The XLerant NewsPak - January 2019

XLerant Community Forums
Start or Join a conversation in the Forums section of our support site

One of the most popular activities at the User Conference was networking and learning about each other's budgeting process. Forums is the place where you can connect with each other. We have set up the following 4 areas:

- Share best practices
- Feature Requests
- How are other organizations using...?
- Ideas for new forums, webinar topics, or anything on your mind

Be sure to "**Subscribe**" to topics you are interested in to get notified of other responses! Want to start a conversation?


Our Blog
Top 5 Benefits of Multi-participant Budgeting

Group projects. A uniquely painful experiment that many of us try to avoid at all

cost...

For many finance teams involved in a multi-participant budgeting process - it can feel like a highly dreaded and never-ending group project. The good news is there are ways to avoid (most of) the pains of multi-participant budgeting...
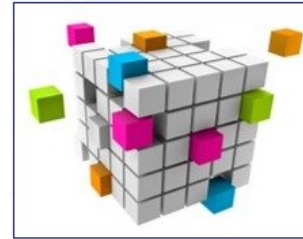
And even better, there are fantastic benefits for organizations that engage their staff in the budgeting process.

[Want to read more?](#)

Did you know?

What happens if the employee set is updated via import after the budget has been started? What are the implications?

Changes can be imported into the employee set mid-budget. Depending on the type of changes, other elements of configuration may be impacted. When re-importing the employee set, on the **Import/export employee data** page, there will be a warning explaining these implications.

If you re-import existing employees with a different home unit and utilize benefits by employee and/or employee allocations, the result will require a reconfiguration of account mappings, including the benefit/account mappings and employee allocations. Best practice is to export the 'benefit/account mappings' on the **Import/export config. data** page prior to re-importing the employee set.

After the re-import of the employee set, employees with a new home unit will not have benefit/account mappings. The mappings from the previous home unit do not transfer to the new unit.
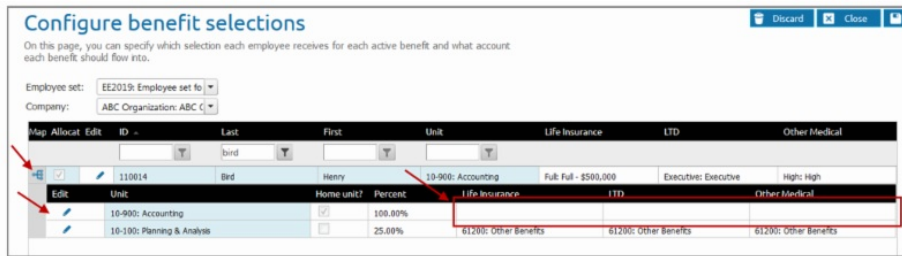
- The benefits/account mapping template that was exported prior to the employee data import can be adjusted to reflect the new home unit and imported back into BudgetPak.

Employee allocations are impacted in the following manner: Allocated employees, whose home units have changed, are automatically assigned an allocation percentage of 100% in the new home unit. This creates allocation percentages that exceed 100% in BudgetPak. To correct the allocation percentages, export out the 'Employee allocations' template on the **Import/export config. data** page.
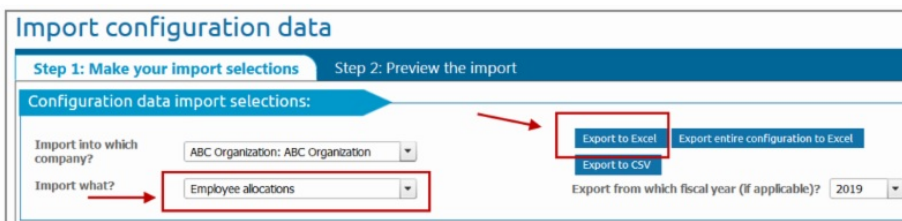
Make the appropriate adjustments to the impacted employees and re-import the template back into BudgetPak. Alternatively, these adjustments can be made manually on an employee by employee basis on the **Edit employee data** page.
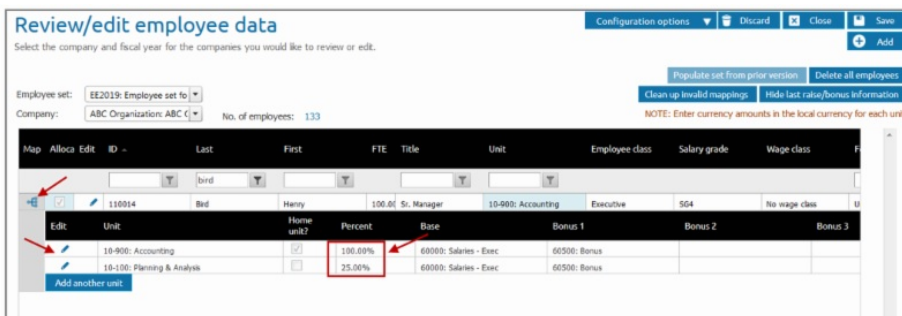
XLerant Learning Series Webinars
We will be covering new features as well as providing refreshers on current features.

Our next webinar is scheduled for Thursday, February 14th
Topic: Administrator Tips & Tricks for
Import/Export and Validation/Initialization
Register Now!

Our last webinar was on End User Budgeting - Beyond the Six Budget Methods. To watch recordings of some of the other webinars we have had in the past, please click here.

For suggestions on what to cover in future webinars, please contact us at Services@XLerant.com.

Thinking Differently - Failed Forgery

 A master forger forged a U.S. $100 bill. The bills he made were perfect copies of the original in every detail, yet he was caught. How?

[Give Up?](#)

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