customiser
- Print Formatter
- Workflow Designer
- XL for Finance and Procurement
- Removed feature - XL Scheduler

Unit4 Financials Continuous Release 2022 Q1

- Print Invoices - attachment filename
- Copy Company
- Billing: Use Structured Output in scheduled task for type Billing Issue
- OpenID configuration restructure
- QR Codes on Print Formats
- Print Formatter and Workflow Designer Authentication
- OpenID Connect Authorization Code Flow with PKCE

Unit4 Financials Continuous Release 2021 Q4

- Hotfix to protect Unit4 Financials in the Log4j Java library
- Table Link Transfer Client
- Billing: Use Structured Output on Final Issue
- Billing: Copy Attachments on Posting
- Invoice matching: Set number of background matching threads

Unit4 Financials Continuous Release 2021 Q3

- Structured Output – UBL 2.1 Transformation: XML can be validated against the UBL 2.1 Invoice schema
- Attachments can now be managed from within the Billing Browse screen
- It is now possible to attach the PDF Invoice or Credit Note to the Billing document on final issue
- Scheduling a task of type Print Invoices now permits you to generate structured output for invoices (for example, XML in UBL 2.1 Transformation)
- Purchase orders approval can now be viewed across company in read-only mode

Unit4 Financials Continuous Release 2021 Q2

When you save masters, trailing spaces are now automatically removed. Print invoicing functionality is also improved, including support for XML formatting, as well as for invoices in pdf format.

- Documents outputs can now be written to an SFTP location
- Leading and trailing spaces are automatically removed when updating master names and short names
- The 'Print Invoices' function now allows an XML invoice. Transformation to be generated and sent. A pdf from a print format can be attached to the Finance document as its primary attachment
- The 'Remove' checkbox for additional lines in input is now positioned on the right-hand side by default
- Structured Output – UBL 2.1 Transformation: the generated XML file is now validated against the UBL Invoice schema
- Structured Output – UBL 2.1 Transformation: new vocabulary available including IBAN, attachment ID

Unit4 Financials Continuous Release 2021 Q1

This release included a number of enhancements that actually go a long way in improving the user experience. Examples include the new option to sort a playlist in descending order. There is also a new 'element authorisation status' for the financials selector master, which means that an element that isn't authorised for changes can be excluded automatically without having to send a reminder or statement.

- Download XL for Unit4 Financials
- Document master setting to prevent the user who originally posted a document to the intray from posting the document to the books
- Pay/Collect summary now displays the pay proposal list by Pay Date in descending order
- Element authorisation status added to financials selector master
- New Punchout parameter added, user email
- Review Punchout items screen has new 'select all' and 'deselect all' buttons
- Punchout website now appears in a new tab in the browser
- Structured Output has a new transformation available, called 'FEC' Transformation (Fichier des ecritures comptables)
- Structured Output now allows zip file compression
- Structured Output can now generate .csv files without quotes

Unit4 Financials Continuous Release 2020 Q4

The new Tablelink for Cloud feature helps to simplify cloud migrations, removing the need to rewrite interfaces using web services and APIs. The release also included SFTP support, along with the ability to create comma-separated files that can be transported. e-Invoicing capabilities were also enhanced.

- Structured Output – CSV Transformation
- Structured Output – Output to SFTP
- Structured Output – Output to HTTP POST
- Tablelink for Cloud – Helper and API
- Improvements to upgrade Scripts
- e-Invoicing enhancements (Dutch XML invoice load)
- Unit4 Financials Idealization Process

Unit4 Financials Continuous Release 2020 Q3

Version 14 of Unit4 Financials saw the introduction of a new billing module. Among other enhancements, the 2020 Q3 continuous release saw an extension of these billing features.

- System users with OpenID Connect
- Billing – Quantities copied to Finance
- Billing – Print Preview
- Structured Output – Message Hub Output
- Unit4 Extension Kit – Samples
- Structured Output – GDPdU (local German product)

Unit4 Financials Continuous Release 2020 Q2

Having introduced a wide range of new features in the previous quarter, the 2020 Q2 release was focused mostly on routine product maintenance. However, there were a couple of new functions added. These were a scheduled task for reconciliation, along with changes to the Avalara export to accommodate HMRC's 'Making Tax Digital' initiative.

- Scheduled task for Reconciliation
- Structured output changes – Avalara XML export

Unit4 Financials Continuous Release 2020 Q1

This was the first release under Unit4's new quarterly roll-out model (Continuous Release). It introduced a wide range of new features.

- Schedule Task for hierarchy updates. You can now schedule new tasks for hierarchy updates and asset depreciation
- Submit orders on auto convert from requisitions
- Browse Transactions: Raise Corrective Journal
- Browse Transactions: Copy Document
- Deep link 'balance' drill to browse transactions
- Schedule Asset Depreciation
- Element template customisations copied via copy company. Element template customisations are now copied via the 'copy company' functionality
- Billing Copy Document
- Reconciliation Date & User. The introduction of this feature allows users to do retrospective reconciliation reports. In addition, the same level of functionality available in 'browse details' has also been extended to 'browse transactions'
- Browse Transactions: Drill to Account Summary
- Browse Transactions: Edit Comment via related information panel
- Browse Transactions: Workflow Actions
- Provisional and Undo Year-End. Learn more about these features [here](#)
- Migrate customisations from test to live
- Allow change to balances on company master
- LRN Housekeeping without posting
- Reference Attachment Hyperlink as Direct Link
- GDPR for Element history
- Make use of address categories in Procurement Ordering
- Add Element Flexi-Fields data to Copy Company
- Change Pay Period. This is the ability to be able to change the period during a pay proposal
- Interco control to contain customer/supplier element

Unit4 Financials Continuous Release schedule 2022

The Unit4 Financials platform is maintained via a continuous release model. Thanks to this predictable cycle of quarterly updates, users get timely access to the type of customer-driven enhancements that helps to keep the finance department ahead of the game.

Unit4 Financials planned releases:

2022Q1 Release	08.03.2022
2022Q2 Release	Planned 07.06.2022
2022Q3 Release	Planned 13.08.2022
2022Q4 Release	Planned 06.12.2022

(These dates can sometimes be subject to alteration.)

Post release, an .iso for each release is available from the Software Distribution Server.

Information for V13 users

V13 was previously maintained via Service Pack updates. The last Service Pack (23) was released on 27 September 2019. These previous updates are still available to download on the Software Distribution Server. No further Service Packs for V13 will be forthcoming.

Please note that maintenance for V13 was retired in February 2021.

No critical bug fixes for this product are being issued.

Information for V14 users

V14 is maintained via a full re-release of the software on .iso, available from the Software Distribution Server. The most recent V14 Release Pack – Release 17 – was made available on 28 November 2021.

Please note that maintenance for V14 will cease at the end of December 2022.

Distribution and notification of cloud updates

Unit4 Cloud customers are notified by Unit4 Cloud support when their pre-production and production systems will be updated. This information can also be found within the Cloud Services – Release Schedules area.

Why upgrade?

Unit4 Financials is a best-in-class financial management and accounting solution with unrivalled flexibility, scalability and interoperability.

Upgrading to the latest version makes sure your Accounting department has the latest functionality, driving process efficiencies and cost savings. It also keeps you up-to-date with the new service packs released every six weeks.

Upgrading also avoids the risk of technical incompatibility issues (new hardware, databases, communication systems, etc.) and unsupported software.



Consultancy Services

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We recently upgraded the whole suite of Unit4 Financials products and engaged Millennium Consulting as prime consultants. We were keen that there was a degree of knowledge transfer rather than a simple upgrade and found the consultants more than competent in transferring this knowledge. I have no hesitation in recommending this organisation.”

Performance Reporting Manager,
Crown Commercial Services

Finance Transformation

Designing the future of the finance function

We help you re-imagine your finance architecture, create a thriving digital culture and unlock the power of your data. Our proven approach provides a framework for designing, building and sustaining a world-class global finance organisation.



Discover

We work with you to define the problem, make the case for change and create a roadmap.



Design

From planning and resourcing to stakeholder buy-in, we help you turn ambition into reality.



Solve

We develop the processes and source the solutions required to meet your project needs.



Deploy

We help you to implement new systems and solutions, from deployment to documentation.



Support

Our experts provide dedicated support and user training once your solution goes live.



Unit4 Financials Systems Review

Millennium's Systems Review are designed to help you identify areas where you may be able to improve performance and ensure you extract the maximum benefit from your investment in Unit4 Financials.

Are you making the most of Financials and your Finance Ecosystem?

As with most applications Financials users rarely take full advantage of the functionality available to them. A system review provides the idea opportunity to identify where changes can be made to enhance performance and ensure the application is being used in a way maximise its potential.

Undertaken by one of our Principal Consultants the review assesses the current technical setup, business processes and operational efficacy of your system. The findings of this analysis are then documented, and any recommendations made categorised as short, medium- and long-term dependent on the ease of their implementation.

How it works

Provisional itinerary

We arrange a provisional itinerary with you and agree a convenient date to conduct the review. The review requires access to key stakeholders from your Finance and IT teams and can be conducted onsite or remotely depending on individual requirements.

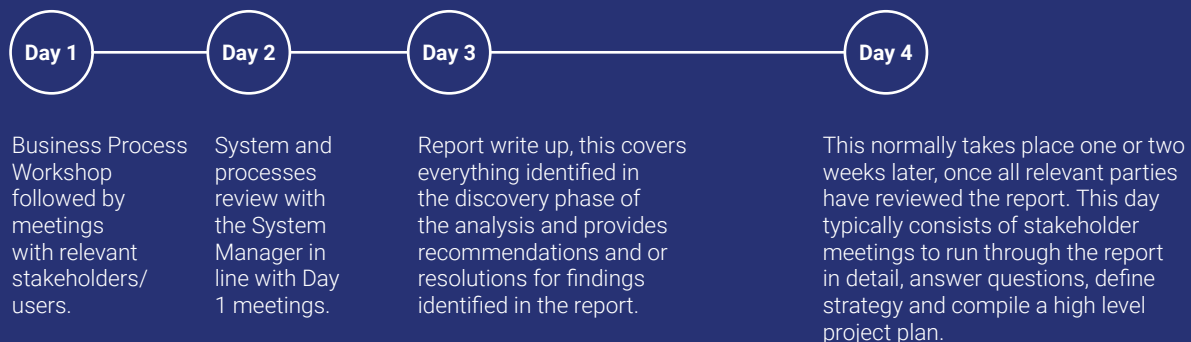
The report

The report provides options to make greater use of the software's functionality, improve business processes, reporting, integration and increase user knowledge. It also provides the information necessary to deliver support and create a project plan if required.

Timing

The time needed for the systems review depends on complexity and which Unit4 Financials modules are used but typically takes between 2 days and 4 days.

The 4 day review will include:



What is the output of a Systems Review?

The output is a report with detailed recommendations which then can become a client's "Unit4 Financials improvement roadmap" for the coming months and years ahead.

The recommendations are broken down into short-, medium- and long-term improvements and cover the three key aspects of making your Unit4 Financials system a success – People, Process and Technology.

Note that there is no obligation for a client to proceed with all (or any of them) but going through this

process and formally setting out this roadmap helps clients better understand how they can extract the maximum benefit from the application.

What if I just want to do an "as is" upgrade?

As well as highlighting operational improvements, the Review also looks at the technical landscape and provides recommendations on which version of Unit4 Financials clients should upgrade to, giving guidance on when they should upgrade and outlining how to move forward with the upgrade.

Whilst some clients may only wish to upgrade on an "as is" basis, (for example, to ensure they continue on a supported software version) we often find that the Review identifies other changes that are either required for the upgrade process or may bring considerable improvement to "as is" processes if implemented as part of the upgrade.

For these reasons we would recommend that clients still undertake a Millennium Systems Review even if the main driver behind the project is purely a Technical Upgrade.



At the time of the upgrade, Millennium suggested we arrange a Unit4 Financials Systems, Process and Strategy Audit to ensure we took full advantage of the new features available.

Millennium were not only able to demonstrate the new features and how to incorporate them into the business but were able to resolve application issues that had existed for many years. In their comprehensive report, they identified process improvements that led to efficiency gains and reduced operational risk. Millennium were also able to write a comprehensive metadata report for the invoice matching team to improve the matching process."

Steve Wholley, Chief Financial Officer, Jordans Furniture

Time to upgrade

Upgrading Financials is not merely about accessing the new functionality that comes with a new software release. It is also about mitigating technology, operational, and business risk.

So, what does upgrading offer?

Access to new functionality

The latest version delivers new functionalities, integrations and legislative updates that can help you drastically improve your business processes allowing your team to spend time on other added value activities. Unit4 currently supports the following versions of Unit4 Financials:

A chance to reduce operational risk and processing cost

There is always a fine balance between process cost and operational risk. By upgrading and accessing new functionality you can simultaneously reduce cost and operational risk.

Unit4 maintenance support

Ensures you remain within the Unit4 supported software window. If you fall outside this window, you may be liable for extended support & maintenance costs.

Protection against new security threats

Upgrading is not purely about accessing new features but ensuring that your system is protected against ongoing and newly emerging security threats.

Upgrade with an Elite Unit4 Partner

Are all upgrades the same?

Here is the good news, upgrading is a lot easier than you think it is. At Millennium we offer three types of upgrade but before any upgrade path is identified we recommend that all customers undertake a **Systems Review**. The review is designed to help companies identify areas where they can improve performance and ensure they are getting the most out of their investment in Unit4 Financials Based on the review outputs and our understanding of what you want to achieve from the upgrade, we can help you identify the most effective route to deliver the upgrade that best suits your needs.

Technical upgrade

The fastest route to reduce system support cost

Like for like upgrade | Newest release | Minimal changes

Recommended

Technical & Functional upgrade

The smartest route to give your business a new edge

All 'Technical' features plus

Our application consultants will support you with training, configuration, and realisation of new product features

Transformation upgrade

The most comprehensive route to perform at the highest level

All 'Technical & Functionality' features plus

Optimisation of your process to achieve significant business, process, and performance improvements by overhauling your entire finance ecosystem

Does your chart of accounts still fit your organisations reporting requirements?

Are you able to generate the reports that your business requires straight from Unit4 Financials, without resorting to an end user computing solution such as excel? If not, then your current chart of accounts may no longer be fit for purpose.

The element structure within Financials allows for huge flexibility giving users the capability to produce any number of customised reports. However, to make the most of this level of flexibility it is vital that your element structure is optimised to allow the correct information with minimal manual intervention.

As your business grows, the nature of the reporting requirements changes, and so your original chart of accounts may no longer be suitable to support this. Whilst most small businesses initially set up their accounting to meet GAAP and FRS requirements, they can often overlook the importance of having a robust management accounting structure.

Management accounting allows you to create the financial reporting that provides you with the information to manage your business. With a suitably designed chart of accounts, you can fulfil both your internal management accounting and statutory reporting.

Remodelling your chart of accounts can allow you to produce both your management and statutory reporting using standard Unit4 Financials functionality, such as generic browse. It will also allow you to use more powerful analytical tools like metadata queries to produce more value-added reporting.



Chart of Accounts Design

An appropriately designed chart of accounts will enable you to meet the reporting needs of both Managerial and Financial Accounting.

	Managerial Accounting	Financial Accounting
Purpose	Decision Making	Communicate financial position to outsiders
Primary Users	Internal Managers	External Users
Focus/Emphasis	Future Oriented	Past Oriented
Rules	Cost v Benefit	GAAP/FRS Compliant
Timespan	Now and future	Historical monthly, quarterly reports

Here at Millennium Consulting we can help you design a new chart of accounts and element structure within Unit4 Financials to reflect your current business needs. Our skilled staff can undertake workshops to understand your organisational reporting needs and create an element structure and chart of accounts that will drive your business.

Implementation Methodology for new business requirement

Millennium Consulting follows the Unit4 Implementation Methodology (U4IM), which is used globally for all Unit4 software implementations.

The methodology encompasses all the activities that can take place throughout the implementation process and is supported by strong project management controls to ensure successful delivery.

The phases of U4IM are:

- **Plan/Design**

We agree on the contract with a client, then hand the project to our implementation team who set up the project organisation. We perform a business requirement and process review, running workshops with the client to create the solution design.

- **Build**

We advise you on the required hardware and infrastructure then build the solution, configuring the relevant elements.

- **Test**

We help you to perform Integrated System Testing and

User Acceptance Testing on the elements built in the Build phase.

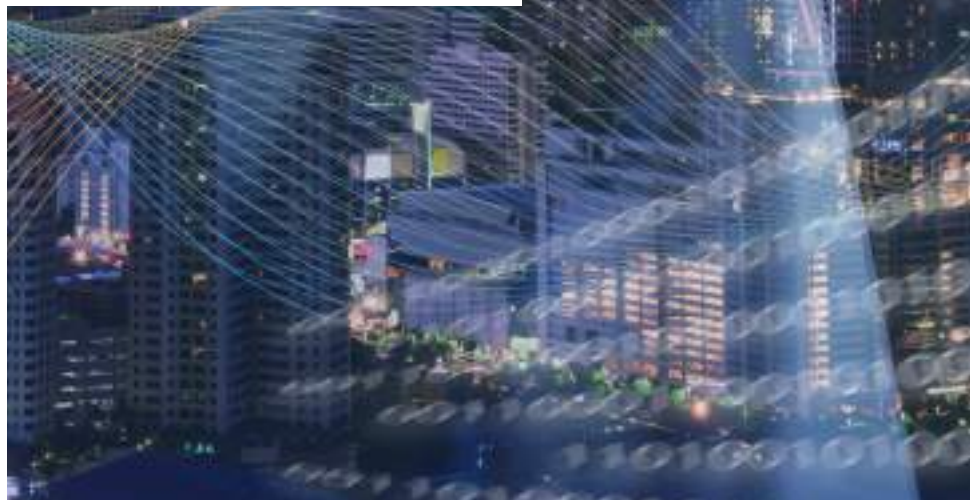
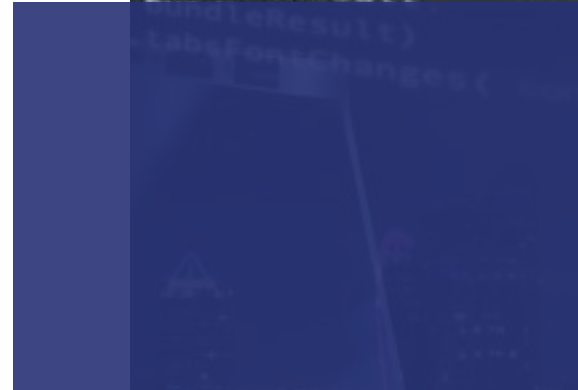
- **Deploy**

We deploy the different solution elements, taking care to advise you on and help co-ordinate every aspect from Data Migration to End User Testing.

- **Close**

Around three weeks after the solution goes live, we evaluate the project - assessing deliverables and future plans for development.

Note: Integration with third-party reporting software such as Cognos, Business Objects and Microsoft SSRS (as well as procurement, billing and payroll systems) is a key consideration of the upgrade process.



Your Cloud Migration Journey for Unit4 Financials

Moving your operations to the cloud provides your business with improved scalability, flexibility and performance - not to mention cost savings.

Our cloud migration expertise - combined with innovative tools for data cleansing, mapping and reconciliation - ensure that your move to the cloud is as efficient and effective as possible.

The Unit4 Cloud Journey 4U



High-speed delivery

A quick and effortless journey to the Cloud. Live in as little as 20 working days.



Fixed migration fee

Know exactly what you are paying for upfront – no surprises along the way.



Minimal disruption

A clear onboarding plan, delivered by a team of cloud migration experts.



Full transparency

Transparent project overview, based on a Cloud Migration Assessment.

Migrating your Unit4 Financials data to the cloud can be as simple as a backup and restore onto your new cloud environment, but you can also use this opportunity to cleanse and streamline your data with the following five steps.

1.

Cleansing

Removes the manual elements of the cleansing process, reducing the resources needed to prepare your data for migration.

4.

Management

Millennium's Interface Manager enables business users to control the integrations that deliver the data they need; into the applications they use.

2.

Migration

Once your data is cleansed, you need to prepare it for the journey to the cloud. How will you continue to bring new data in from source systems?

5.

Operation

Even with a sophisticated ledger system like Unit4 Financials in place, it is likely you still perform manual tasks to support it on a day-to-day basis.

3.

Reconciliation

An efficient and effective way to guarantee accuracy by comparing high-level dataflows and transaction level postings.

Start your move to Cloud today

Get Cloud ready with Millennium Consulting, a Unit4 Elite Partner.

If you want to discover how to get your move to the cloud off the ground or discuss how to cleanse and streamline your data, please complete the below form.



Millennium Service Desk

Dedicated support for your business

Founded in 2015 the Service Desk currently supports numerous global organising and consists of consultant grade application and technical experts with deep domain knowledge and many years of Unit4 Financials experience who are available to help answer any questions that you or your users have.

Service Desk complements your support & maintenance agreement with Unit4 by giving you access to accounting and technical experts who can answer your “how to” set-up and configuration questions.

Using a ticketed support management system, with client portal access, full SLA monitoring and issue escalation, our consultants can be on the end of a phone or email, and use remote dial in, to assist you on your own system in a matter of minutes.

Supported software includes:

Unit4 Financials | Purchase Order Processing | Invoice Matching | Billing | FPM | FP&A | Travel & Expenses | Unit4XL | Workflow | Fixed Assets | Flexi-Fields Analyser | RAMS | Italian Localisation | AutoCash | Interface Manager.

Supporting you: 20 hours a day, 5 days a week with extended support hours available on request.

Remote: support can be provided using your VPN access or by GoToMeeting, Skype, WebEx, Teamviewer, etc.

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The Millennium team work very well with our team here at Jordan's Furniture. They are professional and responsive to our needs. The best part is that they're agile; always able to respond to our needs especially when it's a show stopper."

Inventory Systems Manager, Jordan's Furniture

Operations: Reduce reliance on key staff by augmenting the administrative capability of your team with our large range of application management services. A dedicated consultant will be allocated to help address your ongoing application changes, mitigating the need to hire extra staff.

At busy times such as the month end or during staff holidays, sickness leave or maternity, our team are at hand to take over and assist with tasks including, master file maintenance, adding or deleting users, setting user permissions, maintaining workflow, etc. They can also schedule regular tasks such as archiving or running the year end.

Application: Advice on "best practice" set-up, provided by consultants each with over 15 years Unit4 Financials consultancy experience, who have been working in all the main industry sectors that typically use Unit4 Financials,

including: Banking, Insurance, Financial Services, Retail, Media, Manufacturing, Construction, Educations, Pharmaceuticals and Government.

Accounting: "Best practice" accounting set-up advice, provided by qualified Applications Support Consultants. Each Consultant has accounting qualifications and a minimum of 15 years' experience working with Unit4 Financials.

Technical: Our Technical Consultants have each worked with Unit4 Financials for at least 15 years and will assist you with performance, efficiency, security, and help resolve any technical problems.

Technical Support may include database performance, server performance, RDBMS update review, operating system environment error checking, service packs and patches check, database maintenance check, database local disk backup

check, web servers check, core client configuration check, reporting server check, license audit, etc.

Maintenance: Expert Technical Unit4 Financials Consultants can monitor and maintain your system, so you do not have to. Systems Maintenance may include monitoring, log maintenance, link table cleansing, back-up & refresh, service packs installs, database indexing, run fix-check and client configuration.

Training: One-on-one or small group (up to 5 people) user training can be provided for any Unit4 Financials product, on-line as part of your support agreement. This will increase the knowledge of your team, raising productivity and decreasing the level of support required. Simply raise a training request via a support ticket and one of our team will contact you to arrange an agenda and a convenient time for the training.

Products & Modules



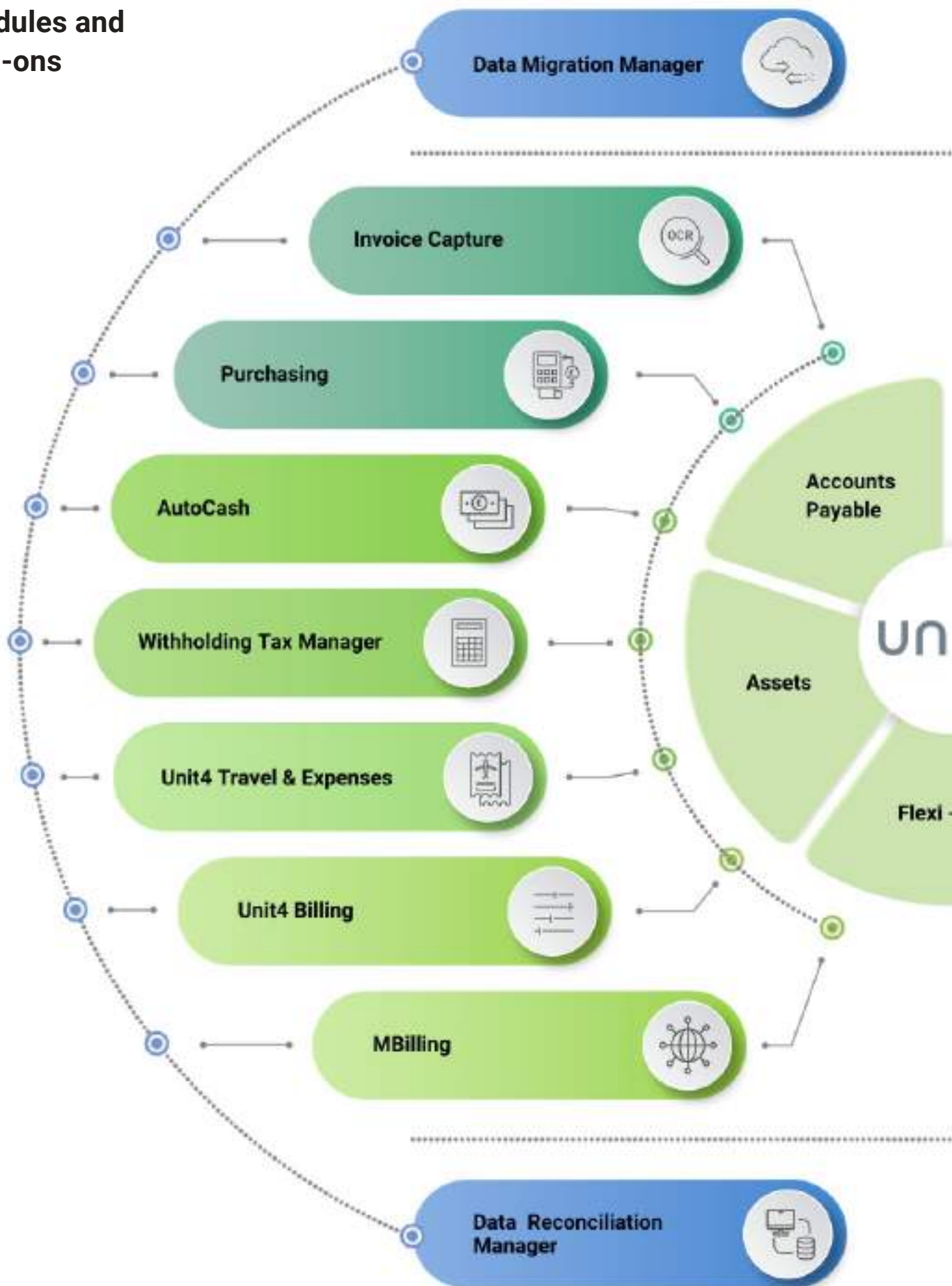
Millennium Consulting's Team was excellent from the very early stages of planning our upgrade through the support for the multitude of integrations which needed modification, through all of the validation testing and pre-production planning and testing and finally go live and hyper care. They have been an integral partner throughout the process, always ready with solutions to problems which inevitably crop-up on such a project. Very professional and knowledgeable.

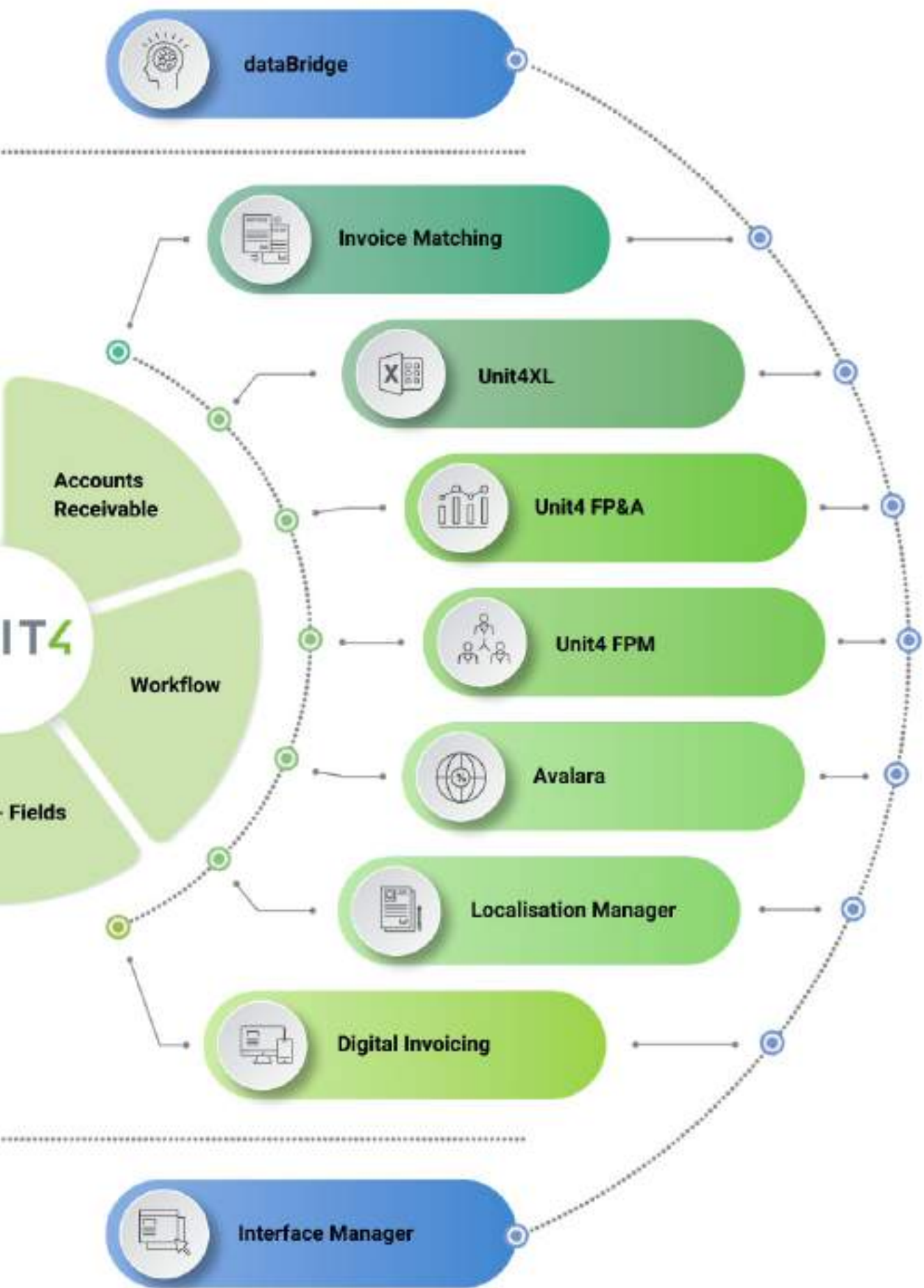
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Unit4 Financials
modules and
add-ons





Unit4 Purchase Order Processing and Purchase Invoice Matching (POP/PIM)

Unit4 Financials Purchase Order Processing (POP) and Purchase Invoice Matching (PIM) will enable you to understand, control and manage costs.

While there are numerous benefits to be gained from using an effective Purchase Ordering System we have highlight the 6 which we believe are the most important below:

1.

Costs approved before being incurred: The primary benefit of purchase ordering is expenses/ purchases approval before they are incurred.

2.

Internal control enhancement: Two critical points of control: Two critical points of control: Receiving items or a service against what was ordered and pricing.

3.

Management of committed costs: When a purchase order is executed by the buyer and seller it commits both parties to the terms of the document.

4.

Improve project profitability: A common mistake when managing project profitability is only considering incurred costs (actual invoices received) and this provides only a partial picture.

5.

Consolidation: Every organisation wishes to negotiate lower prices with suppliers but are not always able to do so.

6.

Reports: Unit4 Financials has a unique single database covering the financial, invoice matching and purchasing modules. This enables the production of complex reports crossing all three modules.



Fixed Assets

Controlling fixed asset information and extracting the data needed for compliance and reporting purposes can often come with many challenges. These hurdles may be caused by lack of a proper functioning asset management system or the need to update processes to reflect changes in the organisation's environment.

Within Unit4 Financials, the Fixed Assets module forms part of the core product suite and allows users to manage all their fixed asset obligations in one place. Module features include:

- Integral to the solution's single financial model – no batch updates, always in balance
 - Browse assets across multiple companies and review currencies and "books"
 - Flexible and standard depreciation rules: any number of user defined depreciation rules and plug-ins for global coverage
 - User-defined tracking, categorisation
 - Disposals: full or partial
 - Transfer assets – between cost centres or to create a new asset
 - Revalue appreciating assets and post the financial transactions to separate revaluation accounts: revalue
- by value, percentage, or a customisable rule
 - Forecast future year depreciation charges: export forecasts to a spreadsheet or to balance codes for further analysis or reporting
 - Real-time enquiry facility to view exact financial status
 - Supports all methods of asset creation, including bulk loading; automatic creation from an invoice; or customized manual entry: Mass loading of assets from an external system using XML and Direct cost transfers from G/L WIP to Assets
 - In-tray facility allows the initial entry of asset details for subsequent authorisation and capitalization
 - Users can browse customised lists of assets, with comprehensive drill-down to view full asset details, associated transactions, and financial postings
- Assets can hold values in multiple currencies, so you can:
 - Capitalise an asset from Financials and record the cost of the asset in the currencies captured from Financials.
 - Create an asset manually and hold all its values in one or more additional currencies
 - Calculate depreciation based on the historic rates
 - Calculate full and partial disposals based on the historic rates
 - Revalue assets and forecast depreciation for assets in multiple currencies
 - Transfer assets, with their values being cleared down and reinstated in all currencies.
 - Post transactions into Financials using the currency values calculated in Assets



Billing

Cash flow has never been more important to a business's financial position than now. However, managing billing to optimise cash flow too often involves manual processing that slows down the billing process and opens the process up to errors. Aligning finance and operations with the right digital billing solution can help companies improve operational control and improve cash flow.

The Unit4 Financials billing module allows you to improve billing time and accuracy by helping create the following business outcomes:

- Improved cash flow management.
- Reduced operational risks as outmoded billing process are retired.
- Reduced administrative overheads.
- Improved visibility over actual and forecast billing.
- Improved customer satisfaction as billing accuracy improves.
- Fully configurable approval hierarchy.
- Powerful BI tools allowing detailed billing analysis.

As a core module of Unit4 Financials the application can be fully integrated across your business and finance teams, improving processing speed and allowing oversight to be placed in the hands of those with the necessary knowledge to improve approval speed.



Unit4XL

Unit4XL is a user-friendly tool that combines the power and control of Unit4 Financials with the familiarity and convenience of Microsoft Excel, enabling you to output, work with, display, share and even input your data, more easily and more reliably.

What is Unit4 XL?

An integrated tool that allows users to extract and upload data from within an Excel spreadsheet.

- User-friendly tool
- Reduces operational risk
- Integration with Unit4 Financials

Unit4 XL, previously known as Coda XL, makes it easier for users to interrogate financial data, prepare ad-hoc reports, or import and export information for typical processes such as monthly reporting packages.

Applies the security

Unit4 XL applies the security and validation settings of your Unit4 Financials application, you only need to create one version of the reports for instant online distribution – safe in the knowledge that each recipient will only be able to see the data for which they have permission.

Reports with real-time data

Provides reporting that harnesses the advantages of spreadsheets but overcomes their usual weaknesses

and complexities. It feeds your reports with real-time data and makes them far easier to maintain and share.

Specific reporting

The XL report scheduler and distributor module allows you to schedule Microsoft Excel and XL reports with the option to specify the destination and file type. Reports can be output to a SharePoint site, where alerts can be configured, or to a task in our process control and automation tools.

Easy data entry from within Excel, eliminating the need to re-key or cut & paste: With the simple point and - click/drag-and-drop tools, you can quickly create usable templates that will post transactions straight to the books from your existing spreadsheets, with full Unit4 Financials security and without needing any programming or IT support! Using XL is also an excellent way to securely upload budget and forecast revisions.



Unit4 FP&A

Integrated data for informed accounting decisions

Take full control of your business planning and forecasting processes with this intuitive Corporate Performance Management (CPM) platform. Featuring integrated Business Intelligence (BI), it also gives you advanced analytic and reporting capabilities – all in a single solution.

From Sales and Risk Planning to Profitability Analysis, finance teams need the right data to help them make informed decisions. That means providing them with the tools they need to analyse the data that drives your business. Unit4 FP&A (formerly Prevero) provides the tools you need for sophisticated planning, analysis and reporting.

Powerful business applications

With Unit4 FP&A, your teams can transform complex data into clear insights. This helps them make better decisions and turn ideas into plans into action.

Business intelligence capabilities

Providing self-service BI, Unit4 FP&A enables your Finance team the ability to create reports, undertake analysis and run simulations all via intuitive dashboards - allowing them to work

independently from other departments in the company. FP&A provides everything you need to transform disparate sources of financial data into actionable business intelligence turning ideas into plans into action.

Fast implementation and easy to use

You can integrate Unit4 FP&A into existing system environments quickly and efficiently.

In fact, via Industry Mesh over 30 connectors to systems such as SAP, Excel and Oracle provide a seamless integration of source data - along with the ease of use to ensure quick access to accurate management information.

An ideal operating model

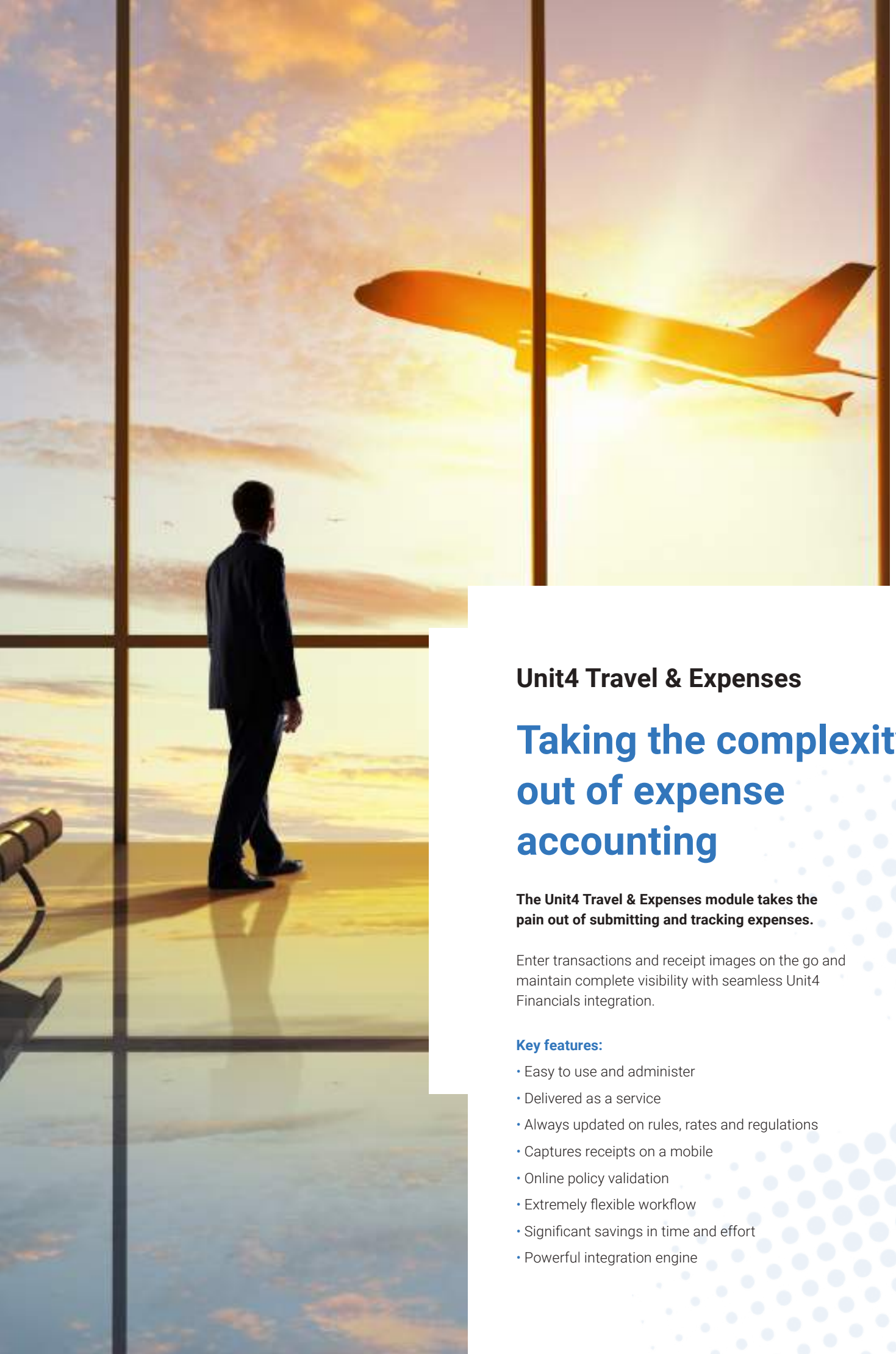
You can host Unit4 FP&A via on-premise servers or in the cloud. Both deployment models offer automatic login via single sign on with Unit4 Identity Services.

So, whichever option you choose, you benefit from the full functionality of our solutions and the benefits they deliver to your business.

Driven by artificial intelligence

Unit4 FP&A is powered by AI. For you, this means no more worrying about defining rules or selecting the right methods the AI functions take care of that for you.

For instance, its deep learning capability can be used to determine forecast values or automatically check data entries - allowing you to remove manual operations and focus on more strategic, value-added tasks.



Unit4 Travel & Expenses

Taking the complexity out of expense accounting

The Unit4 Travel & Expenses module takes the pain out of submitting and tracking expenses.

Enter transactions and receipt images on the go and maintain complete visibility with seamless Unit4 Financials integration.

Key features:

- Easy to use and administer
- Delivered as a service
- Always updated on rules, rates and regulations
- Captures receipts on a mobile
- Online policy validation
- Extremely flexible workflow
- Significant savings in time and effort
- Powerful integration engine

MBilling (powered by ICORP)

A comprehensive sales invoicing solution for Unit4 Financials

For organisations with simple, low volume invoicing needs, using Microsoft Excel, Word, or a legacy billing system to generate sales invoices is often more than adequate. However, for those organisations that require more complex functionality or need to send out higher volumes of sales invoices, a more comprehensive sales invoicing/billing solution is essential.

Seamlessly integrated into Unit4 Financials, Millennium's powerful and flexible billing solution, MBilling, (Powered by Icorp) supports high data volumes and contains comprehensive billing/sales invoicing functionality including a comprehensive rules engine, smart algorithms, and data bridging.

The software supports the extraction of data from any source system and facilitates the data's transformation into client designed formats, designed to meet your business needs. By implementing MBilling, clients can be confident that invoices are delivered on time, while at the same time dramatically reducing the operation risk associated with more manual processes.

The application offers:

- Either on-premise or cloud based solutions
- A high degree of flexibility
- A 'no code' rules based billing engine that requires no need programming
- Multi tax jurisdiction, multi-currency, and multi-lingual functionality
- Rapid Return on Investment (ROI)
- Configurability - supporting complex business processes



Interface Manager

Enables business users to control the integrations that deliver the data they need, into the applications they use.

Interface Manager empowers business users to control interfaces from a simple web front-end.

Managing the systems that interface with Unit4 Financials can be a frustrating and time-consuming process, often requiring input from your IT department. Do you need the ability to run or schedule interfaces, monitor logs and change configurations easily and efficiently? Then Interface Manager is the solution you have been looking for.

Using an intuitive web front-end linked to your Unit4 Financials portal, Interface Manager provides a single dashboard that gives you the ability to manage your existing ledger integrations and easily build new extensions.

Inherent in its functionality is:

- The ability to configure and run interfaces, and batch programs, usually only accessible on the back-end server by the database administrator
- An interface scheduler allowing you to execute updates when required either manually or at predetermined intervals
- The ability to configure file browsers over any directory
- File upload and download functionality to designated folders in the back-end server e.g. input files which may need processing
- Administrative control over the types of file that can be uploaded to the application server.
- The ability to intuitively search for any term in the exposed database table across all columns.
- Role based permissions allow only authorised users to access the application
- The ability to view or modify any database tables within the database schema with granular level control overview and modify or delete capabilities down to column level
- Real time monitoring of live interface logs or the ability to download historic logs



A photograph of a woman with blonde hair and glasses, wearing a white lab coat over a pink top, smiling and looking towards a man. The man is seen from the side, wearing a dark suit. They appear to be in a professional setting, possibly a hospital or office.

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The Millennium team were very professional in dealing with technical and application queries. There was very good coordination and communication at all times. The team were very flexible to adjust to our timetables based on operations.”

Chief Financial Officer, Transporations and Logistics company

Avalara MTD reporting for Unit4 Financials

Making tax compliance less taxing.

As tax authorities globally look to monitor VAT/GST liabilities in real time and move to digital transaction reporting the onus on organisations to create timely and accurate, digitally formatted VAT returns has become ever more pressing.

The Avalara MTD reporting solution offers the ability to file VAT Returns and other indirect tax compliance reports in 43 different countries. In doing so the solution addresses the complex automation needs of organisations by increasing compliance accuracy, significantly reducing dependency on manual end user computing processes while at the same time dramatically reducing the operational risk associated with these manual tasks.

Using the Unit4 Financials Structured Output (available from Version 13 onwards), Avalara is automatically populated daily with sales and purchase transaction data. A data checking and validation rules engine identifies possible errors and anomalies that can usually be fixed within the period rather than requiring retrospective adjustments to the be made to returns.

VAT returns are submitted electronically to meet compliance with individual countries' specific filing formats and returns can also be displayed and saved in PDF format in the relevant local language or translated to English.



Reduce
risk



Increase
accuracy



Improve
efficiency



Automate
compliance

AutoCash

Automating bank reconciliations

Eliminate the manual elements in your current process, radically reducing operational risk and improving reconciliation transparency.

- Simplifies and automates the bank statement processing
- Significant savings in time and effort
- Ability to run processes much more frequently

The world of reconciliations has never been glamorous, and it has often been underfunded and overly reliant on manual processes. Put bluntly, relying on a spreadsheet for sensitive control functions such as bank reconciliations increases operational risk, reduces accountability and transparency, and has no place in the world of today. This is where AutoCash can help by removing the manual steps in your current process by:

Automating the posting of the cash record debiting the bank account in the cash book and crediting the customer in the sales ledger.

- Cash match sales invoice to the payment document changing the pay status in Unit4 Financials from "available" to "paid"
- Reconcile the cash book within Unit4 Financials to the electronic bank statement held within the statement tables changing the status from "available" to "reconciled" and providing a full audit trail

All three processes can be achieved within the AutoCash application as it will automatically:

- Load the electronic bank statement into Unit4 Financials statement tables
- Post cash documents
- Match customers & reconcile bank accounts

Accessing the application is simple as AutoCash is a web browser application that resides on the Unit4 Financials server and uses web services to interface to the Unit4 Financials application.

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We have found Millennium Consulting to be very professional and very knowledgeable in the field of financial application consultancy. They have helped us implement Procurement and Invoice Matching in a competent and efficient manner. I would have no qualms in recommending this organisation.”

Purchasing Manager, Ohio CAT



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