

# Planning and Configuring the Chart of Accounts Part 4: Calendars and the Ledger

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# Objectives of this TechTalk

1. Review the setup and considerations for sharing calendars.
2. Review the configuration for the ledger.
3. Discuss scenarios for interunit accounting.
4. Review an example of interunit accounting.

## What it doesn't cover

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1. Main accounts
2. Financial dimensions
3. Account structures and advanced rules

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# Fiscal versus Ledger Calendar

## Fiscal Calendar

- Global
- Can be shared across legal entities
- Defines start and end of year
- Defines number of periods
- Defines the start and end date of each period
- Can also divide a period (requires recalculating the ledger periods)

## Ledger Calendar

- Legal entity specific
- Controls the status of each period and each module
- Can recalculate ledger periods in the Ledger page after a fiscal calendar change

# Ledger Period Types Overview

## Opening

- You cannot post directly into an opening period
- Status is always Permanently closed

## Operating

- Standard period type where all transactions are posted
- Can control the status by period and module

## Closing

- Can only post using the closing sheet or closing process
- Can control the status by period
- Closing transactions are optional during year-end close

# Ledger Period Status Overview

## Open

- Any transaction can be posted into the period
- Not a permanent status

## On Hold

- Cannot post transactions into the period
- Not a permanent status

## Permanently Closed

- Is a permanent status
- Should only be used if there are legal requirements

# Module Access for Ledger Periods

Can only update one module at a time

Can create User groups to limit access to a subset of users

Module access refers to subledgers not modules

## EXAMPLES

Customer

- Accounts receivable

Vendor

- Accounts payable

Sales

- Sales and marketing

Purchase

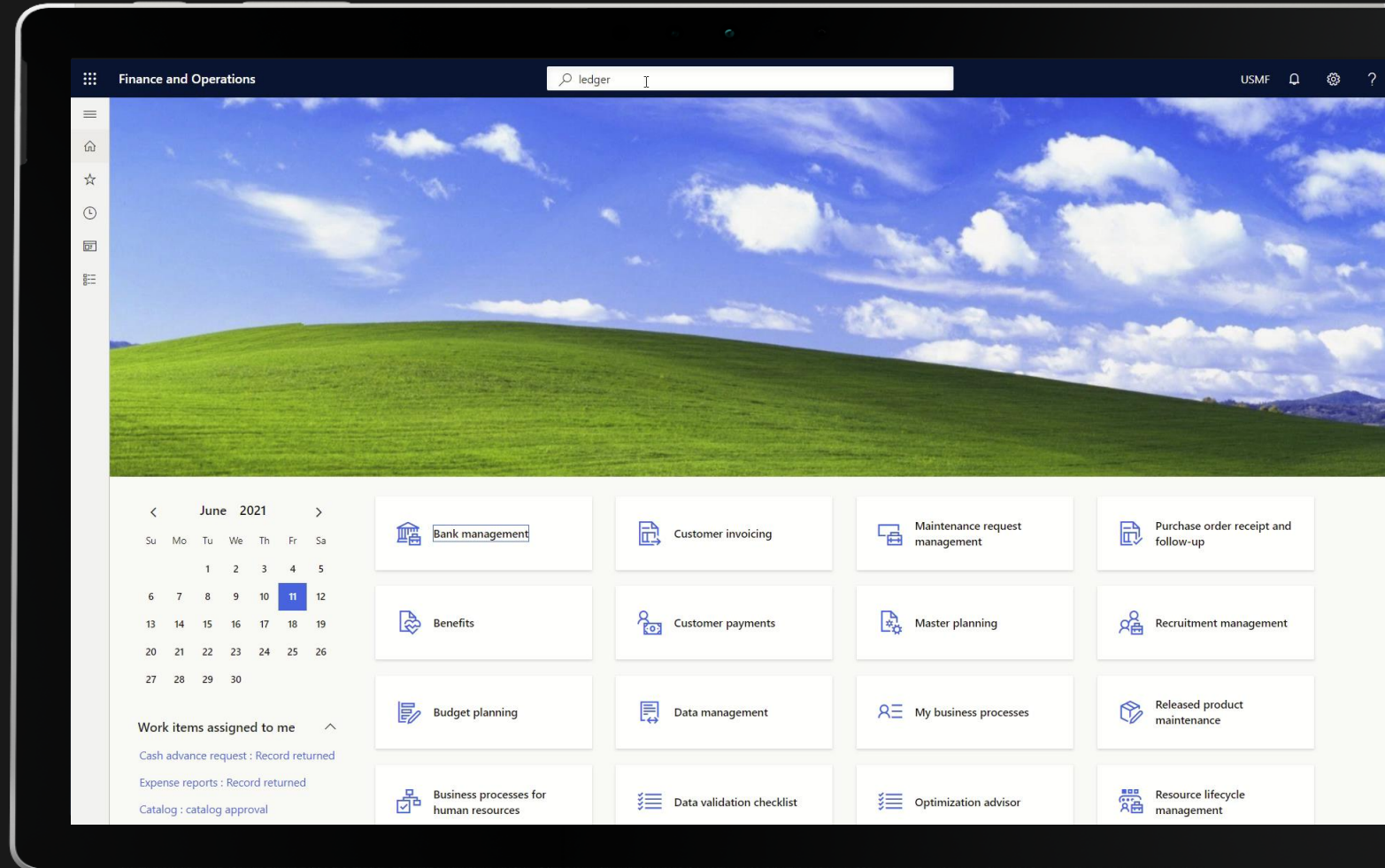
- Procurement and sourcing

Bank

- Cash and bank management

# Controlling the Status of your Ledger Periods

1. Open **General ledger > Ledger setup > Ledger**.
2. Click **Ledger calendar**.
3. Select the **Fiscal year**.
4. Select the **Period** in the left navigation.
  1. Manually set the **Period status** field to the desired status.
  2. To mass update periods:
    1. Highlight all desired legal entities.
    2. Click **Update period status**.
    3. Select the desired Period status and click **Update**.
3. To mass update module access:
  1. Highlight all desired legal entities.
  2. Click **Update module access**.
  3. Select the **Module**.
  4. Select the **Access level**.
  5. Click **Update**.



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# What is a Ledger?

## Ledger

- One ledger per legal entity
- Can have same settings in ledger across legal entities
- Defines finance architecture

## Legal Entity

- Many legal entities per instance
- Should match your legal structure
- Also referred to as a company

# Sharing Versus Not Sharing

## Ledger

- Always legal entity specific
- Can use same values across legal entities

## Calendars

- Share when possible
- Ledger calendars are always legal entity specific

## Chart of accounts

- Share when possible
- Use additional consolidation accounts for specific needs

## Account structures

- Share when possible
- Some segments may be legal entity specific or have legal entity overrides

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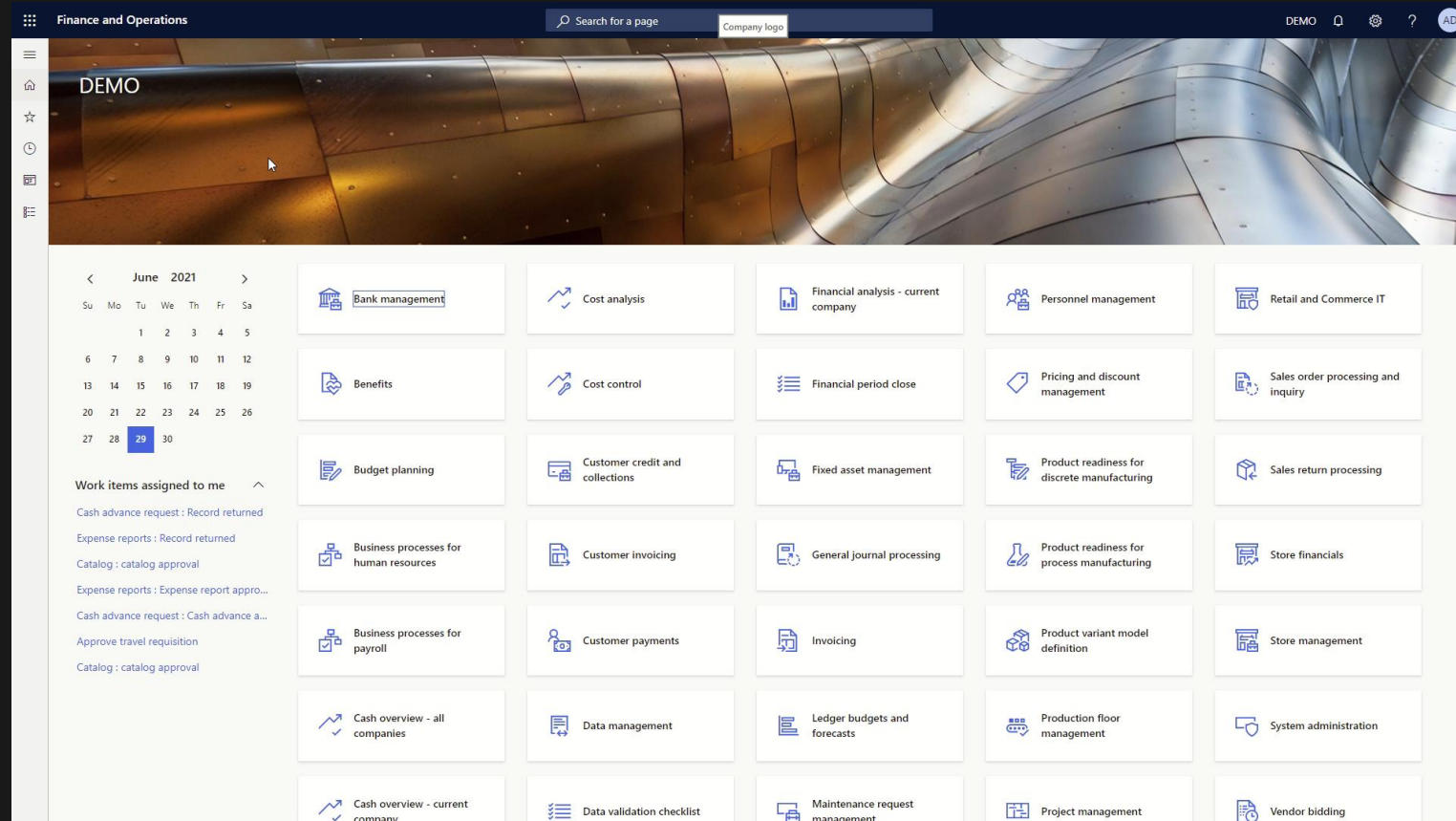
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# Currencies and the Ledger

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- Accounting currency is the primary currency (typically the local currency of the legal entity)
  - Reporting currency is an alternative currency for financial reports
  - Transactions can be in any currency, but are always recorded to the ledger in the accounting and reporting currencies
  - You can **NEVER** change your ledger currencies after transactions exist

# Configure the Ledger

1. Open **General ledger > Ledger setup > Ledger**.
2. Select the **Chart of accounts**.
3. Select the **Fiscal calendar**.
4. On the **Account structures** FastTab and click **Add**.
5. Select the **Account structure** and then click **Select**.
6. Repeat steps 4-5 for each account structure you want to add.
7. Optionally, select the **Balancing financial dimension**.
8. Select the **Accounting currency**.
9. Select the **Reporting currency**.
10. Select the **Accounting currency**, **Reporting currency**, and **Budget exchange rate types**.
11. Optionally, select Main accounts on the **Accounts for currency translation** FastTab.



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# Balancing Financial Dimensions



Also referred to as interunit accounting

Allows a balance sheet to be balanced by a financial dimension

Can select one financial dimension to be balanced

The debits and credits for the balancing financial dimension must match

Unmatched balances are automatically posted to the Interunit – debit and Interunit – credit accounts

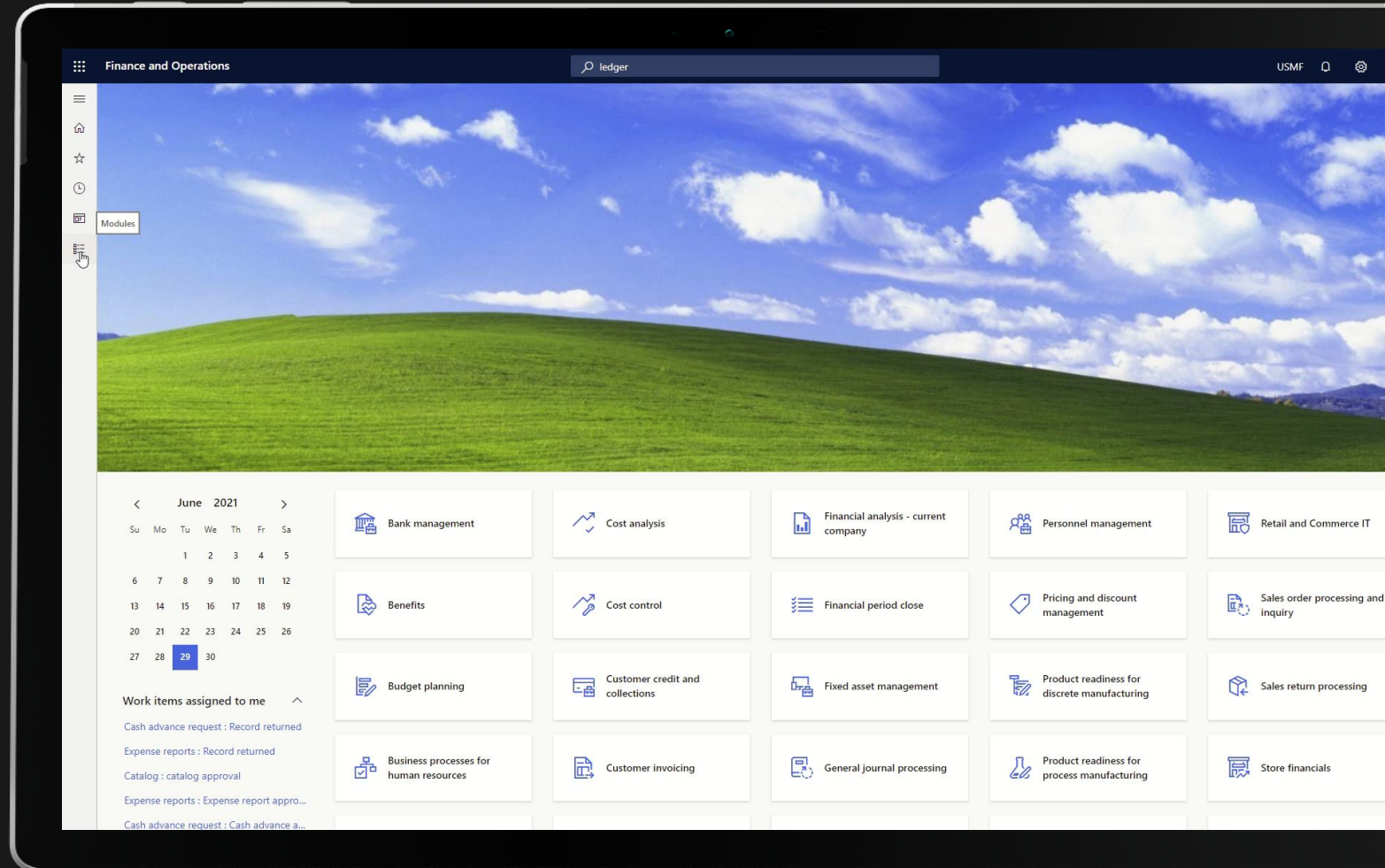
The dimension must be in all account structures and cannot allow blanks

[Enable interunit accounting | Microsoft Docs](#)

[Balanced journals for interunit accounting - Finance | Dynamics 365 | Microsoft Docs](#)

# Configure Interunit Accounting

1. Open **General ledger > Ledger setup > Ledger**.
2. Select the dimension to be balanced from the **Balancing financial dimension** drop-down.
3. Close the form.
4. Open **General ledger > Posting setup > Accounts for automatic transactions**.
5. Click **New** to create a record.
6. Select **Interunit – debit** in the **Posting type** field, and then select the Main account to be used.
7. Click **New** to create a record.
8. Select **Interunit – credit** in the **Posting type** field, and then select the **Main account** to be used.



# Sample Journal Entry with Interunit Accounting

Finance and Operations

ledger

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| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
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| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |

Work items assigned to me

- Cash advance request : Record returned
- Expense reports : Record returned
- Catalog : catalog approval
- Expense reports : Expense report appro...

Bank management

Cost analysis

Financial analysis - current company

Personnel management

Retail and Commerce IT

Benefits

Cost control

Financial period close

Pricing and discount management

Sales order processing and inquiry

Budget planning

Customer credit and collections

Fixed asset management

Product readiness for discrete manufacturing

Sales return processing

Business processes for human resources

Customer invoicing

General journal processing

Product readiness for process manufacturing

Store financials

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# DO's and DON'Ts for the Ledger

## DO's

- ✓ Analyze and select the correct accounting and reporting currencies.
- ✓ Analyze and select the correct chart of accounts.
- ✓ Make your legal entity structure match your legal structure.
- ✓ Use interunit accounting (balancing dimension) for balance sheet at a lower level.

## DON'Ts

- ✗ Create support tickets to change the accounting or reporting currency.
- ✗ Create support tickets to change your chart of accounts.
- ✗ Make more legal entities than you have legal companies.
- ✗ Make less legal entities and use a dimension to represent a legal entity.

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# RECAP

Your checklist for  
the chart of  
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## Use and adjust this baseline checklist

- ✓ Create Main account templates
- ✓ [Create Main account categories](#)
- ✓ [Create Exchange rate types](#)
- ✓ [Define Sales tax groups and Item sales tax groups](#)
- ✓ [Define Sales tax codes](#)
- ✓ [Define the Chart of accounts](#)
- ✓ [Create Main accounts](#)
- ✓ Define Legal entity overrides on Main accounts
- ✓ [Create Financial dimension](#)
- ✓ Define values for financial dimensions
- ✓ Define default and fixed dimensions on main accounts
- ✓ Create Financial dimension sets
- ✓ [Configure Financial dimensions sets to update periodically](#)
- ✓ [Create Financial dimension default templates](#)
- ✓ [Create Ledger account aliases](#)

# RECAP

Your checklist for  
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ledger continued

## Use and adjust this baseline checklist

- ✓ Create a [Fiscal calendar](#)
- ✓ Create an [Organization hierarchy](#)
- ✓ Create an [Account structure](#)
- ✓ Create a relationship from the Organization hierarchy to the Account structure
- ✓ Create an [Advanced rule](#)
- ✓ Activate Advanced rules
- ✓ [Activate Account structures](#)
- ✓ [Configure the Ledger](#)

# Resources



[GENERAL LEDGER DOCS](#)



[FINANCE LEARNING  
CATALOG](#)



# QUESTIONS

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