

UNIT4 FINANCIALS JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER

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KEEPING OUR CUSTOMERS INFORMED ABOUT PRODUCT & STRATEGY



UNIT4 FINANCIALS V14 RELEASE 4 & 5 AVAILABILITY

Unit4 Financials Version 14 Release 4 and 5 have been released in March and May respectively. The software together with all language packs is available to order and ready for downloading from the software distribution server accessible from Service Cloud.

UNIT4 FINANCIALS V14 RELEASE 4 & 5

The new releases contain all the previous v14 release 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 INCLUDED IN R4:

Element Anonymization. Driven by the requirement to support our customers in their efforts to meet statutory General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requirements, this new feature will remove records of personal data from an element's history record as well as from any Audit Trail records.

Element groups can now be saved using the save target function in conjunction with master sharing when performed by a user logged into the provider company, simplifying and reducing the time and effort for routine maintenance tasks.

Copy Company within Finance now includes element flexi-field data when using copy company to copy elements, eliminating manual and time consuming steps to complete replication of elements in a multi company environment.

During the **creation of a new mandate** on an element master the type of mandate is now defaulted to be "Electronic". Previously, the default was null/blank which could cause potential issues in the pay/collect process resulting in eliminating unnecessary time and effort trouble shooting issues in the pay/collect process.

NEW FEATURES V14 R4 CONTINUED:

A **new scheduled task for Hierarchy Builder** has been added allowing users to schedule this process to run at a convenient time without the need for manual intervention, thereby saving valuable resource time and effort.

A change has been made to reduce on screen **flickering/re-drawing within Internet Explorer browsers**. However please note that a detailed investigation revealed that there a similar action/solution is not possible for the Chrome browser platform.

Wildfly 11 is now supported by Unit4 Financials v14 from Release 4 onwards.

The **Bank Finder within Invoice Matching** input has been updated to show SEPA and IBAN details enhancing user experience and efficiency.

The **metadata selector master** vocabulary values for the “Modify” field have been updated to now include a “Forced Prompt” option. This now matches the options available in Finance and behaves the same. You are prompted for a value and it is mandatory to enter a value before continuing.



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.

SOME OF THE HIGH PROFILE NEW FEATURES INCLUDED IN R5:

Unit4 Financials – Assets: a review feature during the cancel capitalisation process prior to performing the cancellation has been added

Unit4 Financials – Billing: The issue function within Billing will now e-mail the customer directly on the selected or default address when e-mail output device method is selected.

Unit4 Financials – Finance: an extensive list of resolutions for over 25 customer issues are included (for a complete list please see the release notes)

- View quantity data for archived documents within Browse Details – View/Edit line.
- Search for flexi-field data held against elements at level 6.
- Use the character “?” in a prompt field within a selector master.
- Element Authorisation has been updated to ensure denied elements which are edited and resubmitted for approval via Assisted Element are checked against the correct rules.
- Ability to cancel an intercompany document in your ‘current’ company
- Browse Transactions has been enhanced with workflow functionality to allow users to view history, cancel and restart workflows.
- Browse Transactions has been enhanced with “Copy Document” functionality.

In addition, resolutions within the Framework include security updates to Unit4 Financials v14 following external analysis, task summary content provider has been re-implemented, hierarchy build task has been enhanced to allow multiple hierarchies to be specified and run as a scheduled task.

CURRENT SUPPORTED PRODUCT SUMMARY:

Product	Version	Released
Unit4 Financials	14.000-R5	May 31, 2018
XL for Finance/Procurement	14.000-R5	May 31, 2018
Unit4 Coda Financials	13.0	Dec 2, 2014
XL for Finance/Procurement	13.001	May 26, 2016
Coda Financials	12.0	Critical bug fix ended May 16, 2018 – support continues.
XL for Finance	5.103	
XL for Procurement	5.103	
XL for Invoice Matching	5.102	Dec16, 2013

V14 - 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 R2, R3, R4, R5 etc. - Release Guide and Notes’ replaces the ‘What’s New in Unit4 Financials’ document released with previous releases.

PLATFORM SUPPORT SUMMARY V14 R5

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

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 R5 is now the default release that will be issued to new customers.

	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 CentOS 7 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 2017 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

PROPOSED PLATFORM SUMMARY V15

PRODUCT CHANGES

- XMLi COM Router is removed** - 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 alternatives.

TECHNOLOGY CHANGES

- Single-byte database is removed** - 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. (ASCII & EBCDIC)

PROPOSED PLATFORM CHANGE

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

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Audit Trail Configuration Tool	Microsoft Windows 10 (64-bit) Microsoft Windows 8.1 (64 bit)

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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TARGETED DEVELOPMENTS FOR RELEASE IN 2018/2019

- UNIT4 FINANCIALS V14 R6 (AUG 2018)
- UNIT4 FINANCIALS V14 R7 (NOV 2018)
- UNIT4 FINANCIALS V15 (SUMMER 2019)
- UNIT4 FINANCIALS V13 SERVICE PACKS

- User Extension – IBAN format by country
- Transactional reporting – export of structured data to include connector to Avalara to meet digital tax reporting requirements (Making Tax Digital)
- Further prevero integration
- Penetration test security updates

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XL	<p>Microsoft Windows 10 (64-bit) Microsoft Windows 8.1 (64-bit) Microsoft Windows 7 (64-bit)</p> <p>Microsoft Office 2019 Microsoft Office 2016 Microsoft Office 2013 Microsoft Office 2010</p>
Java EE	<p>Microsoft Windows Server 2019 Microsoft Windows Server 2016 Microsoft Windows Server 2012R2 IBM AIX 7 Oracle Solaris 11 (SPARC) IBM i 7.3 IBM i 7.2 Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 CentOS 7</p> <p>WildFly WildFly 10.1 Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform 7 IBM WebSphere Application Server - Express for IBM i 9 IBM WebSphere Application Server - Express for IBM i 8.5.5 fix pack 11</p> <p>Java 11 SE (JRE) 64-bit Java 8 SE (JRE) 64-bit</p>
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Note:

- Desktop mode only/ 1280x1024 minimum screen resolution
- 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_sol_aris_sparc_teams/
<https://www.infoq.com/news/2017/09/solaris-sunsets#>

- Enhanced integration in the Cloud – REST API and Table Link improvements
- Office 365 Support – replacement for Excel for Unit4 Financials
- Add full ‘Browse Details’ functionality in Browse transactions
- Local product adoption where possible
- Customer enhancements
- Customer product issues

PRODUCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Would you like to play an actively role in the product lifecycle for Unit4 Financials?

What’s it all about?

- Building relationships & sounding boards
- Validating strategy and development
- Business issues that have an impact on business and product development.
- Customer networking
- Access to decision makers in Unit4
- Opportunity to participate in development projects, testing, early adaptor programs, etc.

Working **close to customers** is a major key to success. This will help us develop **best in class solutions** for each **target industry** and help us understand the end-user context.

For more information and details about the program please email craig.bass@unit4.com

