




# The GL/FR Link

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### Preview

- We have said that the goal of XBRL is that a piece of business information, once entered into any computer, anywhere, never has to be retyped as it flows through the business reporting supply chain. To meet that goal, a seamless connection between incoming transactional data, internal processes and reports must be possible. In this session, you will learn:
  - \* How the Global Ledger serves as the drill-down data source for providing details related to end reporting
  - \* How even internal reporting requires a close link between summarized, aggregated information and the associated details
  - \* How the [xbrlInfo] link and the Summary Reporting Contextual Data (SRCD) draft module can provide the power for the connection



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### Agenda

- GL/FR Overview EEC:20
- Unveiling of the SRCD proper EEC:15
  - Existing xbrlInfo
  - New module expands
- Examples and walk throughs GLG:25
- Call to action EEC:5



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### GL/FR Overview

- GL and “FR”: compare and contrast
- Why do they need to talk?
- Drill down and around



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### An XBRL Goal

- A piece of business information, once entered into any system, anywhere, never has to get retyped as it flows along the information supply chain.”
- Manager’s vision: drill down from end reporting to underlying detail
- Auditor’s vision: easy access to the original source document, tracking full authorization of entries (accountability)



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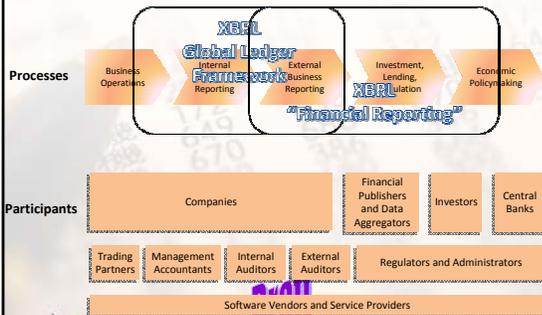
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### Business Reporting Supply Chain



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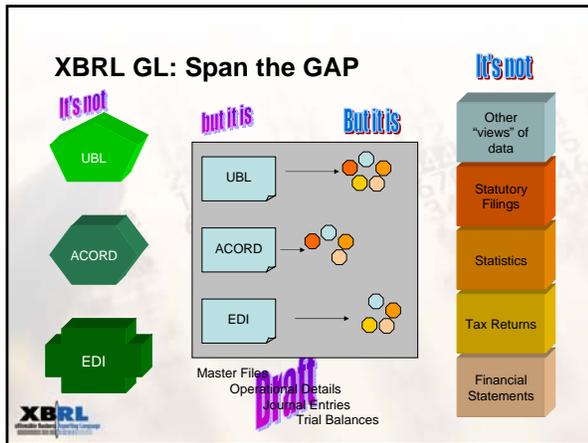
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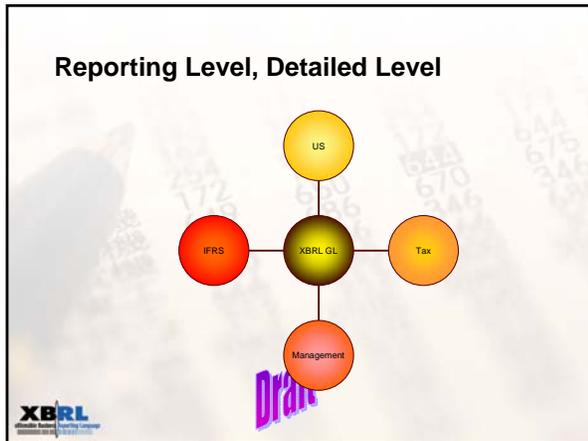
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- ### Differentiating XBRL FR & XBRL GL
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ XBRL FR</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Optimized for representing regulatory and commonly shared reports and forms</li> <li>2. Generally external reporting = sharing to 3<sup>rd</sup> parties</li> <li>3. Generally information summarized for a period of time</li> <li>4. Output from report writer/financial reporter</li> </ol> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ XBRL GL</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Optimized for sharing details associated with transactions and events</li> <li>2. Generally internal reporting = sharing within the company or close parties (CPA, bank, auditor)</li> <li>3. Generally representing individual records from an accounting system</li> <li>4. Output from file exports</li> </ol> |
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### Differentiating XBRL FR & XBRL GL

- XBRL FR
  - 5. Optimized for discoverability.
  - 6. Inter-concept formulas and calculations important
  - 7. Relationships to (standard) list of accounts/reporting concepts or other taxonomies is external.
- XBRL GL
  - 5. Discoverability not (necessarily) an issue.
  - 6. Inter-concept formulas and calculations unimportant.
  - 7. Independence from and relationships to multiple charts of accounts and taxonomies is key to providing conceptual guidance.



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### With XBRL GL

- You can associate accounts, documents, entries to end reporting concepts anywhere along the audit reporting supply chain
- Facts can be associated with multiple reporting concepts simultaneously
- You can track multiple sets of books
- Tracking book to tax differences (FAS 109/IAS 12) comes standard



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### Integration: From Detail to Reporting

- With inspiration from the leading financial reporting extender
  - Assignment of accounts to reporting
  - Reporting trees
  - Reporting calendars



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## Assignment of Accounts to Reporting

- Accounts in all their varieties
  - Traditional accounts
  - Customer, employees, banks, jobs



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## Glossary of “Drilling” Concepts

- Drill down
  - Starting with summarized information, moving towards underlying detail, eventually back to the source document and original entry. Focusing on one fact and finding more information on that fact.
- Drill up
  - Starting with detail, moving toward summarization of that detail, eventually to the end assertion. An action that removes the “children” and focuses on the “parent”.
- Drill around\*
  - Being able to change direction and move up or down a different path than the original *drill down* or *drill up* path



\*A concept I was introduced to by Revision.

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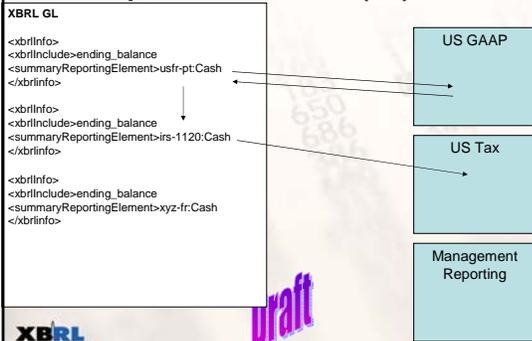
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## Drill Up, Drill Down, Drill (All) Around



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### Section Summary

- The Global Ledger serves as the drill-down data source for providing details related to end reporting



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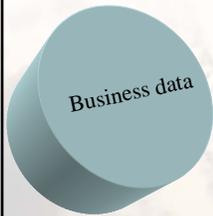
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### Data and Views of Data



Concentration:  
Detailed Data, Data Fields

**Report Writer**  
SELECT information from database(s), including joins  
FORMULAS create new data fields  
FILTER the record set  
Add headers/footers, CONDITIONALS with record groupings, derived totals based on sorts  
Provide visual FORMATTING rules, like cross-tab



Concentration:  
Information Concepts



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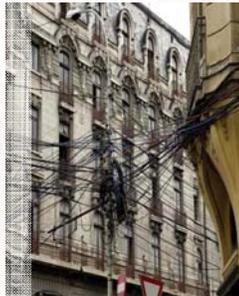
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### We Need To Talk

- Automation and integration
- Audit trail and controls
- Hybrid reporting



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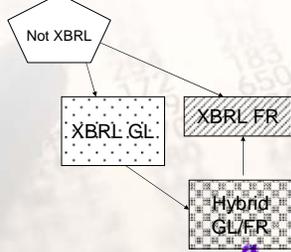
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## Hybrid Reporting: "Fourmats" of Integration



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## Hybrid Example

- A Hybrid requires
  - Detailed information
  - Aggregated information
- Using XBRL GL for detail information
  - Facilitates integration from systems
  - Provides more conformity as more hybrids arise
- For example
  - Detailed AR Aging Report
  - Many varieties of "buckets"
  - Same underlying detail



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## Section Summary

- Both External and Internal Reporting requires a close link between summarized, aggregated information and the associated details



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## SRCD: The “GL/FR Link”



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## SRCD

- **Summary Reporting**
  - The information necessary to link from more detailed XBRL GL instances to more summarized reporting, typically in “FR” instances, but also to other schema-based reporting.
- **Contextual Data**
  - Primarily to provide new guidance in how to link to the information found in FR “contexts” (identifier/entity/segment, period, scenario) and units.
- But also providing new, more powerful selection and filtering tools



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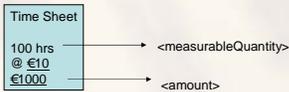
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## The Link Today: [xbrlInfo]

- Pointers to element(s) in XML Schema
  - [summaryReportingElement] identifies the target element for the summarization, not just XBRL
- Can associate with information in XBRL GL instance implicitly or explicitly
  - [detailMatchingElement] communicates which XBRL GL element contains the content that will be used for the summarization process
    - By default, [amount]
- Provides some additional contextual guidance
  - [xbrlInclude] provides guidance on the point of time/duration nature of the fact



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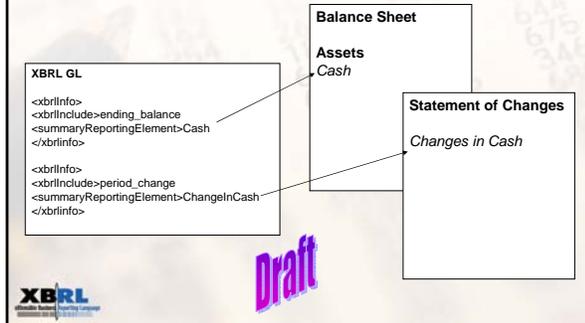
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## Assignment: xbrlInfo




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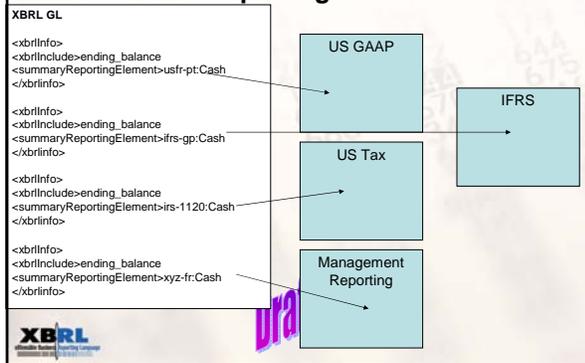
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## Multi-GAAP Reporting




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## SRCD: Expanding on [xbrlInfo]

- Unambiguous linking
  - "Here (in the GL instance) is the exact content you would find in the associated summarized fact found in the FR instance."
- Sophisticated selection and filtering
  - "Here are some patterns and filters to guide queries that associate the GL data with the associated FR data (or help drive the summarization from GL to create an FR instance."




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## Walking Through the SRCD Sample Instances

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### How Does This Work

- For each sample instance provided to document the use of the SRCD<sup>1</sup> module, you will find a set of slides that show two fragments: one from one (or more) entries in the "source" XBRL GL instance, and one from the "target" XBRL FR instance.
- Each slide describes the links between relevant elements in the source and target fragments and includes comments on the use of those elements.
- For more information about the use of specific elements of the SRCD module and the [xbrlInfo] structure, please refer to the annotations provided in the SRCD sample instances and the other documentation distributed with this "walkthrough"

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<sup>1</sup>SRCD: Summary Reporting Contextual Data

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### First Sample Instance

- Files:
  - GL Source: SRCD\_sample\_1\_70424.xml
  - FR Target: SRCD\_sample\_1\_target\_70424.xml
- The GL Source represents Journal Entries that roll up to a US GAAP instance representing a "Statement of Activities"
- The FR Target is a fragment of a sample instance document distributed with the US-GAAP-CI taxonomy documentation. The taxonomy can be found [here](#)<sup>1</sup>, the original sample instance [here](#)<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup><http://www.xbrl.org/us/fr/gaap/ci/20051028/us-gaap-ci%20Summary%20Page.htm>  
<sup>2</sup><http://www.xbrl.org/us/fr/IDs/XII.zip>

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### Call to Action

- Review and feedback
  - PWD
  - Helpful materials
    - Webcasts
    - Informational documents
- Join us
- Influence others (its all about the benefits)



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### Feedback

- Requirements
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