

# Replace Management Reporter with **Excel**

Most financial presentations end up in Excel, so why not start with Excel? ActivReporter uses native Excel to give you unparalleled visibility into your Dynamics GP financial data.



	<b>ActivReporter (AR)</b>	<b>Management Reporter (MR)</b>
<b>Excel</b>	ActivReporter is just Excel—"pure" Excel—with 50+ additional functions that extract data from Dynamics GP into spreadsheet cells.	MR requires designing in an unfamiliar interface, then exporting the final results to Excel. You cannot drilldown from the resulting Excel spreadsheet.
<b>Drill down to Transactions</b>	ActivReporter can drilldown to all the transactions (periodic, year to date, everything) that make up any amount (derived from a financial function) in the Excel workbook. The transaction presentation is a table in ActivReporter that is sortable, filterable, and searchable.	MR can drilldown to the transactions only for reports specifying a "periodic" presentation, debit and credit activity during a specific period or range of periods, as opposed to a "year to date" presentation. The presentation is a report that is searchable, but not sortable or filterable. If there are hundreds or thousands of transactions, it is very cumbersome to make sense of the data from this report.
<b>Drill back to Dynamics GP</b>	Allows drillback to Dynamics GP for all Journal Entries and Chart of Accounts. Drillback can be to the journal entry, the Chart of Account Detail, or the Chart of Accounts summary screen.	MR can drillback to the Journal Entry Inquiry in Dynamics GP when using the Report Viewer or the Web Viewer, but only from the transaction detail. This means drillback is only available when drilldown is available to the transaction, so any "year to date" type columns will not have drillback available to them.
<b>Performance &amp; Speed</b>	ActivReporter is "superfast". ActivReporter has an installation with over 300,000 cells in a single spreadsheet presenting data from Dynamics GP.	MR is very slow in comparison. MR requires 3 steps to get to a spreadsheet: Design, Generate, Export to Excel.

## Discover the difference with ActivReporter

<b>activReporter</b>		<b>Management Reporter</b>
<b>Design with Live Data</b>	ActivReporter will allow you to see the calculated results for any ActivReporter function immediately during the design of the financial report. This visibility is truly immediate gratification.	MR produces amounts by going through the process of generating the financial to a library. This means you will have a "round trip" through the production process before you can view the financial amounts. This process at a minimum takes minutes (and possibly much longer) depending on the complexity of the financial statement and the amount of data in the Dynamics GP database.
<b>Multiple Calendars</b>	ActivReporter allows you to report on any timeframe including timeframes that are not defined in Dynamics GP. Timeframes are created using special Calendars (daily, weekly, quarterly, ad-hoc). You can create as many calendars as you want in ActivReporter. The calendars can span fiscal periods and fiscal years. There are no issues with BBF entries having to be eliminated.	MR also can report on any date in a column with the "Start Date" and "End Date" controls. MR does not have the concept of a calendar. The start and end dates cannot span a fiscal year boundary.
<b>Data Analysis Capabilities</b>	Allows native visibility into unposted, posted and historical data with no barriers or special requirements.	To view any numerical data in MR, you must generate a financial design. There is no visibility into any table independently of financial designs.
<b>Include Unposted Entries</b>	ActivReporter "universally" includes/excludes unposted entries for consistency. Include/exclude is dynamic and can be changed in an instant for the entire workbook at runtime.	MR includes/excludes unposted entries universally in the Report Definition file. It is not a dynamic run time option. Including/excluding unposted entries requires a regeneration of the report.

Get better visibility into your Dynamics GP financial data with ActivReporter. Easily design complex reports with multiple budgets, multiple periods, multiple companies, reporting ledgers, graphs, and foreign currency. Simply insert an ActivReporter formula into a spreadsheet cell and immediately see the results. An automated process converts Management Reporter row designs to ActivReporter.

## See a demo

Watch a demonstration and discover what "Reporting Redefined" looks like.



<https://youtu.be/1t5juWMuKfM>

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