

EFFICIENCY GAINS

ELIMINATE YOUR MANUAL, RISKY PROCESSES

Vena™ provides a comprehensive corporate performance management (CPM) solution that drives significant efficiencies and costs savings for your organization. It increases productivity and visibility by leveraging native Microsoft® Excel® and enabling collaboration, automation, security and control for business-critical spreadsheet processes.

WORKFLOW & COLLABORATION

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Eliminate manual status tracking with a real time, interactive status dashboard	Workflow Visibility	Vena's interactive dashboard lets you view the real time status of all submissions for budgeting, reporting and forecasting. This significantly reduces the time needed to manually check the status of various contributors, approvers and reviewers.
Save time by centrally organizing and managing your templates	Single Point of Access	Everyone contributing to your budgets, forecasts and reports has a single point of access to manage their assigned templates, due dates and instructions. This eliminates the need to search through shared drives and emails for the latest version.
Improve organizational agility by altering processes on the fly	Agility	Vena's graphical process flow designer features a drag-and-drop interface that can alter live processes to accommodate organizational changes. You can quickly add or change contributors, approvers and reviewers or add new departments with just a few clicks.

DATA COLLECTION & INTEGRATION

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Eliminate the possibility of keying and copy / paste errors	Seamless Source Integration	The Vena database integrates with source systems to retrieve actual data from them. These values will automatically update each department template, significantly reducing or eliminating copy / paste and keying errors. This reduces the overall time you need to prepare budget/forecast templates and ensures accuracy.
Eliminate manual updates with a closed loop system	Seamless Source Integration	Vena can seamlessly integrate your completed budgets, forecasts and reporting data with other systems (e.g. ERP systems) via standard formats or standard integration methods, such as SSIS.
Eliminate setup times with automated rollovers and resets	Streamlined Rollover	Once your budgets or forecasts are complete, your workflow process can be automatically rolled over for the next planning period. This eliminates setup time by automatically updating all templates with actual data from previous periods and resetting your workflow status.





DATA AGGREGATION & CONSOLIDATION

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Eliminate linked files and macros	Real Time Data Aggregation	All the data saved in a Vena template is automatically committed to a central OLAP database. The database consolidates results in real time and can produce P&L, B/S and C/F statements without you needing to copy and paste values and join or link workbooks. If there is a late update to data within a template, all reports update automatically – without you having to run macros or store files in specific directories.
Eliminate low value work and perform more high value analyses	Enhanced Analysis	Real time reports give you variance and trend analysis capabilities that refresh automatically. By eliminating low-value, error-prone tasks, you will have more time to slice-and-dice information and answer questions quickly and effectively.
Expedite planning processes	Compressed Planning Cycles	Compress your entire budgeting and forecasting process by taking advantage of Vena's countless easy-to-use features.

CONTROL & AUDIT

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Save time by centrally controlling and managing business rules and assumptions	Control and Auditing	You can manage all your template business rules and global drivers, assumptions and shared accounts from one central location. This approach removes redundant data inputs into disparate spreadsheets. You won't have to spend as much time setting up and maintaining process cycles as your business requirements change.
Streamline your approval process	Control and Auditing	Use rules to create input guidelines or force commentary if numeric data falls outside these guidelines. Templates cannot be saved and submitted if these rules are not met, or if commentaries have not been provided. This reduces back and forth emails among contributors and reviewers and ensures processes are completed in a timely and accurate fashion.
Quickly find changes with a detailed audit trail	Full Audit and Rollback	Each "save" to a template captures details that are cataloged and tracked (who did what, when). You can then compare any two versions of a template to track cell-by-cell changes. This eliminates the time and effort needed to manually identify changes and roll back to previous versions.
Virtually no training means lower costs and instant adoption	Virtually No Change Management	Vena leverages Excel as the front-end interface. Anyone who uses Excel is already familiar with the presentation layer of Vena. This drastically minimizes training needs and change management.
Be self-sufficient with minimal or no IT support	Minimal IT Overhead	With cloud deployments you gain a range of benefits, such as reduced reliance on IT, high security, extensive scalability and stable costs. Software updates are automatic and you have 24/7/365 support.

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