



AccountMate Year-End Preparations

Technical Note: Common Closing Errors

Difficulty Level: Intermediate Level AccountMate User

Version(s) Affected: AccountMate 7 for SQL and Express, AccountMate 6.5 for SQL and MSDE, and AccountMate 6.5 for LAN

Module(s) Affected: All Modules

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DESCRIPTION

This document aims to assist users in evaluating and resolving some common errors that may be encountered when closing the period, transferring data to GL, generating the GL Transfer Report, or closing the fiscal year. This document helps identify which set up needs to be corrected, or which record must be verified for missing or erroneous values in order to resolve the error.

*Note: Use the **Table Browser and Exporter** function in the Utilities menu to browse the tables. This document does NOT include explanation on using Visual FoxPro (VFP) or SQL to fix the data.*

SOLUTION

The succeeding sections discuss the most common errors that may be encountered when closing the period or fiscal year or when transferring data to GL or running the GL Transfer Report. For each error listed, the possible causes are identified and solutions are proposed.

Error: Account ID has not been entered.

Cause: The Retained Earnings Account field in GL Module Setup is empty.

Solution: Enter a valid and active GL Account ID in the Retained Earnings Account field.

Error: Retained Earnings Account is Inactive.

Cause: The designated Retained Earnings GL Account ID has an inactive status.

Solution: Verify that the status of the GL Account ID assigned to the Retained Earnings Account field in GL Module Setup is set to Active in Chart of Accounts Maintenance. If the currently assigned Retained Earnings Account is outdated, replace it with a valid and active GL Account ID.

Error: Account ID does not exist / Invalid Account ID.

Cause: The Account Balances (GLABAL) table contains a GL Account ID (cacctid) that does not exist in the Chart of Accounts Maintenance file (GLACCT).

Solution: Define a valid GL Account ID for all records in GLABAL. Verify that the cacctid field in GLABAL is not empty and that all the GL Account IDs assigned to the records in GLABAL exist in GLACCT. If they do not exist in GLACCT but they are valid accounts, add them back using the Chart of Accounts Maintenance function.

Error: Account ID is inactive / Invalid Account ID

Cause: The Account Balances (GLABAL) table contains an inactive GL Account ID.

Solution: Verify that all GL Account IDs assigned to the records in GLABAL are set to 'Active' in the Chart of Accounts Maintenance file (GLACCT).

Error: Unposted Batch for prior year exists.

Cause: There are un-posted journal entries for the prior fiscal year.

Solution: Generate the Unposted Journal Entries Report and review the un-posted journal entries; then, post all unposted journal entry batches using the Post JE Batch to GL function.

Error: Cannot close year [xxx]. [Module] is behind.

Cause: The current period for the subsidiary module mentioned in the error is in the fiscal year that is about to be closed.

Solution: Close all the periods of the subsidiary modules until they advance to the next fiscal year. Verify that the next fiscal year is shown in the Current Period field of the Module Setup's General (1) tab.

Error: Posting period is closed for Invoice date xx/xx/xx.

Cause: The period to which you are attempting to post the invoice is restricted for posting.

Solution: Access the Posting Period Restrictions function in the Housekeeping menu of the GL module. Unmark the checkboxes for the modules and periods to which you want to post invoice transactions.

Error: Transfer Date is not defined.

Cause: There are transactions that either have no post dates or their post dates do not belong to any of the supported fiscal periods and years.

Solution: In the tables that store the transaction records, verify that all records are assigned valid transaction dates.

Error: Bank ID [xxx] Check Disbursements/Deposits/Transfers are out of balance.

Cause: The bank account specified in the error has incomplete bank reconciliation such that the information from bank does not match the information from system. This validation is only done in AccountMate 6.5 for SQL, MSDE and LAN.

Solution: Complete the reconciliation for all bank accounts.

Error: Fund ID [xxx] is out of balance by [xxx].

Cause: Debits and credits for the fund specified in the error are out of balance.

Solution: Verify that the Enable Automatic Interfund Balancing feature is activated in GL Module Setup's Fund Accounting Setup tab.

Error: Total is out of balance by [xxx]. Do you want to print the out of balance report?

Cause: Debits and credits in the journal entry batch that will be created by the period-end closing or transfer process are out of balance.

Solution: Click "Yes" when asked to generate the transfer error report and use the report to fix the data.

Error: Cannot continue with this function. Year/Period-End closing function is in process.

Cause: Either period-end/fiscal year-end closing is in process or it failed due to errors causing AccountMate to lock the functions.

Solution: Release the Period-End Closing Lock using the Data Manager function in the Utilities menu. Be sure to restore backup before resuming year/period-end closing or data entry.

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