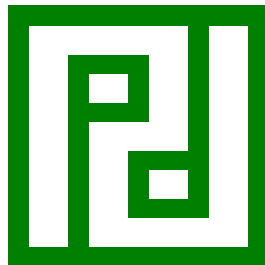




Forecast Monitoring Tool for Celerant Consulting

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1. Introduction

Plandata has made this tool-description to show the **forecast-monitoringtool** solution for Celerant Consulting. The pictures showed below are screendumps of a 'dummy' tool. I gives the reader a good idea of a possible (technical) 'way of working' of such a tool. There are not really technical restrictions when developing a multi-user forecast monitoring tool in Excel. In fact the real language behind Excel is VBA (Visual Basic for Applications). Excel is 'only' used as an 'interface'. Advantage: user can simply extract data ('copy-paste etc') for own/other purposes. Advantage of VBA: *changing* the database (with budget/actuals/forecast figures) is only possible after logging in (username/password) and with the right permissions. And also all the algorithms, menu's and forms are created in VBA. Using internet it is also possible to refresh/update the 'parent database' with the last available forecast figures. Updated monitoring-reports are available 'in a buttonclick'.

About Plandata

Plandata Consultancy advises companies how to optimize ways of working using MS-Excel and other MS-Office applications. Keywords are: sharing data between departments, automating frequent actions, complex (solver) algorithms, advanced planning and scheduling. More details found at www.plandata.nl (choose option 'English Summary')

2. Startmenu-screen

An administrator can *open/backup/delete* all available projects. Another user with restricted permissions can e.g. only *open* his/her 'own' project.



3. Administrator-screen

Using this *form* it's possible to edit several datalists (accounts, company codes, activities, etc), there are buttons for 'merging all new forecast data from several countries/owners', buttons for 'generating new reports', etc are also available here.

IMPORTANT NOTE: the tool uses a location on internet, e.g. <http://celerantconsulting/monitoringtool/projects/marketing> where certain data is 'exchanged' between users. So e.g. the tool can be used offline, but when updating (forecast) data from several countries an internet connection is used.

In fact it's also possible to give the Excel tool a 'browser look & feel'. (Excel then acts as if it's an intelligent internet browser tool with several own forecast monitoring menu options).
Protection: the database can not be opened (!) by other browsers like Explorer and Firefox.

CELERANT FORECAST MONITORINGTOOL 2007 ---Administrator--- WJACOBS

Welcome user WJacobs LOGOUT CLOSE

Permissions: Edit Projects Edit Actuals Edit Budget Edit Forecasts

Projectdata

Project:
Marketing Figures

Description
Monthly figures Marketing

Database owner: Wilfred Jacobs Country: The Netherlands

Contact Information: +31 6 506 850 19 Actual Year: 2007

Change

Accounts | Company Codes | Activities | Owners

Code - Description

- All Accounts
- 6600 - PR Activities
- 6615 - The Brand
- 6620 - Events**
- 6622 - Entertaining & Hospitality
- 6627 - Sponsorship
- 6650 - Website
- 6670 - Collateral & Publications
- 6699 - Corp MKT Recharge
- 6680 - Other Marketing
- 8420 - Insurances
- 8410 - Subscriptions & memberships

Change Delete Add

Database URL

Offline folder

Download Forecasts ReCalc Database Generate Reports Upload Reports

4. Userscreen

Using this *form* a user can select (a group of) accounts and (a group of) activities and then open an editable sheet with the selected items and figures to manipulate. After finishing this task, the resulting data can be uploaded (button 'UPLOAD DATASET').

When the user has permissions to edit budgets and/or actuals of the current project then the relevant buttons below will be enabled.

CELERANT FORECAST MONITORING TOOL 2007 ---User Screen--- PJANSEN

User: PJansen LOGOUT CLOSE

Open Project Close Project Goto Reports UPLOAD DATASET

Current Project

Marketing	Database owner Wilfred Jacobs	Contact Information +31 6 506 850 19	Actual Year 2007
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Local Folder: C:\plandata\celerant\projects\marketing

Database URL: http://www.celerantconsulting.com/monitoringtool/projects/marketing

Edit Forecast/Budget/Actuals: MARKETING

Owner: Cathy | Country Code: EGE00 | Forecast Month: 3 Edit Forecastsheet current selection

Accounts	Activities
All Accounts	PZMKT0905 - Channel Marketing
6600 - PR Activities	PZMKT0835 - External Community Relat
6615 - The Brand	PZMKT0915 - Marketing Client Relation:
6620 - Events	PZMKT0925 - Marketing sales support
6622 - Entertaining & Hospitality	PZMKT0325 - MKT Collateral
6627 - Sponsorship	PZMKT0405 - MKT Direct Marketing
6650 - Website	PZMKT0185 - MKT Events
6670 - Collateral & Publications	PZMKT0795 - MKT - F1 BAR
6699 - Corp MKT Recharge	PZMKT0805 - MKT - General
6680 - Other Marketing	PZMKT0715 - MKT James Rossiter
8420 - Insurances	PZMKT0125 - MKT PR
8410 - Subscriptions & memberships	PZMKT0605 - MKT Promotional Items
8405 - Internal Meetings & Forums	PZMKT0595 - MKT Website
8430 - Gifts deductible	PZMKT0775 - Monaco Grand Prix
	PZMKT0665 - Montreal Corporate Hosp
	PZMKT0645 - MonPZa Corporate Hosp
	PZMKT0845 - PEx Marketing

Edit Budgetsheet Edit Actualsheet