

CEA Manager

Do your Finance Users really understand the CEA set-up for BPCS/Infor Lx™?

"Do you want to update your CEA set-up to reflect Business changes but don't know how?"

"Have the CEA 'super-users' left the business?"

"Do you have posting errors in your system and don't know how to prevent them?"

CEA Manager has 2 primary areas of function:

Understanding the CEA configuration

CEA Manager takes snapshots of the CEA configuration files and allows the user to 'drill' into the configuration with no risk to the Live environment and no compromise of BPCS security and user profiles.

Multiple 'search' options provide the user with the ability to drill into the CEA configuration from a variety of start points, allowing them to understand how the environment is configured.

> Starting from Reason Codes, the user can drill to the Model Lines via the Event and understand how each line of any journal will post in the Ledger. Each macro is explained and a full list of any Alias values on any Advanced Macro is only a click away

> Any Models in any subsystem origin can be compared on screen or the user can review the same Model in different environments (for example Live and Test)

Checking the Integrity of the CEA configuration

The 'Test' option allows the user to run a suite of 'pre-configured' checks over the environment that generates a list of errors and warnings.

- > Reason Codes not linked to Events or set to Bypass Journal Entry
- > Advanced Macros with missing Alias values
- > Aliases use valid segment values
- > Model not linked to an Event

CEA Manager does not apply changes directly to CEA but the accompanying help text guides the user on where and how to apply the necessary corrections for any errors.

CEA Manager is an ideal training aid and can help to ensure that all members of the finance team have a thorough understanding of how CEA is configured and how any transaction posts to the Ledger. In addition, the self-checking routine will speedily identify configuration errors, whilst the enhanced knowledge of the configuration should allow users to prevent errors from occurring.

Are you curious to know more?

Let us show you in only 30 mins —

Email solutions@essentialfinance.net to book a Webex today!

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Dentsply find this "simple to use" CEA integrity checking tool invaluable in monitoring "non-standard" changes or additions to our common CEA configuration and implementation approach.

Our shared service centre in Switzerland use it to provide new employees with training in the way CEA has been configured in our numerous European locations. In turn this enables the centralised finance team to be more self-sufficient in terms of education and support.

CEA manager also provides an excellent aid in creating documentation that can be available for new system users, auditors or even "old hands" who need a refresher.

As a Finance Applications Consultant life is so much easier with CEA Manager!

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Store multiple snapshots of CEA set-up to easily highlight inconsistencies

The screenshot displays the CEA Manager interface with several windows open:

- Events by Reason Code:** Shows a grid of events with columns for Program, Reason, Company, Event, and Macro. One row is selected for 'SHIPMENTS'.
- Event SHIPMENTS:** A detailed view of the selected event, showing its properties like Environment (Manchester), Origin (Inventory Processing), and Sequence (10).
- Model: SHIPMENTS:** A grid showing model lines with columns for Line, COMPANY, CST CENTRE, ACCOUNT, ANALYSIS, Debit, Credit, Statistic, Line Description, Document Ref., and Reference. Two lines are visible: one for IP01TCO and one for IP01TCINV.
- Aliases by Macro:** A grid showing aliases with columns for Macro, Alias, Description, COMPANY, CST CENTRE, ACCOUNT, and ANALYSIS. It includes a tooltip for the IP01TCINV macro.
- Drill down from Reason code to model detail & Alias' in one screen:** A callout pointing to the integrated nature of the interface.
- Easily identify segment values and macro definitions to understand the model set-up:** A callout pointing to the detailed analysis provided by the application.

CEA Manager

offers you the following benefits :

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| Functionality | Capture (read-only) snapshots of the CEA configuration, for multiple environments, with the ability to compare | ✓ |
| | Search functions allow the user to understand every aspect of the configuration | ✓ |
| | Drill from Reason Code through to Model details, Aliases and Line References | ✓ |
| | Test functions highlight errors and inconsistencies (for example, missing Aliases, Reason Codes not linked to | ✓ |
| | Help text guides the user on where and how to make updates in the CEA configuration | ✓ |
| | Enhanced understanding of the configuration will enable users to prevent transaction occurs | ✓ |
| Ease of use | Quick and easy to operate and gives finance users a comprehensive understanding of the CEA configuration. An | ✓ |
| | Easy to implement with users up and running in a single day | ✓ |
| | Minimal IT resource required for the project | ✓ |

