

# UNIT4 FINANCIALS QUATERLY NEWSLETTER

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KEEPING OUR CUSTOMERS INFORMED ABOUT PRODUCT & STRATEGY



## UNIT4 FINANCIALS V14 RELEASE 3 AVAILABILITY

We are pleased to announce that Unit4 Financials Version 14 Release 3 (v14.000-R3) has been released. The software together with all language packs is available to order and ready for downloading.

### UNIT4 FINANCIALS V14 RELEASE 3

The new release contains all the previous v14 functionality plus brand new features and enhancements to extend the best-in-class software solution. We have addressed many Customer reported issues, and hence always encourage customers to upgrade to the latest release. A full list of the reported issues addressed is included in the release documentation.

### SOME OF THE HIGH PROFILE NEW FEATURES INCLUDE:

UNIT4 FINANCIALS XL FOR FINANCE IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR 64-BIT MICROSOFT EXCEL

This enables customers to use even larger data sets and supports larger files and utilise more memory on their desktop client installation.

#### PREVERO INTEGRATION

Deep link integration is now available enabling drill back to source transaction allowing full access to the features and functions underneath including viewing additional detail, attachments etc. Unit4 Financials v14 integrates seamlessly with prevero via our standard API, extending the Financials suite with its best-in-class performance management capability, offering reporting as well as budgeting, forecasting and planning.

#### SINGLE SIGN-ON

Customers can now choose from Standard logon with Unit4 Financials User, OpenID Connect/Unit4 Identity Server and now Java EE Container managed authentication for Single Sign on.

## NEW FEATURES CONTINUED: IMPROVED INTEGRATION

- The COM Router has been re-implemented and enhanced for v14 R3 to support customer's integration requirements and provide yet more integration possibilities
- Unit4 Financials Integration Toolkit (ITK) is now fully supported within Unit4 Financials v14 R3. Customers are now able to utilise this advanced integration functionality with bespoke software delivered by Unit4 and / or approved partners.



## PLATFORM NEWS:

- Java 9 is now supported for WildFly 10.1 and JBoss EAP 7 on Windows Server 2012 R2 & 2016. Customers can now confidently update their servers to the latest version of Java for additional features and security updates provided by the latest Java platform.
- IBM i 7.3 certification, the latest version of the IBM i operating system is certified for use with Unit4 Financials v14 R3 in conjunction with IBM WebSphere Application Server Express 8.5.5 fix pack 11 and above.

## V14 R3 - RELEASE DOCUMENTATION

All documentation will be available to customers via the Software Distribution Server (SDS) which is accessed via the online customer support website. 'Unit4 Financials v14 R3 - Release Guide and Notes' replaces the 'What's New in Unit4 Financials' document released with previous releases.

## RELEASE STRATEGY

With effect from the release of Unit4 Financials version 14, we have adopted a strategy of delivering software updates every quarter in the form of a new release. (i.e. R3, R4, R5 etc.) A 'version release' (i.e. V14, V15 etc.) will be made every 18-24 months in which we consolidate content introduced in releases as well as include significant features not possible to introduce due to the major impact it could have in a release. Releases are comprised of a collection of software fixes, feature and business critical legislative enhancements avoiding database schema and API changes where possible and can easily be applied.

## SUPPORT POLICY

Bug fix support is given to the two most recent significant versions of Unit4 Financials - limited to the latest release of each version. Bug fix support for ancillary products is limited to the latest release compatible with supported Unit4 Financials releases.

Unit4 Financials v14 R3 is now the default release that will be issued to new customers.

CURRENT SUPPORTED PRODUCT SUMMARY:

Product	Version	Released
Unit4 Financials	14.000-R3	Nov 17, 2017
XL for Finance/Procurement	14.000-R3	Nov 17, 2017
Unit4 Coda Financials	13.0	Dec 2, 2014
Coda Financials	12.0	Sep 27, 2011
XL for Finance/Procurement	13.001	May 26, 2016
XL for Finance	5.103	July 22, 2016
XL for Procurement	5.103	July 22, 2016
XL for Invoice Matching	5.102	Dec16, 2013

PLATFORM SUPPORT SUMMARY V14 R3

For details and specific information, customers should access the published support matrix via the online customer website: <https://unit4.force.com/CommunityLogin>

Tier	Third Party Software
Browser	Microsoft Edge Microsoft Internet Explorer 11 Google Chrome Apple Safari
Print Formatter Workflow Designer	Microsoft Windows 10 (64-bit) Microsoft Windows 8.1 (64-bit) Microsoft Windows 7 (64-bit)
Audit Trail	Microsoft Windows 10 (64-bit) Microsoft Windows 8.1 (64-bit) Microsoft Windows 7 (64-bit) Java 8 SE (JRE) 64-bit
Customiser	Microsoft Windows 10 (64-bit) Microsoft Windows 8.1 (64-bit) Microsoft Windows 7 (64-bit) Java 8 SE (JRE) 64-bit
XL	Microsoft Windows 10 (64-bit) Microsoft Windows 8.1 (64-bit) Microsoft Windows 7 (64-bit) Microsoft Office 2016 (32-bit) Microsoft Office 2013 (32-bit) Microsoft Office 2010 (32-bit)
Java EE	Microsoft Windows Server 2016 Microsoft Windows Server 2012R2 IBM AIX 7 Oracle Solaris 11 (SPARC) IBM i 7.2 Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 CentOS 7

SUPPORTED LANGUAGES

The number and range of languages supported for Unit4 products varies according to customer demand.

Products are available in up to fifteen languages: English, Dutch, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Swedish, Hungarian, Czech, Polish, Portuguese, Brazilian Portuguese, Turkish, Romanian, Simplified Chinese. Multiple languages can be run together within the same version of the product.

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PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS FOR RELEASE IN 2018

APRIL/MAY 2018  
UNIT4 FINANCIALS V14 R4

- Add Element flexi-field data to copy company
- Add Hierarchy Builder as scheduled task
- GDPR compliance for element history & audit trails

	WildFly 10.1 Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform 7 IBM WebSphere Application Server – Express for IBM i 8.5.5 fix pack 11 Java 9 SE (JDK) 64-bit Java 8 SE (JDK) 64-bit
Database	Microsoft SQL Server 2016 Microsoft SQL Server 2014 Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Oracle Database 12c IBM DB2 for i 7.3 IBM DB2 for i 7.2

- Enable output to SFTP
- Penetration test issues
- Add support for Kerberos Authentication
- Miscellaneous customer enhancements

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- Add full 'Browse Details' functionality in Browse transactions
- Enforce limitations on hierarchies used for prevero integration
- Local product adoption where possible
- Miscellaneous customer enhancements



PROPOSED PLATFORM SUMMARY V15

Items ~~struck out~~ are removals. Items in **bold** are additions

Tier	Third Party Software
Browser <sup>1</sup>	Microsoft Edge Microsoft Internet Explorer 11 Google Chrome Apple Safari
Print Formatter Workflow Designer	Microsoft Windows 10 (64-bit) <del>Microsoft Windows 8.1 (64-bit)</del> <del>Microsoft Windows 7 (64-bit)</del>
Audit Trail Configuration Tool	Microsoft Windows 10 (64-bit) <del>Microsoft Windows 8.1 (64-bit)</del> <del>Microsoft Windows 7 (64-bit)</del>  <b>Java 9 SE (JRE) 64-bit</b> Java 8 SE (JRE) 64-bit
Customizer	Microsoft Windows 10 (64-bit) <del>Microsoft Windows 8.1 (64-bit)</del> <del>Microsoft Windows 7 (64-bit)</del>  <b>Java 9 SE (JRE) 64-bit</b> Java 8 SE (JRE) 64-bit
XL	Microsoft Windows 10 (64-bit) <del>Microsoft Windows 8.1 (64-bit)</del> <del>Microsoft Windows 7 (64-bit)</del>  Microsoft Office 2016 <del>Microsoft Office 2013</del> <del>Microsoft Office 2010</del>
Java EE	Microsoft Windows Server 2016 <del>Microsoft Windows Server 2012R2</del> IBM AIX 7

USER GROUP MEETINGS

In November I visited with the User Groups in both the UK and France where we share ideas and listen to feedback from the Unit4 Connect events hosted in the respective territories in 2017. Lots of ideas and thoughts were shared on things we can do to improve participation and overall value of the events for the customers in attendance.

	<p>Oracle Solaris 11 (SPARC)<sup>ii</sup>                  IBM i 7.3  <del>IBM i 7.2</del>                  Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7                  CentOS 7</p> <p><b>WildFly 11.0</b>  <del>WildFly 10.1</del>                  Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform 7                  IBM WebSphere Application Server - Express for IBM i 9  <del>IBM WebSphere Application Server - Express for IBM i 8.5.5 fix pack 11</del></p> <p><b>Java 9 SE (JDK) 64-bit</b>                  Java 8 SE (JDK) 64-bit</p>
<b>Database</b>	<p><b>Microsoft SQL Server 2017</b>  <del>Microsoft SQL Server 2016</del>  <del>Microsoft SQL Server 2014</del>  <del>Microsoft SQL Server 2012</del>                  Oracle Database 12c                  IBM DB2 for i 7.3  <del>IBM DB2 for i 7.2</del></p>

I've come away with a number of enhancement requests which will be added to the development backlog and considered for prioritization and inclusion in our upcoming quarterly releases. (see release strategy on page 2)

I look forward to attending more User Group meetings across all territories and ensuring clear and open communication in 2018.

Expect further updates in Q118 newsletter.



## V15 PROPOSED PRODUCT CHANGES

The following products are removed at 15.0:

- XMLi COM Router<sup>iii</sup>

### Technology Changes

The following technologies are removed at 15.0:

- Single-byte database<sup>iv</sup>
  - ASCII
  - EBCDI

<sup>i</sup> Desktop mode only/ 1280x1024 minimum screen resolution

<sup>ii</sup> Oracle has recently reduced its focus on Solaris. The lack of certainty this creates may push customers off this platform onto another. We would position our Linux support as a suitable alternative.

[https://www.theregister.co.uk/2017/09/04/oracle\\_layoffs\\_solaris\\_sparc\\_teams/](https://www.theregister.co.uk/2017/09/04/oracle_layoffs_solaris_sparc_teams/)

<https://www.infoq.com/news/2017/09/solaris-sunsets#>

<sup>iii</sup> The XMLi COM Router API is defined in terms of MSXML4, which is no longer maintained by Microsoft, and is available only in 32-bit form. We would position the .NET Router or Web Services as a suitable alternative.

<sup>iv</sup> All public API for Financials is already Unicode-only at 14.0. This removes non-Unicode support from the database tier. This affects only customers reading from or writing to the database directly. Equivalent access to data has long been provided via the public service API.