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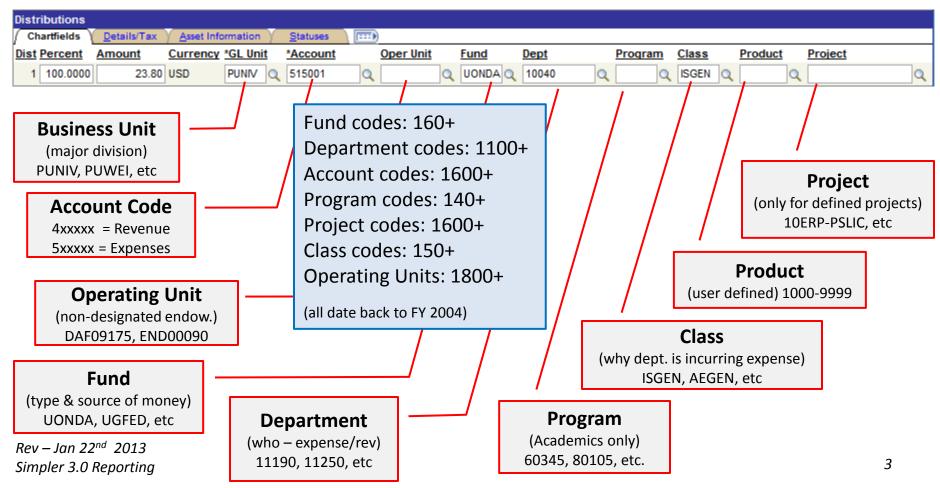
What is Simpler Reporting?

- Simpler Reports is a management information system which is designed to allow a
 wide-range of users to retrieve financial information in a user-friendly and easy to
 read format using a query application that's not much different than a web browser
 search engine.
- The user query's the application, using <u>chartfield</u> elements for capturing budget balances, transactions or general ledger information. This is accomplished through one or more report options using multiple selection criteria, and quickly obtains a report customized to your <u>specific inquiry</u> and your given <u>authorization level</u>.
- Simpler Reports is used in conjunction with the PeopleSoft ERP system and receives
 data securely from PeopleSoft, posts the transactions and then synchronizes every
 10 minutes with PeopleSoft by automatically checking to ensure both systems are
 reporting the same results.

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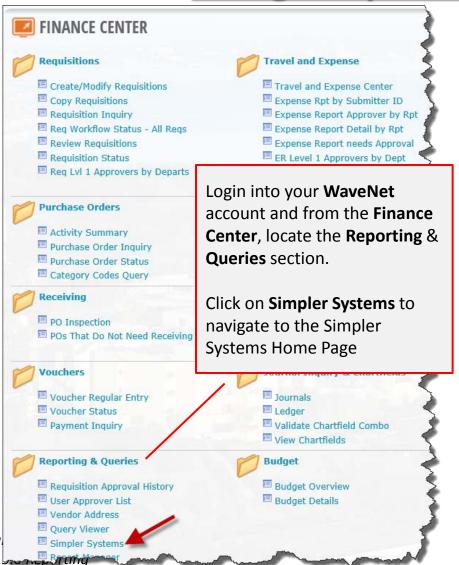
Chartfields that can be queried in Simpler

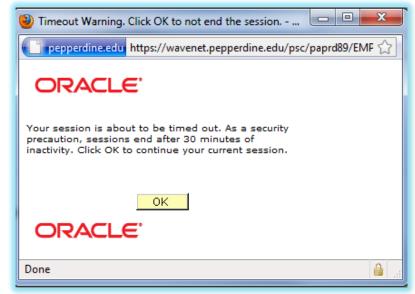
Pepperdine uses an accounting method commonly referred to as fund accounting. A chartfield (which is an important element of reporting) is the basis of fund accounting and describes what is occurring in an accounting transaction.



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Using Simpler Reporting



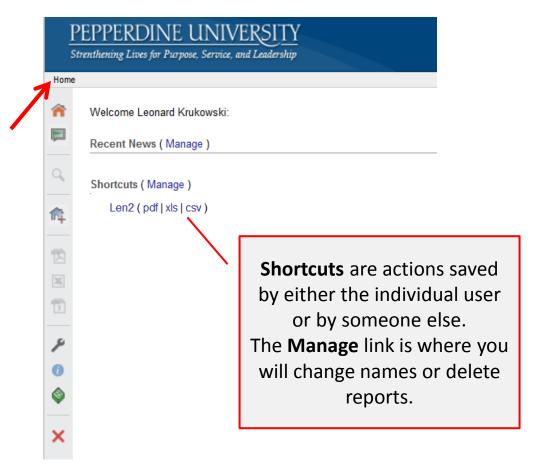


Note: WaveNet will automatically log you out after 30 minutes of inactivity, however <u>Simpler will continue</u> to remain active.

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Simpler Home Page





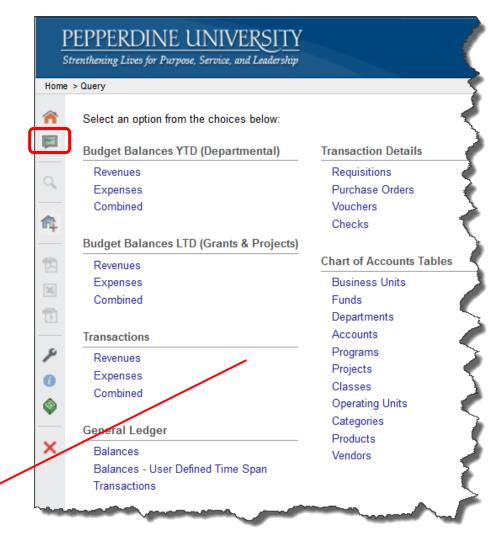
- Each page is bordered with a navigational task bar on the left of the screen.
- The task bar is available at all times from all pages.
- The body of the page will list the available searches or tasks relevant for the particular page that the user is on.
- To go from page to page, the appropriate icon on the task bar should be selected.
- A user will know which page they are on by the title on the top left of each page.

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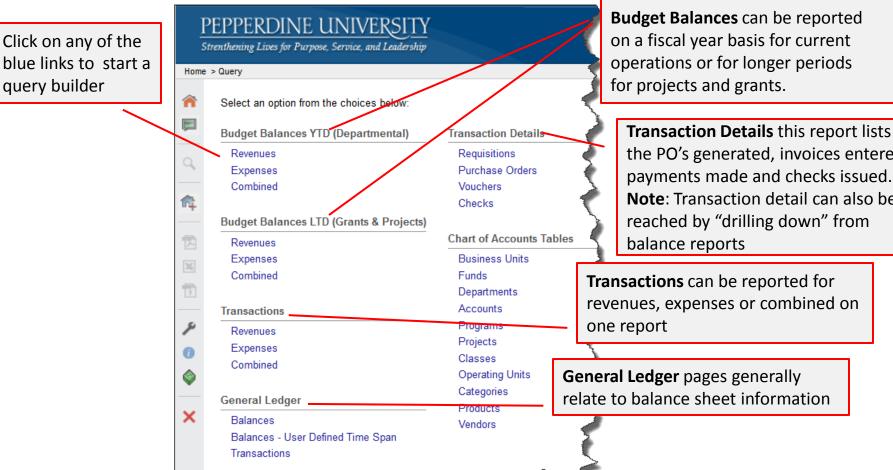
The **Query** page is divided into several areas:

- Budget Balance reports for revenues, expenses and combined
 - Year-to-date YTD for departmental reporting
 - Life-to-date LTD for grants and projects
 - The Revenue and Expenditure pages generally relate to income statement information
 - Combined refers to reports that include both Revenues and Expenses
- Transactions are reports that list the specific revenue or expense postings that have been entered during a specified period.
- General Ledger pages generally relate to information on the balance sheet.
- **Transaction Details** are used for purchasing and accounts payable information
- Payroll Expenses provide (for only authorized users) a summary or detail report for payroll
- Chart of Accounts Tables provides detailed accounting codes



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Query Page: Budget Balances/Transactions/GL



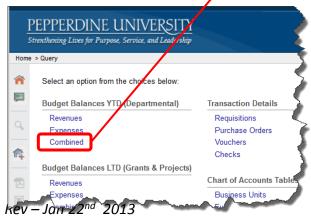
the PO's generated, invoices entered, payments made and checks issued. Note: Transaction detail can also be

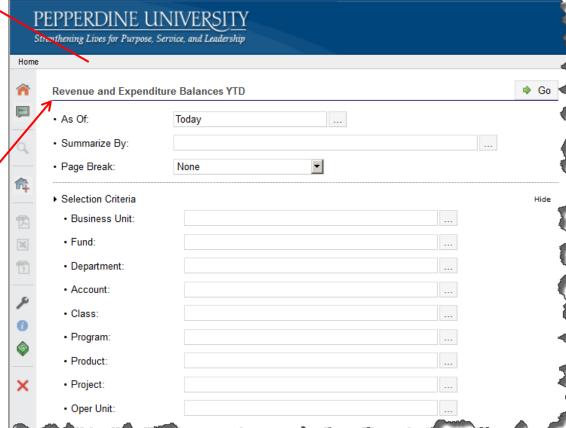
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Query: Report Options & Selection Criteria

Report Option Fields:

As Of: specifies a date,
Summarized By: shows that
expenses and revenues can be
reported at different levels for
each of the chart of account fields.
Page Break: creates a designated
page break in the report
Selection Criteria: makes each
resulting report somewhat unique
by specifying Chartfield values and
using the Simpler Wildcard
options.

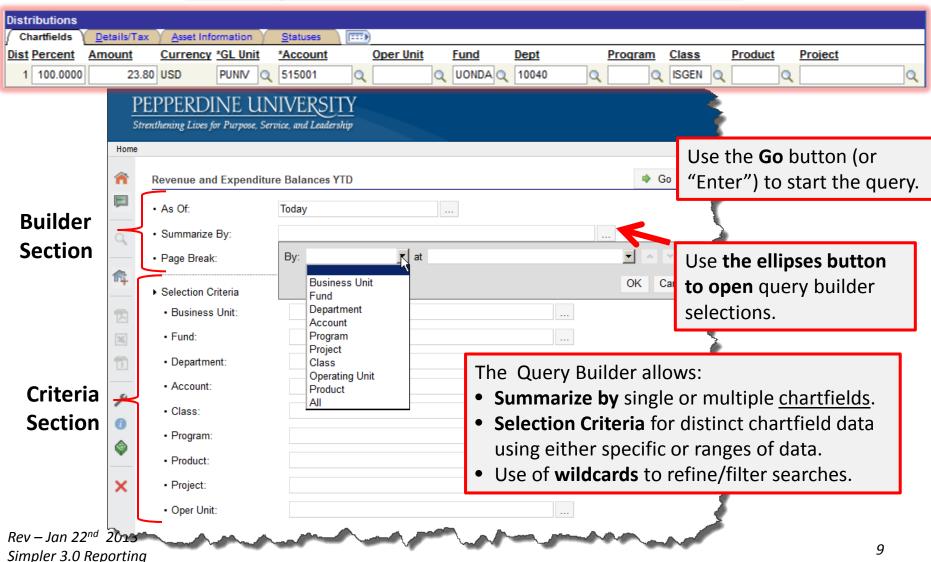




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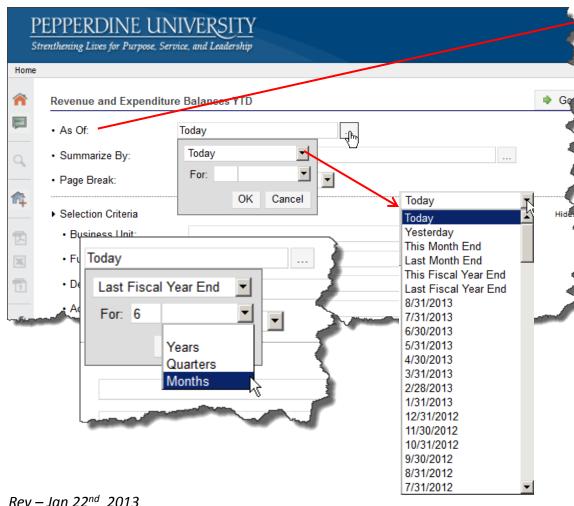
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Query Builder & the Chartfields



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Report Options: As Of



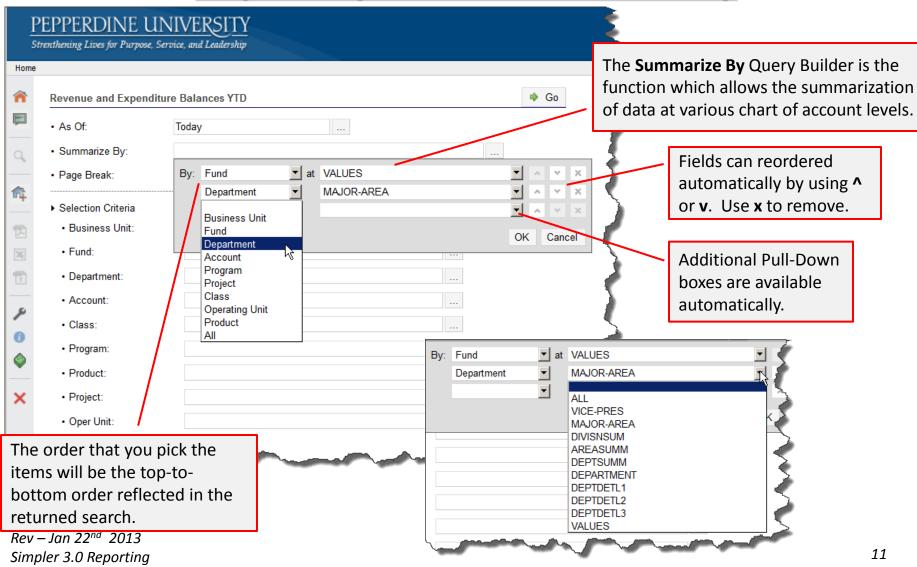
As Of: dates can be specified as the current date, a month-end of a previous period or a specific date in the past. Since financial information within a month can change throughout that month, month-end figures are normally the most reliable. The current open month is also reported as a year-to-date or month-to-date amount.

As of: Today is the default

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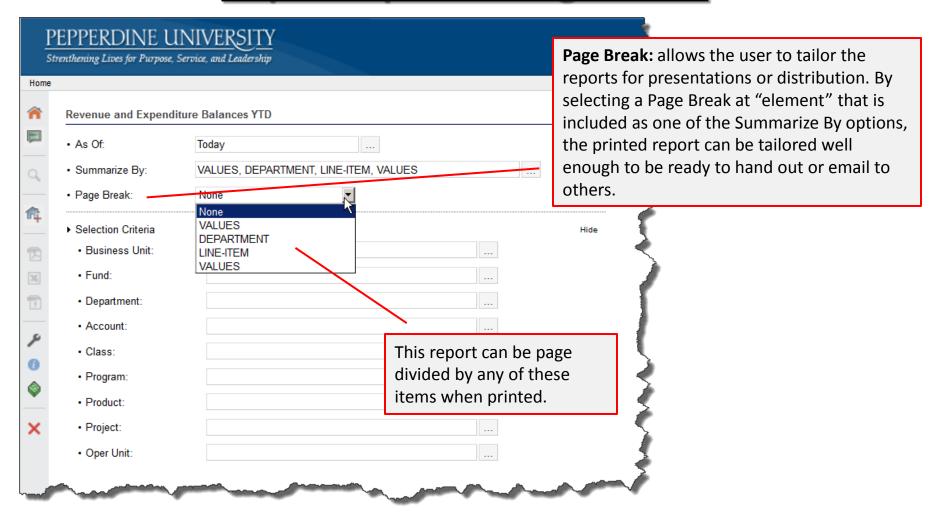
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Report Options: Summarize By



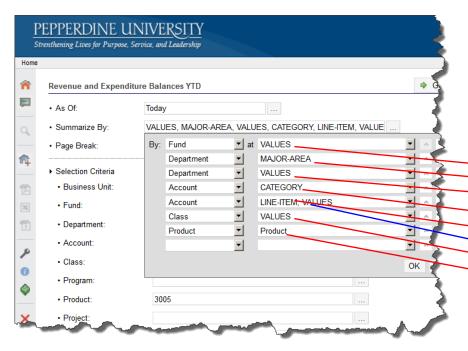
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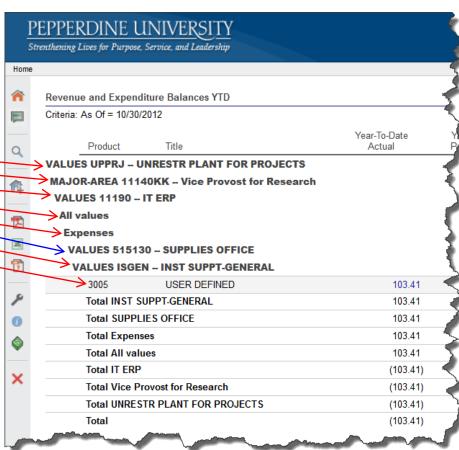
Report Options: Page Break



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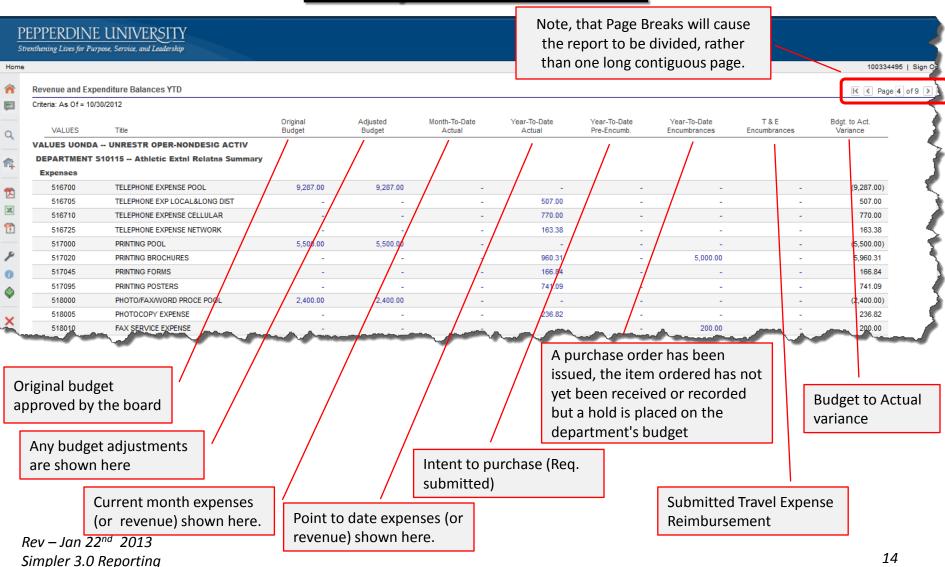
Query Builder → Query Results





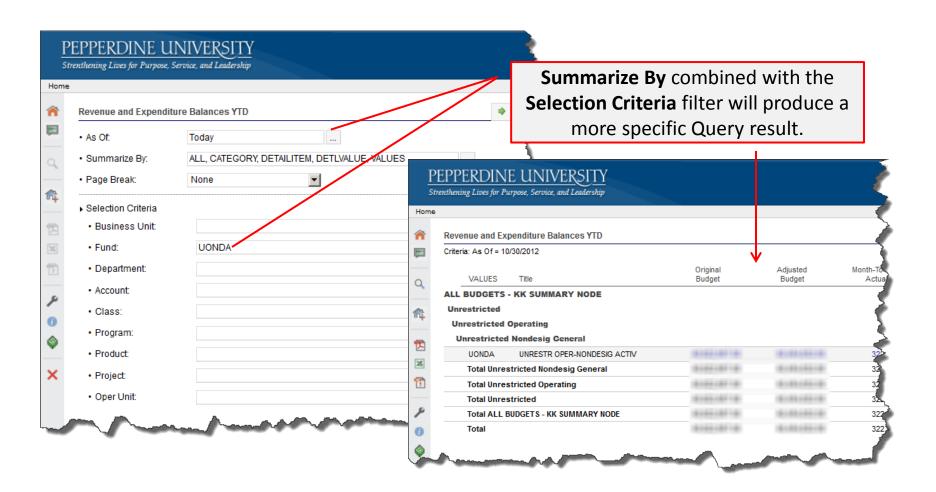
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Query Results View



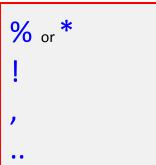
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Query Builder w/Selection Criteria -> Query Results



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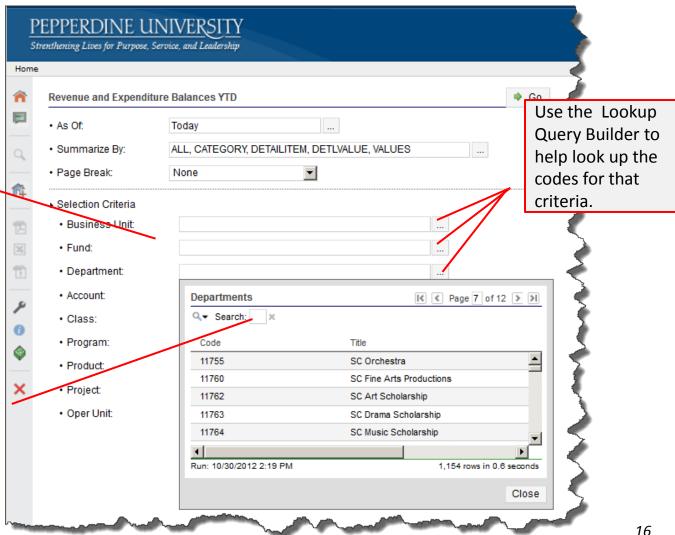
Selection Criteria/Builder



Any of the above characters can used as part of a search string to be entered into the **Selection Criteria** fields

% or* Only the percent and asterisk can be entered in the **Builder** search field for a wildcard match

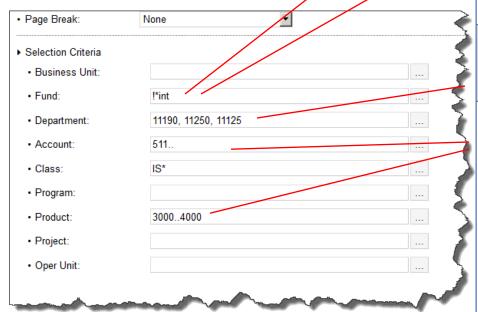
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Search Criteria & Wildcards

Search Criteria & Wildcard characters enables the user to request a wide variety of information from accounting segments that filter/refine the search used to narrow down the query results to specific values within each segment



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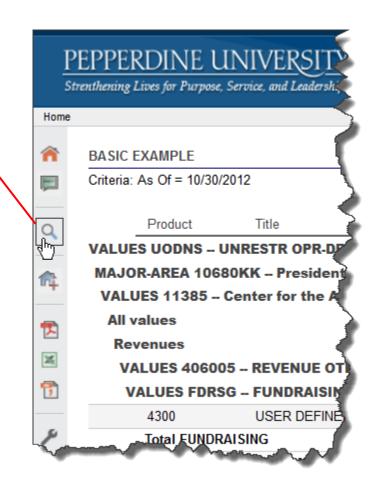
(not or exclude)	The exclamation mark signifies " not " or " not in " and can be used to exclude items.
* Or % (wildcard match)	Either a percent sign (%) or the asterisk (*) is used to replace or match one or more characters in an alpha or numeric string.
, (separate data)	The comma is used to separate two or more different items for a non-sequential list.
• • (sequential data)	Two dots () are used for sequential data between two values. For example: 512000513000 all values including 513000 will be provided. Also may be used for greater than and less than: 5 = greater than 55 = less than 5
(blank)	Using blank in the Selection Criteria field will include all of

the requested data.

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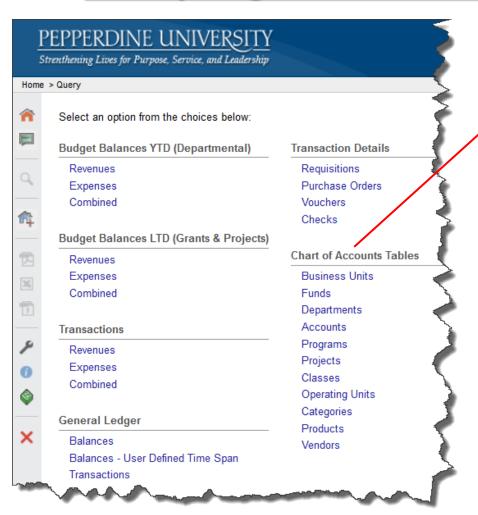


Search allows the user to modify (re-query) the report criteria without starting over.



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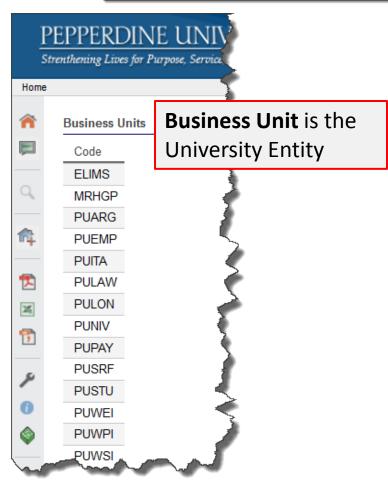


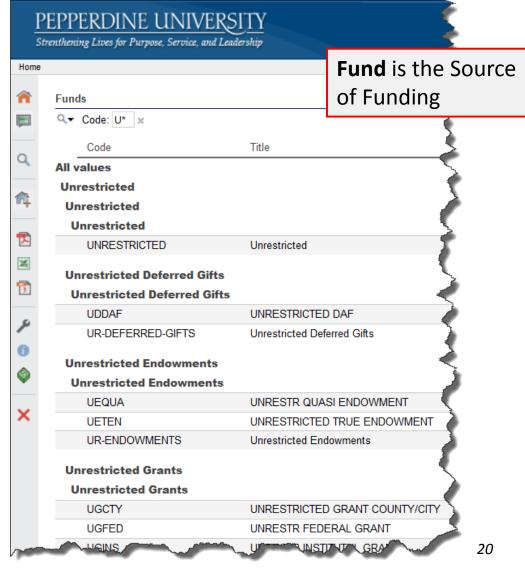


- The Chart of Accounts Tables display the detailed accounting codes used in the University accounting system.
- Each table is useful in looking up a specific code or title (name) of an accounting segment or helpful in narrowing a query.
- Each accounting segment can be queried by an accounting level and summarized by a list builder.

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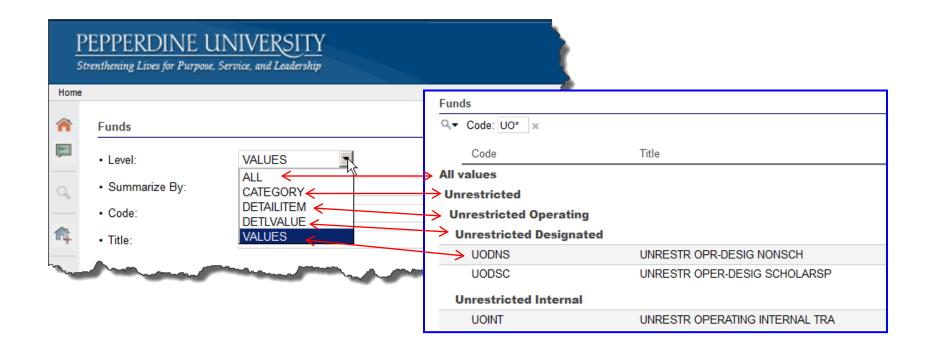
Chart of Accounts: Business Unit & Fund





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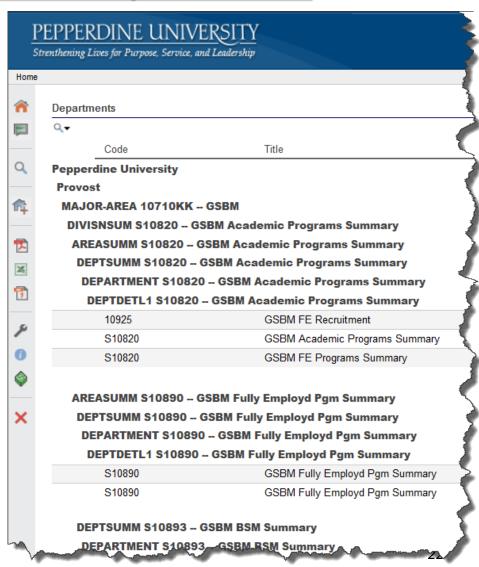
Fund Hierarchy Example



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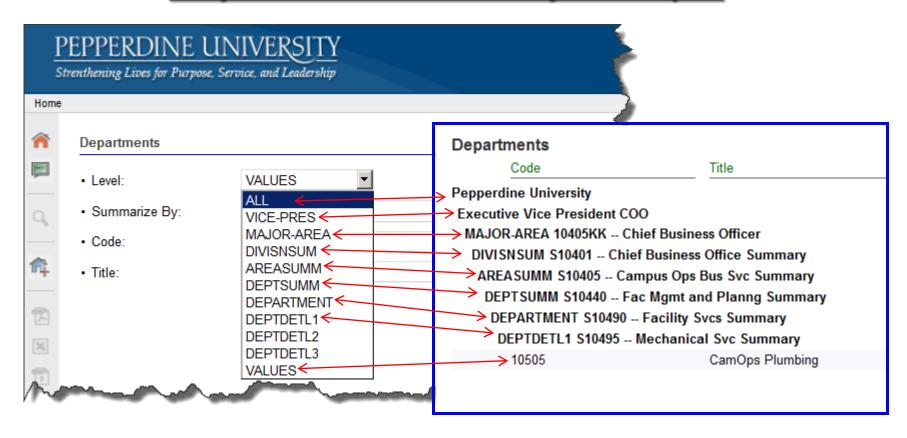
Chart of Accounts: Departments

Department is a academic area, research units, admin offices, with an appointed manager, that have a programmatic, operational, fiscal and/or budgetary responsibility for a specific set of activities.



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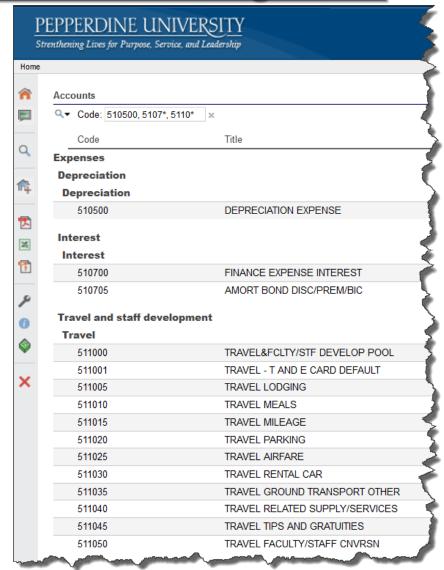
Department Hierarchy Example



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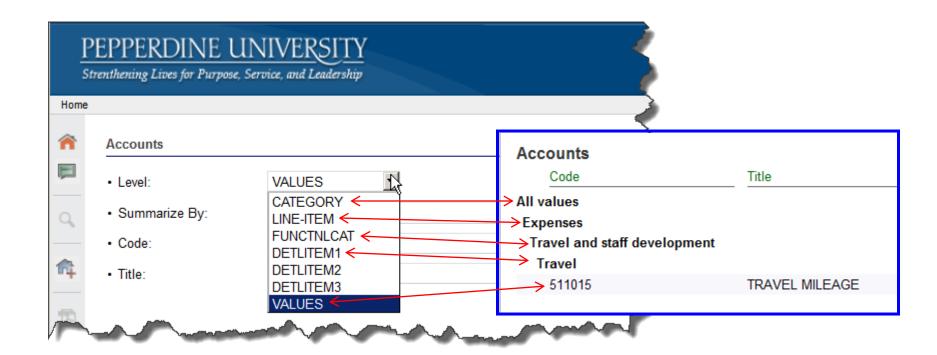
Chart of Accounts: Accounting Codes

Account is a classification of each transaction Assets,
Liabilities, Equity (Fund Balance)
Revenues, Expenditures (FRS subcodes and account controls)



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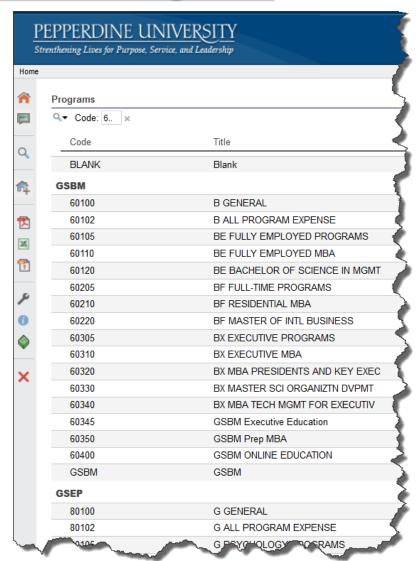
Accounts Hierarchy Example



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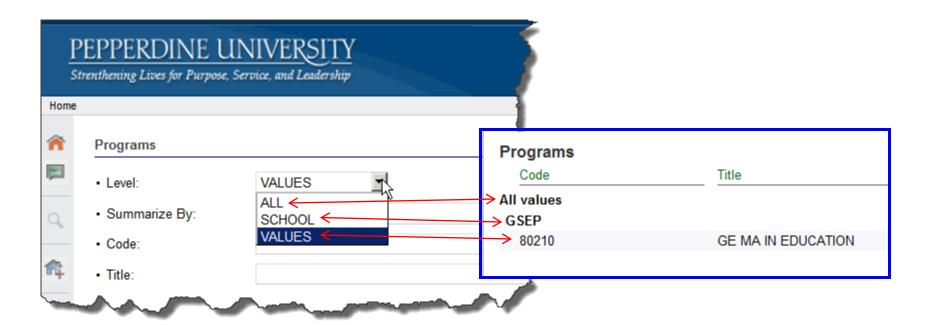
Chart of Accounts: Programs

Program is the academic activities for which costs must be tracked within the educational departments.



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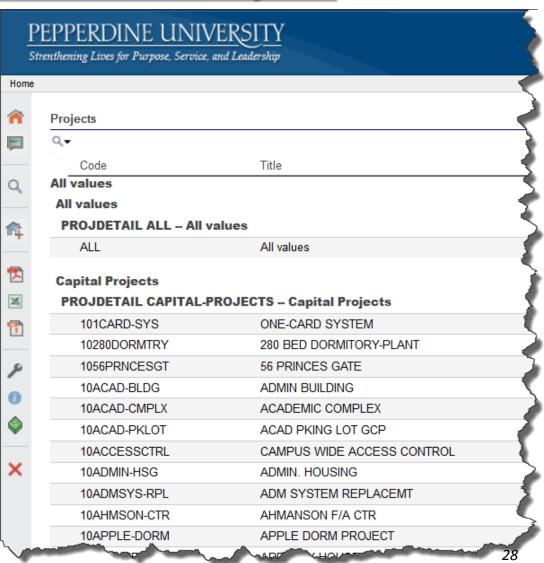
Programs Hierarchy Example



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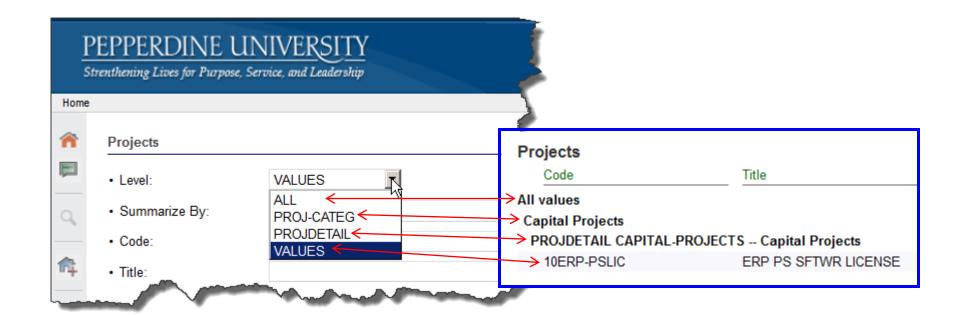
Chart of Accounts: Projects

Project is the individual projects that have a defined lifetime or activities for which activity is tracked within or across departments.



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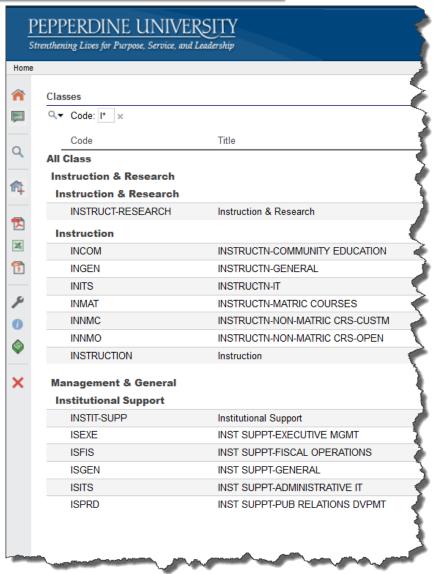
Projects Hierarchy Example



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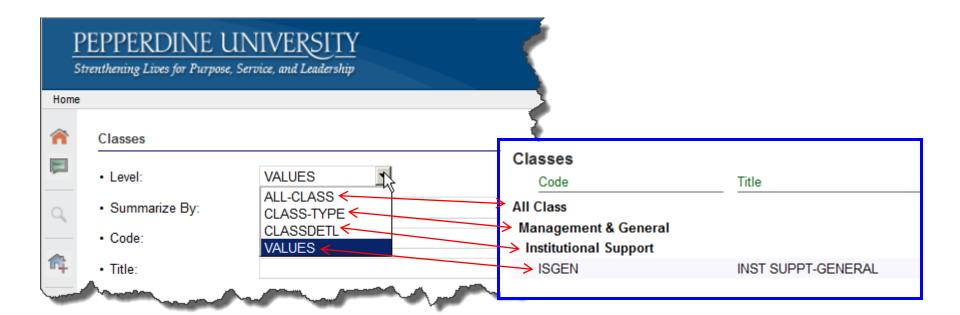
Chart of Accounts: Classes

Class is what kind of money that is used for research, instruction, scholarships, operations etc.



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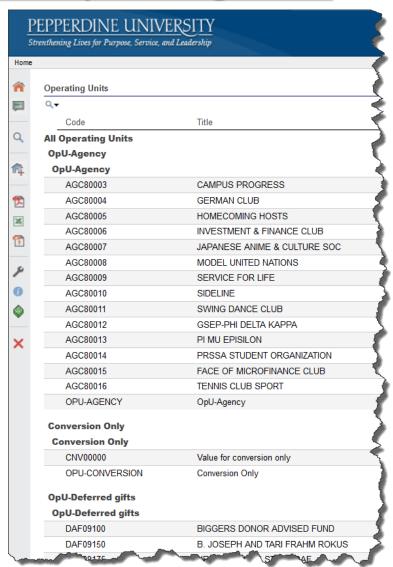
Class Hierarchy Example



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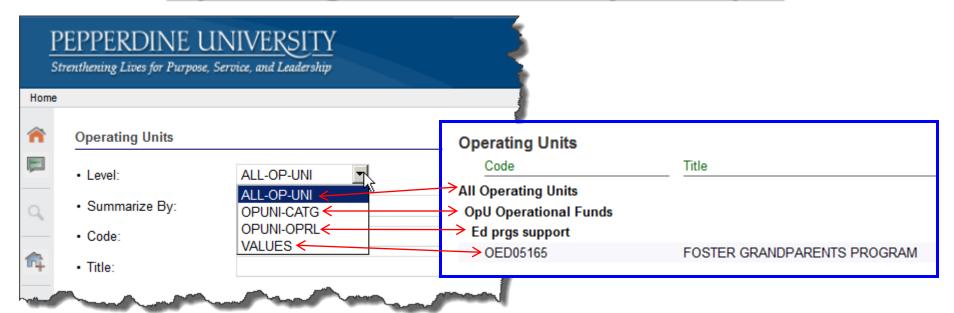
Chart of Accounts: Operating Units

Operating Unit is the individual non-grant values within restricted funds (endowments, loans, etc)



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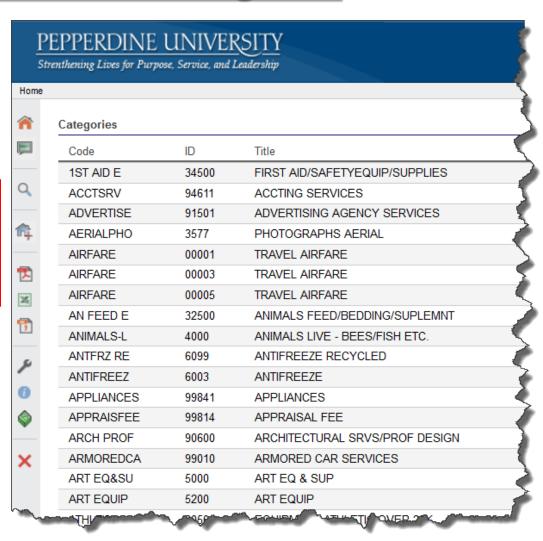
Operating Units Hierarchy Example



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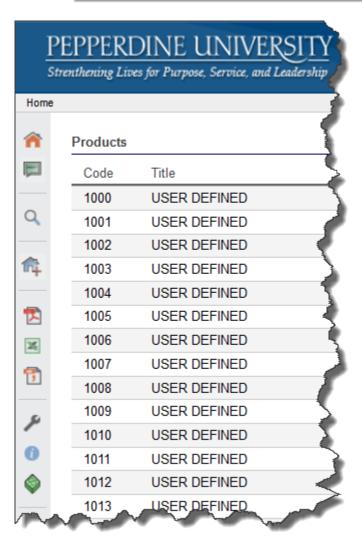
Chart of Accounts: Categories

Categories are used for further defining and grouping of General Ledger subaccounts for reporting purposes in a Balance Sheet.



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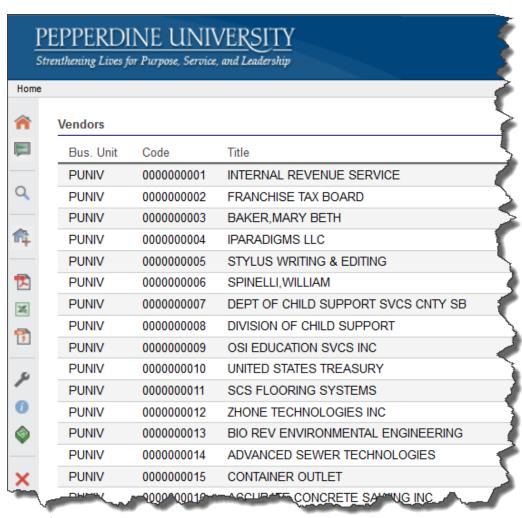
Chart of Accounts: Products



Product is a set of sequential values intended for departmental use.

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Chart of Accounts: Vendors

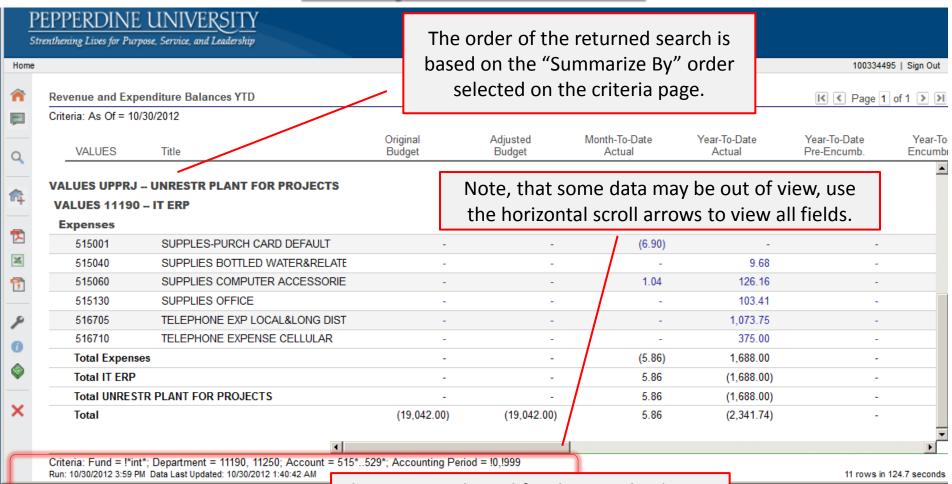


Vendor is a set of merchant codes intended for General Ledger transaction use.

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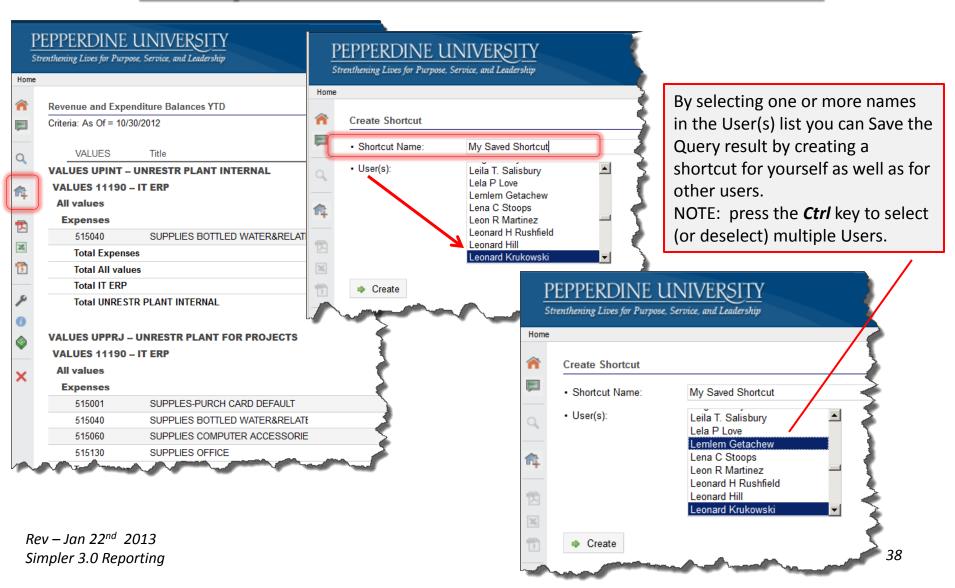
Query Results View



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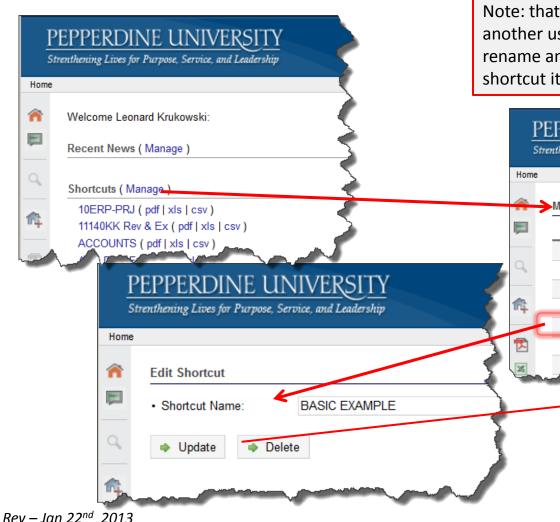
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Query Save → Create Shortcut & Users



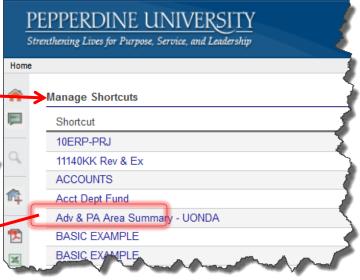
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Manage Shortcuts



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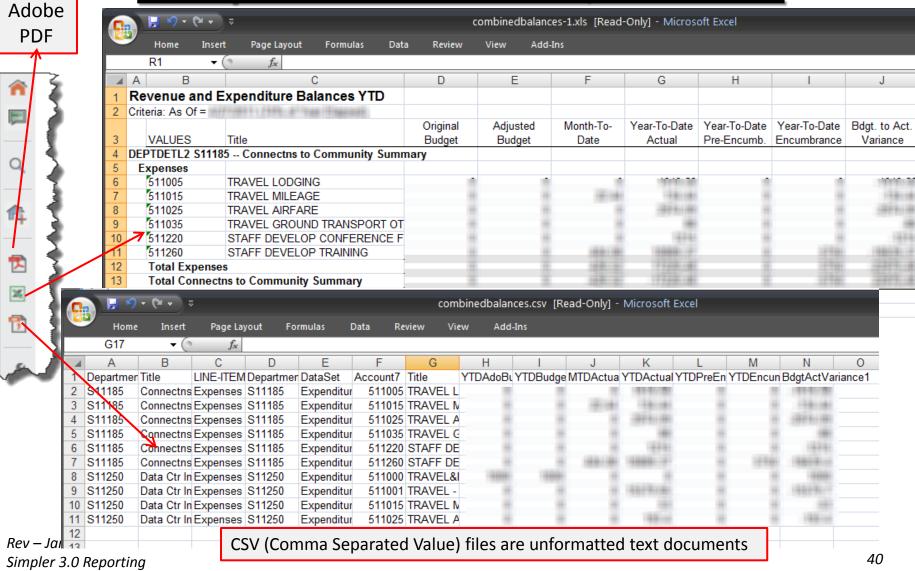
Note: that any **Shortcut** that you create and send to another user belongs to them. They may delete it or rename and update it. If you delete your shared shortcut it will not affect any other user.



Save to a new
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Or select **Delete** to
delete the Shortcut

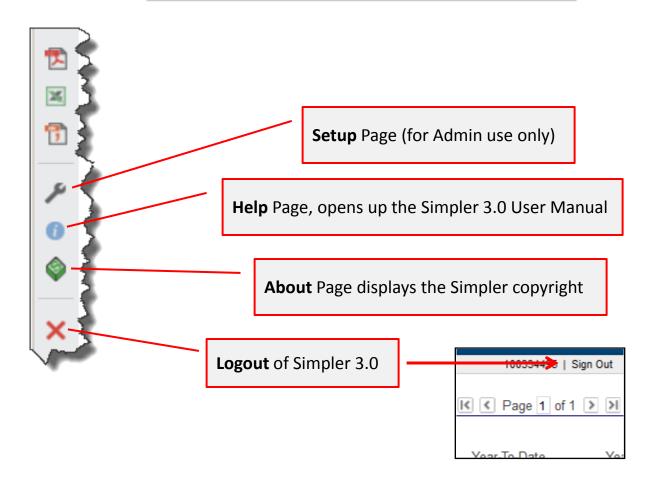
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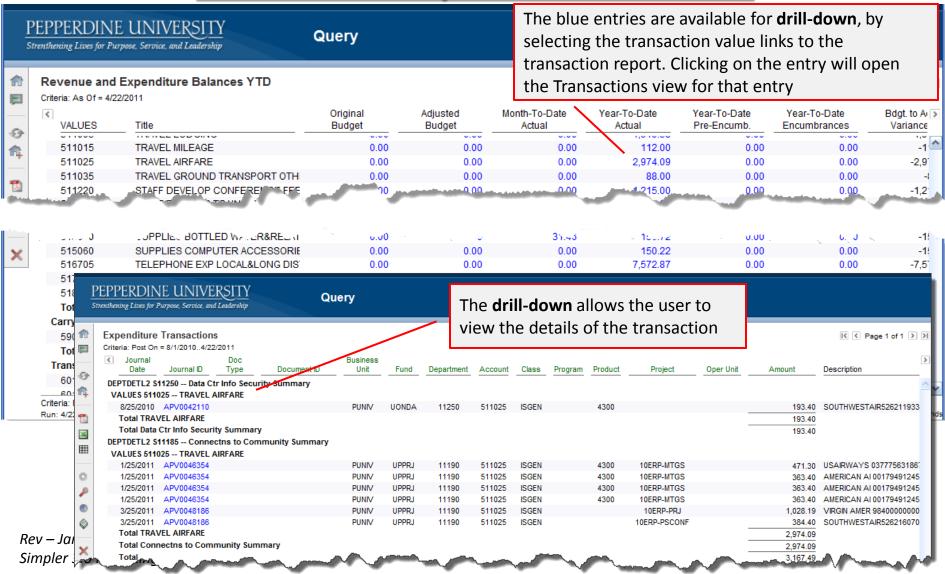
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Other Taskbar Functions



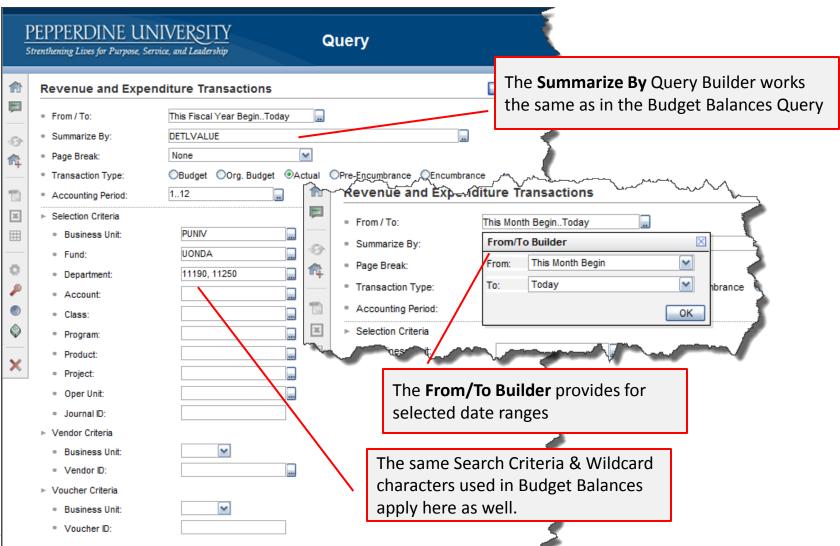
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Revenue & Expense: Drill Down



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Transactions: Query

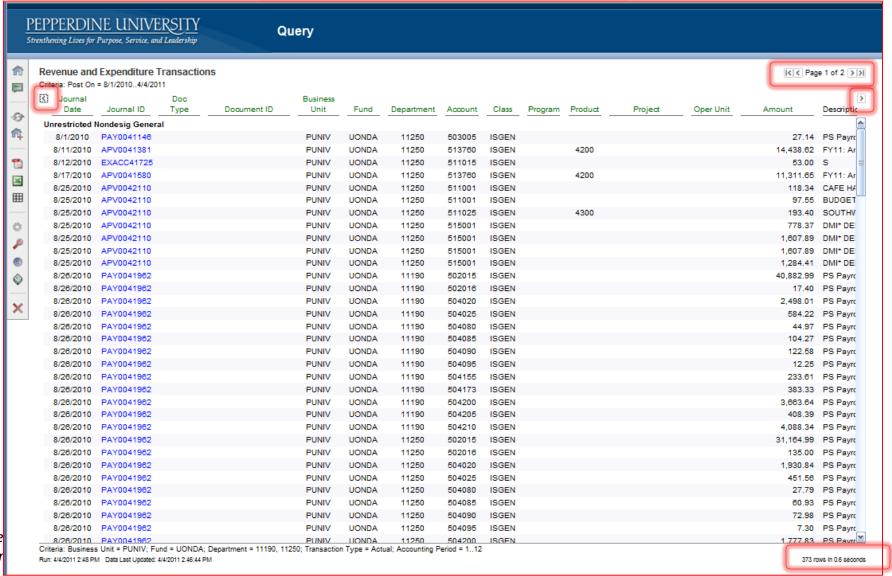


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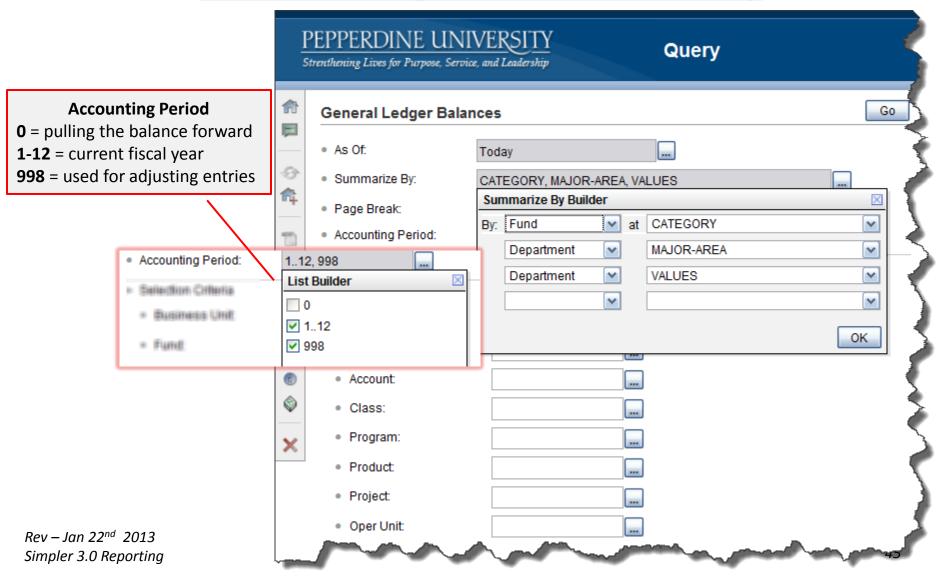
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Transactions: Results



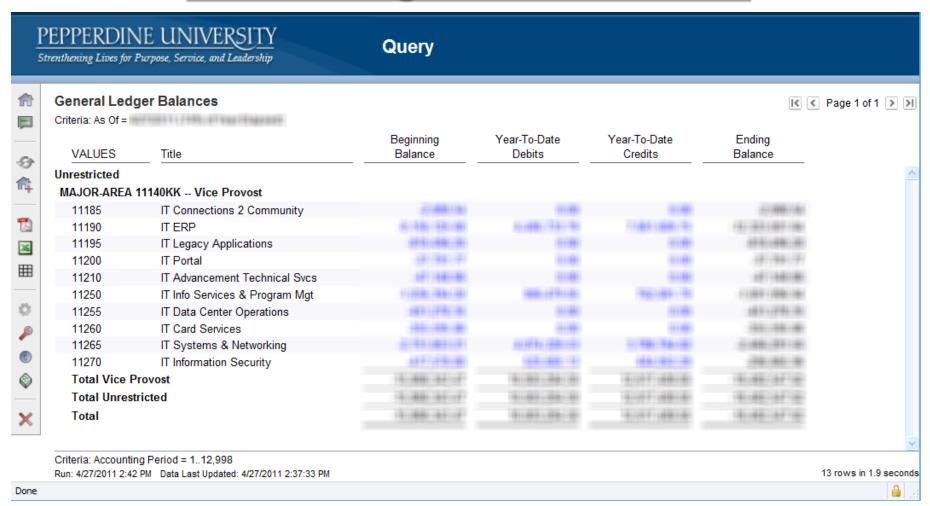
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General Ledger Balances: Query



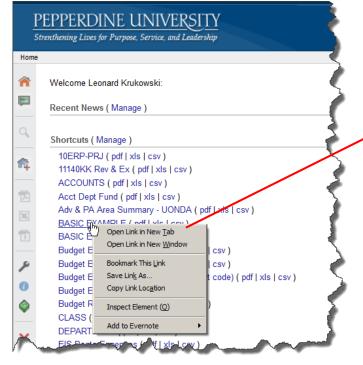
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General Ledger Balances: Result



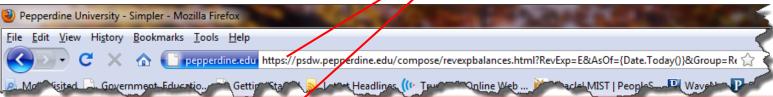
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Simpler Tips and Tricks



Use **Open Link in New Tab** so that additional queries can be displayed in other web browser tabs allowing query results to be easily compared.

The query URL may be copied and pasted into another browser window or into an Outlook email to send for analysis.

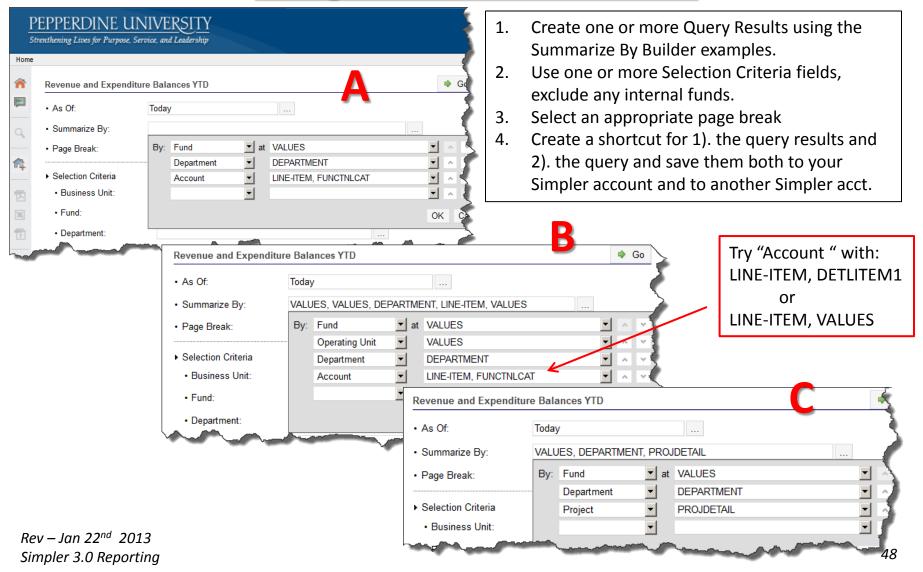


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Budget Balances Exercise



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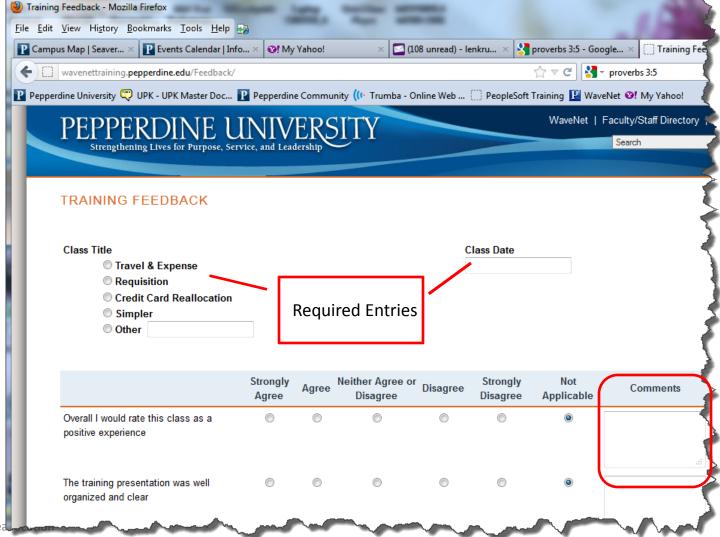
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