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Main themes

Dashboard features:

- Multi-select in filters
- Reporting from list views based on Excel templates
- Predecessor and Successor linked document columns

System Manager:

- Mass delete headers and rows
- Copy sort order to other templates
- User and Company attributes linked to Value sets
- Validate to find invalid editor type configuration in header fields
- Validation timing changed so it runs after modification tasks.
- Default role behaviour change
- New formulas

Automation Manager:

- Company level parameters identified when different to task template
- Possible to open period without generating tasks
- Period generation task filtering also now deletes Aico documents
- Custom Period Year and Number
- Multiple tags allowed in Automation manager task to help select companies
- Task template page now configurable to show other properties
- Search in last error
- Return Link on task
- New smart tags for next period number and "Empty value"
- Site is now holiday calendar

Journals:

- Validation rules engine
- Validation Hash to prevent integration validation does not run multiple times
- Continue transfer in Superuser mode

Account reconciliation:

- SAP subledger template
- Account reconciliation status task document now created on generation

Archiving/Purging Aico documents:

- Archive at later date
- Creation of pdf and sending of attachments to external drive now optional
- Archive and re-archive on demand

- Folder structure for archive
- Purging of Aico documents based on age

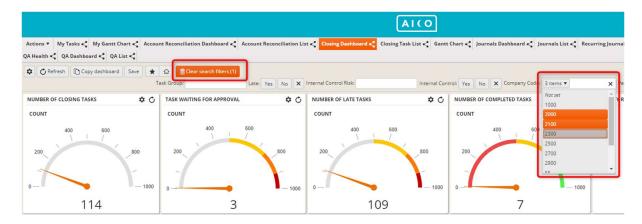
Other:

• Support for Internet explorer ended

Dashboard features

1. Multi-select in filters

The ability to select multiple values in a dashboard filter allows for more flexible and fine grained reporting. Additionally, a new Clear filters button has been added to make it easier to show that filters are set and remove them.



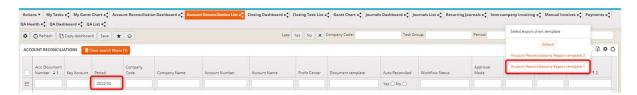
• Multi select is enabled by clicking on the new multi select icon which appears on the right-hand end of a filter when you hover.



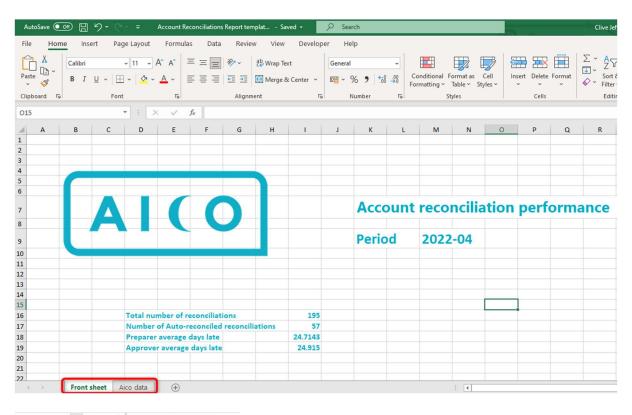
2. Reporting from list views based on Excel templates

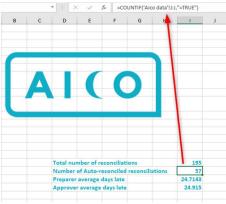
It is now possible to upload excel templates on to a list view which then provides pre-formatted report layouts.

Start by filtering to select the data you want to export into the report and then select the template.



The data always goes into the Aico data sheet from which formulas can be used to represent the data.





3. Predecessor and Successor linked document columns

Previously it was only possible to see linked documents which could be dependent task but also could be prior period or journals created from the task. Now it is now possible to identify linked documents specifically as either predecessors or successors.

In the example below we can see an Aico document with 3 linked documents of which 2 are successors.

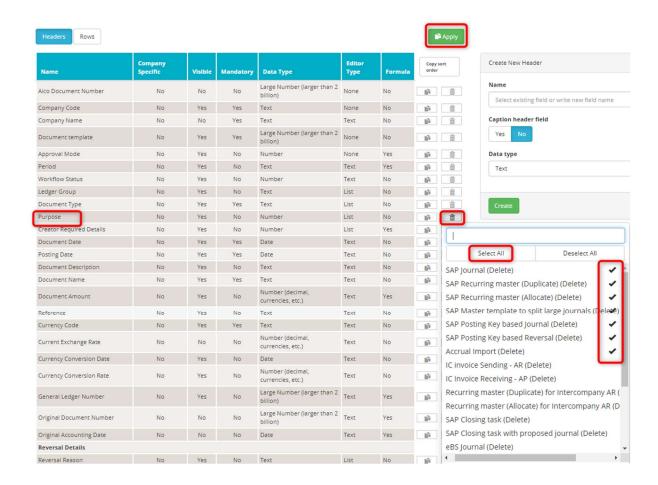
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	Aico Document Number 1	Period	Company Code	Company Name	Task Name	Workflow Status	Originally created at	Document template	Linked documents	Predecessors	Successors
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System Manager

1. Mass delete headers and rows

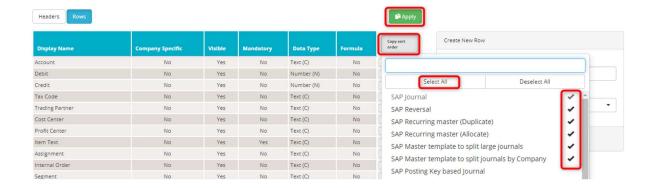
Historically it was only possible to delete a header or a row from one template at a time. With the new mass delete feature you can select all the template from which you want to remove a header or row and apply the change in one action.

In the example below I want to delete the Purpose header from multiple templates. I click the delete icon then select the individual templates (or Select all) from which I want to delete the Purpose header then I press the Apply button.



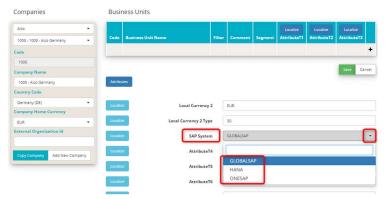
2. Copy sort order to other templates

In prior versions, it was only possible to re-order the headers and rows on a template-by-template basis. The Copy sort order allows you to immediately align the header or rows in the same order on multiple templates simultaneously. Any header or rows not found on the target template are moved to the end so some minor manual changes may still be required after the bult action has been run. The primary use case here is to align the order of journal rows between the different journal templates.



3. User and Company attributes linked to Value sets and can be made mandatory

Using attributes for both Companies and Users has become increasingly popular to drive the behaviour of the templates. it is also now used for critical values for example to send a System ID with a message to middleware to identify which source ERP system to route the message to. It is therefore important the value is entered accurately, and value sets can play an important role here. Additionally, you can make the Attribute mandatory.



In this first implementation, this is set in the Parameters and customers will most likely need Aico delivery help to set this up.

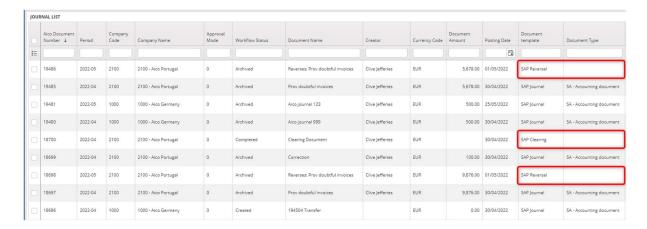


Note that mandatory attributes can be set differently between Users and User Groups.

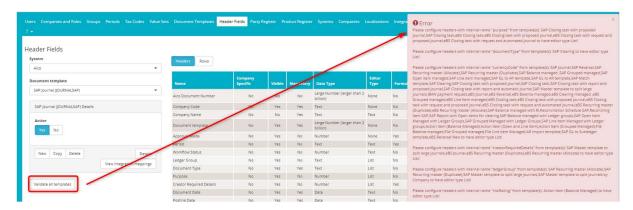
4. Validate to find invalid editor type configuration in header fields

When showing data on dashboards it is important that the headers are set up the same way for example if Document Type has a list on one template but not on another then the dashboard cannot resolve what to show as, when connected to lists it shows the description that the User sees but when not, it shows the actual value. Therefore, when this is not consistent empty values appear as

shown below.



This feature provides a quick way to identify where headers have been set up differently between the templates.



5. Validation timing changed so it runs after modification tasks

Small change here. Historically Aico would check for mandatory headers being filled before it ran the configured modification then validation tasks. This could be annoying if you had added a task to copy a value into a mandatory header e.g., Document description copied into Document Name as you want it to fill the header and then validate. Now it runs the modification tasks first then the inbuilt validations then the configured validations.

6. Default role behaviour change

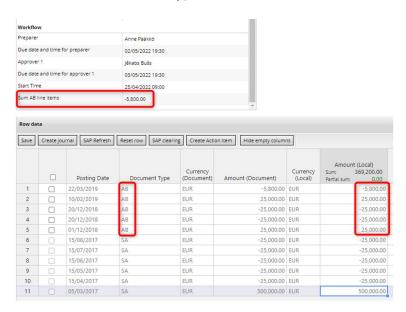
Two changes to how role-page behaves regarding the default setting for a specific role

- When a group has a default setting on a role, then that setting is NOT automatically inherited by the user
- If a user gets a role from a group, but then the Default setting is enabled for that role the role definition is then disassociated from the group and instead considered a personal role-right for the user in question.

7. New formulas added

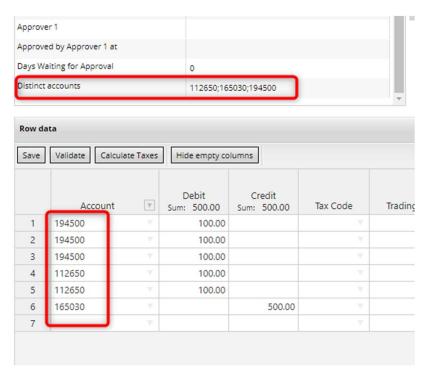
a. Row Sum If

Sums the values of a column where the value of another column is met. For example, the formula below will sums the amount local where the value in the document type column is AB =ROWSUMIF("documentType", "AB", "amountLocal")



b. Row Concatenate with distinct values

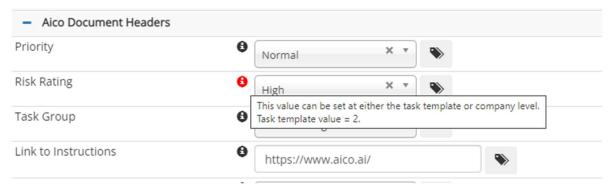
The current ROWCONCAT formula returns a csv list of values from a column. In 22.1, this has been enhanced with an additional parameter to allow only distinct values to be returned. For example, the formula below will return a list of unique accounts used in the posting of a journal. The use case here is to recognise where the same accounts have been posted to in journals already posted during a recent period. It will be used in conjunction with the new validation task design to prevent the same postings being made. =ROWCONCAT ("account", ";", 2000, TRUE)



Automation Manager

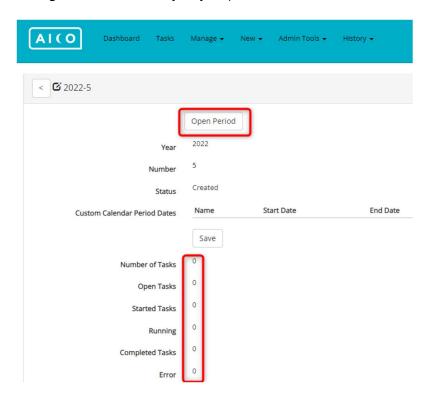
1. Company level parameters identified when different to task template

A new Info button has been added to show where the Company level parameters are different from the Task template level.



2. Possible to open period without generating tasks

Historically you had to generate tasks first before you can first open the period however this might mean you have to generate a whole process. Now you are able to open the period and then generate tasks in any way required.

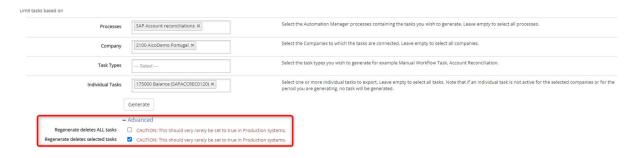


- 3. Period generation task filtering also now deletes Aico documents.
- Significant improvements on the flexibility to generate tasks from the Period page. It is now possible to generate tasks in a much more flexible way using a series of new filters based on Process (the original way), Company, Task type and even Individual tasks.



Note that it is no longer necessary to select the processes if you want to generate all processes.

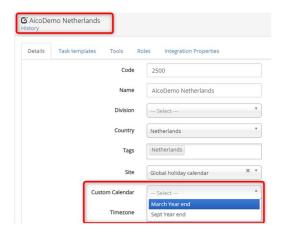
Delete options now also delete the associated Aico documents

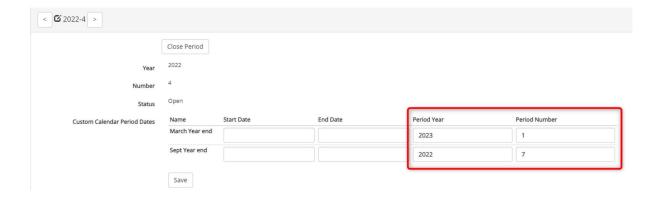


4. Custom Period Year and Number

In older versions, it was possible to run all companies on any financial year, but the assumption was that all the companies in the group followed the same financial year. This new function adds the ability to have companies within a single Aico system running on different financial years.

In the example below, the real calendar is in April 2022 however for those companies with a March year end will have this as period 1 of fiscal year 2023 and companies with a September year end will have this period 7 of fiscal year 2022.

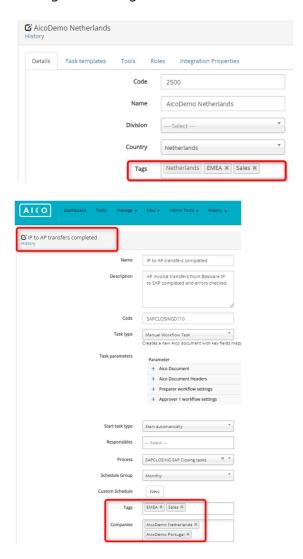




5. Multiple tags allowed in Automation manager task to help select companies

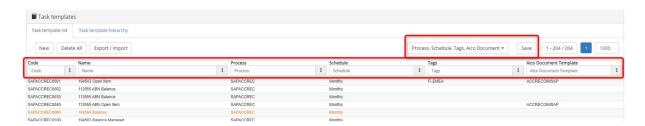
Historically it was only possible to add one tag to a task which was the country, this would then select the companies linked to that country for the associated task. In this release you can add more tags to companies, and this will propose those companies when set on a Task template.

Note the tags are only proposing companies they do not prevent companies which don't have the tags from being set.



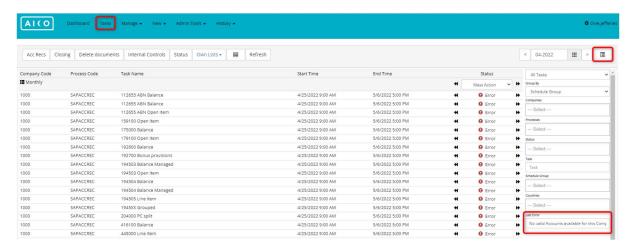
Task template page now configurable to show other properties

It is now possible to configure the layout of the Task template page these can then be used as filters to narrow down the content.



6. Search in last error

A new search field has been added to the tasks page filter to allow common errors to be filtered. For example, "No valid accounts" is a common error in Account reconciliation where accounts have been set on a task that are not valid for that company.



7. Return Link on task

The return link can be configured on a document template header, and it will store a URL to the Automation manager task that it is linked to.

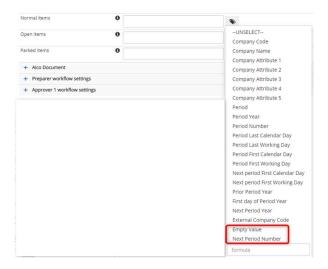
Add image

8. New smart tags for next period number and "Empty value"

Two new smart tags have been added:

• Next period number will set the period number after the one you are working in. The main use case is for running a program to open the next period. Note it will react to the custom period number set and also understand that Period 1 comes after Period 12.

• Empty value essentially removes any value that might be set. The main use case is to remove a value coming from a variant such as the test run flag. This allows you to use a single variant for both the test and production runs of a program.



9. Site is now holiday calendar

Small renaming of the Site to reflect more accurately it use to link a holiday calendar to a company.

Journals

10. Validation rules engine

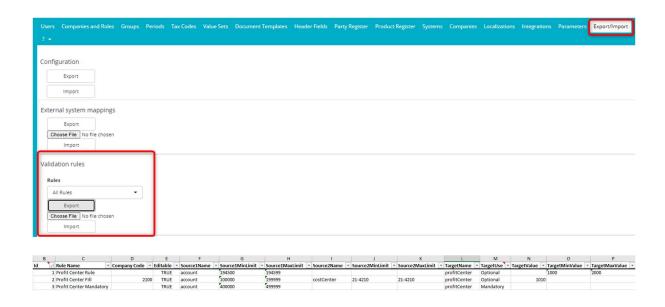
A significant part of the 22.1 development was associated with being able to export files which could be imported as journals into non-integrated ERPs. Aico has been able to export multiple file formats for many years however when considering journals for non-integrated ERPs, it is the validation rules that must be set in Aico rather than being able to rely on the ERP itself.

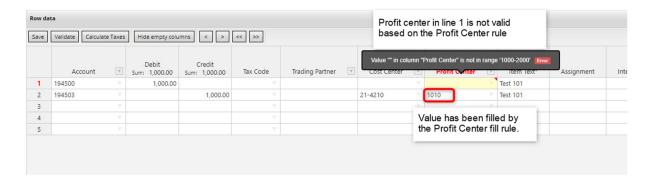
The rules engine allows you to consider 2 input fields (headers or rows) and one target fields. It allows rules to be set for:

- Target fields to be mandatory or not allowed based on values or ranges of values in the input fields.
 - o Profit center is mandatory if Account is between 1000 and 1999
- Target fields to be within ranges based on values or ranges of values in the input fields.
 - o Cost Center must be between CC100 and CC199 if Project number if 123
- Target fields to be automatically filled based on values or ranges of values in the input fields.
 - Assignment should be set as ASSIGN999 if Profit Center is between PC900 and PC999

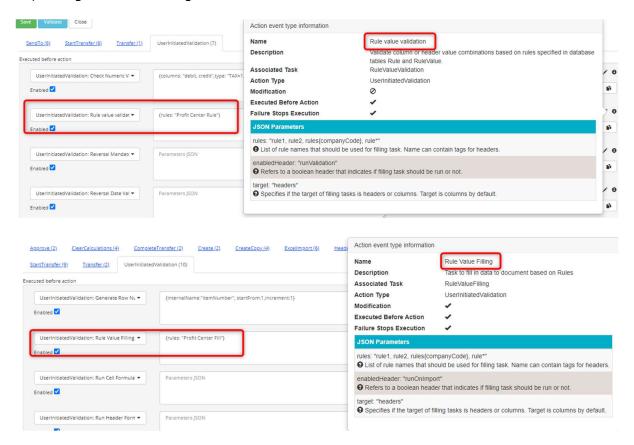
There are 2 modes of operation:

- Automated import from a file
- Manually maintained rules in Aico itself via an excel import/export.





A new validation and/or modification task are configured on the template to either validate or fill depending on the rule being run.

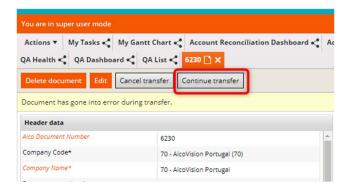


11. Validation Hash to prevent integration validation does not run multiple times

Technical improvement to prevent the ERP validation from running multiple times

12. Continue transfer in Superuser mode

When in Superuser mode, it was not possible to continue the transfer without having the transfer right itself. Now it is possible for the administrator to resolve any error and then simply continue the transfer.

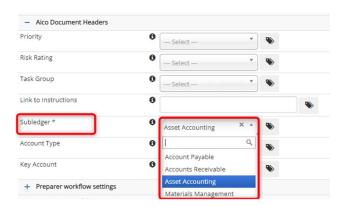


Account reconciliation

13. SAP subledger template

A new single subledger template can be used for all subledger types AR, AP, AA and MM. This ONLY works in conjunction with the latest release of the Z function which adds AA and MM to the subledgers supported. Note also customer must use New GL.

Instead of having a template for each subledger you can now select the subledger from a header on the Task template. This simplifies the authorisation.



14. Account reconciliation task document now created on generation

Small change to align the Account reconciliation status task type to generate the document on creation. This brings it in line with all other task types.

Archiving

1. Archive at later date

Archive due date "archiveDueDate". This is used to prevent a document which is set to Automatic archive enabled from being archived before a specified date has arrived. For example, =WORKDAY(15,DATEADD(period,1,"MO")) will prevent the document from being archived before the 15th workday of the month after the period set in the period header. The benefit of this approach is that the document, when completed, will be archived any time after workday 15. If the document is completed after workday 15, it will be archived immediately*.

* Archiving runs during the times specified in the Archive Process Running Time Frame. If this parameter is empty then the archiving is always running.

2. Creation of pdf and sending of attachments to external drive now optional

When documents are archived inside of Aico, they are no longer editable* with the exception that header level comments can still be added and are marked with a workflow status of "Archived". They remain in the Aico database and can be viewed, and their attachments downloaded but they cannot be worked on by any users.

When the document is archived it is possible to create a pdf copy of the Aico document and, together with any attachments, these can be stored on an external drive. The external drive can either be a customer provided SFTP or a folder on the Aico server (either Aicocloud or customer server if on premise). This will now be optional.

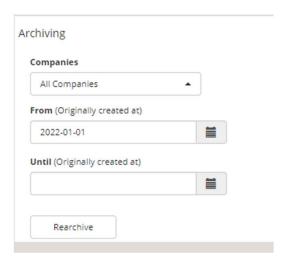
3. Archive and re-archive on demand

It will possible to archive/rearchive documents based on their originally created date. This means that, even if the archiving is enabled at a later date it will be possible to send Aico document to the archive folders.

Re-archiving documents – From the System Manager Export/Import page set the required dates to decide which documents will be rearchived. If the archiving is newly activated, this dialog will archive the selected documents for the first time.

• Only documents that are in the archived status in Aico will be eligible for re-archiving (or archiving for the first time if archiving is newly activated)

Where documents are re-archived they are removed from the Internal archive but **NOT** from the External archive and there will therefore be potentially more than one copy of an archived document in the external archive.



4. Folder structure for archive

It will be possible to set a folder structure using a header in the template. This will use a header formula to construct the folder structure.

Archive files subfolder "archiveFilesSubFolder". This is used to set a folder structure using a formula. For example, =CONCATENATE (period,"/",aicoProcess) on the Journal templates will set a folder structure made up of the period header and Aico process. The path will ultimately be d:/Aico/Aico/ExternalArchive/2022-05/JOURNAL where the journals are from period 5 of 2022.



5. Purging of Aico documents based on age

It is now possible to purge documents from the Aico database based on an age rule. Note that purge means delete permanently from Aico, and it is not possible to get these documents back once purged.

