

IBM CONTROLLER

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Financial Close. Accurate Consolidation. Built-in Compliance. Multi-GAAP.

Highlights

- Addresses the extended close, consolidate, report, and file process.
- Delivers a complete, self-service application, managed by finance users.

Seamlessly integrates with planning, budgeting, and forecasting applications.

Handles complex ownership structures effortlessly. Offers a web application for reporting site users.

Provides flexible on-cloud or on-premises deployment options.

IBM Controller provides CFOs and finance teams with user-friendly, ready-to-use software that enables them to overcome strategic challenges and complete their consolidation and reporting quickly, accurately, and effortlessly. Our highly automated solution eliminates tedious and time-consuming manual processes. Nevertheless, you retain complete control over your financial statements and can review them at any time and adapt them to your individual requirements. With flexible deployment options IBM Controller adopts to the diverse needs of modern organizations.

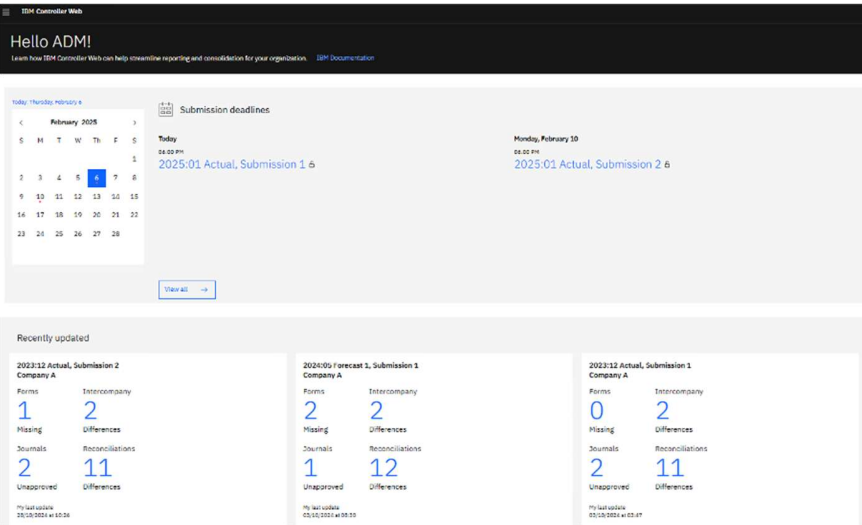


Figure 1: The home page provides an intuitive web user experience with upcoming deadlines.

260+

Access **pre-built standard reports** for financial analytics

100%

out of the box functionalities

Key Features and Benefits

Global Consolidation Capabilities

IBM Controller simplifies the consolidation process, enabling accounting teams to:

- Reduce close and report times to accelerate the close cycle.
- Improve data accuracy for reliable reporting.
- Operate without dependency on IT resources.
- Ensure collaborative and auditable report assembly.
- Access 260+ pre-built standard reports for financial analysis.
- Achieve seamless compatibility with existing IT investments.
- Automate consolidation processes and accounting procedures.
- Centralize financial information in a secure, compliant environment.
- Leverage a modern web application for reporting and consolidation tasks.
- opt for on-cloud or on-premises deployment.

Enhanced Data Collection and Validation

IBM Controller manages all steps required to gather financial information from disparate sources and systems. Data can be entered manually or imported via Excel forms or a web browser. Real-time validation ensures data consistency and immediate error notifications. The intuitive web interface guides users through tasks like intercompany reconciliation and manual journal postings.

The screenshot displays the IBM Controller Web interface for the project overview. The top navigation bar shows 'Projects / 2023:12 Actual' and a 'Project summary' button. Below the navigation, there are tabs for 'Submission 1' and 'Submission 2'. The main content area is divided into a left sidebar with filters and a main table.

Filter Sidebar:

- Reporting status:** Missing (red dot), Processing (blue dot), Reconciled (green dot), Ready (green dot).
- Companies / groups:** All subsidiaries, Consolidation type (L3 - Legal), View filters, Create view filter.

Main Table:

Companies / groups	Reporting status	Lock status
G1000 - PAN-GLOBAL GROUP	Processing	
A1002 - Pan-global Corporate	Processing	Unlocked
A2301 - Pan-global France	Processing	Unlocked
G2000 - PAN-GLOBAL NORTH AMERICA	Processing	
A1003 - Pan-global USA South	Processing	Unlocked
A1023 - Pan-global Mexico CO	Missing	Unlocked
G2100 - PAN-GLOBAL LATIN AMERICA	Processing	
A1020 - Pan-global Chile	Reconciled	Unlocked
A1021 - Pan-global Argentina	Processing	Unlocked
A1022 - Pan-global Brazil MI	Processing	Unlocked
A1023 - Pan-global Mexico CO	Missing	Unlocked
A1024 - Pan-global Peru	Ready	Locked
G2200 - PAN-GLOBAL ASIA PACIFIC	Processing	
A1001 - Pan-global Canada	Processing	Unlocked
G2210 - PAN-GLOBAL AUSTRALASIA	Processing	
A1008 - Pan-global Australia	Processing	Unlocked
A1009 - Pan-global New Zealand	Processing	Unlocked

Figure 2: The project overview is an easy-to-use web interface for managing the close process and access the reporting status of each entity.

Thanks to Smart Consolidator, we have been able to reduce the time taken to complete one cycle of data loading from approximately 2 hours to 15 minutes—an improvement of more than 85 percent.

CFO of Major Holdings Company

Comprehensive Audit Trail

Accounting teams can track data flow and maintain an audit trail to support compliance and internal controls. Controller logs application and data changes, enabling users to analyze adjustments and maintain unaltered source data.

Streamlined Allocations and Intercompany Eliminations

Advanced allocation features allow value distribution between accounts, entities, or business dimensions. Intercompany transactions are reconciled at the source, with real-time visibility into counterparty input. Automatic eliminations and detailed intercompany reports further enhance reconciliation efficiency.

Advanced Formula Calculations

IBM Controller integrates advanced formula calculations to derive financial and non-financial metrics. Formulas support in-period and multi-period calculations, facilitating precise data analysis and reporting.

User-Defined Business Rules

Accounting teams can define and execute custom consolidation rules tailored to organizational needs. User-defined business rules (UDBRs) enable unique consolidation scenarios without external workarounds, maintaining control within the application.

Currency Conversion

IBM Controller supports comprehensive currency conversion methods, allowing entities to work in their local currency while consolidating group results in a unified currency. Users can simulate exchange rate impacts, ensuring transparency and accuracy in global financial reporting.

Simplified Close Process Management

IBM Controller automates and guides users through every stage of the consolidation process. Features like color-coded tracking, submission approvals, and version locking streamline the close cycle. Administrators can monitor submissions and enforce compliance through built-in controls.

Adaptability to Organizational Change

IBM Controller built-in business intelligence accommodates mergers, acquisitions, or structural reorganizations. Changes to entity structures and business rules are applied globally, ensuring consistent and reliable results.

Reporting and Analysis

Reliable Data for Quality Decision Making

IBM Controller delivers over 250 standard reports, offering insights into financial performance. Integration with IBM Planning Analytics ensures real-time, in-memory OLAP reporting capabilities. Users can monitor KPIs, define success metrics, and link strategies to actionable plans, enabling timely decision-making.

Seamless Integration with Planning

Controller's financial information feeds into enterprise planning processes, enabling rolling forecasts and accurate budget updates. This integration facilitates forward-looking performance management.

Deployment Flexibility: On-Cloud and On-Premises Options

IBM Controller on-cloud offering accelerates time-to-value while reducing costs.

Organizations can:

- Scale users based on demand.
- Shift costs from capital expenditures to operating expenses.
- Minimize IT infrastructure investments.

Benefits for Finance Controllers

- **Faster Close Cycles:** Reduce the time required to complete the financial close and consolidation.
- **Improved Data Accuracy:** Eliminate errors through automation and validation.
- **Enhanced Compliance:** Ensure adherence to regulatory requirements with built-in controls and audit trails.
- **Informed Decision-Making:** Leverage real-time insights and advanced analytics to support strategic decisions.
- **Reduced IT Dependency:** Empower finance teams to own and manage the solution autonomously.



BS - Balance Sheet - Reported

Code	Account	Value	AC 2023-10
B10000	Goodwill		
B10010	Trade marks & licenses		
B10020	Software licenses		
B10030	Other intangibles		
B10099	Intangible Assets		
B11000	Land and buildings		
B11010	Plant & machinery		
B11020	Motor vehicles		
B11030	Fixtures & fittings		
B11040	Computer equipment		
B11099	Tangible Assets	100.00	0.00
B12000	Investment property		
B13000	Investments in subsidiaries	5,040.00	
B13010	Investments in associates		
B13020	Investments in joint ventures		
B14000	Other investments		
B15030	Available-for-sale investments		
B16000	Derivative financial assets		
B17000	Other receivables		
B18000	Deferred tax assets		
B19999	Offset account		
B19099	Non-Current Assets	5,140.00	0.00
B20000	Inventories - cost		
B20010	Inventories - provision		
B20099	Inventories	0.00	0.00
B21000	Trade receivables > 1yr		
B21010	Prepayments and accrued income > 1yr		
B21020	Other receivables > 1yr		
B22000	Trade receivables < 1yr		
B22010	Intercompany trade - Assets	100.00	

Figure 3: The company workflow is an intuitive web user experience for reporting sites to complete their tasks efficiently.

Enterprise Performance Management Advantage

IBM Controller integrates seamlessly with IBM Cognos Analytics and IBM Planning Analytics to deliver a complete performance management platform. This ensures comprehensive financial reporting, monitoring, and planning capabilities while maintaining robust security and data access.

Key Capabilities at a Glance

- Automated financial consolidation.
- Flexible reporting and analytics.
- Global compliance support.
- Cloud and on-premises deployment options.

IBM Controller equips financial controllers with a powerful, finance-owned platform to manage the complexities of financial consolidation and reporting. By automating manual processes, ensuring compliance, and delivering actionable insights, IBM Controller enables organizations to achieve greater efficiency, accuracy, and confidence in their financial outcomes.

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