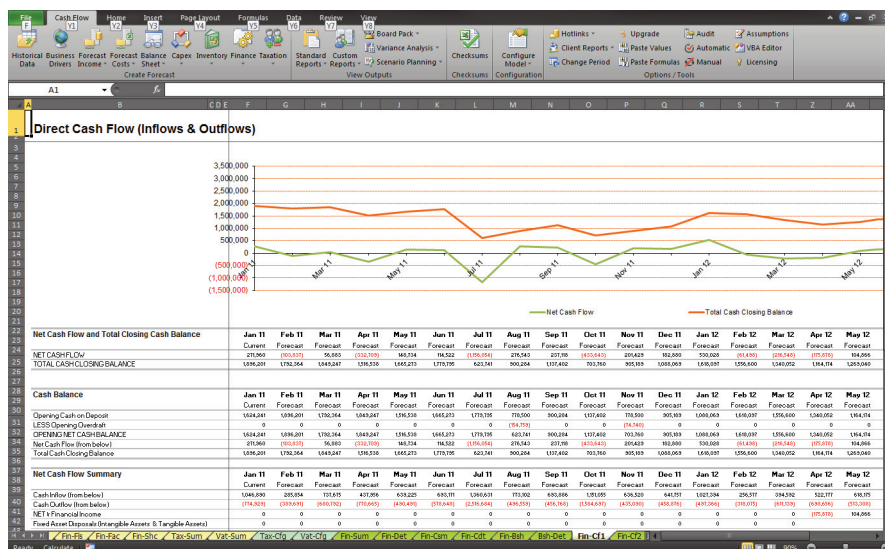


# Cash Flow Forecasting

Our sophisticated modelling software combines all your historical data with current business activity to calculate an intelligent forecast of your future financial health. Complicated 'what if' scenarios are cleanly presented in a range of graphical formats – showing trends in a logical, visual way to help you arrive at the best decision for your business. Plus, all forecasts can be brought forward or moved back, giving you the benefit of reliable data alongside full flexibility to help you build your unique financial model.



See the impact instantly: multiple scenarios can be compared and viewed on screen, in chart and table format.

## What does the future hold?

- What will our cash position be in 18 months' time?
- How much finance do we need to fund our growth?
- What will happen if we buy that new business?
- If we invest in a new production line, what will the payback period be?

When it comes to business futures, having to quantify variables and consider unknowns is inevitable. But while it's not possible to predict the future, it's possible to assess likely outcomes in order to make a genuinely informed decision. Access can give you that power, creating future forecasting reports that are a logical, solid basis for your planning and strategy needs. See the future take shape with Cash Flow Forecasting.

## How it works

As most financial reporting and modelling is based in Excel, we've built Access Cash Flow to fit around that same functionality. That way, anyone used to Excel will find this module easy to use and, crucially, quick to get up and running.

Access Cash Flow links seamlessly with your Dimensions data to bring historical nominal ledger balances into the model automatically. You can then specify the percentage increase or decrease at the click of a button to see how fluctuation will affect your strategy. You can also manually input core forecast data and even link the model to other spreadsheets to summarise detailed workings.

## Key benefits

Flexible & reliable forecasting

Complicated information = simple graphics

Familiar functionality

Quick to set-up, easy to navigate

Confidence planning your future financial health

Handle any number of currencies

Easy to set up and use



## Cash in/out VAT up/down

Money coming in from clients and customers – and money going out to suppliers and other creditors – can be modelled on various payment patterns. Revenue can even be deferred, depending on the revenue stream. Changes to, or differing, VAT rates can be specified on revenue and cost streams, so the cash effect of VAT (whether a quarterly or monthly return) is automatically projected for you.

## Save time

Make instant changes to your forecast period simply and accurately. Whether you're moving dates forward or pushing them back, the system automatically replaces the current month forecast with the actuals. And, if the forecast is based on a prior period or year, the system automatically reforecasts according to the model – saving you time and effort. When you've finalised your parameters, the system produces a full Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet & Cash Flow Forecast.

### How has this month's results affected my future funding needs?

The system allows updates to be applied accurately to your business model. This not only saves you time each month, but also avoids linking errors when the time period changes. Plus the business drivers that are unique to you can be incorporated into the model, making this a full high-level P&L, Balance Sheet and Cash Flow forecasting system.

## Flexibility & control

Your forecast can be redefined in seconds to suit changing assumptions. You can also store up to six forecasts that reflect different scenarios – allowing you to graphically compare them at any level or category you choose: Total Sales, Gross Margin, EBITDA, Tax Liability, Shareholders Funds and more.

## Easy navigation

Because we have modelled our software on the Excel interface, navigating around the model – and getting to the right screen/report – only takes a couple of clicks from wherever you are in the system;

all thanks to the Ribbon functionality which controls how the data is stored, linked and viewed.

## Total confidence

Once you've inputted your criteria, it's essential that the resulting forecast is accurate and balanced. To give you added peace of mind, we've put in check-sums throughout to make absolutely sure that all calculations are correct and the right final figures are picked up from all feeder schedules.

So whether you're within the business as an FD, FC, CEO, business owner – or interested third party (VC, Consultant, Auditor) – you can have total confidence that the data you're generating shows the right information.

### How can I be sure the information is correct?

Every model contains over 20,000 check-sums to guarantee zero errors – making this a truly priceless tool for anyone in your business that needs to accurately forecast business cash flow. With the added assurance that your model will undoubtedly withstand rigorous external scrutiny.

## Clear & insightful information

The output, like the input, is through the already familiar Excel interface. There are also a wealth of standard reports built into the model already, both in graphical format (for quick, instant viewing) and more traditional spreadsheet schedules (both summary and highly detailed).

Additional reports, to suit your unique requirements, can be built into the model for you. The output of models as charts or tables can be enhanced, redefined and remodelled using the same palette of tools that are familiar from Excel.

## Automatic board pack

The module automatically generates a forecast pack which contains everything you need from P&L and balance sheet to actual and variable forecasting. You will also be given a single page Executive Summary, which presents all the key information you need at-a-glance.

## Key features

Instant report generation

Simple & aesthetically pleasing graphics

Automatic data-feed from your existing system

Standard & bespoke template reports

Sum-checks throughout for peace of mind

## Who we are

Access UK is a specialist software developer and consultancy business with over 20 years' experience. Our team of expert accredited consultants operate across the UK and Ireland. Aside from an impressive array of software awards, we're also ranked 85th in The Sunday Times 100 Best Companies to Work For 2011.

Proudly independent, all our software is developed in the UK\*, supported locally and accessible globally. Our solutions take a whole-company approach, aiming to cut through complexity and increase efficiency. At every level.

Already field-leaders in accounting and finance, Access also offers solutions for manufacturing and distribution, professional services automation, carbon emissions measurement, reporting, payroll, document management, service management and CRM.

With Access software behind you, you can build business quicker. Call us to discuss how we can boost productivity, cut costs and save time.

## Further information

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