

Customer Support Tips and Techniques

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PLEASE USE THE CHAT FUNCTION TO ASK QUESTIONS.



Accruals and Interest Adjustments

TIPS WHEN REVIEWING INTEREST ACCRUALS AND PROCESSING INTEREST ADJUSTMENTS

Interest Receivable Fields

- Receivable Record (PRCVBL)
 - Built one payment frequency in advance
 - Interest Due Amount
- Accrual Record (PACCRU)
 - Accrued Interest Receivable
 - Accrued Interest For Current Period
 - Per Diem

Dates, Codes and Balances

- Next Payment Due
- Next Payment Anniversary Date
 - aka Next Scheduled Amortization Date
- Fields and Codes
 - Payment Type
 - Payment Frequency
 - Interest Basis Code
 - Simple Interest Flag
 - Interest Rate

Scheduled Principal Balance

- Accrual File (PACCRU/RQSBAL)
- Calendar Driven
 - Scheduled Amortization
- Event Driven
 - Unscheduled Amortization
 - Principal Transactions cause this field to change – backdated transactions

Which Balance is Used?

- Simple Interest Code
 - Master File (PMASTR/CMSMPL)
 - Y = the Scheduled Balance equals the Current Principal Balance
 - N = the Scheduled Balance is independent of the Current Principal Balance
 - If it equals yes, during DAYEND the Current Principal Balance (PMASTR/CMPBAL) amount replaces the amount in the Scheduled Principal Balance field (PACCRU/RQSBAL).

Code	Days in a year	Days in a Month	
A60	360	30	
B65	360	ACTUAL DAYS in the Month (2/28)	
B66	360	ACTUAL DAYS in the Month (2/29)	
A65	365	ACTUAL DAYS in the Month (2/28)	
	365	ACTUAL DAYS in the Month (2/28) not leap year	
A66	366	ACTUAL DAYS in the Month (2/29) leap year	

Interest Calculation for one complete period

- The interest due for one complete period is projected out when the Receivable record is created. This amount is Interest Due (PRCVBL/RCI\$D).
- The Receivable record is built on the Starting Date of Next Accrual Period (PACCRU/RQMAD). For example, one billing payment frequency before it is due
- The accrual record increments by the per diem during dayend processing

Interest Calculations for the Daily Accrual

- Another field that gets updated daily is Accrued Interest for Current Period (PACCRU/RQAILB). This tracks the interest that has been accrued for this current interest period.
- This used to be called Accrued Interest Since Last Billing & Accrued Interest Since Last Payment Anniversary
- By the end of the interest period the Accrued Interest for Current Period (PACCRU/RQAILB) should equal the Interest Due (PRCVBL/RCI\$D) for that payment.

Keeping the Interest in Sync

- This calculated amount is compared to the Interest Due in the receivable record (PRCVBL/RCI\$D) for that payment.
- If they don't equal, the system will create an interest adjustment to make the Interest Due (PRCVBL/RCI\$D) equal this calculated amount.
- The adjustment will be created as long as:
 - the Next Billing Date (PMASTR/CMNBDE) and
 - the Next Payment Due Date (PMASTR/CMNPD)
 - are less than or equal to the Starting Date for next Accrual Period (next amort date) (PACCRU/RQMAD).
- There is a system control setting that will stop automatic interest adjustments once the bill has printed

Keeping the Interest in Sync

How do you compare 30 days of interest to 10 days of interest?

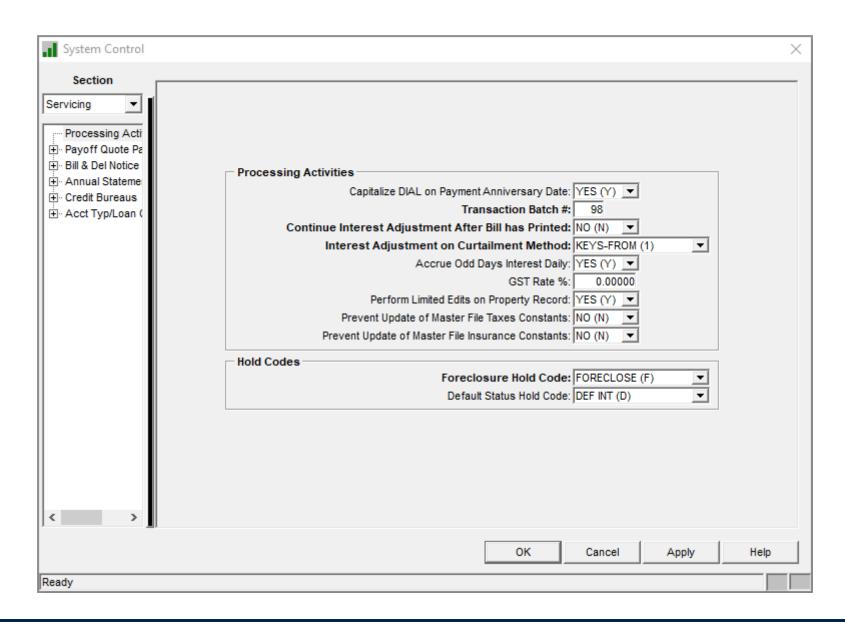
Compare the Receivable record to the Accrual record

Remaining Days *
Interest per-diem (PACCRU/RQCPD) =
projected interest for the remaining days

add this to

Accrued Interest for Current Period

(PACCRU/RQAILB)



Keeping the Interest in Sync

If an adjustment can't be made in the same period for which the interest is accruing, the adjustment is carried over to the next payment.

Interest Adjustments

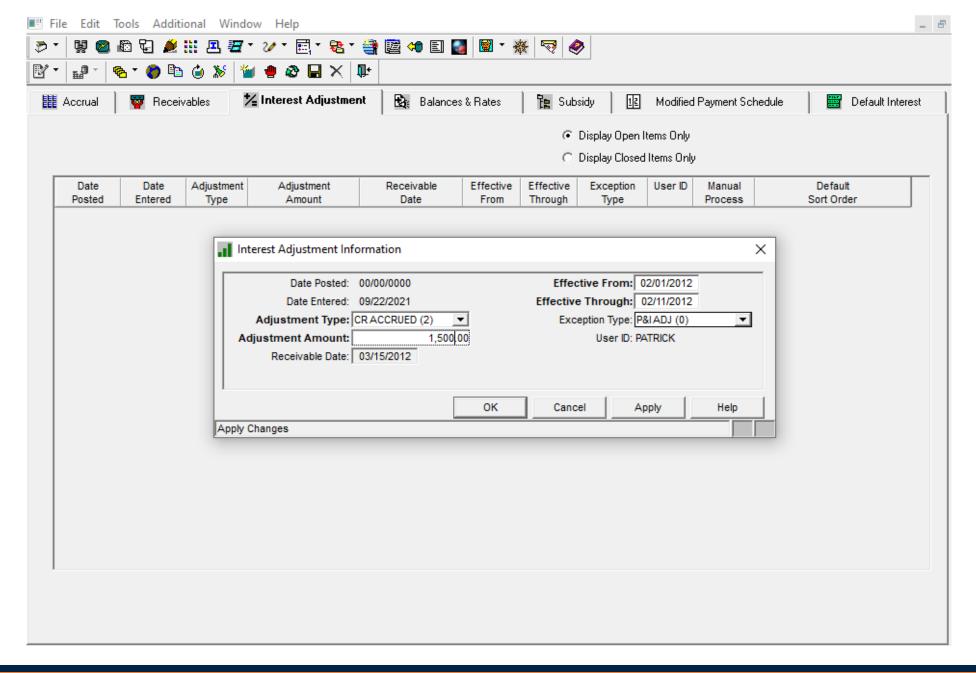
- Interest adjustments can be made for three areas:
 - 1. Pay Rate Accrual
 - Accrual file (PACCRU)
 - 2. Receivable Record
 - Receivable file (PRCVBL)
 - 3. DIAL (Deferred Interest Accrual Loan) accrual adjustments can also be made through interest adjustment processing

Why Interest Adjustments?

- One of the factors used in the accrual should have been different
 - Rate
 - Balance
 - Interest Basis Code
- The user needs a different amount
 - Workout
 - Mistake

What Creates Interest Adjustments?

- Manual Entry
 - Workout, Correct a rate
- System Generated
 - Change to the factors used in the calculation
 - Interest Rate, Interest Basis Code
 - Balance
 - Transactions such as curtailments
 - To keep the Receivable record in sync with the Accrual record



Posting Codes – Accrual Record

Code	Short Description	Full Description	
2	CR Accrued	Credit All Accrued Amounts (-)	
		Decreases the accrual balances	
		When done with an exception code of 2 the Accr Int for Current Period WILL NOT be affected	
6	DR Accrued	Debit All Accrued Amounts (+)	
		Increases the accrual balances	
		When done with an exception code of 2 the Accr Int for Current Period WILL NOT be affected	

Posting Codes – Accrual Record

Code	Short Description	Full Description
3	CR GL ACRU	Credit G/L Accrued Amounts (-)
		Decreases the accrued interest g/l and bank accrued interest fields
7	DR GL ACRU	Debit G/L Accrued Amounts (+)
		Increases the accrued interest g/l and bank accrued interest fields

Posting Codes – Receivable Record

Code	Short Description	Full Description	
1	CR RCV REC	Credit Receivable Record (-)	
		Decreases the interest due and increases the principal due	
		Exception code 2 only affects principal, exception code 1 only affects interest	
5	DR RCV REC	Debit Receivable Record (+)	
		Increases the interest due and decreases the principal due	
		Exception code 2 only affects principal, exception code 1 only affects interest	

Posting Codes - DIAL Accruals

Code	Short Description	Full Description	
A	Credit DFR	Credit All Deferred	(-)
В	Debit DFR	Debit All Deferred	(+)
4	Credit DEF	Credit Deferred Accrual	(-)
8	Debit DEF	Debit Deferred Accrual	(+)

Exception Codes

Code	Short Description	Full Description
2	(2,6)(1,5)	NO BILL INT(2,6) PRN ONLY(1,5)
1	INT ONLY	POST INT ONLY TO RECV RECORD
0	P&I ADJ	POST P&I ADJ TO RECV RECORD

All Posting Codes

Code	Short Desc	Full Description	
A	Credit DFR	Credit All Deferred (-))
В	Debit DFR	Debit All Deferred ((+)
1	CR RCV REC	Credit Receivable Record ((-)
2	CR Accrued	Credit All Accrued Amounts ((-)
3	CR GL ACRU	Credit G/L Accrued Amounts ((-)
4	Credit DEF	Credit Deferred Accrual ((-)
5	DR RCV REC	Debit Receivable Record ((+)
6	DR Accrued	Debit All Accrued Amounts ((+)
7	DR GL ACRU	Debit G/L Accrued Amounts ((+)
8	Debit DEF	Debit Deferred Accrual ((+)

Manual Interest Adjustments

- Entered information passes edits
 - Error Messages display
- Adjustments take effect when posted
 - During DAYEND
 - On Demand posting
 - All pending adjustments will be posted, not just the items you entered.



Adjustments/Scheduled Balance

When an adjustment to the Receivable Record causes the Principal Due amount to change

AND

the date of this receivable record is PRIOR to the Next Payment Anniversary Date (Starting Date of Next Accrual Period).

The **Scheduled Principal Balance** in the Accrual File will be adjusted accordingly

Manual Interest Adjustments to a Receivable

1 CREDIT RECEIVABLE RECORD (-) or
5 DEBIT RECEIVABLE RECORD (+)
with NO exception code
Or Exception code 1 - Interest only

Accrual Adjustments will be automatically created by the system in Dayend 2 CREDIT ALL ACCRUED AMOUNTS (-) 6 DEBIT ALL ACCRUED AMOUNTS (+)

Interest Adjustments

Any Adjustments to the field Accrued Interest for Current Period

Will cause a system generated Interest Adjustment to the Receivable Record

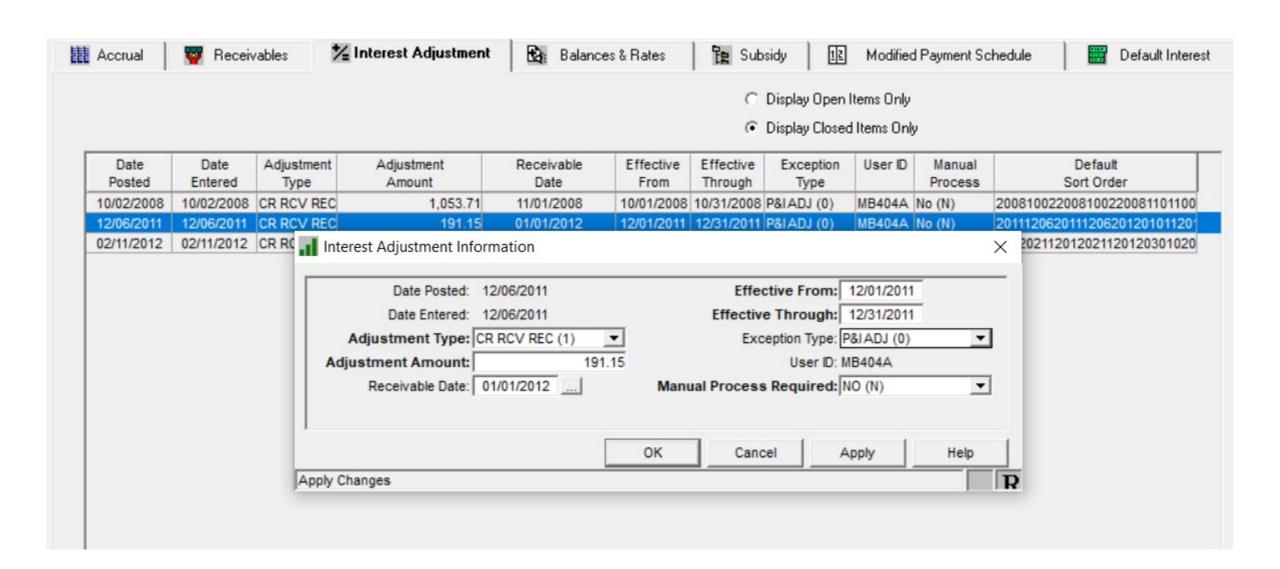


Interest Adjustment Report

- MB442B-1 Daily Interest Adjustment Posting
 - Shows all Interest Adjustments for posting
 - Shows error message for any adjustment that could not be posted

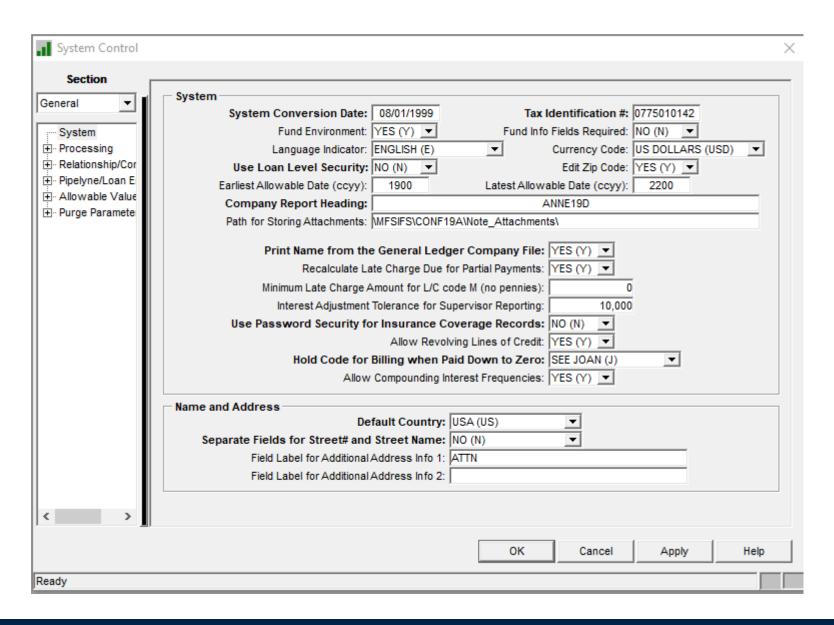
Manual Process Required (IAMPR)

- Y = Yes The system will set this value when it finds an error condition and cannot post the adjustment
- N = No This is the normal setting
- O = Override The system has set the adjustment to Y but the user can try to force the adjustment through by changing the field to O



Some of the Rules/Exceptions

- Can't credit the Receivable record for more than what is due
- Can't change Principal due in the Receivable record to be negative unless payment type G
- Daily Balance and Rates file (PDBNR) updated if flagged as manual adjustment RHMADJ
- Output to Supervisor message log if adjustment is over interest tolerance amount







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Business Day functionality

- PAT dates and Business calendar options
- Global PAT date changes, Payer and Payee
- Late Charges
- Global late charge date changes, reviewing receivables for late charge dates
- Due dates and Accrual dates
- ARM business days processing
- Changing holiday dates

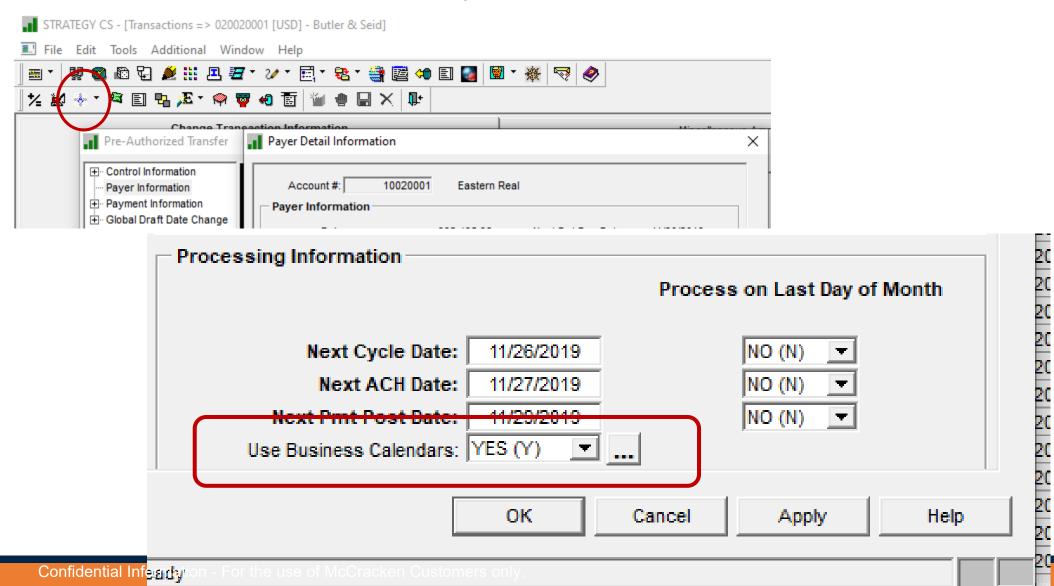
PAT Dates

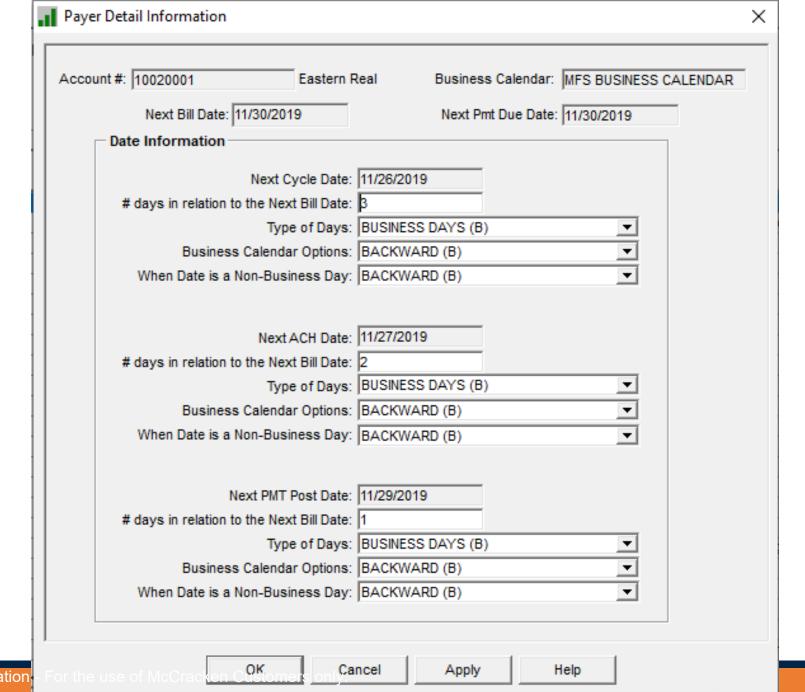
- Cycle date occurs on the actual day
- ACH date occurs on the actual day
- Posting date checks for GL voucher date



Dayend Dates	1 st (Friday)	2 nd (Saturday)	3 rd (Sunday)
	G/L Voucher Date		Process Through Date
Cycle Date		X	
ACH Date		X	
Payment Post			(x

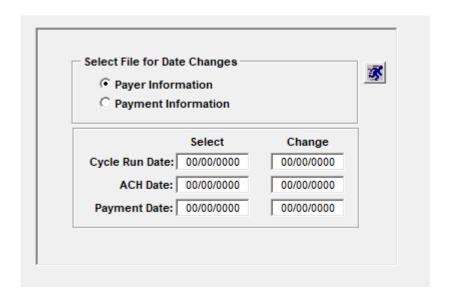
PAT dates – Strictly Business





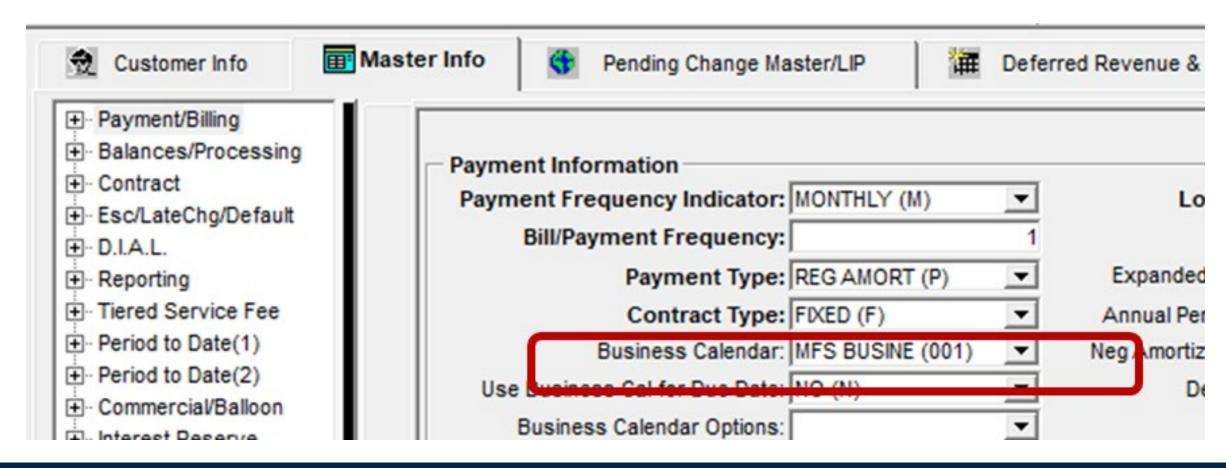
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Global PAT Date Change



Where's the Business Calendar?

Loan Administration, Master Information, Payment/Billing



Late Charges – Business Calendar

 Loan Administration, Master Information, Esc/LateChg/Default

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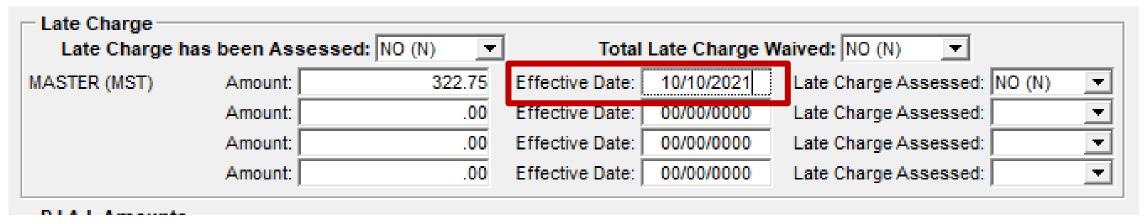
	Pay Interest on Escrow: NO (N)	
	Interest on Escrow Plan Type:	
	Assess Late Charge: YES (Y) ▼	
	Business Calendar: MFS BUSINE (001)	
	Use Business Calendar for L/C Date: YES (Y) ▼	
	# Days to Delinquency: 5	
	Late Charge Method: % OF FULL (F)	
	▼ Late Charge Rate %: 2.50000000000	
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Late Charges

- When changing late charges to assess only on business days
- Or when a holiday date missed being added to business calendar
- Remember receivables that are already built for the next billing date
- Review existing receivables to change the late charge effective date (assessed during dayend)

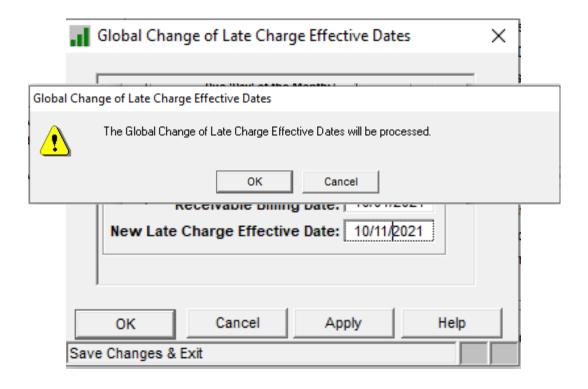
Receivable details/late charge assess date(s)



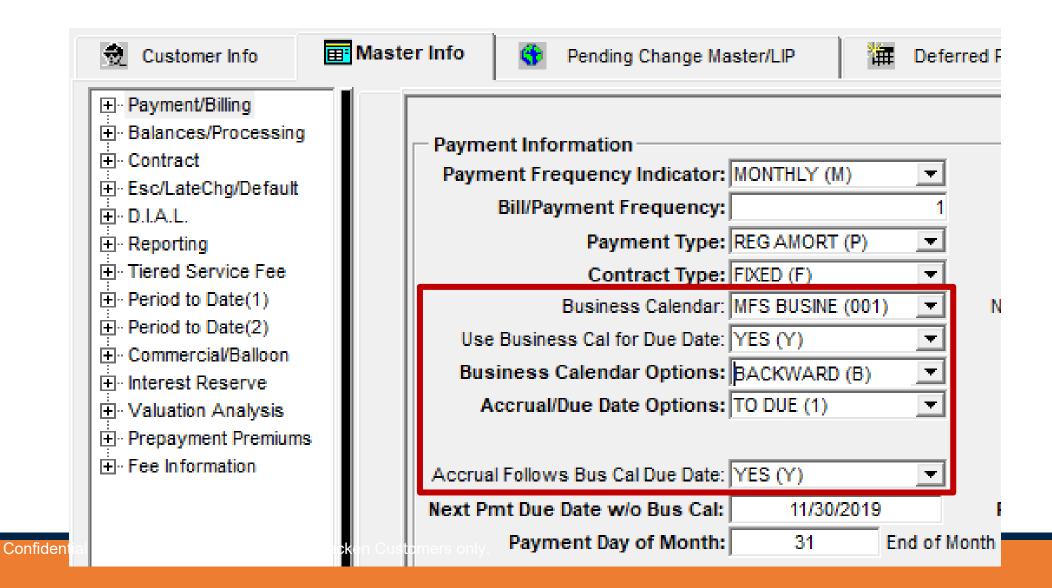


Global Late Charge Date Change

• Billing Module, Tools, Global Chg. L/C Date



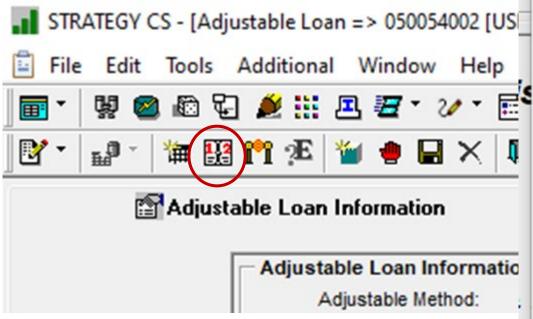
Business options for Accrual and Due Date

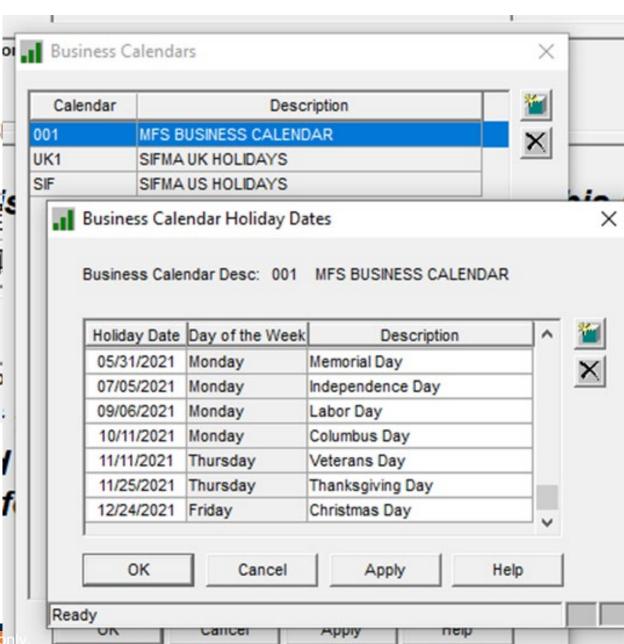


Adjustable Loan Module

	Adjustable Loan Update Wizard	
	Enter Adjustable Loan Information New Loan: YES (Y) Adjustable Loan Desc: MFS DAILY (1D) Payment Type: REG AMORT (P) Adjustable Method: STANDARD (A) Contract Type: FIXED (F)	
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Holiday Dates





New in Release 20

 A reminder prints on your Supervisor Message Report MB442

First dayend in August, September, October, November,

December

Reminder - Please review your business calendar holiday entries for the upcoming year

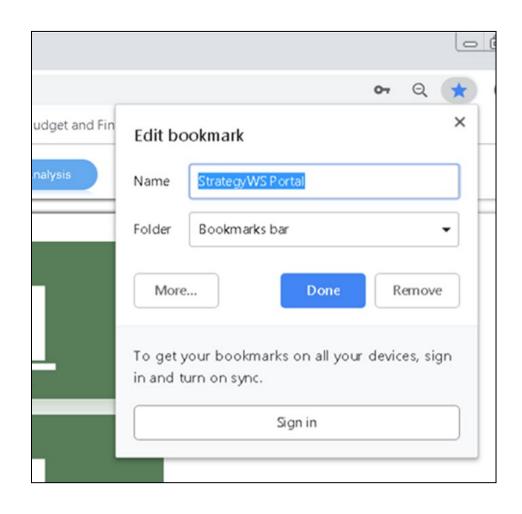


Browser tips and Configuration for Portal

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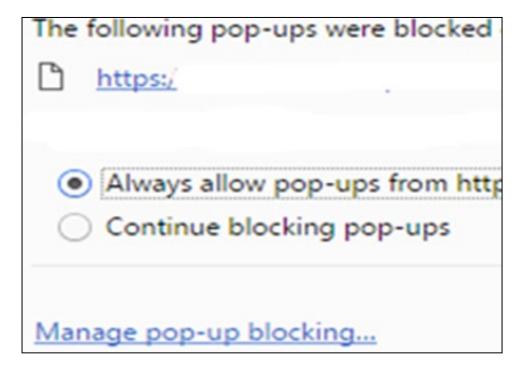
Save the link to your favorites

- Create a bookmark by clicking on the star on your browser tool bar
- Fill out the Name
- Select Bookmarks Bar for you Folder
- Click Done
- The link is there when you need it



Browser Tips:

 Change browser setting to allow pop-ups from the Portal URL. The first time you select a Widget to 'Open in New Window' you might receive a pop-up blocker message alerting you to change the setting:



Browser Tips:

- F11 key Makes the screen full screen
- CTRL Key and '+' Enlarges selected portion of the screen
- CTRL Key and '-' Reduces selected portion of the screen
- CTRL Key and '0' Restores the screen to the original size
- Zoom settings should from 90% to 100% for best viewing

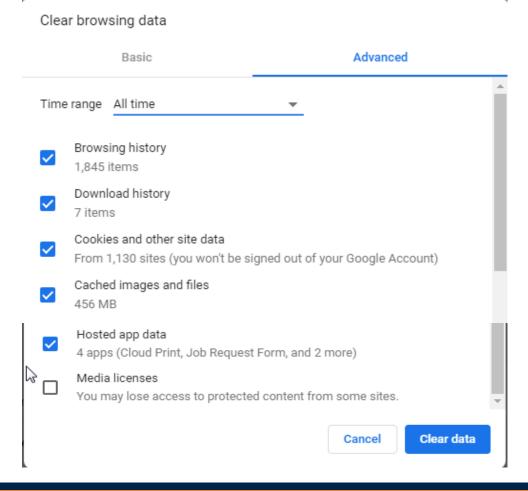
Browser Tips- Continued:

Clearing History in Chrome- Sometimes you have to clear browser history if you have received a Portal update

- 1. On your browser toolbar, tap More icon
- 2. Tap History, then tap Clear browsing data.
- 3. Under "Clear browsing data", select the tick boxes for Browsing History, Download History, Cookies and other site data, Cached images and files and Hosted App Data.
- 4. Use the Time Range above Browsing history to select the amount of data that you want to delete.
- 5. Click the Clear Data button
- 6. Close the browser

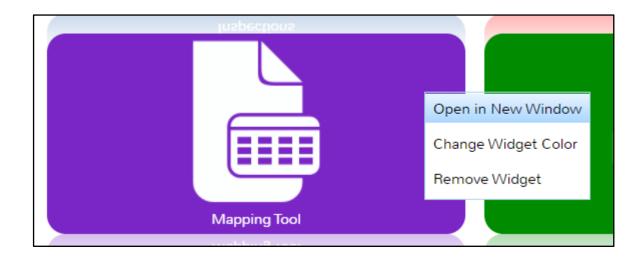
Browser Tips- Continued:

• When clearing internet browser history make sure all options checked below are selected:



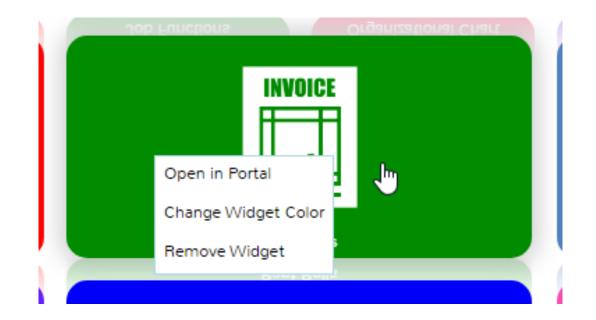
Web Portal Dashboard

- •Double click and open the app in the Dashboard.
- Top Panel and Left hand Panel still available
- Click Home to return to Dashboard
- Open a Widget by right clicking to open the app in a separate window
- Some applications are easier to navigate with the full window
- •Close browser window when done.



Web Portal Dashboard

In Release 20 all apps will open in a new window



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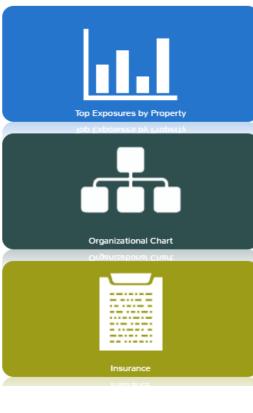
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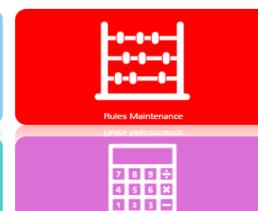














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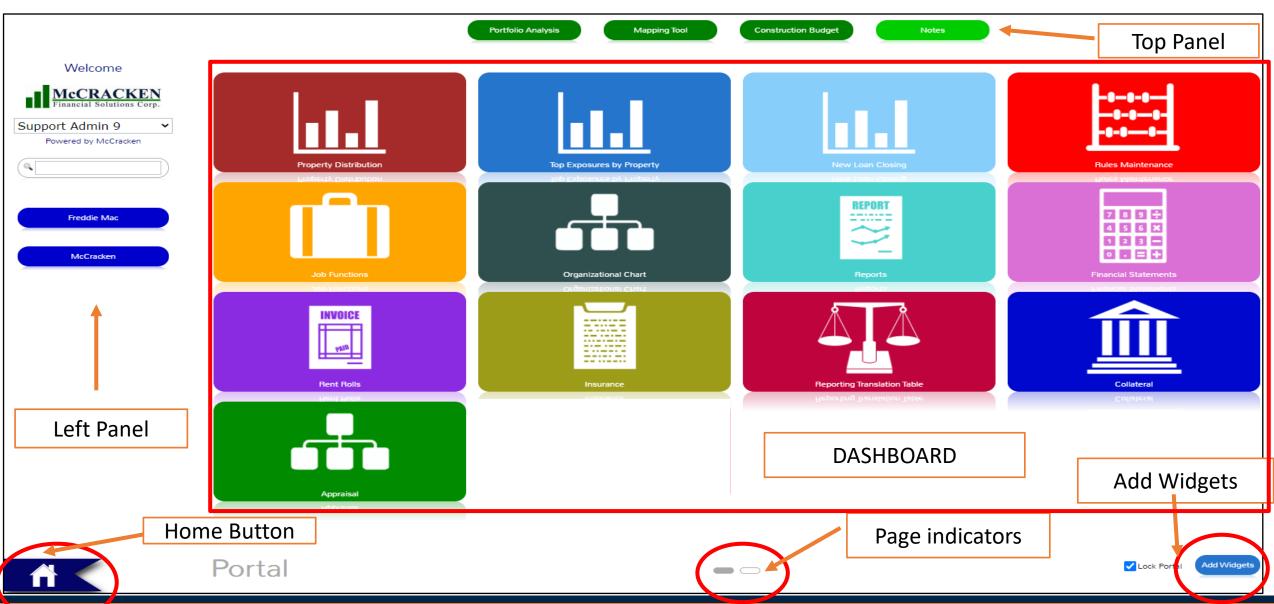








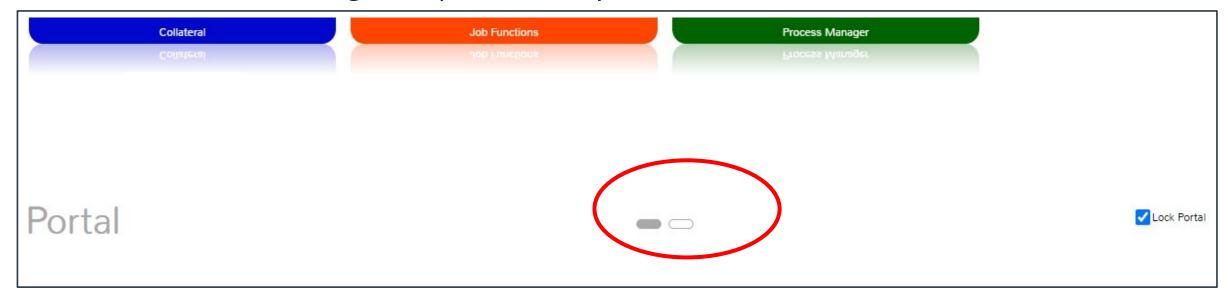
Web Portal Dashboard -The Parts



The number of pages Widgets:

The Dashboard shows the following information:

- > The number of pages of Widgets.
 - Ovals will appear in the center at the bottom of the dashboard in cases when there are multiple pages of Widgets.
 - The Current Page is represented by the filled in oval.



Changing Pages:

- Changing Pages:
 - To advance to the next page of Widgets or go back to a previous page, click the arrows on either side of the window.
 - These arrows are only available when you move your cursor to either edge of the dashboard.



Changing the Color of a Widget:

 Right click on the Widget to display the menu



•Click Change Widget Color. This will open the available color options. Select a new color and the Widget will be changed.



Add Widgets:





Add Widgets:

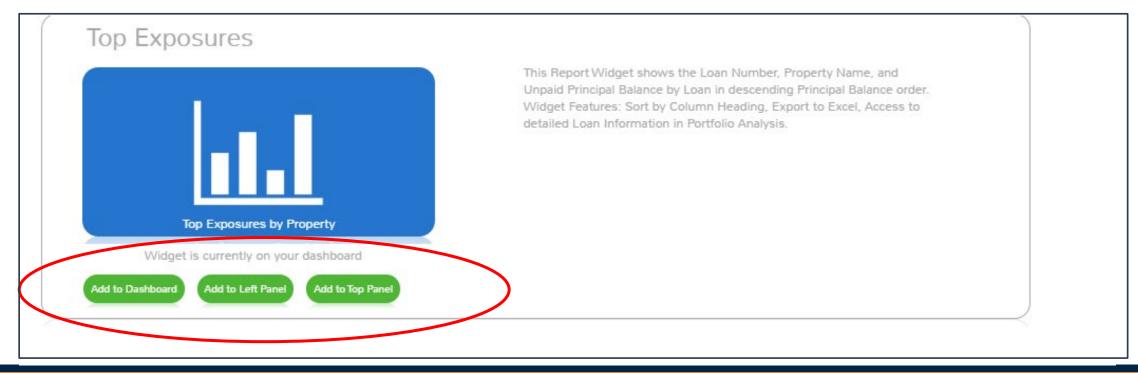
Search for Widgets:

 Search for widgets by letters or leave blank to see all by scrolling through in alphabetical order



Adding Widgets:

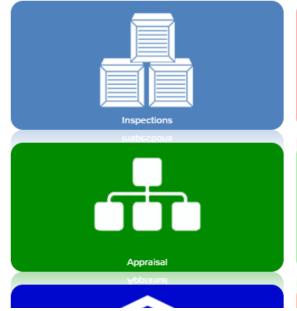
• Once you have selected your widget, you will have the option to place it on the Dashboard, Left Panel, or Top Panel.



Add Widgets:

 The selected widget will then be displayed and will have NEW until it is opened:











Default Dashboard

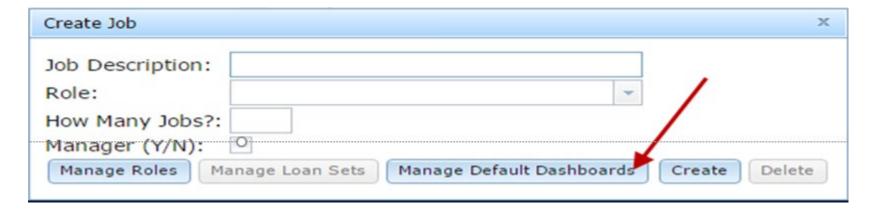
- A default dashboard may be set up for a group of users
- Access to change the dashboard may be restricted
- For groups with specific widget access the dashboard is static - based on the role assigned

Default Dashboard

- Manage Default Dashboards can be used to setup customized Portal Dashboards for Roles.
- Allows you to predefine default dashboards with related Widgets.
- TIP: Default Dashboards, if used, should be setup prior to creating the associated Job Function(s) and Role(s). Once a new Job Function is created and initially tied to the Default View, it will not overwrite the existing dashboard.

Job Functions

 Within Job functions choose Create Job, then click on Manage Default Dashboards

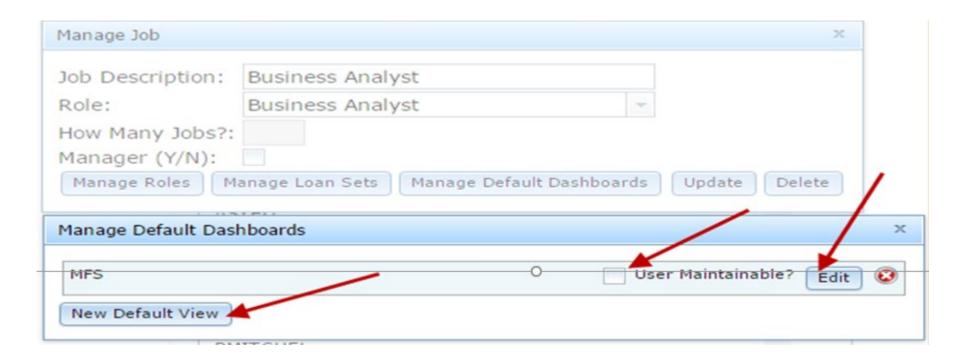


Default Dashboards (continued)

Click on 'New Default View' to create new.

Click on 'Edit' to change Widgets on existing dashboard

defaults

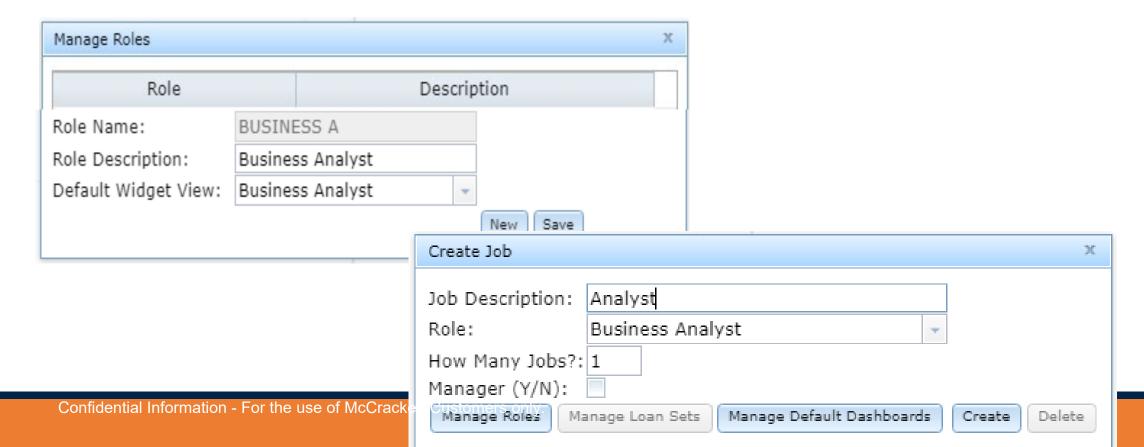


When Setting up Default Dashboard



Tie Default Dashboard to a Role

- After the default dashboard is set up, tie to a Role
- Tie Role to specific users





Mapping Tool



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Mapping Tool has become MaTi

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- The Mapping Tool allows users to quickly and easily upload data from spreadsheets.
- This is accomplished through the use of McCrackenmaintained templates designed to upload and map into many areas on the system.
- The Mapping Tool allows users to avoid duplicate data entry while streamlining the process to make it fast and easy.

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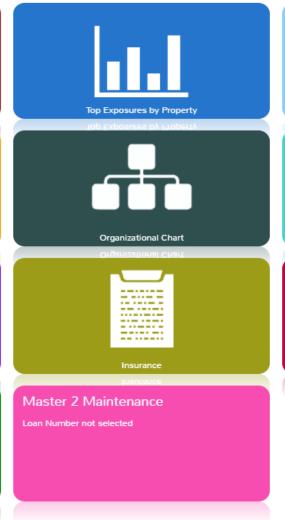
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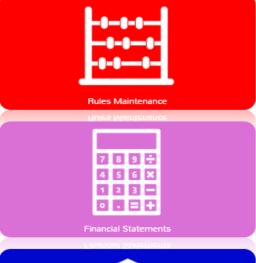
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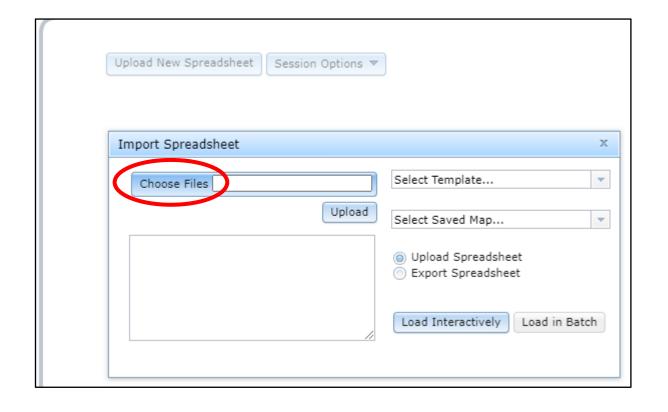




Uploading a File

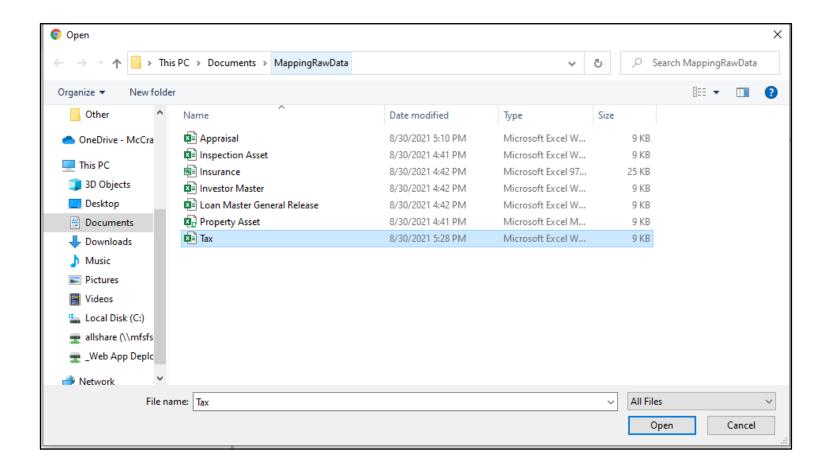
Upon opening the application, the user is prompted to choose a spreadsheet file to upload.

1. Click on the **Choose Files** icon.

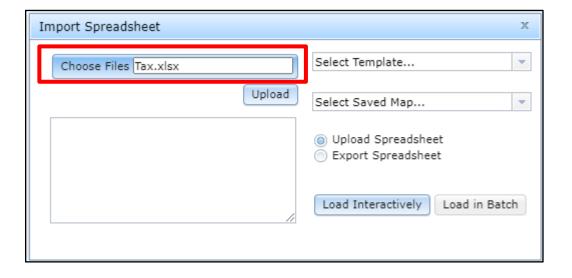


This will bring up the Open File window, as shown in the Figure to the right, where a user can search their local hard drive or their shared network drive for the file they would like to upload.

Please note that the Mapping Tool supports spreadsheets that have been saved as .xls, .xlsx, and .xlsm file types.

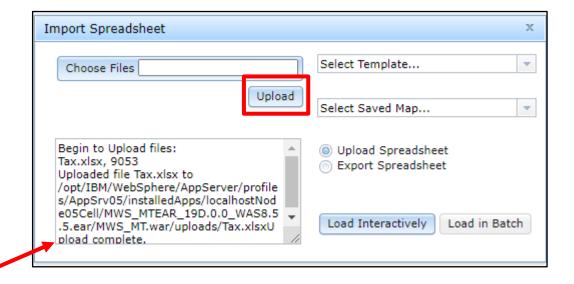


2. Once you have double clicked on the file to be uploaded, the file will be listed next to the **Choose Files** icon as shown.



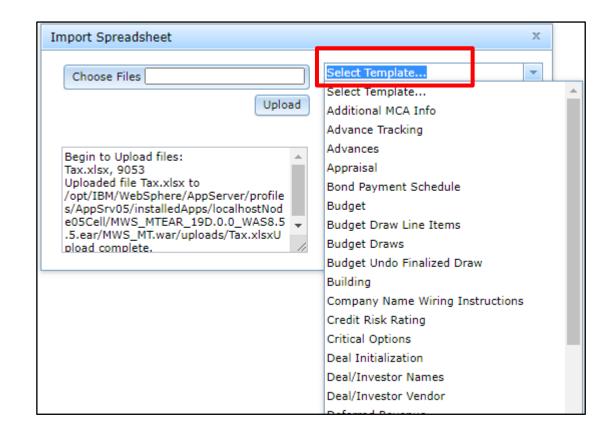
3. Click the **Upload** icon to import the file into the tool.

There will be a confirmation message beneath the Upload icon stating **Upload Complete**.

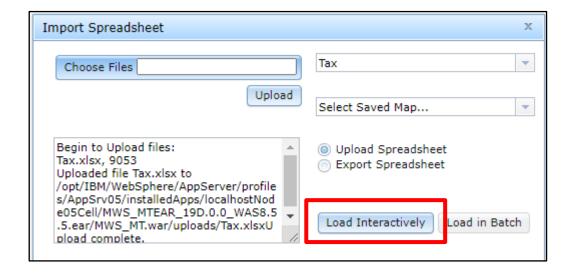


4. Click **Select Template**... to select the appropriate template from a dropdown menu.

This shows the various templates that are available.

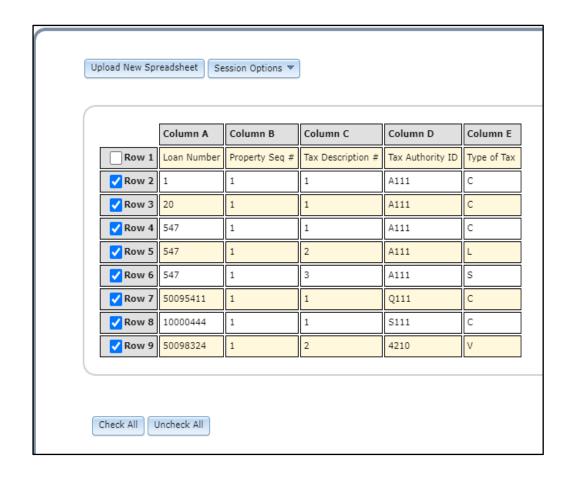


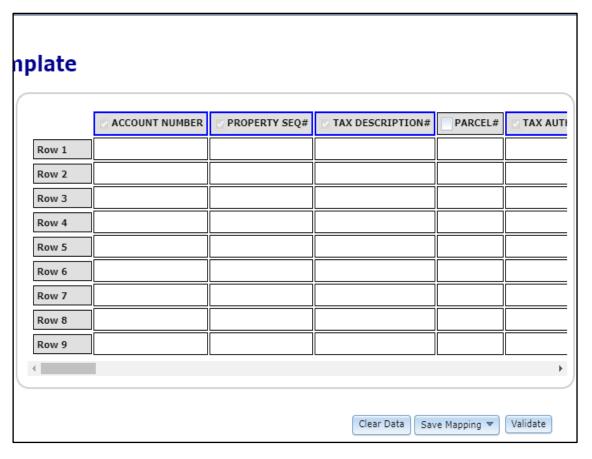
5. Click the **Load**Interactively button to bring up the Mapping Tool.



SPREADSHEET DATA – LEFT SIDE OF WINDOW

TEMPLATE FORMATTING – RIGHT SIDE OF WINDOW

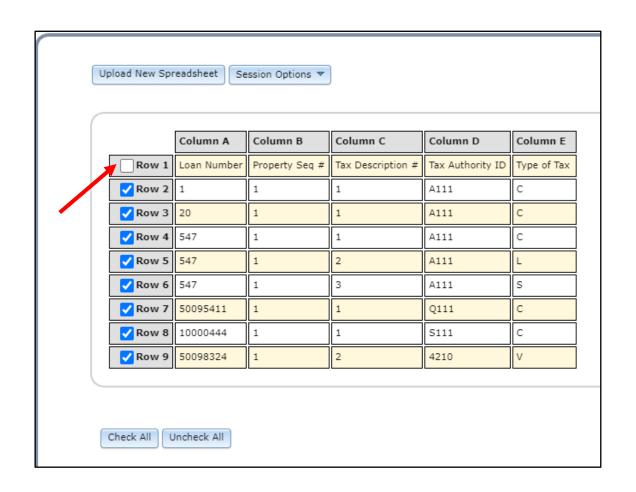




Formatting the Spreadsheet Information

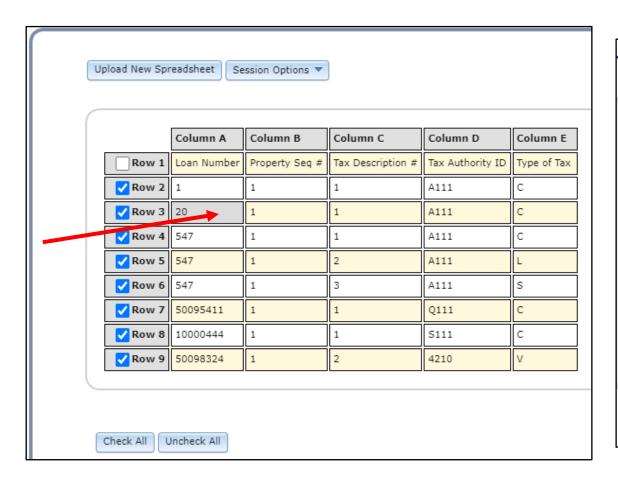
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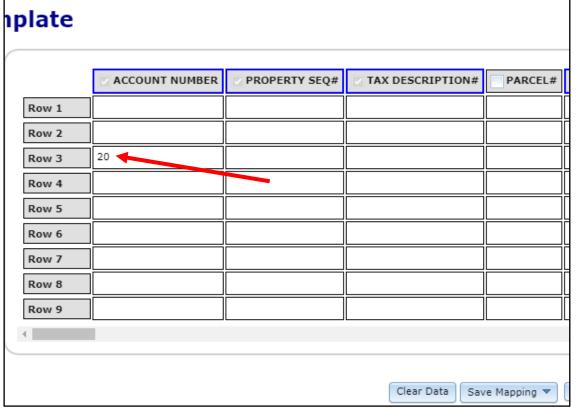
To ensure that this data is not uploaded, uncheck the appropriate rows from the left side of the window.



Cell Selected in uploaded Data

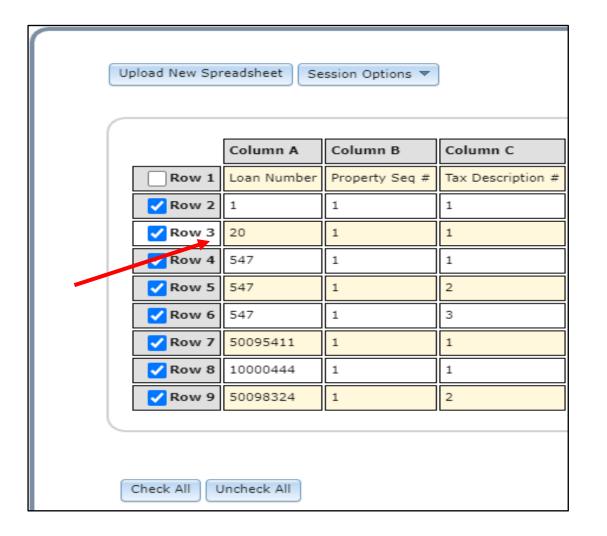
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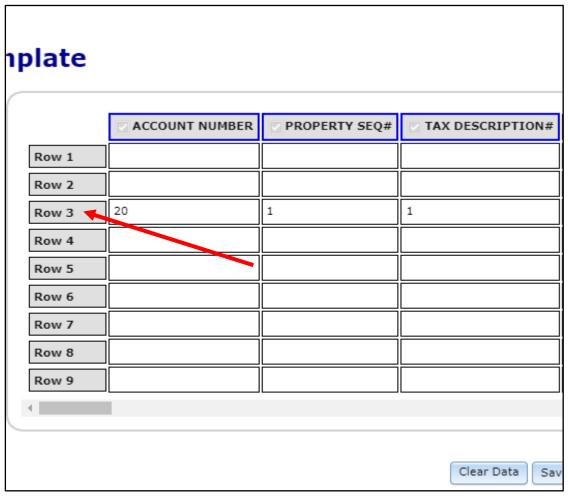




Row Highlighted in Uploaded Data

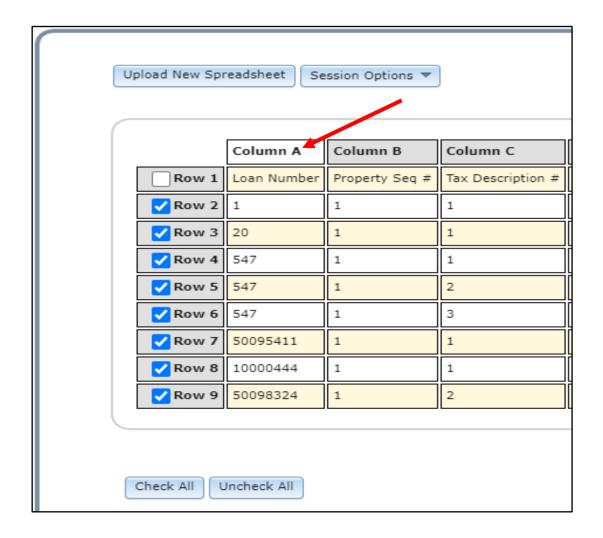
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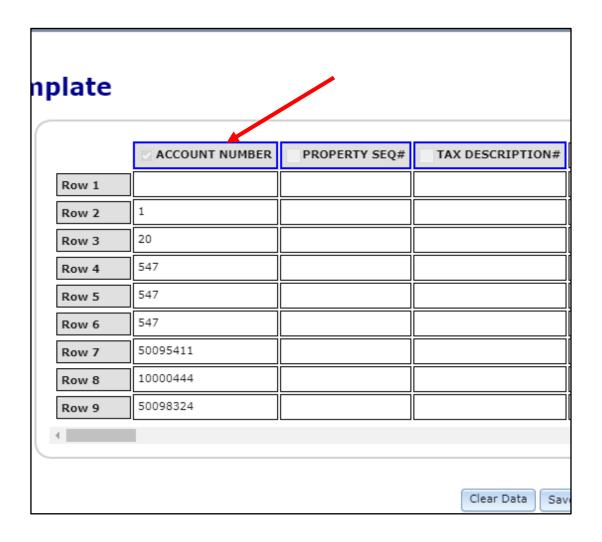




Column Highlighted in Uploaded Data

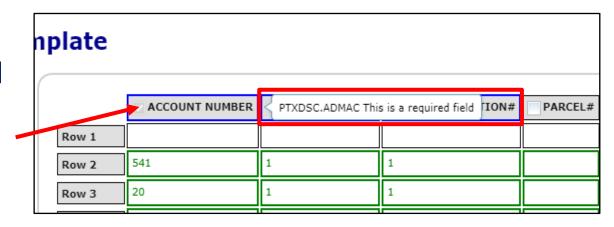
Copied Column in Template





Hint:

Hovering over a Column heading in the template shows where the information will be uploaded. The box shows the File and Field where the information is located separated by a period.



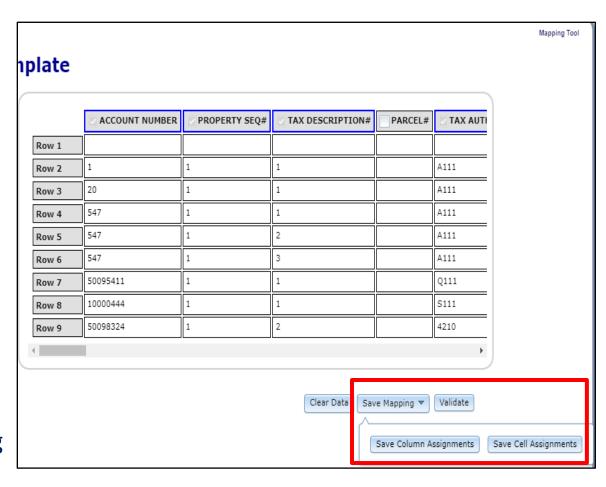
Also, columns with a Header outlined in Blue are required fields in the Mapping Tool Template.

Saving a Template Mapping

If a spreadsheet is submitted consistently using the same format, users have the ability to save the mapping once they have transferred the data to the template. This is accomplished using the **Save Mapping** button.

To save the mapped template for future use:

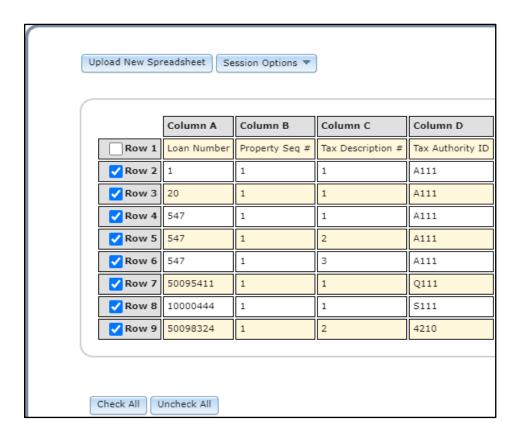
- 1. Format the data to the template.
- 2. Click on the Save Mapping button in the bottom right of the window.
- 3. Click on the Save Column Assignments button or the Save Cell Assignments, depending on what better fits the mapping you are saving.

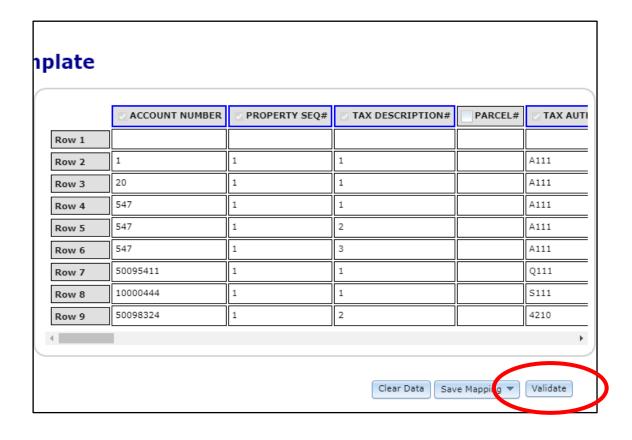


Uploading the Saved Information

SPREADSHEET DATA – LEFT SIDE OF WINDOW

TEMPLATE FORMATTING – RIGHT SIDE OF WINDOW





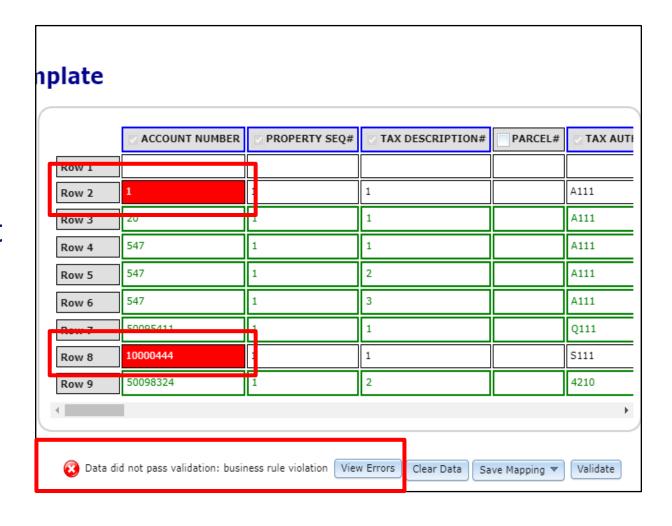
Validate Button

The **Validate** button executes the file and verifies the file in two ways.

- Data Types ensures that fields match basic formatting rules set by the Mapping tool (numerical fields only contain numbers, dates are valid, etc.)
- Business Rule Violations ensures that the data is consistent with the account itself (maturity date comes after start date, fields that are Yes/No fields in Strategy can only be a Yes or No, etc.)

Validate – Error Found

If the Mapping tool cannot validate the information, an error will be indicated in the template as well as at the bottom of the window to the left of the Clear Data button.

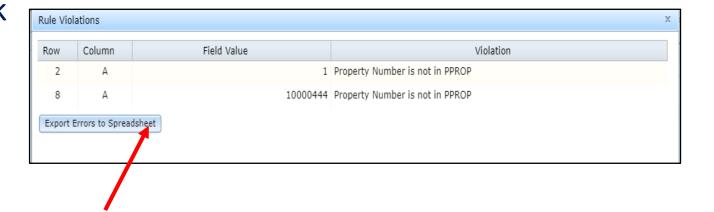


View Errors Window

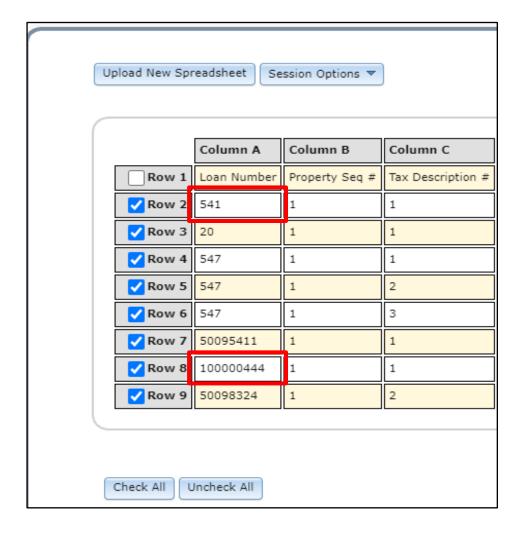
From this window, users can view the errors in the data.

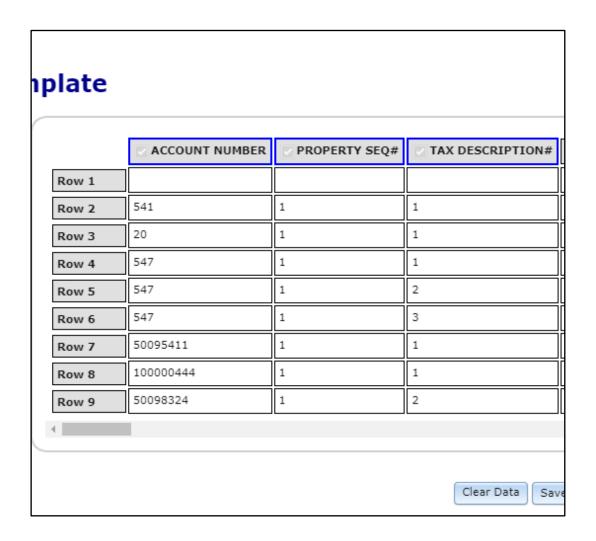
Users also have the ability to click the Export Errors to Spreadsheet button, which will export the rows that could not be validated, while leaving the error-free rows that can be uploaded.

Once the information has been exported to a spreadsheet, a link will appear allowing the user to open the spreadsheet to work with the data.



Corrections Made to Spreadsheet

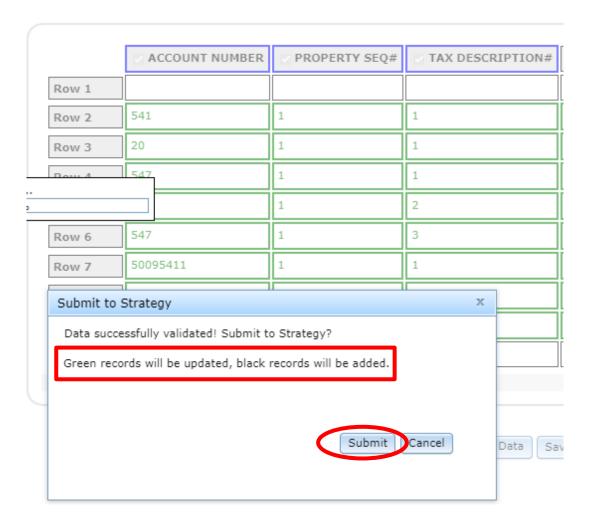




Submit to Strategy

The Tool shows instances where existing records have been updated in Green.

The Tool shows instances where no record existed, and a new record is created in Black.



After clicking the **Submit** button a message is displayed indicating that the records have been successfully uploaded to Strategy.

8 Record(s) successfully exported to Strategy.

Clear Data

Save Mapping

Validate

Once the records have been validated and Strategy has been updated with the new information, the uploaded record will go into file maintenance under the user name of the actual user.

Mapping Tool Tips

- The Mapping Tool does <u>not</u> support a password protected spreadsheet
- The Mapping Tool supports spreadsheets that have been saved as .xls, .xlsx, and .xlsm file types.
- Check the formatting of the cells in the spreadsheet
 - For example: Data that includes Numbers should be formatted as Number or Currency, not Accounting.
- The Excel spreadsheet should contain only the data you want to map. Extra data in the spreadsheet slows the upload process.
 - For example: hiding columns of data not being uploaded.
- If you are trying to upload a large amount of data, try loading it in small increments.
 - For example: If you are uploading a total of 1,000 rows, reduce it to uploading 250 rows at a time.

Mapping Tool Tips — cont.

 We recommend testing a few records prior to attempting the upload in Production.

Questions?