



Finance and Fixed Assets

Tips & Techniques for Reconciliation Issues

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E1 Editor's Note: What issues could you possibly encounter while reconciling 20 years of data for an archiving project? Or perhaps you are undertaking a Chart of Accounts conversion? From the use of a very handy Configuration Utility for configuring control/system data and business data, to reconciling General Ledger and Fixed Asset information, this article includes some great tips and tricks from a seasoned Consultant that has 'been there, done that'!

Introduction

I've been helping a client rushing to finish a few major projects for the end of the year (no SOX compliance problems here!) and have come up against some interesting issues – issues that most of us have encountered and conquered in years past and now have forgotten the resolutions that we used! Along the way, these same clients have come up with new and unique solutions that are available to all of us with the increased usability of JD Edwards - a big THANK YOU to the clever folks at Oracle!

Setting up New Companies

When a business expands in JDE you are most likely adding new companies; new business units, more accounts, new versions for both applications and reports, new menu options, etc. Since this is where we start in JDE, that's where we'll start here. One of my clients is continually adding new offices (Companies and Business Units, etc.), sometimes hundreds at a time, which takes quite a bit of effort. Here are some tips I acquired.

First let's talk about an easily repeatable method for setting up Business Units, Accounts, and activating accounts even when there are no beginning balances to be entered.

P01RS01 – Configuration Utilities

This program offers a multitude of options to speed the process of setup from scratch or to easily add additional companies and/or business units, accounts, etc. – all that you need! Figures 1 and 2 show the details of the two tabs.

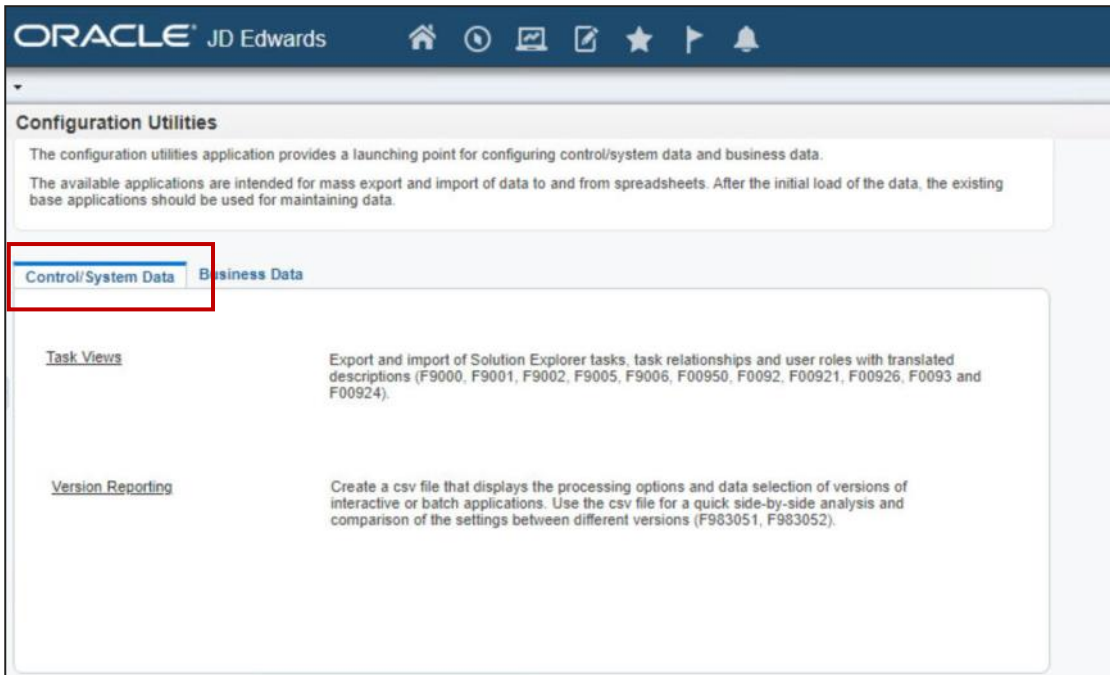


Figure 1 – P01RS01 Control/System Data

The Control/System Data tab shown in Figure 1 contains a lot of very useful utilities that, prior to publication of this offering, ease some of the commonly occurring and vital checks, re-checks, and functions that we used to need a CNC person to do for us, or we had to do it all manually, while doing implementations and/or upgrades.

- **Task Views** - Imports and exports data relating to Solution Explorer Tasks, task relationships, and roles.
- **Version Reporting** - This functionality allows you to export existing Version information, change it or copy it and create any newly needed Versions for both interactive and batch applications. Both functions speed the processes that many of us remember as hours (days, weeks...) of boring, tedious labor that was prone to errors.

During one memorable company and chart of account conversion, a tiny step in the process required 23 versions of one UBE! Wish I'd had this one then.

This information, if obtained prior to project estimations, will also greatly increase the accuracy of estimations of time and human resources needed for creating and adding in new companies and/or implementations and/or upgrades.

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