

I hope you enjoy this edition of the XLerant NewsPak where you can find out about new features, learn a clever way to do something, and find out what's happening in the XLerant community.

Warm Regards,

Joanne E. Brunn, CEO



## The XLerant NewsPak

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### You Asked...We Delivered

*These new features will be released shortly:*

- Detailed forecasting - to include headcount, assets, and line item details
- Shared ActionPaks - ability to share ActionPaks across units, versions and years

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### How do I?

*How do I individually spread the amounts from from my line item detail budget method?*

When you use line item details, you will now see an 'Expand' button in the monthly spreading page. Click the 'Expand' button to display 12 periods for each line item detail. You can spread each line item detail amount separately, choosing from the same spreading methods and override functions available today with monthly spreading of accounts.

You can report on this today in myXL using "Other budget data" and selecting "Get line item detail monthly spreading data." In the next release, we will be offering a Line Item Detail Monthly Spreading report in the Advanced Reporting page.

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## Thought Leadership Series

*We have a series of e-books and whitepapers dedicated to mission of engaging employees, empowering finance managers and department heads to make more informed decisions so that the strategic objectives of the organization can be met.*

### [eBook: Avoiding Potential Pitfalls of Collaborative Budgeting for Finance and Leadership Teams](#)

While the benefits of collaborative budgeting can be extensive -- including improved performance, more realistic budgets, and increased employee satisfaction -- the process doesn't come without some challenges. This eBook provides a balanced review of the pros and cons of this participatory budgeting approach, arming finance and leadership teams with practical strategies for avoiding the pitfalls of collaborative budgeting.

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## Latest Webinar: Ease of Use - The Next Business Requirement

*Featuring:*

*Craig Schiff, President and CEO of BPM Partners*

*Minden Dickson, Director of Financial Planning & Analysis, Hunt Companies*

*Cheryl Warner, Controller, Northwood University*

*Joanne Brunn, CEO, XLERANT (moderator)*

As a nationally-recognized expert who has literally written the guidelines for successful selection of BPM solutions, Craig Schiff offers his perspective on software selection. The panelists share their experience in evaluating and selecting a BPM software solution, the role that ease-of-use played in their purchase consideration, as well as the real-world impact (and ROI) of ease-of use on implementation, roll-out, increased collaboration and employee engagement.



A big **"Thank you!"** to our wonderful clients, Minden Dickson and Cheryl Warner, for sharing their insights and stories.

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## Thinking Differently - Precognition

A lady knocked at the door of a tiny cottage and when an old lady opened the door she said, "Good morning, Mrs. Turner." Neither of them had ever met, nor seen or heard of the other before. How did she know the old lady's name?

[Give Up?](#)

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## Talk to Us

- Do you have a BudgetPak question?
- Is there a feature that you would love to see in an upcoming release?
- Do you need a training refresher or consulting help?
- Are you thinking about rolling out to more users?

Send an email to: [Services@Xlerant.com](mailto:Services@Xlerant.com)

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