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An introduction to

INQUIRY

for

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What is *INQUIRY*?

INQUIRY for Dynamics SL is an **ad-hoc query** product integrated into your Dynamics SL solution and designed for users at all levels of your organization.

What can *INQUIRY* do?

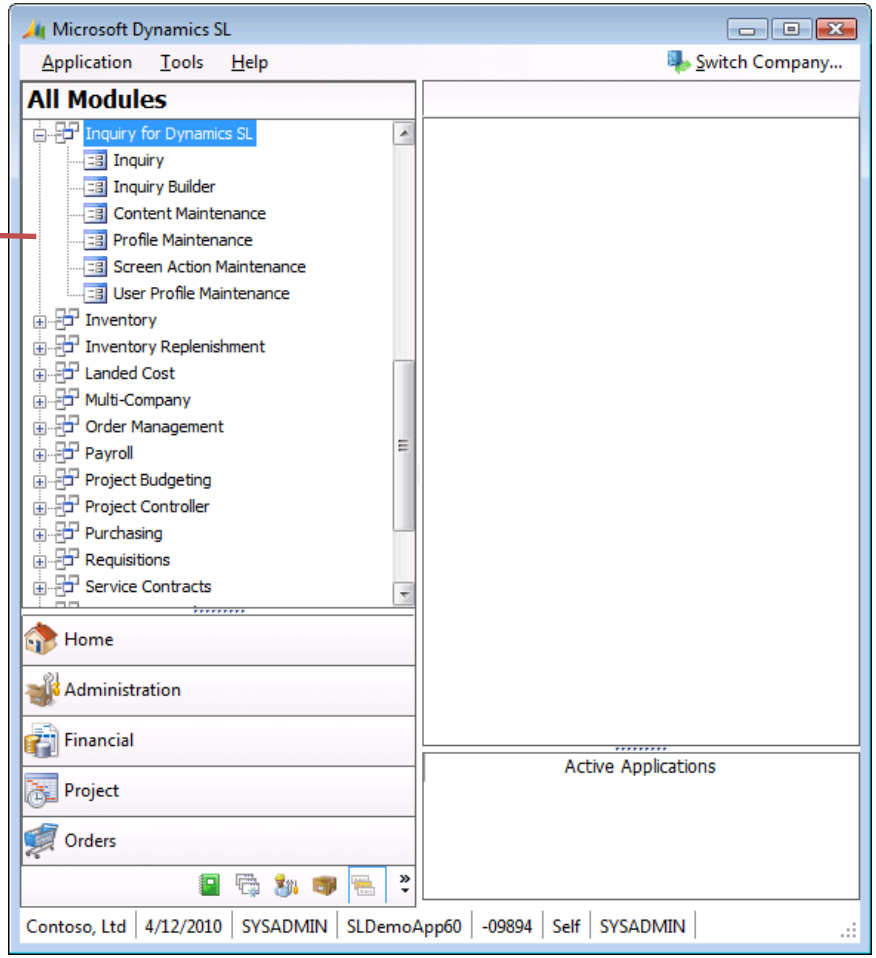
- **LIST** data in logically grouped queries
- **CUSTOMIZE** the display by changing the query columns
- **SEARCH** any of the columns of the query
- **EXPORT** queries to Microsoft Excel

- **GROUP and SUMMARIZE** data with simple drag and drop
- **NAVIGATE** from a row of data to a Dynamics SL screen
- **PERSONALIZE** queries by saving your favorites
- **CREATE** new queries using any data in your organization

Integrated into Dynamics SL

INQUIRY is launched from within the Dynamics SL Menu

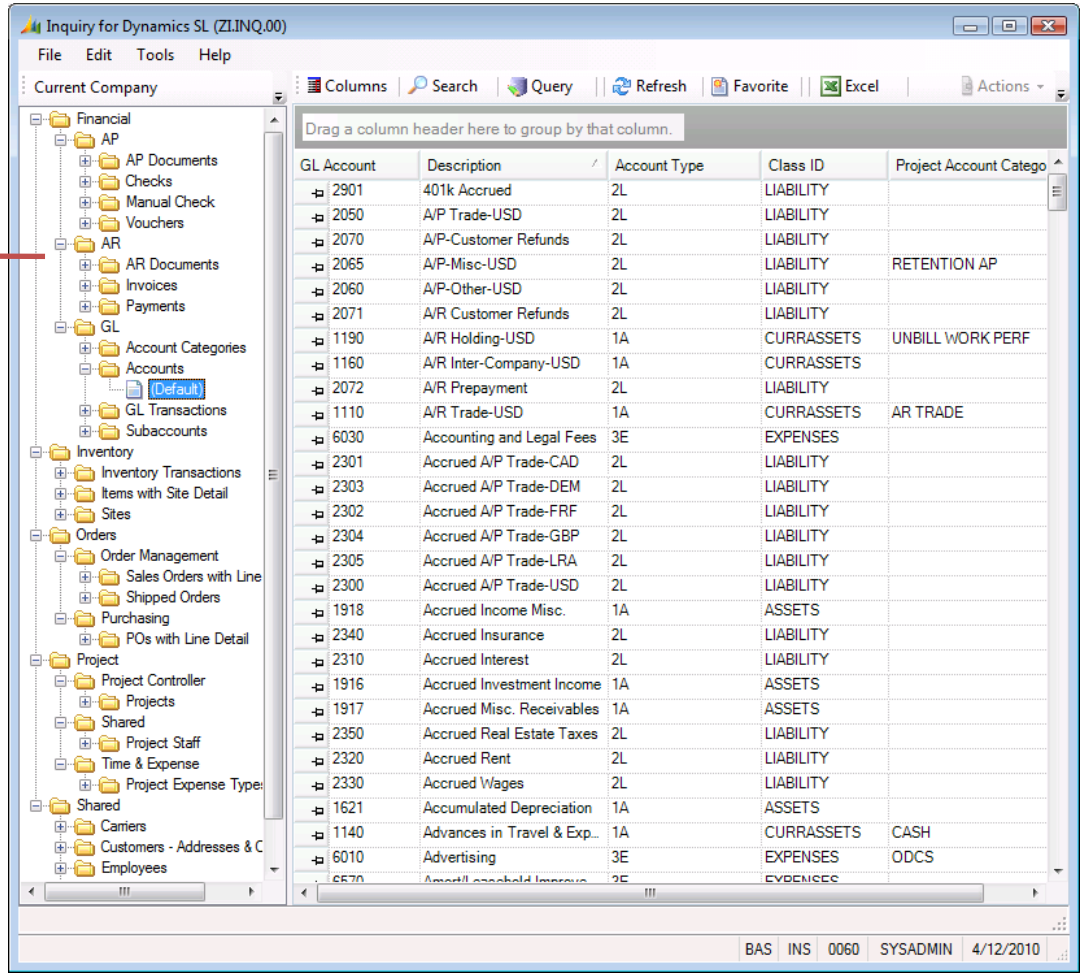
Each ***INQUIRY*** screen is accessible in the SL Menu



Predefined Queries

INQUIRY includes queries that can be used, copied and modified as needed

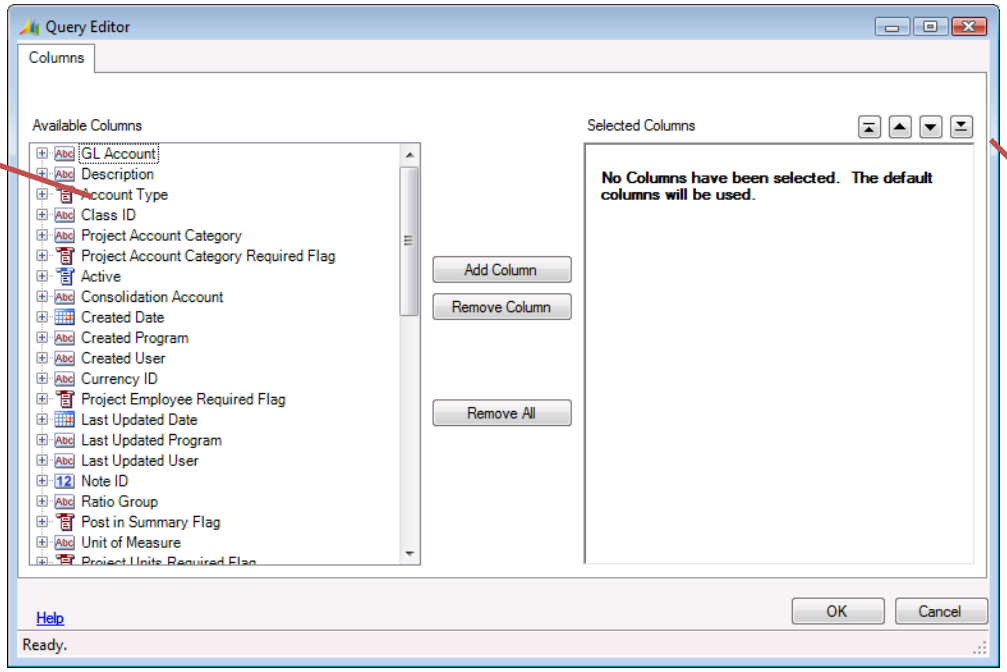
Prebuilt queries include GL, AP, AR, Inventory, Order Management, Project and more.



Columns

The Columns window allows the display to be tailored

Choose which columns are displayed from any columns in the list



Controls allow for the change of column order while editing the query.

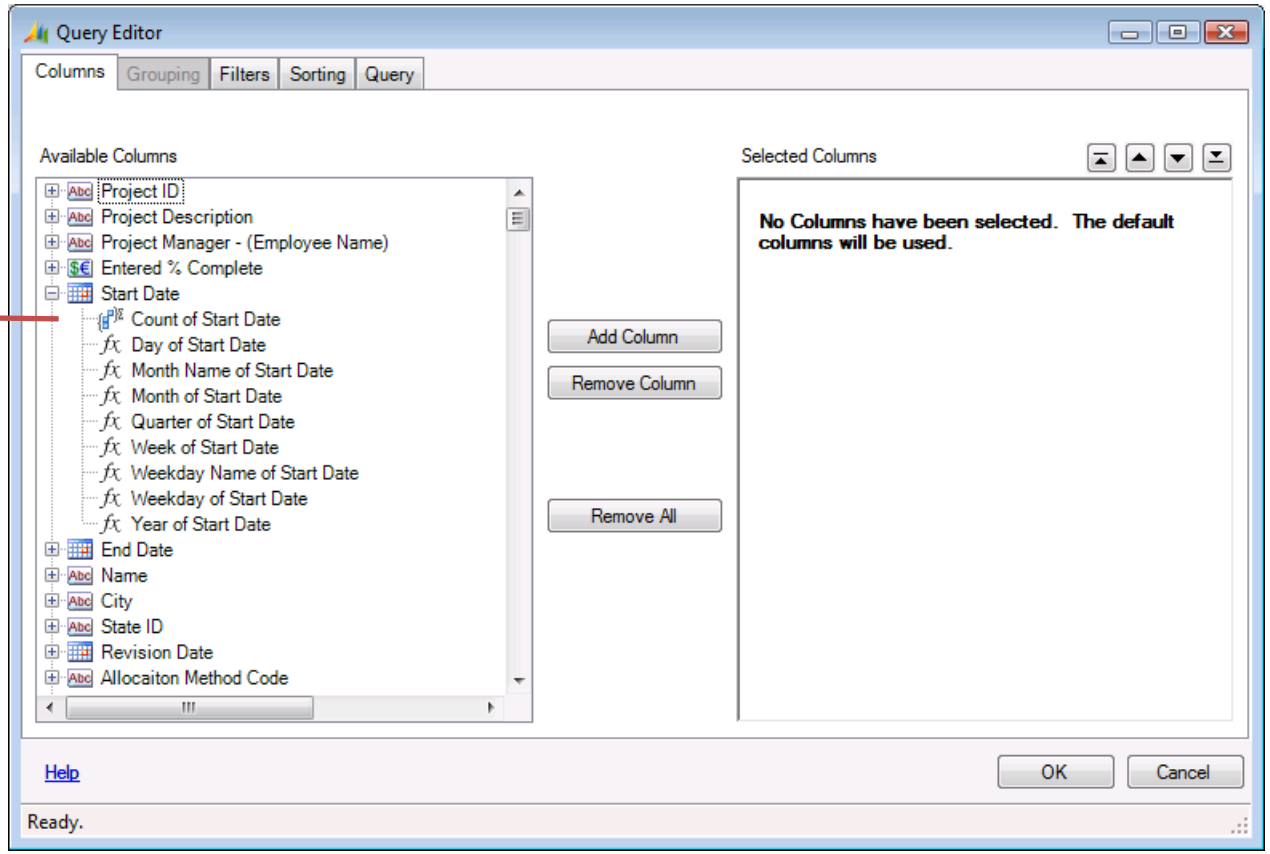
Column Metrics

Every Column has additional metrics automatically added for better analysis and inquiry

Here a date is automatically expanded to see the date parts, year, quarter, month, day, etc.

Currency and number columns include Sum, Average, Count, Minimum and Maximum.

Strings include unique metrics as well.



Search

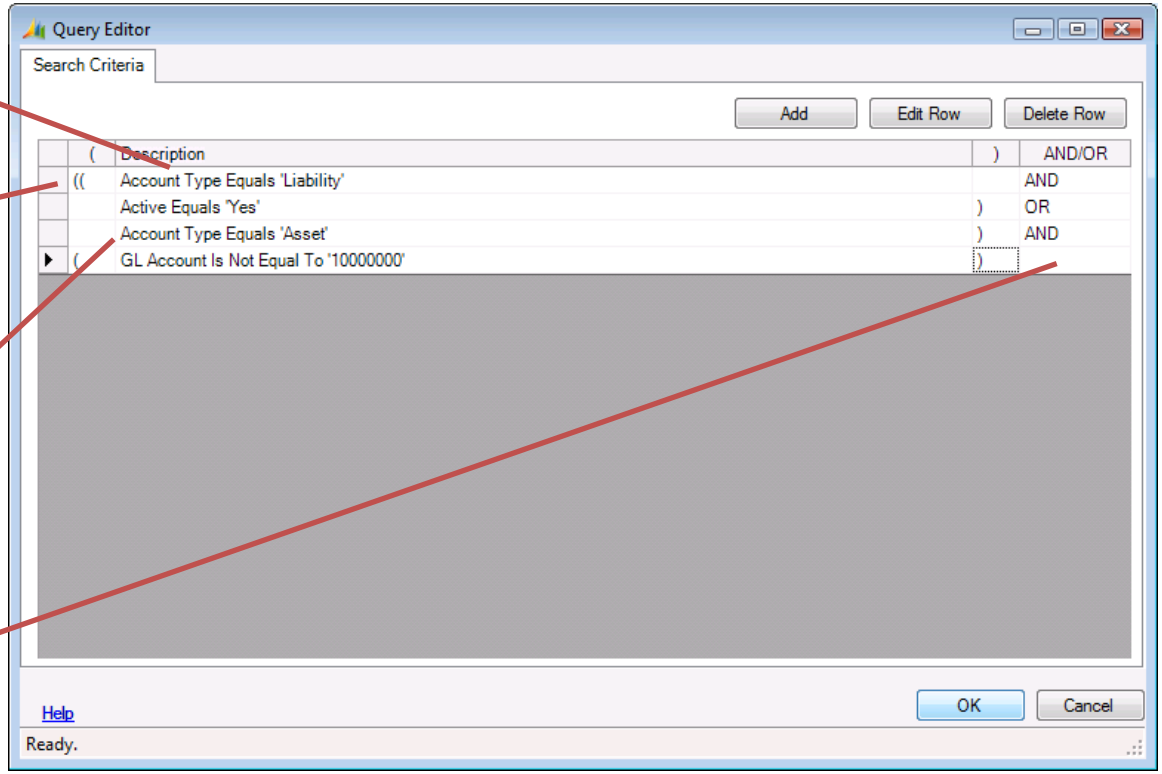
The Search window allows restrictions to be added

Search using any of the report columns

Create powerful queries with nested parenthesis

Search using known values for list fields

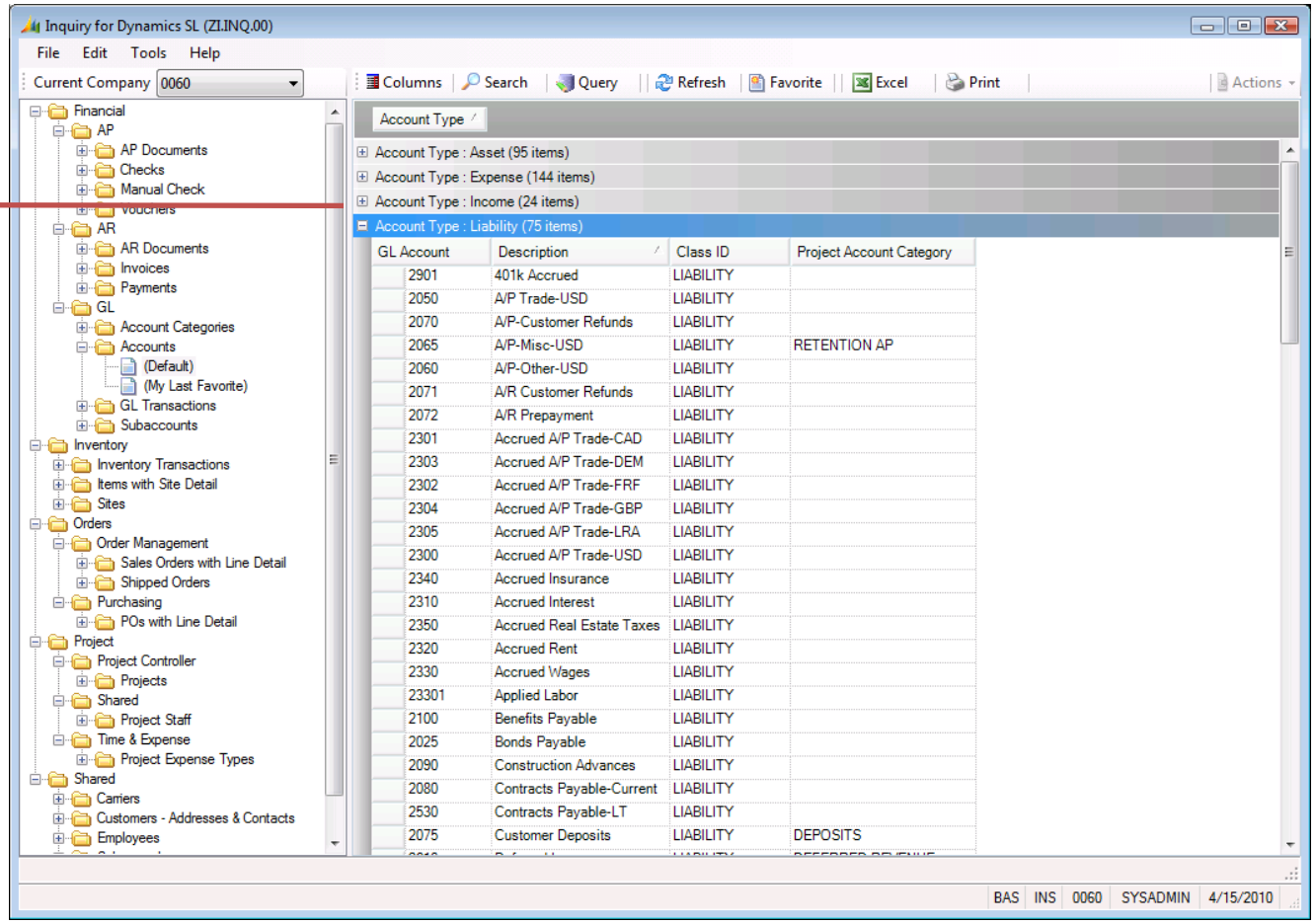
Employ AND / OR logic to maximize flexibility



Grouping

Groups can be created by drag and drop or by creating summarized queries

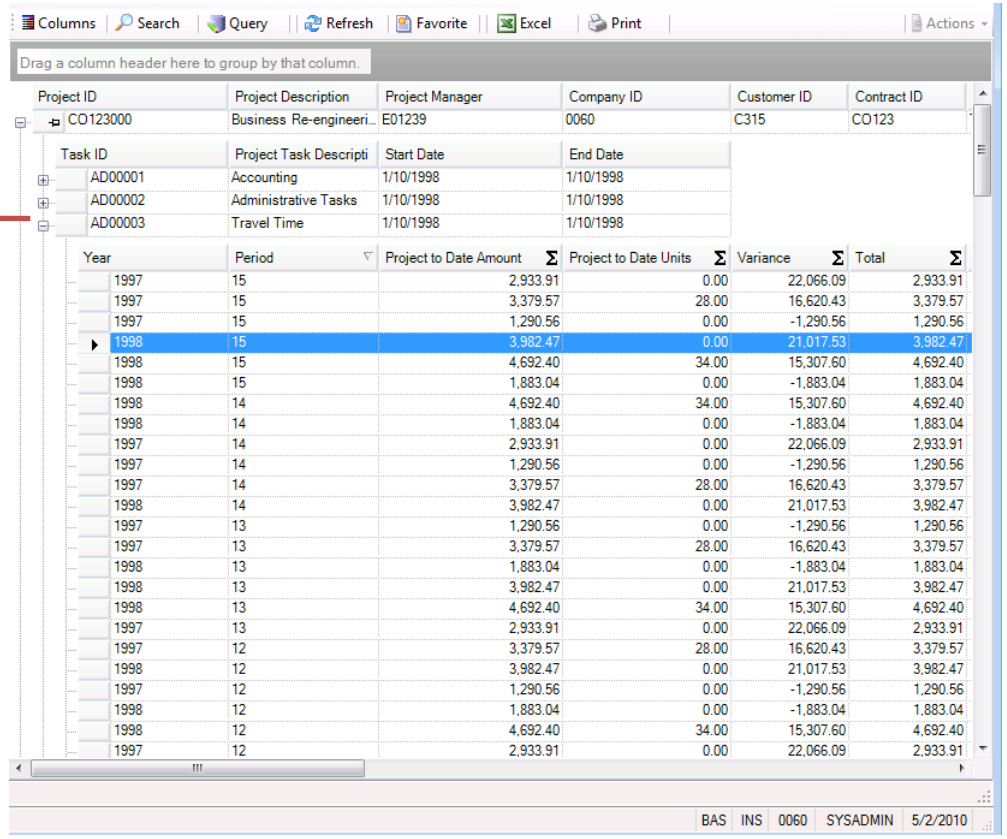
Here a simple list of Accounts is grouped by Account Type and a count is displayed in the group header.



Multiple Levels of Detail

INQUIRY allows for expansion of details at multiple levels as needed

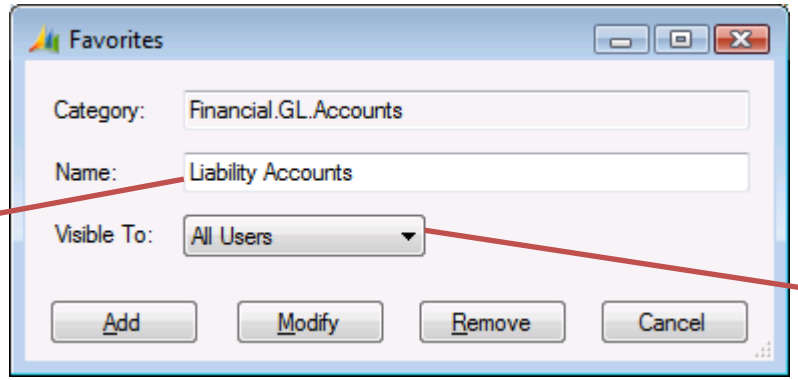
Here a list of projects is expanded to see Task detail, then Task detail is expanded to see Task Performance detail.



Favorites

The Favorites window allows any changes to be saved and used again

Name and save your frequently used searches

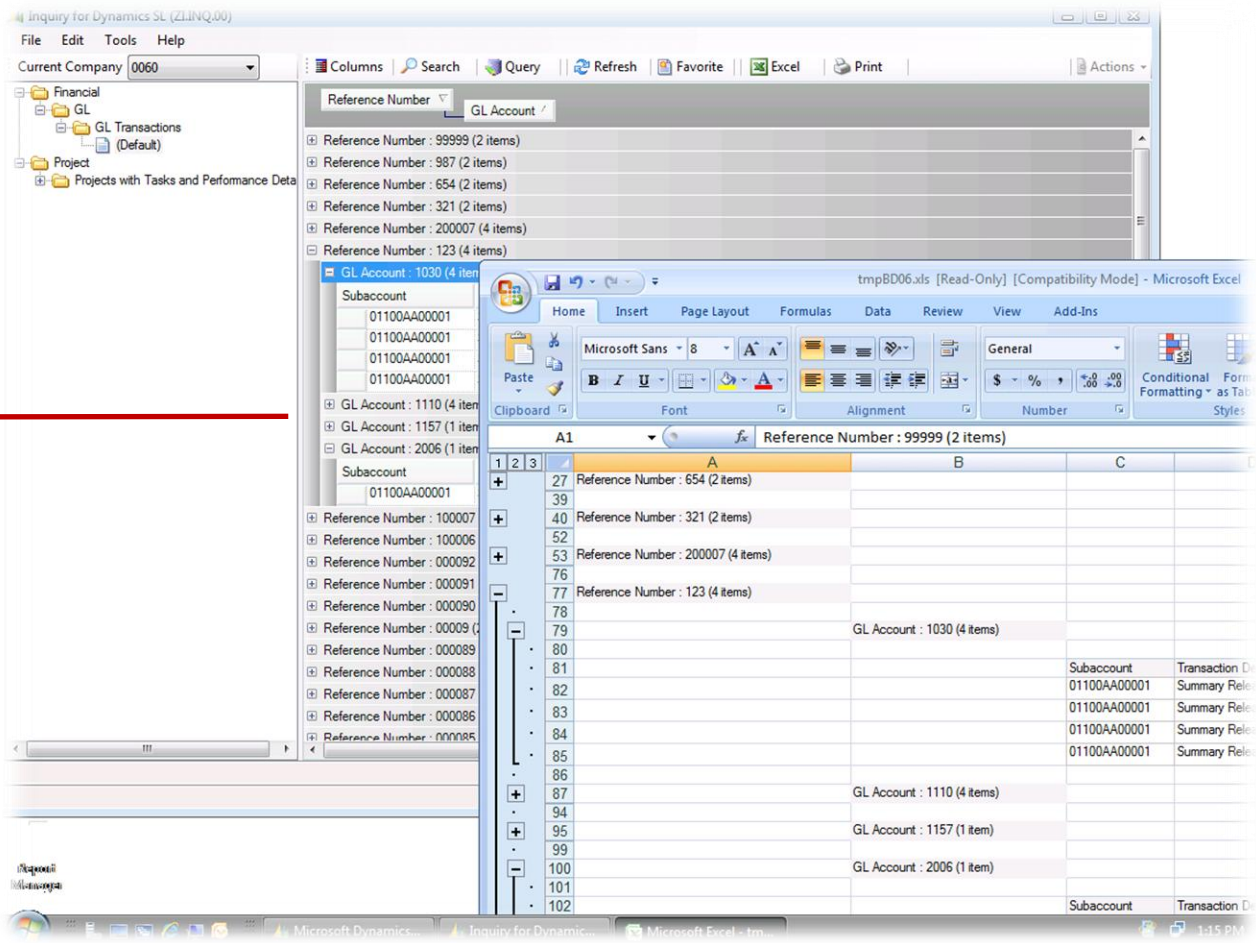


Share your searches with other users

Excel Export

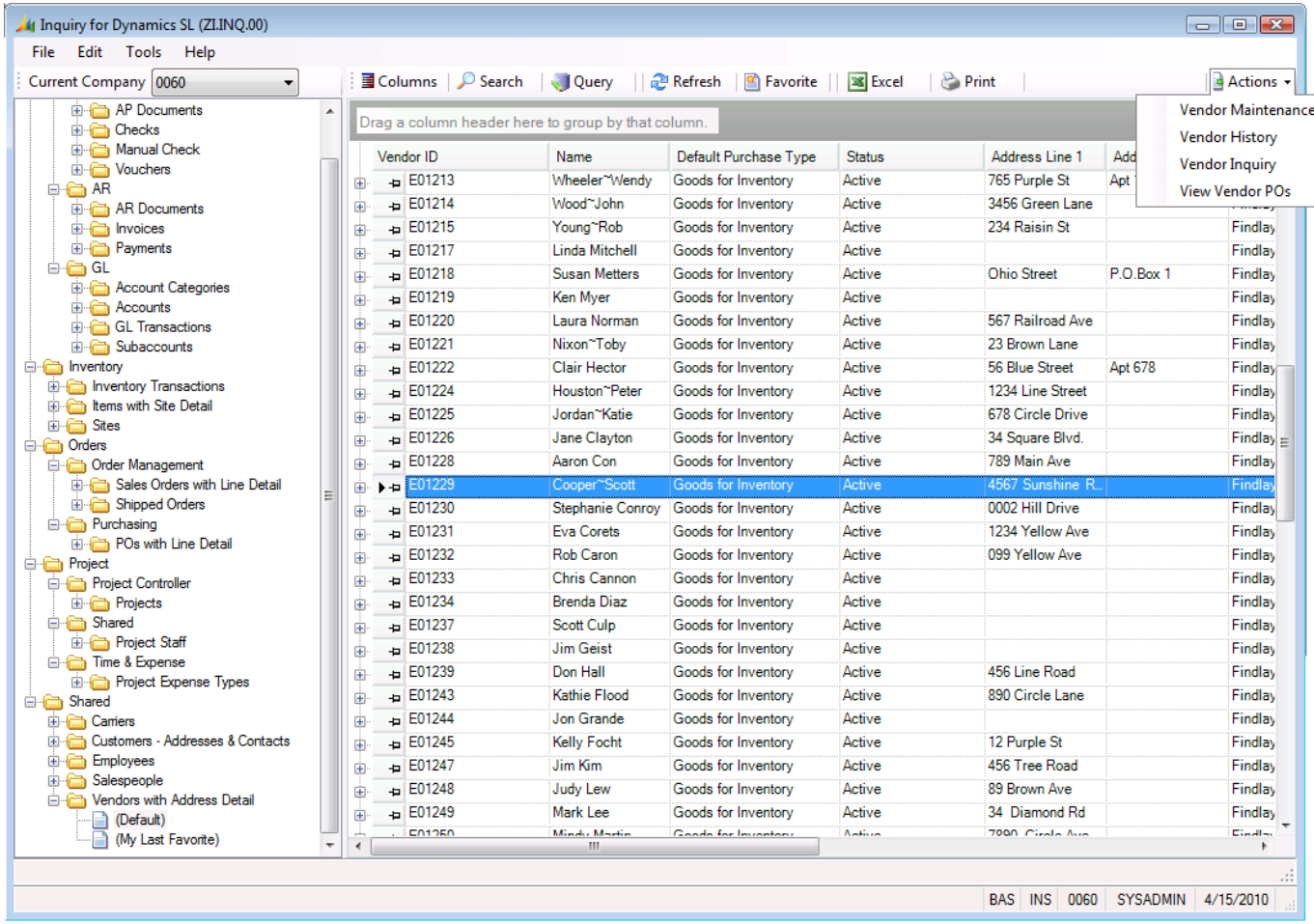
The Excel Export pushes the data out to a spreadsheet for further analysis

Exported lists maintain formatting and grouping when sent to Excel



Actions

Actions allow drilling down into screens and drilling around to open other queries

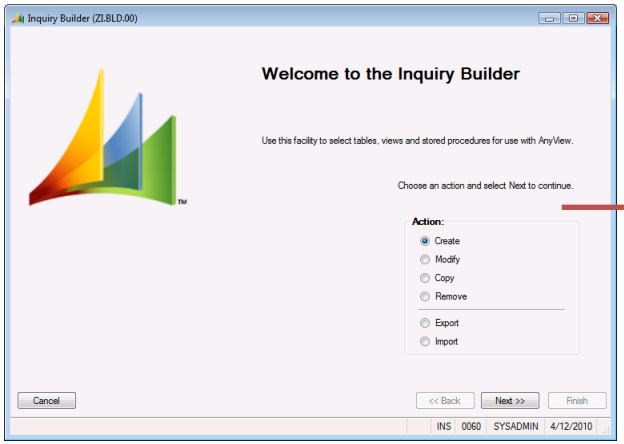


Create a customizable list of maintenance and inquiry screens that can be opened from the Actions menu

The highlighted record is opened in the screen or passed to another query selected from the list of available Actions

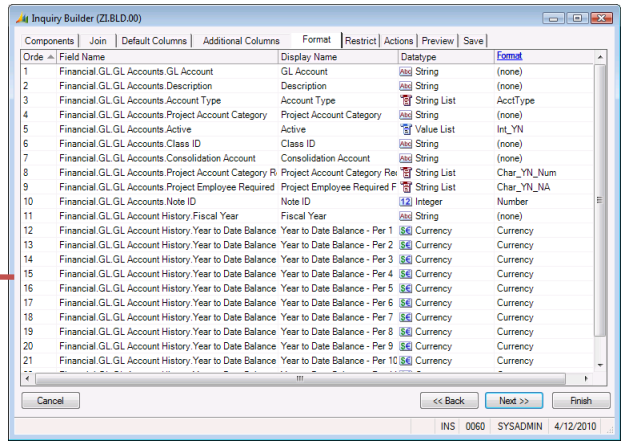
Create Custom Queries

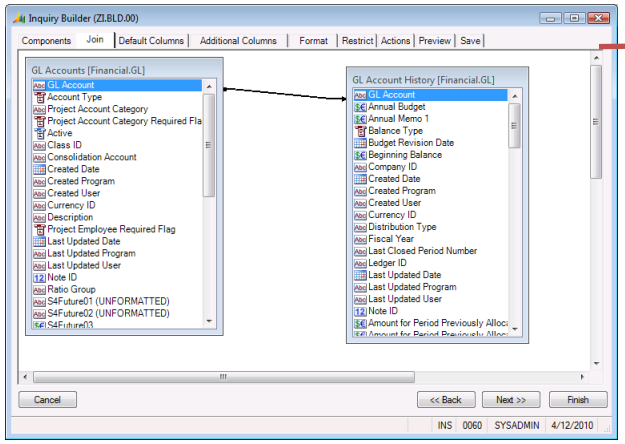
INQUIRY Builder allows you to build custom queries



Queries can be created copied and modified for the most flexible query design.

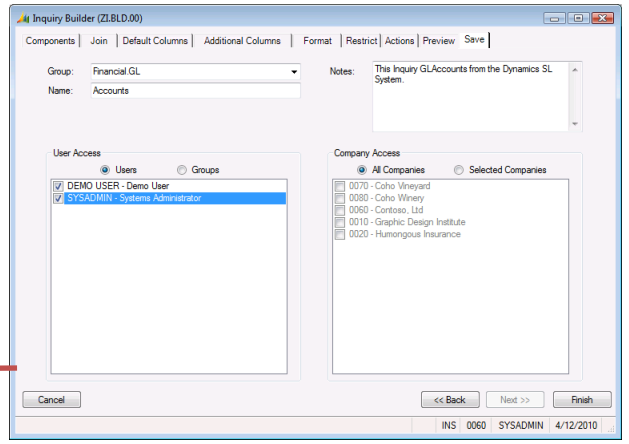
Friendly Table and Column names make query building easy for SL Users.





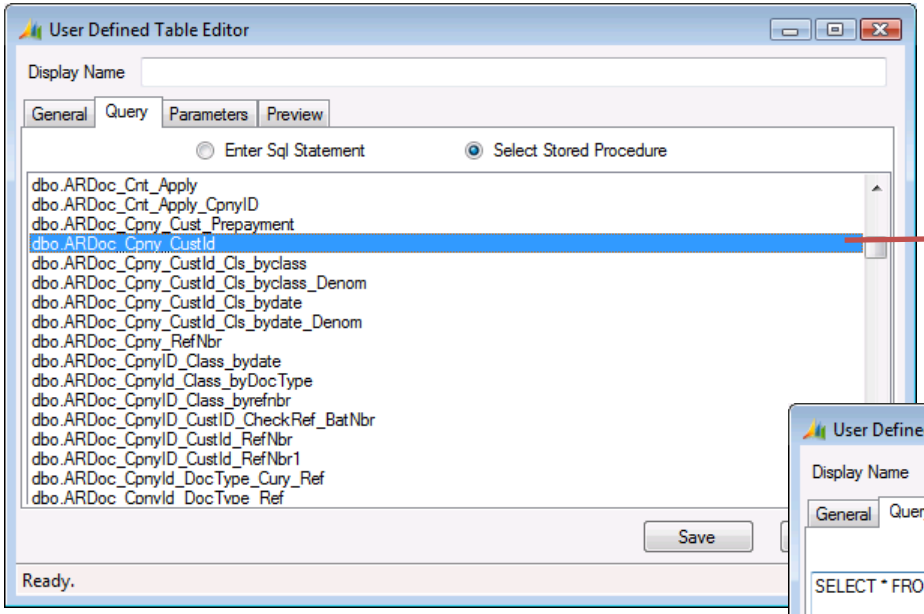
The graphical interface, including visual joins, makes building queries smooth.

Security is integrated into the SL Screen model making it simple to administer.

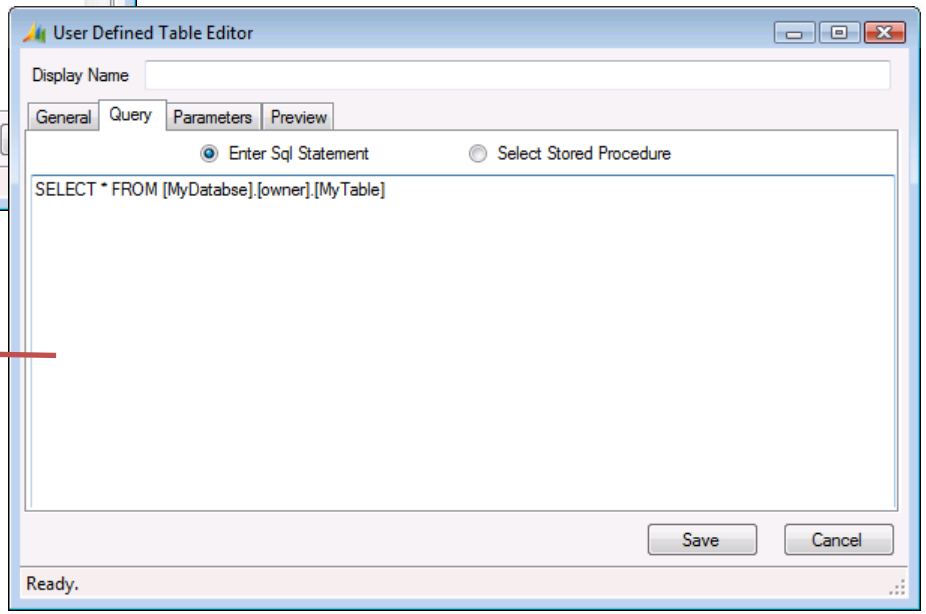


Any Data Source

When building queries use Tables, Views, Stored Procedures and even handwritten SQL statements and access any database in your environment!



Access any database to pull data from any source including Stored Procedures then pass parameters down to the end user for the ultimate in query control.



Handwritten SQL Queries offer flexibility in data access. With the inclusion of scripted parameters ***INQUIRY*** offers data access possibilities unlike any other Dynamics SL Query tool on the market.

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