# Wevo GL Analytics

## Business Introduction

*Near-Real-Time Management Reporting and GL Analytics*

**For teams using spreadsheet month-end packs**

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# 1 Purpose

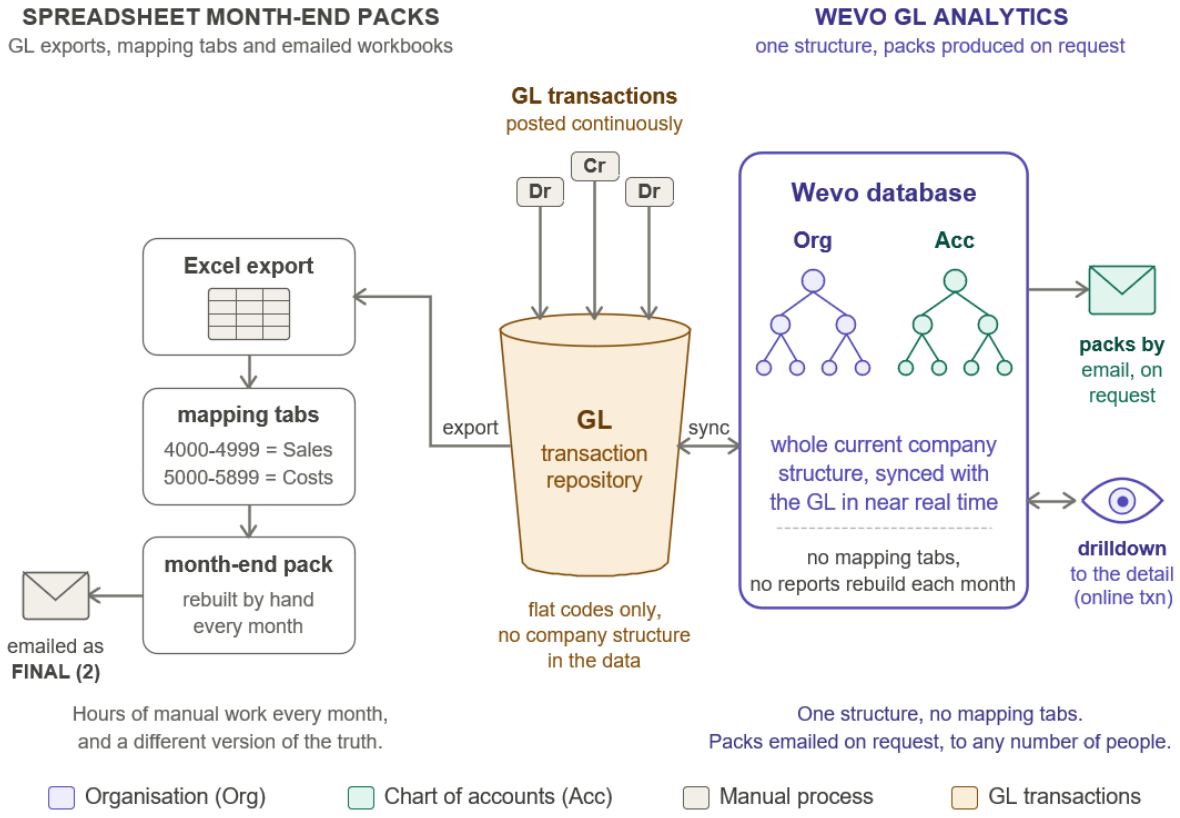
This document provides a business introduction to Wevo GL Analytics and how it transforms General Ledger reporting for finance teams and business users. It is intended for business stakeholders, finance managers, and technical teams who need to understand what Wevo does, how it works with GL systems, and the value it delivers.

Wevo GL Analytics is a near-real-time management reporting platform that allows organisations to define multi-dimensional views of their financial data, navigate from high-level summaries down to segment-value-level detail, and produce management reports that reflect the true and current structure of the business.

## 1.1 Your Reporting Today

This edition is for you if your management accounts start with a GL export to Excel.

Many finance teams export the GL to Excel each month, map codes to reporting lines on mapping tabs, build the month-end pack by hand and email the workbook. The work is repeated every month, the mapping must be kept up to date manually, and each emailed copy becomes another version of the truth. Wevo GL Analytics replaces the export and the mapping tabs with one structure, synced with the GL in near real time. Packs are emailed on request, and every figure can be drilled down to the detail behind it.




*Spreadsheet month-end packs compared with Wevo GL Analytics*

**What changes with Wevo:**

- The manual export becomes a scheduled CSV feed that Wevo validates and loads automatically (see The Data Flow).

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- The mapping tabs are replaced by hierarchies: each GL segment value is a leaf node, rolled up through the structure you define (see Understanding Hierarchies).
- Trial balance and profit and loss reports are requested by email and returned within minutes, to unlimited recipients (see Management Accounts Distribution by Email).
- Budgets sit beside actuals at every node, and the close periods are carried in the product rather than in a workbook (see Budgets, Versions and the Close).

***No mapping tabs, no monthly rebuild.***

The rest of this document describes the product in full.

# 2 What is Wevo GL Analytics

Wevo GL Analytics is a management reporting solution - a GL analytics layer designed specifically to sit over General Ledger systems. It solves a fundamental problem in financial reporting: GL data is stored as flat, linear transactions, but finance teams need to view and report on that data through the lens of organisational structures, product lines, cost centres, and management hierarchies in a human-readable way.

Traditional GL systems produce fixed reports based on predefined account groupings. Wevo goes beyond this by allowing users to define logical hierarchies that model how the business actually operates, then match those hierarchies together to create multi-dimensional analytical views of the financial data. The result is a flexible reporting system where users can drill down from high-level summaries to the lowest level of segment-value detail, navigate across multiple dimensions, and produce customised reports without requiring IT intervention.

## 2.1 Key Capabilities

- Define unlimited hierarchies that reflect organisational structures, product groups, cost centres, or any business dimension
- Match hierarchies together to create multi-dimensional analytical cubes
- Drill down from summary nodes to segment-value-level detail, near-real-time and minutes behind the GL
- Compare actuals against budgets with variance analysis
- Navigate between nodes horizontally and vertically to explore data from different perspectives
- View data across multiple record types, years, versions, periods, and currencies
- View GL balances, movements since the last cleardown - scheduled by the client, for example weekly - and daily movements, with the cube current to within minutes of GL activity
- Hold budgets alongside actuals, summarised through the same hierarchies, with variance at every node and multiple budget versions side by side
- Carry the close: 16 periods (12 trading plus 4 close, or 13 trading plus 3 close), so year-end and audit adjustments flow through every hierarchy automatically
- Restructure freely - prior years instantly read through the new hierarchy for like-for-like comparison, while each year's structure is retained for history as originally reported
- Preserve the structure of any moment in one click - a permanent, immutable copy of the organisational and accounts hierarchies as they stand in production, occupying under 1 MB and holding no data, so the figures can be reproduced exactly as reported at the time if ever needed
- Deliver formatted reports by email on request to any authorised user, with no licence seat and no system access required
- Receive the complete source code at installation under the Wevo Continuity Licence

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- Monitor key organisation and account node pairs on a watchlist - a time-stamped snapshot of movements and balances is written on every incremental movements update the pair is calculated, building a longitudinal history for trend and anomaly analysis
- Run both a development and a production instance - both included in the licence - to prepare and rehearse complex changes safely before they reach the live system
- Maintain a Wevo database kept fully synchronised with the GL, so that reporting is a fast read against pre-aggregated data at any level of detail, with no on-demand computation against the source system

# 3 How Wevo Works with GL Systems

Wevo does not replace your General Ledger system. It complements it by providing advanced management reporting and analysis capabilities that sit on top of your existing GL database.

The GL system remains the authoritative source of transactional data. Wevo receives extracts of GL balances and movements through the Summarisation Engine, which processes received CSV files automatically. These files contain the financial data along with the segment values (dimension codes) that classify each transaction - for example, Business Unit codes, Cost Centre codes, and Chart of Accounts codes.

## 3.1 The Data Flow

The diagram below illustrates the end-to-end data integration model. The GL system remains the authoritative system of record throughout; Wevo operates as a read-only analytical layer, receiving periodic extracts through a standard file-based interface with no direct connection to the source database.

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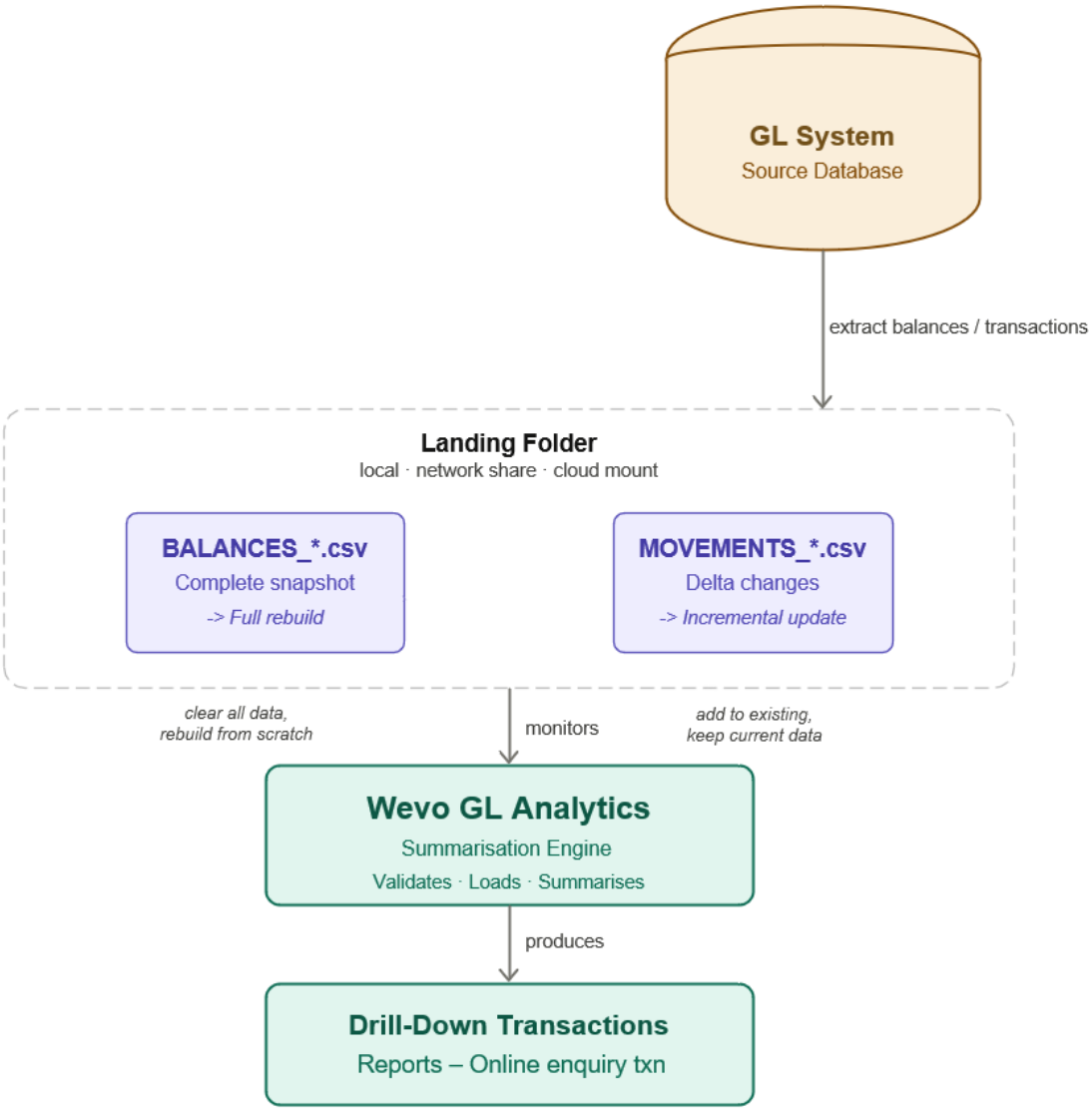



*Figure 1: Wevo GL Analytics - data integration architecture*

The interaction between Wevo and the GL system follows a simple pattern:

| Step | What Happens |
|---|---|
| 1. GL Extract | The GL system extracts balances and movements to CSV files and places them in a designated landing folder. |
| 2. Validate and load | The Summarisation Engine monitors the landing folder, validates incoming files, and loads the data into the Wevo database automatically. |
| 3. Summarisation | The Summarisation Engine aggregates transaction data up through the defined cubes (matching hierarchies), creating summarised views at every node level. |
| 4. User Access | Users access Wevo through a web interface or reporting system to view the summarised data, drill down to the lowest level of detail (the segment-value x account intersection), and navigate across hierarchies. |

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The GL system continues to operate independently. Wevo receives periodic snapshots of the data and processes them into analytical views. This design ensures that Wevo does not impact GL system performance and allows the finance team to maintain full control over their source-of-truth GL databases.

# 4 Understanding Hierarchies

Hierarchies are the foundation of how Wevo organises and presents financial data. A hierarchy is a tree-like structure of parent-child relationships that models a business dimension-for example an organisational structure, a chart of accounts, or a product line.

## 4.1 GL Key Structure

Each entry in a General Ledger consists of a key and data segments that together store the financial transactions of an organisation. Understanding this structure is essential to understanding how Wevo processes and organises GL data.

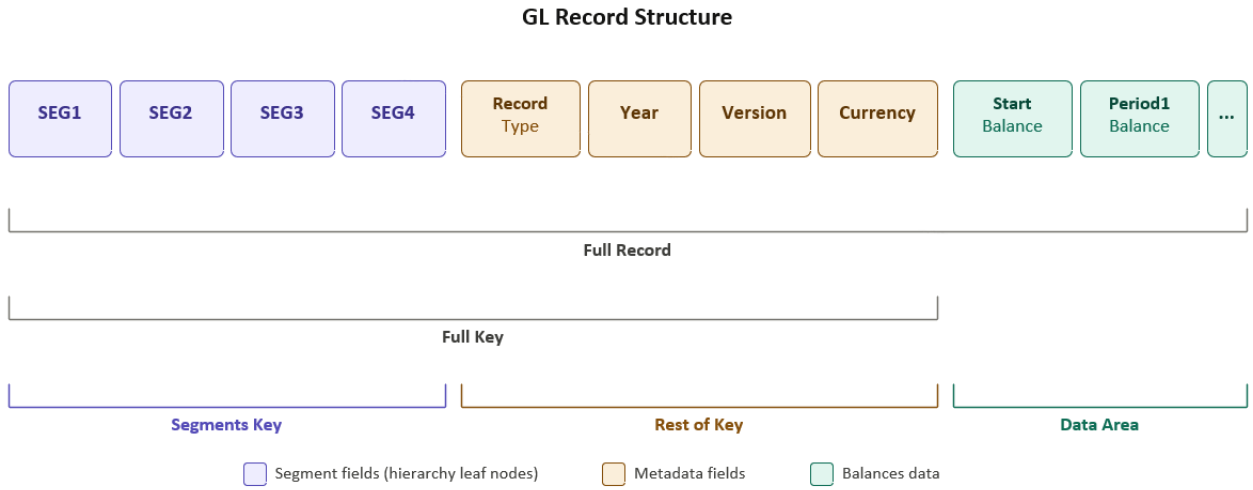



*Figure 2: General Ledger key structure - segment fields, record type, year, version, currency, start balance, and period value layout*

A typical General Ledger key is defined with Accounting Control Key segments (SEG1, SEG2, SEG3, SEG4, etc.) that provide the logical separation of transactions. Each segment represents a dimension of the business - for example, Business Units, Cost Centres, Regions, Products, or Financial Account Codes. The number and meaning of segments vary by organisation, but the principle remains the same: each segment classifies the transaction from a different perspective.

Record Type defines the different types of entry in the GL - for example, Actuals (posted transactions), Budgets, Forecasts, or Statistical data. This allows the same hierarchies to be used for analysing different categories of financial information side by side.

Year represents the financial (fiscal) year for which the data applies. Wevo can hold multiple years of data simultaneously, allowing users to compare current performance against prior years using the same hierarchy structures.

Version is a numeric identifier that differentiates between multiple versions of the same record type and year. For example, you might have Version 1 for the original budget, Version 2 for a revised budget, and Version 3 for a final approved budget. This provides flexibility for scenario analysis and what-if modelling.

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Currency indicates the currency in which the transaction amounts are denominated. Wevo supports multi-currency environments where transactions can be recorded in both a base currency (for consolidated reporting) and a source currency (the original transaction currency). This is critical for multinational organisations that need to consolidate financials across multiple currencies.

Start Balance holds the opening balance carried forward from the previous year. This ensures continuity when reporting across year boundaries and allows period-based reports to show accurate year-to-date totals.

Period Values contain the transactional amounts for each period within the year. A Wevo year holds a fixed model of 16 periods - either 12 trading periods plus 4 close periods, or 13 trading periods plus 3 close periods, depending on how the fiscal year is configured in the source General Ledger(s) - together with an opening balance, giving 17 columns per year. The client's source periods are mapped into this model when the GL data is loaded. Each period holds the net movement or balance for that time interval.

When Wevo receives GL data, it uses these key segments to validate transactions against the defined hierarchies, aggregate values up through the hierarchy structures, and create the multi-dimensional analytical cubes that users navigate through the web interface.

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## 4.2 Hierarchy Structure

A hierarchy consists of multiple horizontal levels, with nodes positioned at each level representing logical groupings. In a validated hierarchy, every node is logically connected to a parent in parent-child relationships (except the top node called the root node).

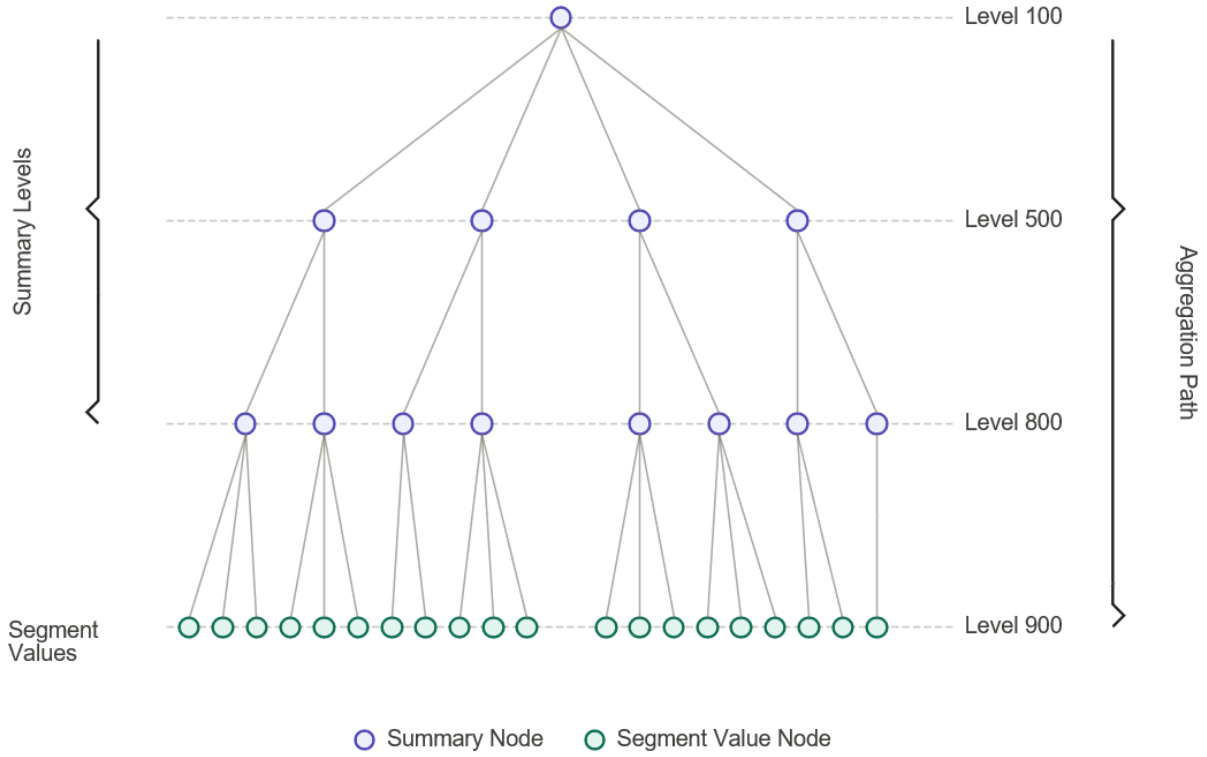



*Figure 3: Example three-level hierarchy - summary nodes at upper levels aggregate the segment value nodes at the base*

A hierarchy is designated to a particular segment of the GL accounting control key, identified by a segment number such as SEG1, SEG2, and so on. Each segment represents a specific dimension of the chart of accounts - for example, SEG1 might represent Cost Centre, SEG2 might represent Natural Account, and SEG3 might represent Legal Entity.

**Leaf nodes - GL segment values**

At the bottom level of the hierarchy sit the leaf nodes. Each leaf node represents a single, real GL segment value - that is, the actual code that appears on journal lines posted in the source GL system. The node name (ID) in Wevo is identical to the segment value code in the GL; there is no transformation or aliasing. If the GL defines Cost Centre codes CC001, CC002, and CC003, then those three codes appear as leaf nodes with exactly those names and this allows Wevo to assign the correct value from the General Ledger to the base of the correct leg in the hierarchy to be rolled up the hierarchy.

**Summary nodes - arbitrary aggregation points**

Above the leaf nodes sit one or more levels of summary nodes. These are Wevo-defined groupings that have no counterpart in the GL itself - they exist purely to aggregate their child nodes for reporting purposes. Their names (IDs) are arbitrary, chosen by whoever built the hierarchy, and must be unique within that hierarchy. A Cost Centre hierarchy might group CC001 and CC002 into a summary node called LONDON, group CC003 into MANCHESTER, and then roll both LONDON and MANCHESTER up into a single root node called ALL-COST-CENTRES.

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### Worked example: Cost Centre hierarchy for SEG1

The GL defines three cost centre codes: CC001, CC002, CC003. A Wevo hierarchy called MGT-CC is built for SEG1 as follows:

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ALL-COST-CENTRES     (root summary node, Wevo-defined)
+-- LONDON           (summary node, Wevo-defined)
|   +-- CC001        (leaf node = GL segment value)
|   +-- CC002        (leaf node = GL segment value)
+-- MANCHESTER       (summary node, Wevo-defined)
    +-- CC003        (leaf node = GL segment value)
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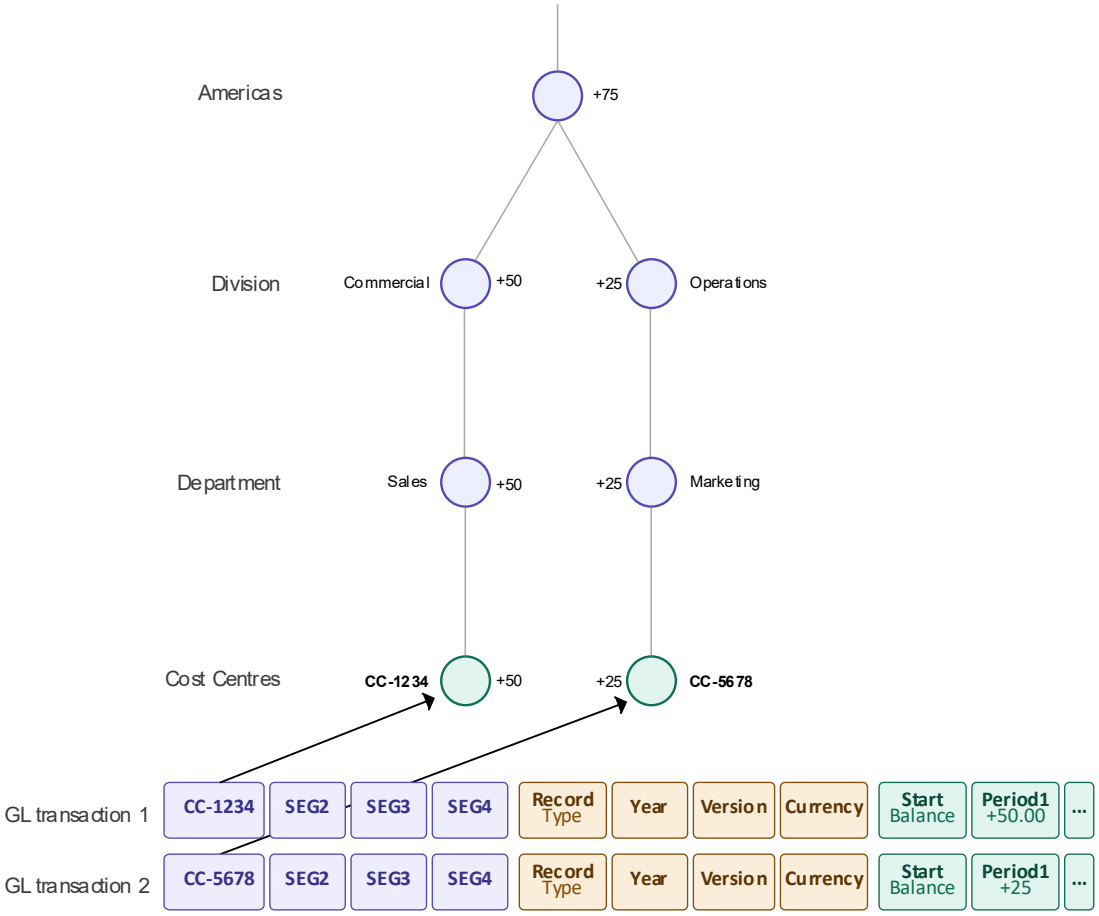



*Figure 4: Segment value alignment - leaf-level node names match source GL segment values exactly, providing the linkage between hierarchy structure and GL transaction data*

For example, a Cost Centre hierarchy might hold segment values at the bottom (CC-1234, CC-5678), department nodes in the middle (Sales, Marketing), and division nodes at the top (Commercial, Operations). When transaction data flows in, amounts posted to CC-1234 roll up to Sales, which rolls up to Commercial, creating a natural aggregation path. Because each leaf node carries the same code as the corresponding value in the source GL, the leaf node is the precise point at which Wevo matches incoming GL transactions to the hierarchy, allowing their values to be rolled up through every parent node above.

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## 4.3 Matching Hierarchies Together

The real power of Wevo comes from matching two hierarchies together to create a multi-dimensional analytical cube. When you create a cube consisting of a Cost Centre hierarchy with a Chart of Accounts hierarchy, you create a two-dimensional grid where every node on one hierarchy intersects with every node on the other.

The diagram below illustrates a two-hierarchy analytical cube. Every node on the Cost Centre axis intersects with every node on the Chart of Accounts axis, creating a navigable two-dimensional financial view. Users drill down or navigate horizontally within either hierarchy to focus the data view.

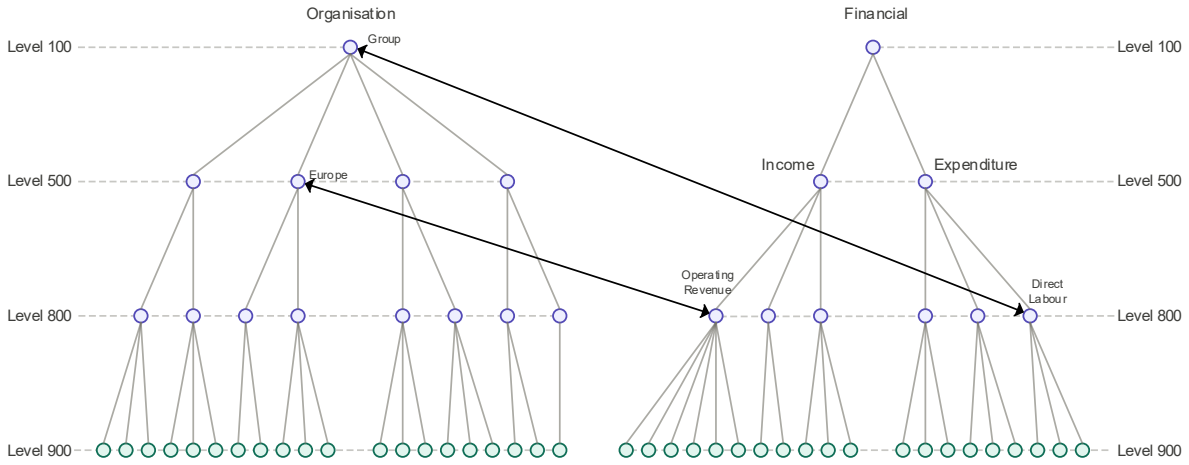



*Figure 5: Two-hierarchy analytical cube - intersecting Cost Centre and Chart of Accounts hierarchies*

From Near real time data, this gives you the ability to answer any questions like:

- What is total Operating Revenue for Europe?
- What are the Group Direct Labour costs?
- The value at any node-to-node intersection between the two hierarchies.

The data can be pivoted across many further combinations: financial values shown side by side across multiple years, different record types, accumulated period balances, net movements between periods, individual period values, and budget comparisons - for GL balances, movements since the last cleardown (a system-wide cleardown scheduled by the client - for example a Monday-morning job giving weekly movements), and daily movements.

Each intersection point in the cube represents a specific view of the data, and users can navigate between these views instantly by drilling up or down within a hierarchy, or by moving horizontally to a different node.

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## 4.4 Hierarchy Lifecycle and Promote Status

Because finance teams maintain hierarchies themselves, Wevo builds governance into the maintenance lifecycle. Changes are developed and validated in a maintenance state - a hierarchy can be copied, restructured, and tested freely - while the production hierarchies continue to serve users and the Summarisation Engine, completely unaffected.
When a changed hierarchy is complete and passes validation, it can be set to promote status: approved and awaiting deployment. On the next full balance build, promoted hierarchies are copied to production and the new structure takes effect in a single controlled event. Complex reorganisations can therefore be prepared over days or weeks, at any time, with production untouched until the moment of deployment.

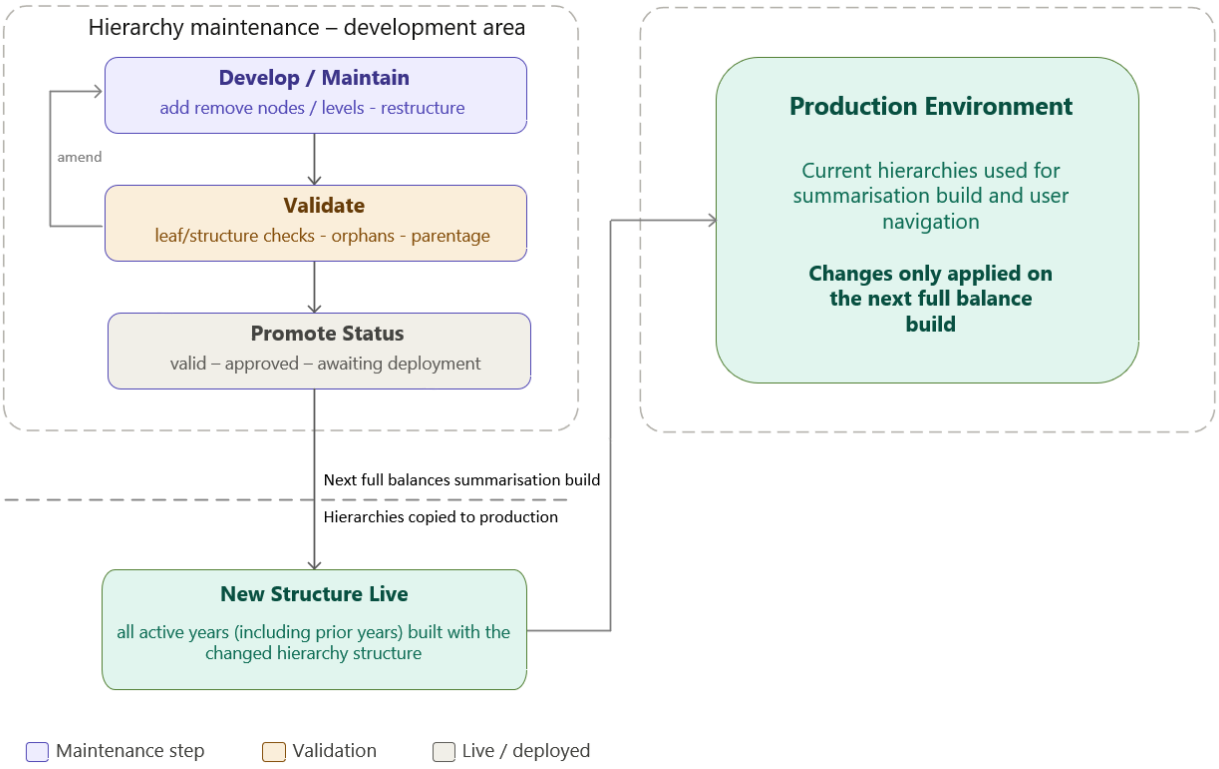



*Figure 6: Hierarchy promote-status lifecycle - changes developed, validated, and promoted without affecting production*

## 4.5 As-Is and As-Was Reporting

Wevo mirrors the General Ledger continuously, using the current, live cube and hierarchy settings. Every fiscal year allocated to Wevo is kept in step with the GL, so a late posting to a prior year appears in Wevo like any other posting. There are no year-end copies to create and no older versions of the data to keep alive.

This gives finance both answers to the comparability question. Because financial data is stored at segment-value level and aggregated through the current structure, prior-year data is displayed through today's hierarchy - so after a restructure, an acquisition, or a disposal, year-on-year comparisons are instantly like-for-like, with no restatement exercise and no mapping tables. And when the question is "what did we report at the time?", a preserved structure (section 4.6) is activated for the years concerned: the figures are calculated at the next full build through the structure as it stood, used for as-was reporting for audit and review, and the cube is then made inactive and its data deleted when it is no longer needed. This can be repeated each time there is a significant change to the structure of a company.

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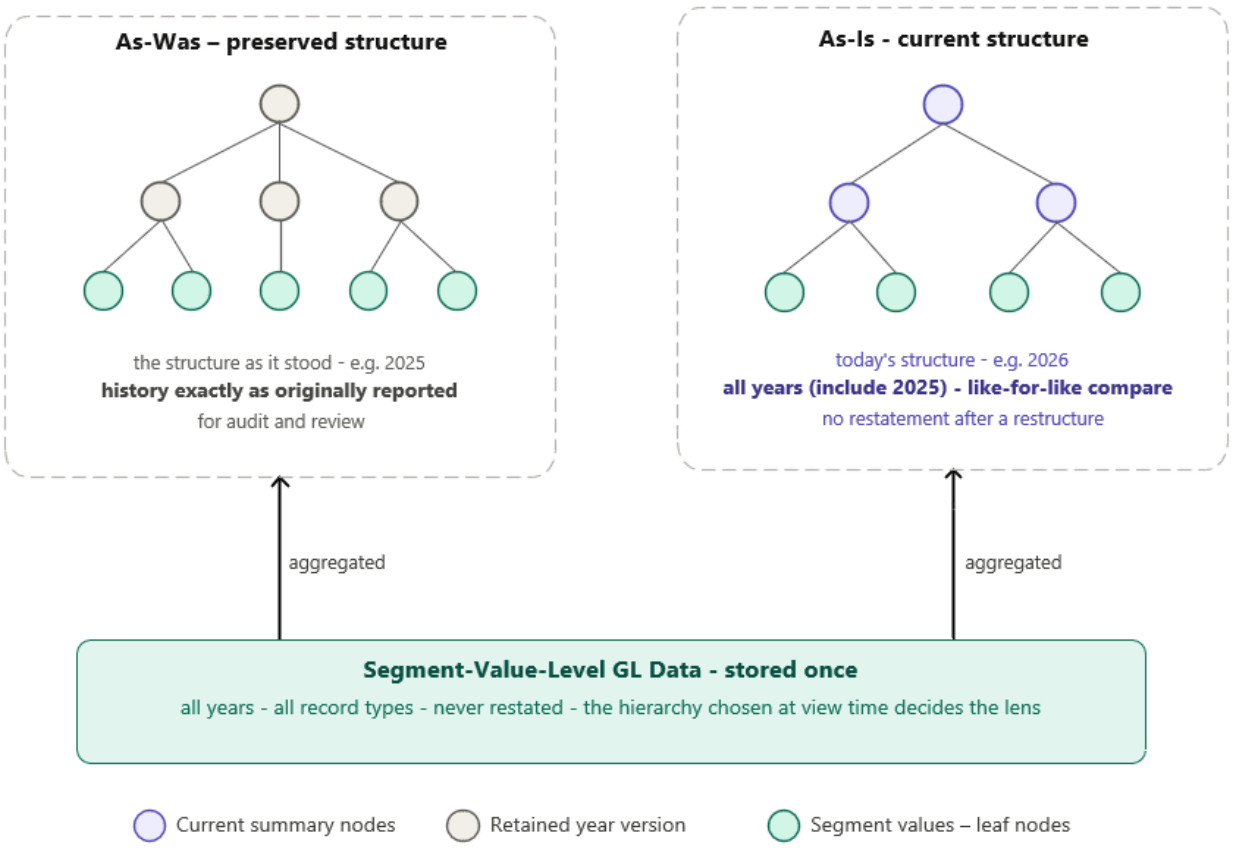



*Figure 7: As-is and as-was reporting - one set of segment-value data, viewed through the current hierarchy or a preserved structure*

## 4.6 Preserve Structure: Point-in-Time Structure Preservation

Every reorganisation quietly destroys the ability to reproduce what was reported before it. The General Ledger still holds the transactions, but the structure that gave those transactions their meaning - which cost centre rolled into which division, which account sat under which heading - has been overwritten. Six months later somebody asks a question that can only be answered under the old structure: an auditor, an acquirer, a regulator, or a board wanting to know whether the restructure actually delivered anything.

At that point most finance teams have three options, all poor: restore old backups and hope somebody can still read them, rebuild the mapping by hand in a spreadsheet, or say it cannot be done. The spreadsheet route is the usual one. It takes weeks, it is unauditable, and it produces figures that do not tie back exactly - which is precisely the wrong answer to give an auditor.

Wevo turns that into a decision taken before the change rather than a forensic exercise afterwards. Preserve Structure is a single operation on the cube maintenance screen. One click creates a permanent copy of the cube's organisational and accounts hierarchies exactly as they stand in production at that moment.

The copy is taken from the production structure - any hierarchy changes in progress in the development environment are separate and are not included. This matters: a preserved structure records what the business was actually reporting on, not what somebody happened to be building at the time.

**The preserved structure holds no data and carries no processing overhead.** It is a definition, not a dataset. It takes no part in any build or incremental update, and it consumes no processing at all. Should historical reporting against this structure ever be needed, years are allocated and the

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cube activated at that point, reproducing the figures exactly as they would have been reported at the time of preservation - built from the same underlying segment-value data, aggregated through the structure of the day. The figures are calculated at the next full build; when they are no longer needed the cube is made inactive and its data is deleted, leaving only the definition.

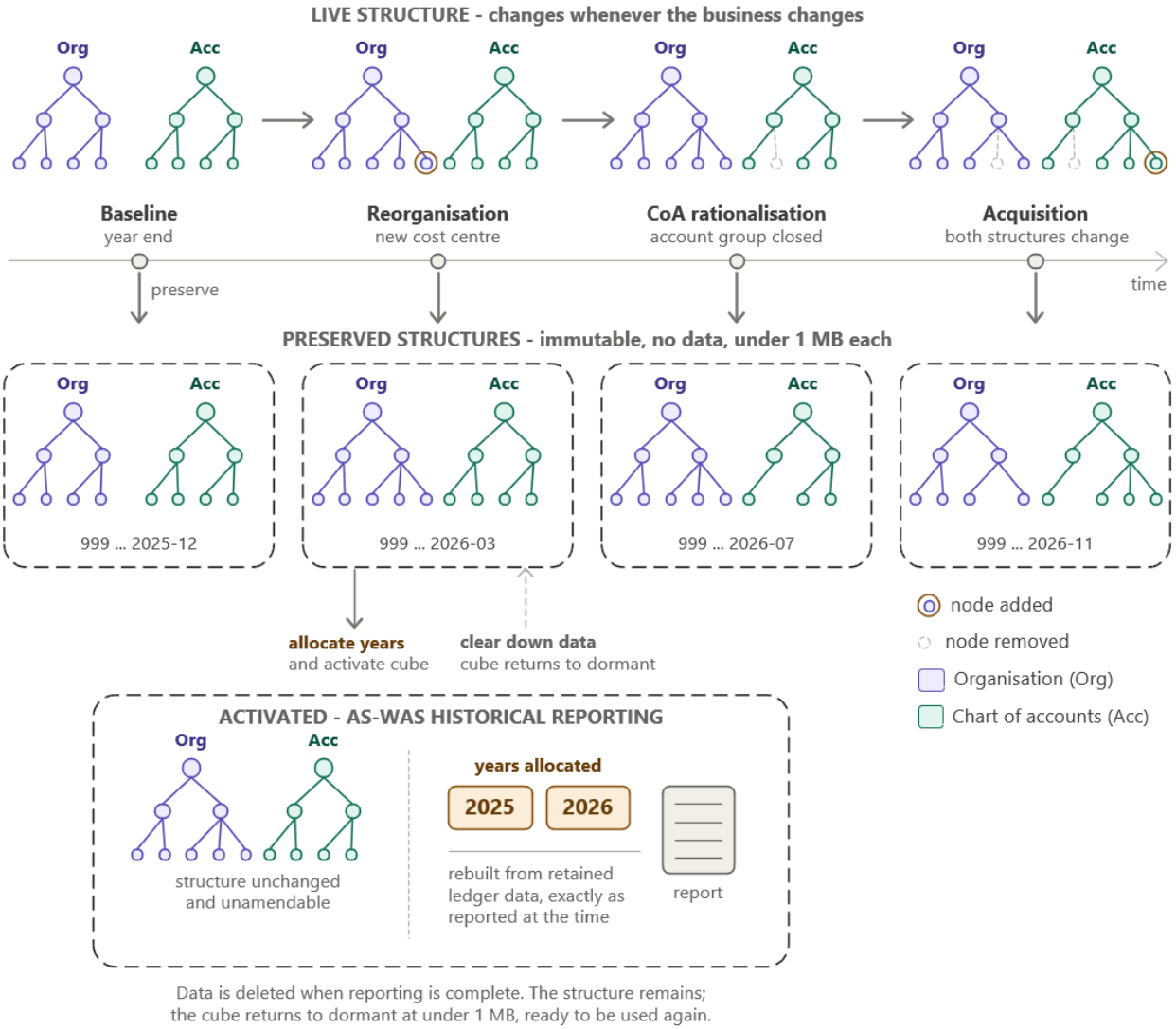



*Figure 8: Structure preservation over time - the live structure changes as the business changes, a preserved copy is taken at each point, and any preserved structure can later be activated to reproduce the figures as reported at the time, then cleared down again*

### 4.6.1 Why the Storage Cost Changes the Decision

A preserved structure for an enterprise group occupies less than 1 MB. That figure is what makes the capability practical rather than merely possible.

Because the cost of keeping one is indistinguishable from zero, there is no judgement call to make about which structures might matter later. A finance team does not have to predict which reorganisation will be questioned in three years' time. The structure can be preserved monthly as routine hygiene, and before every significant change, on the off chance the view is ever wanted. The definition generates data only when and if required.

Removing the judgement call is what makes the habit stick. "Preserve the structure before any change" is a policy a finance team can actually follow, because nothing is being traded away to follow it.

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### 4.6.2 Immutable by Design

Once created, a preserved structure cannot be amended, only deleted. Its hierarchies are locked and its composition is fixed; the only field that remains editable is the description recording why it was kept.

This is deliberate, and it is what separates a preserved structure from a working copy. A copy that could be quietly amended invites the obvious question: how does anyone know this is what was genuinely in force eighteen months ago? A structure that cannot be changed after creation answers that by construction. It moves the artefact from convenient to evidential, which is the standard an auditor, a regulator, or a tribunal will apply.

Preserved structures are equally straightforward to delete when they are no longer wanted, so the register stays under the client's control and does not accumulate indefinitely.

### 4.6.3 When to Preserve a Structure

The occasions that matter most are the ones that are irreversible if missed:

- Before any reorganisation - the classic case, and the one that cannot be recovered afterwards
- Before an acquisition, merger, or disposal, and again at completion
- At each year end, and monthly or quarterly as routine hygiene
- Before a chart of accounts change, an entity renumbering, or a cost centre rationalisation
- Before any change requested "just for management reporting" - these are the ones nobody documents and everybody later needs

The old and the new structure can then be reported side by side for the same year, which quantifies the effect of a restructure rather than estimating it.

### 4.6.4 How This Differs from the Other History Features

Wevo offers two distinct answers to historical reporting questions, and they are complementary rather than overlapping:

- As-is reporting (4.5) presents every year through today's structure, giving like-for-like comparatives automatically with no action required.
- Preserve Structure (4.6) delivers as-was reporting at arbitrary, event-driven granularity. A structure can be preserved on any date, for any reason, and held indefinitely at no cost; years are activated for the next full build only when the old view is needed. This is what covers the mid-year reorganisation, the acquisition in month seven, and the "we changed the cost centre tree in August" problem.

The distinction that underpins both is architectural. Wevo stores financial data at segment-value level and aggregates it through whichever hierarchy is chosen at view time. Structure and data are separate by design, which is precisely why an old structure can be laid back over current data and reproduce the original figures. Systems that bake the hierarchy into the stored data cannot do this at all - they can only restore an entire old system, with all the cost and doubt that carries.

# 5 The Wevo Web Interface

Users interact with Wevo through a browser-based web application. The interface is designed for finance professionals who need fast access to summarised data and the ability to navigate from high-level summaries through to segment-value-level detail, without waiting for IT to run reports - making current figures available instantly in board meetings to support executive decision-making.

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## 5.1 Cube Selection and Navigation

When a user logs in, they select which analytical cube they want to view (for example Cost Centre vs Chart of Accounts). The record type is a property of the cube itself rather than a choice made at this point. The user then sets the selection criteria - the data type (balances, movements, or daily movements), the year and periods, and the currency, with a budgets option available where the cube holds budget data. The system then displays the summarised data at the intersection of the two hierarchies.

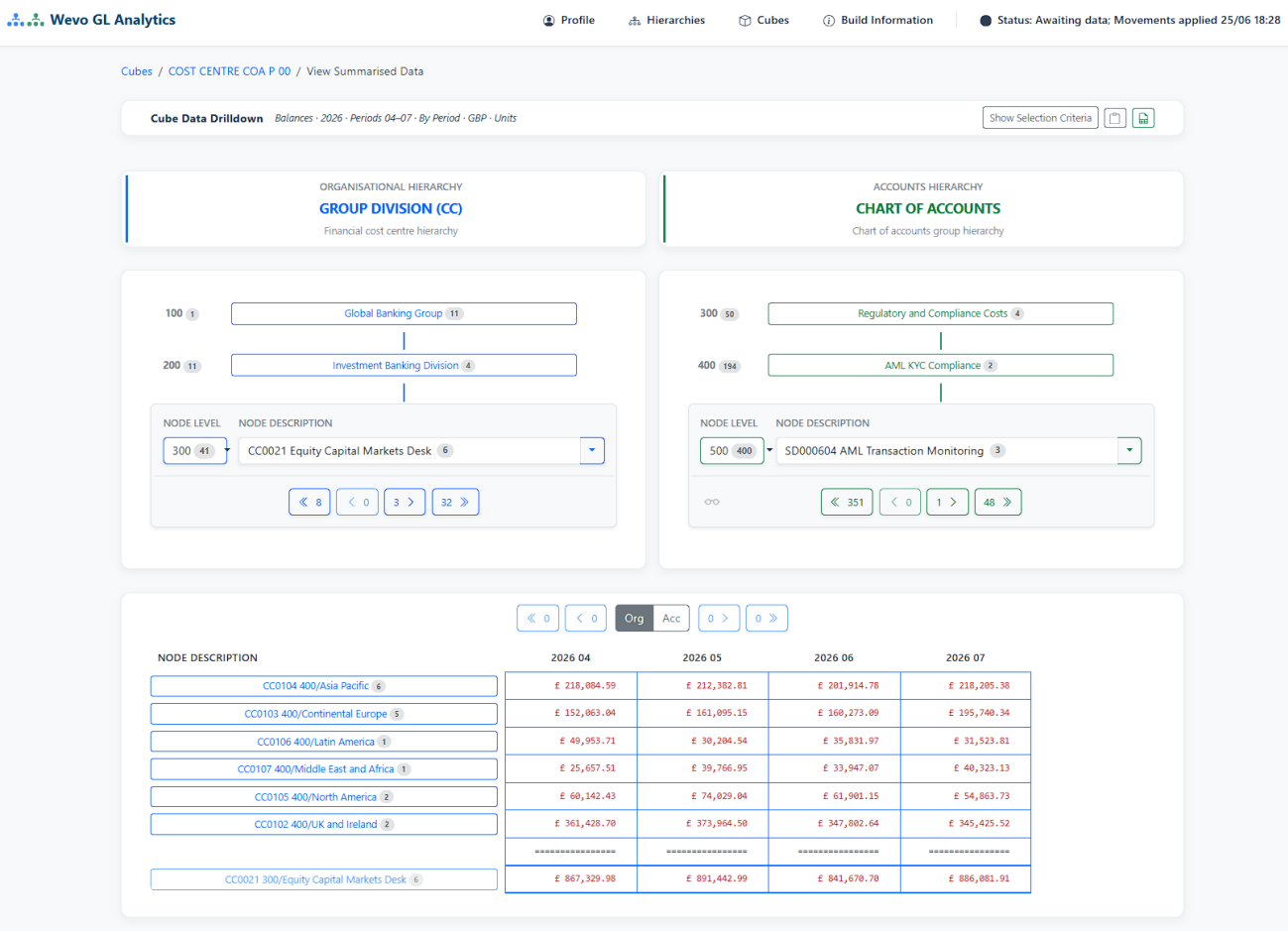



*Figure 9: Cube selection - record type, year, period, and currency parameters are configured before entering the analytical view*

Once inside the cube, users navigate the financial data by selecting nodes within either hierarchy. The view updates instantly as the user drills down through hierarchy levels or moves laterally to a different node.

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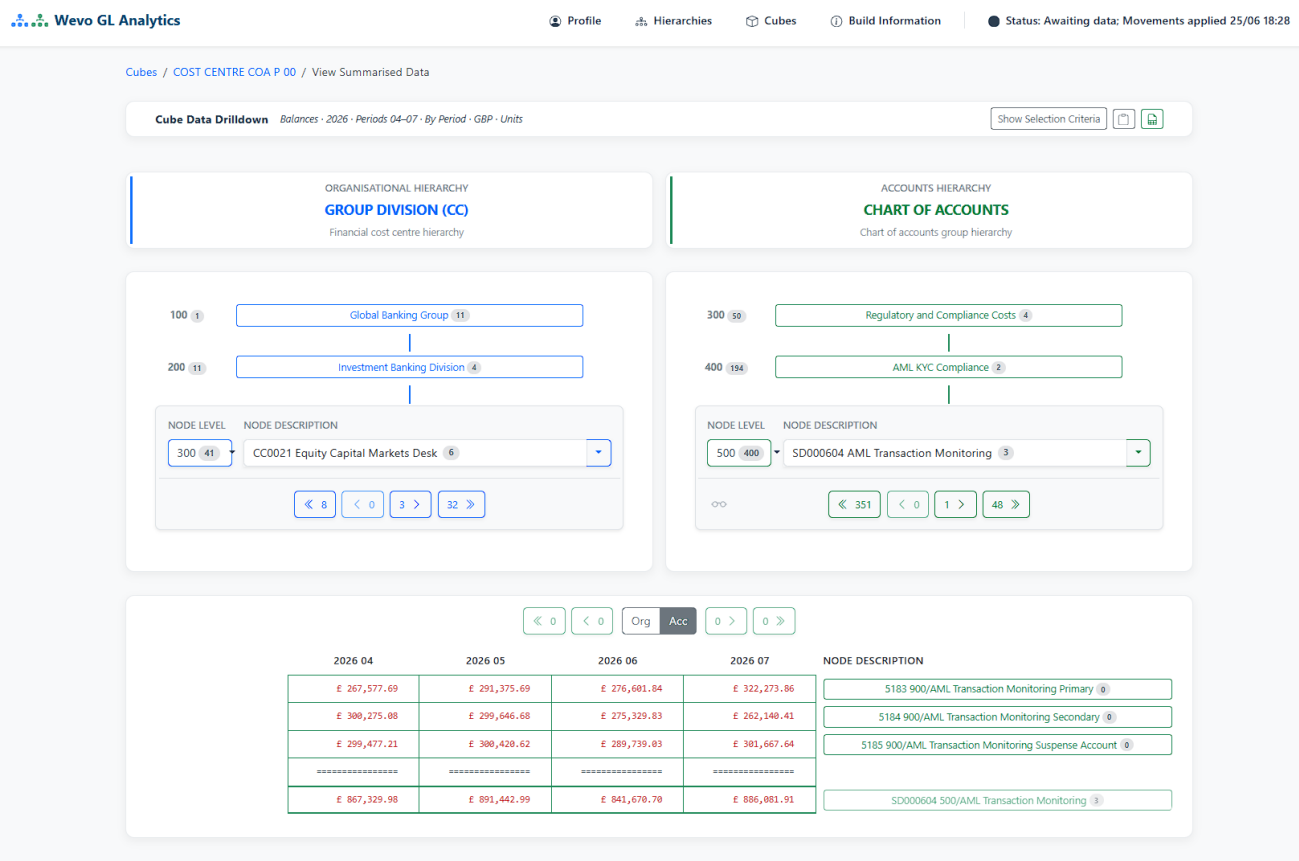



*Figure 10: Cube navigation - Drilldown interface showing summarised node values at the intersection of two hierarchies*

Users navigate through the data by clicking on summary nodes to drill down to lower levels, or by clicking on different nodes to shift the view horizontally. Budget variance tooltips appear when hovering over values, showing the difference between actual and budget amounts. The interface supports navigation across both hierarchies at once - the organisation hierarchy (H1) and the chart of accounts (H2) - and allows users to switch between movement and balance views.

## 5.2 Selection Criteria

The Selection Criteria panel is accessible at any time and controls the precise data view presented within the cube. Users adjust the criteria without leaving the current navigation context. The following parameters are available:

- **Data Type** - Determines whether the displayed values represent GL balances, movements accumulated since the last cleardown, or movements recorded during the current day only.
- **Time Frame** - Selects the financial year or years to be displayed, enabling side-by-side comparison of data across multiple years using identical hierarchy structures.
- **Periods** - Specifies the accumulation range, from the year-start opening balance through to any nominated GL period. A Wevo year holds an opening balance plus 16 periods (12 trading plus 4 close, or 13 trading plus 3 close), giving 17 columns per year.
- **View Options** - Controls how period values are presented: as year-to-date accumulated balances, as the net sum of values between two selected periods, or as individual period values.
- **Currency** - Filters the data to a specific currency or combination of currencies, supporting both single-currency and consolidated multi-currency views.
- **Scaling** - Adjusts the unit of display between Units, Thousands, and Millions to present values at the appropriate level of detail for the reporting context.

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- **Notation** - Sets the sign convention applied to debit and credit amounts, allowing users to present values in whichever accounting notation is standard for their organisation.

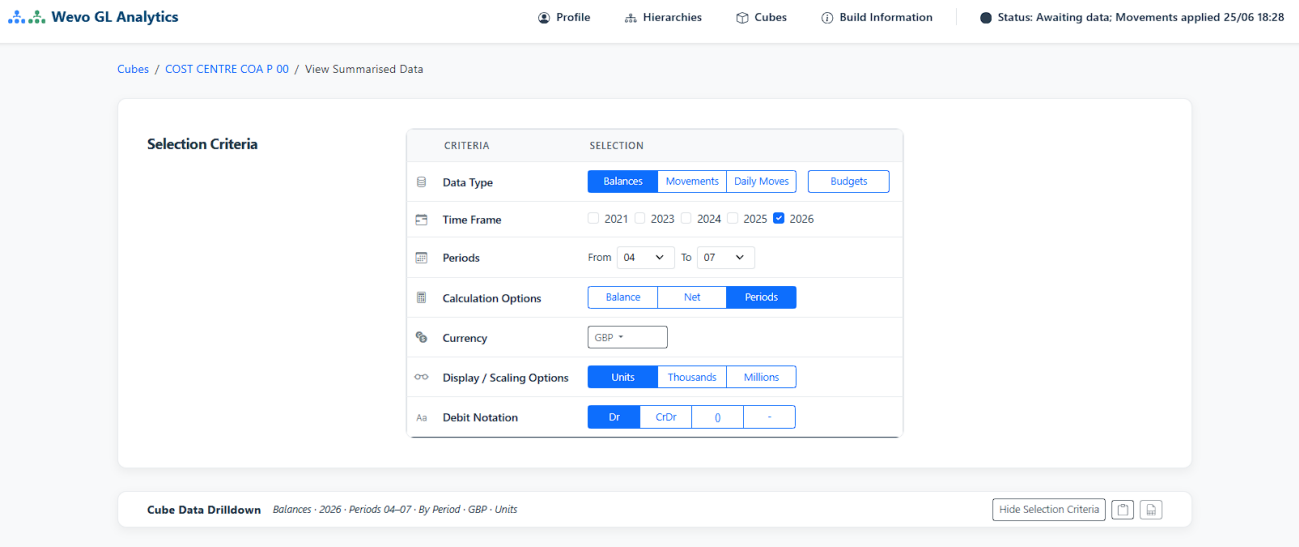



*Figure 11: Selection Criteria panel - data type, time frame, period range, view options, currency, scaling, and notation controls*

## 5.3 Drilldown to the Lowest Level of Detail

From any summary node in the cube, users can drill down through the hierarchy levels to explore increasingly granular views of the financial data. Navigation continues until the lowest available level - the intersection of two segment value nodes - which displays the accumulated values for that specific combination across the selected record type, year, periods, and currency. This gives users a precise, targeted view of where values originate within the hierarchy without needing to interact with the GL system directly. For organisations that require visibility of the underlying individual GL transactions that compose those accumulated values, a direct query to the source GL system would be required.

## 5.4 Data Security

Wevo controls data access at the hierarchy level through security profiles assigned to each user. A profile defines which hierarchies a user can navigate and at what scope within it. There are two profile types: a Node profile, which restricts the user to a defined node and its descendants, and a Level profile, which grants access to all nodes at a specified level and the sub-levels beneath them. A user can only view cube data where both hierarchies fall within the bounds of their assigned profile, ensuring that access to financial data is precisely controlled without requiring separate data extracts or report variants.

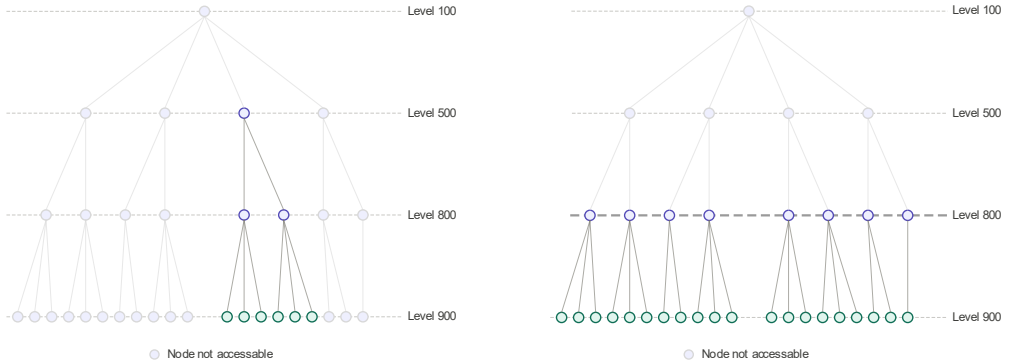
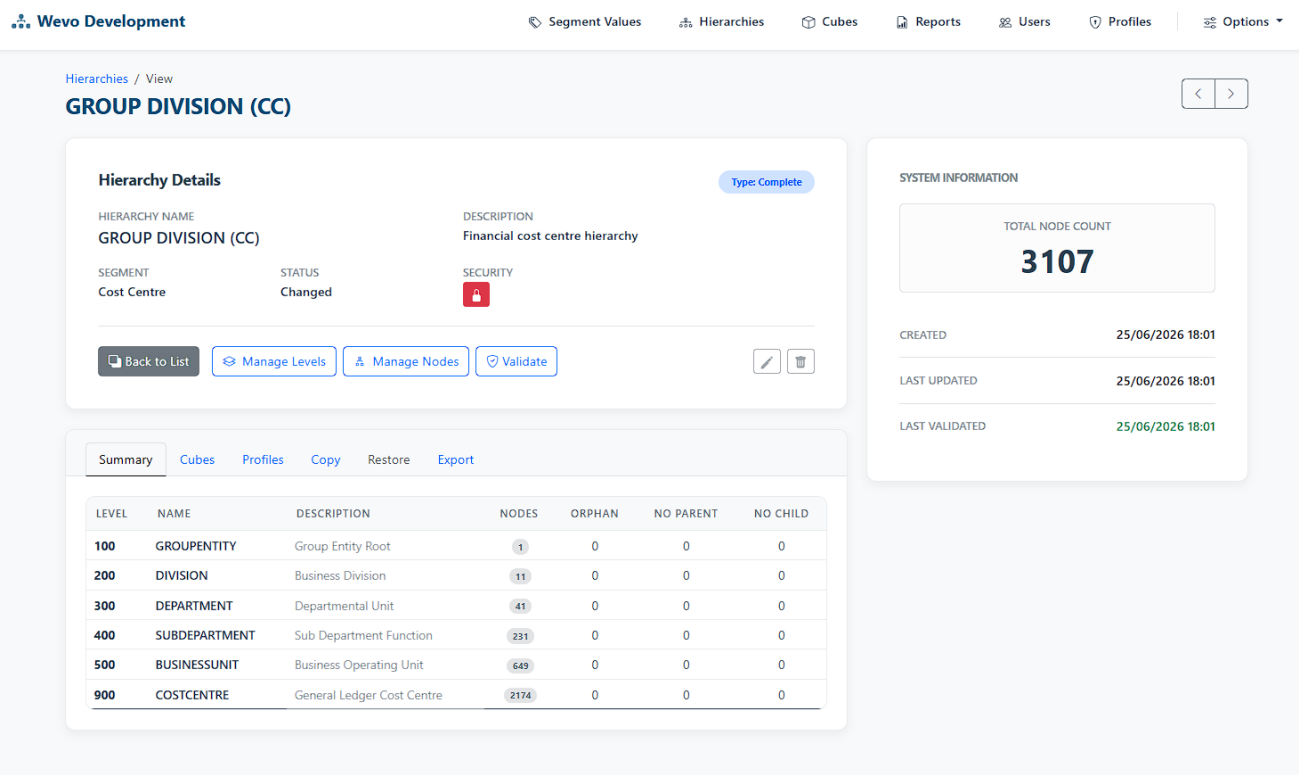


*Figure 12: Node-level security (left) and Figure 13: Level security (right) - nodes outside the user's permitted scope are shown in grey*

The diagrams above illustrate the two security profile types. Nodes outside the user's permitted scope are shown in grey and are inaccessible; permitted nodes are highlighted in colour.

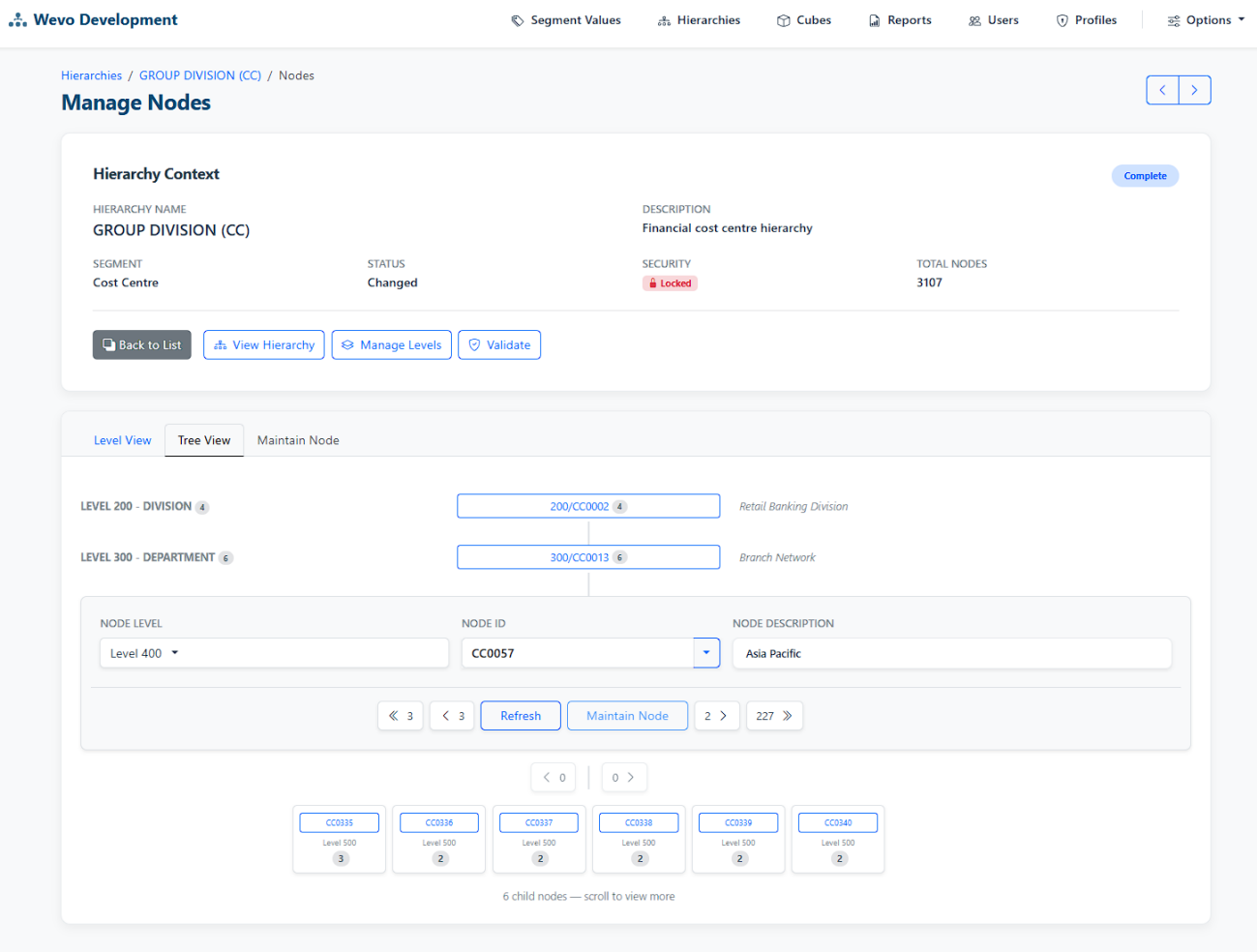
## 5.5 Hierarchy and Cube Development

Wevo includes a separate application, Hierarchy and Cube Development, that allows administrators to create and modify hierarchies, add new nodes, link parent-child relationships, and validate hierarchy structures. This ensures that hierarchies can be updated to reflect organisational changes without requiring developer intervention.



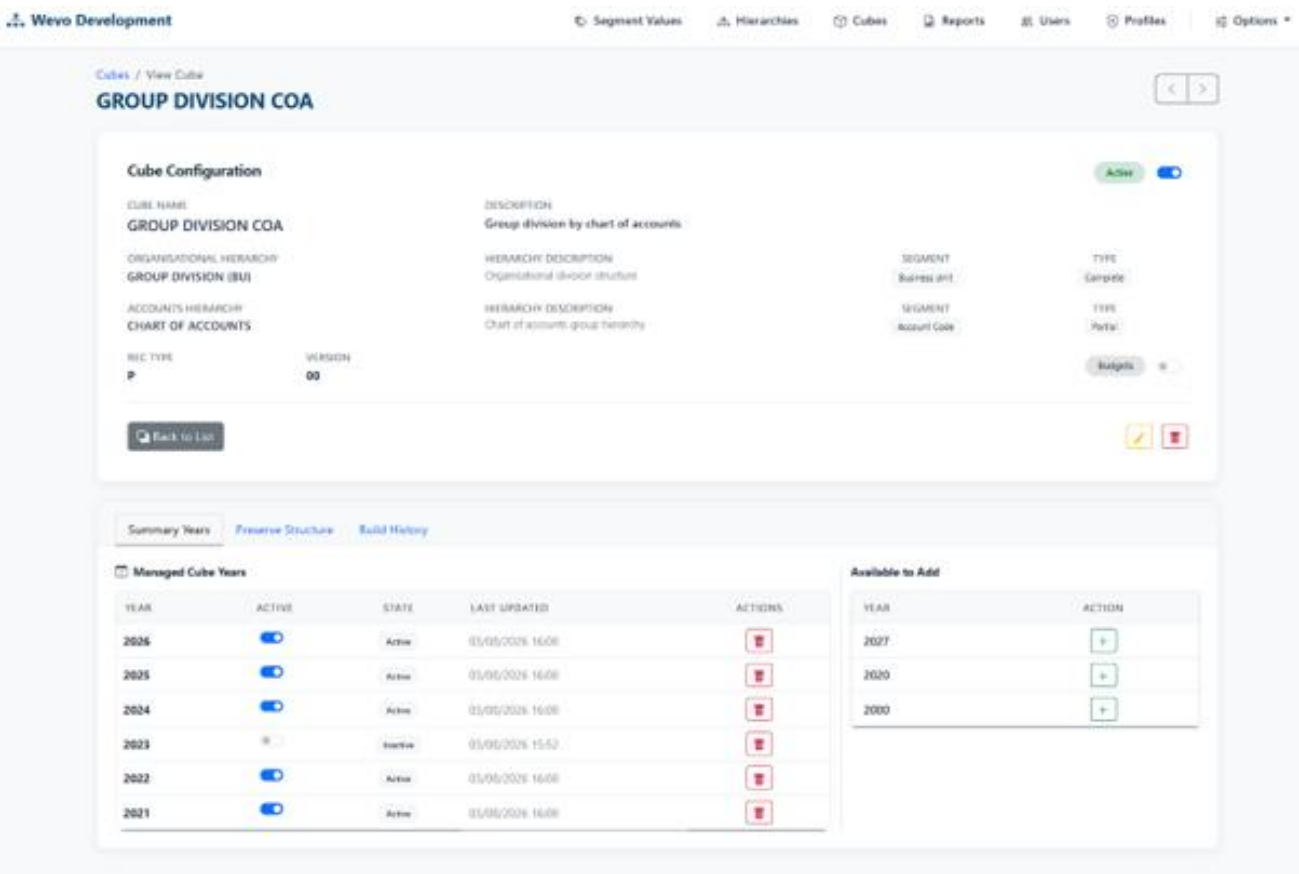

The hierarchy maintenance screen allows administrators to view and edit hierarchy properties, including name, description, and the associated GL segment.

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Parent-child node relationships within the hierarchy can be created, modified, and validated to ensure structural integrity before the hierarchy is published.

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The cube maintenance screen allows administrators to view and configure cube definitions, including the two hierarchies that form each analytical cube and their associated data settings. It also carries the Preserve Structure function described in section 4.6, together with the year allocation and the active/inactive setting that together bring a preserved structure back into use when a historical view is required.

## 5.6 Budgets, Versions and the Close

Budgets load through the same file interface as actuals and are summarised through the same organisational and account hierarchies. Actual, budget, and variance therefore sit side by side at every node - like for like by construction - with budget variance shown against any figure in the Drilldown view. Multiple budget versions (for example original, revised, and final approved) are held simultaneously for scenario comparison.

The Wevo year carries 16 periods - either 12 trading plus 4 close, or 13 trading plus 3 close. Year-end adjustments, audit adjustments, and post-close corrections are posted into the close periods and flow through every hierarchy exactly as trading-period postings do - the close calendar lives inside the product, not in a spreadsheet workaround alongside it.

## 5.7 Node Pair Watchlist Monitoring

Beyond on-demand enquiry, Wevo can build a longitudinal record of how key figures evolve over time. Any organisation and account node pair - an intersection of the two hierarchies - can be placed on a watchlist for a cube, where it becomes a watched node pair. Thereafter, on every incremental movements update in which that pair is calculated, Wevo writes a time-stamped snapshot: 17 movement values (the opening balance plus 16 periods) and the corresponding 17 balance values - 34 values in all - captured for each currency defined in the System Parameters. Node pairs are added by org node name and account node name through an administration screen. Because the watchlist stores names rather than internal indexes, an entry survives hierarchy

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rebuilds where node indexes may change. A pair whose org or account node no longer exists in the validated hierarchy is automatically soft-deleted and removed by a scheduled cleardown job, so the watchlist is self-maintaining. During ordinary Drilldown, a pair of watchlist icons against the node pair in focus indicates when that intersection is being monitored, giving an at-a-glance view of which figures are accumulating history.
Snapshots accumulate into a granular, time-stamped history that is available for export and offline analysis - trend analysis, anomaly detection, period-on-period variance, and AI-driven insight - without any additional query to the source GL. In effect, the watchlist turns Wevo from a point-in-time reporting tool into a passive, zero-effort data-collection layer for the financial indicators that matter most, accumulating value the longer it runs.

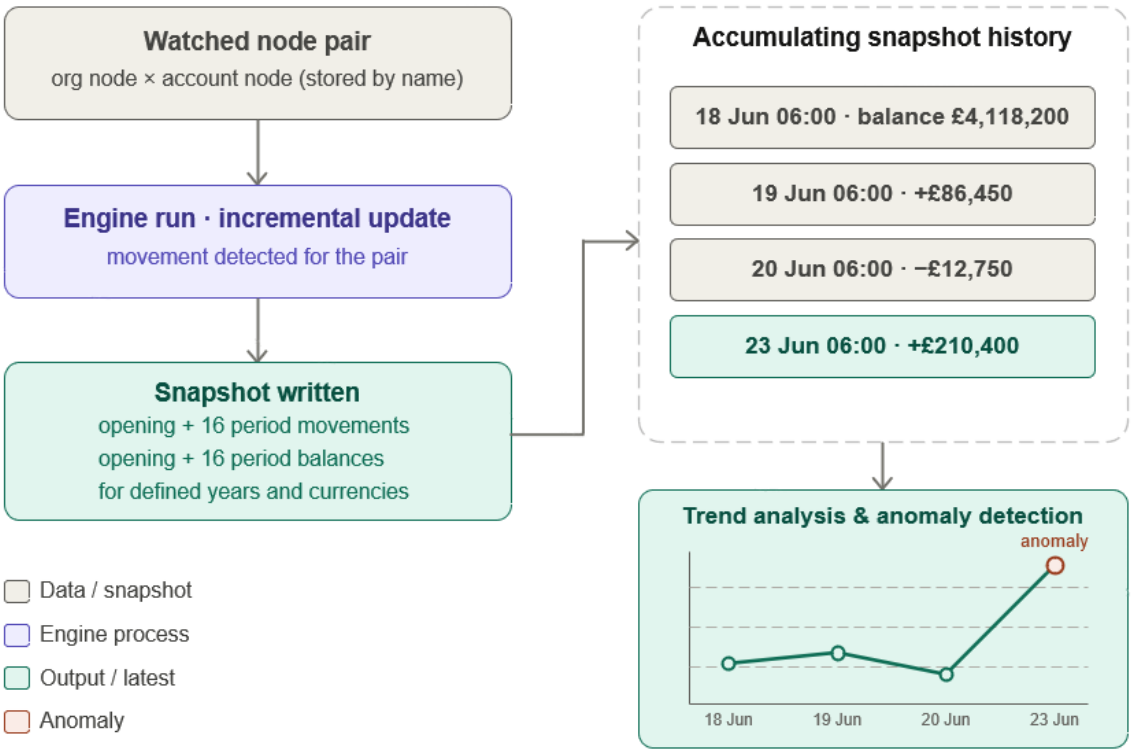



*Figure 14: Node pair watchlist - a snapshot of movements and balances is written on every incremental movements update for each watched node pair, building a longitudinal history available for export*

# 6 Management Accounts Distribution by Email

To support stakeholders who do not require full access to the live analytical interface-whether due to security protocols or a need for a simplified data view-Wevo provides an automated, email-based reporting service. At scheduled intervals (for example every Monday morning), the system delivers an interactive HTML form to designated users, such as Cost Centre managers, containing only the specific reports assigned to their profile. Users can interact with this form to define report parameters and filters; upon clicking the request button, Wevo generates the report, usually within minutes, using the most current, pre-calculated financial cube data and delivers the completed document directly to the user's inbox.

## 6.1 Report Form Emailed to Users

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The following screenshot shows a report request form as it appears in the user's email inbox. The form is automatically generated and pre-populated with the reports assigned to the user's security profile. Users specify report parameters - including hierarchy scope, period range, and currency - directly within the form and submit the request by clicking the button. Wevo processes the request using the current pre-calculated cube data and returns the completed report to the inbox, usually within minutes.

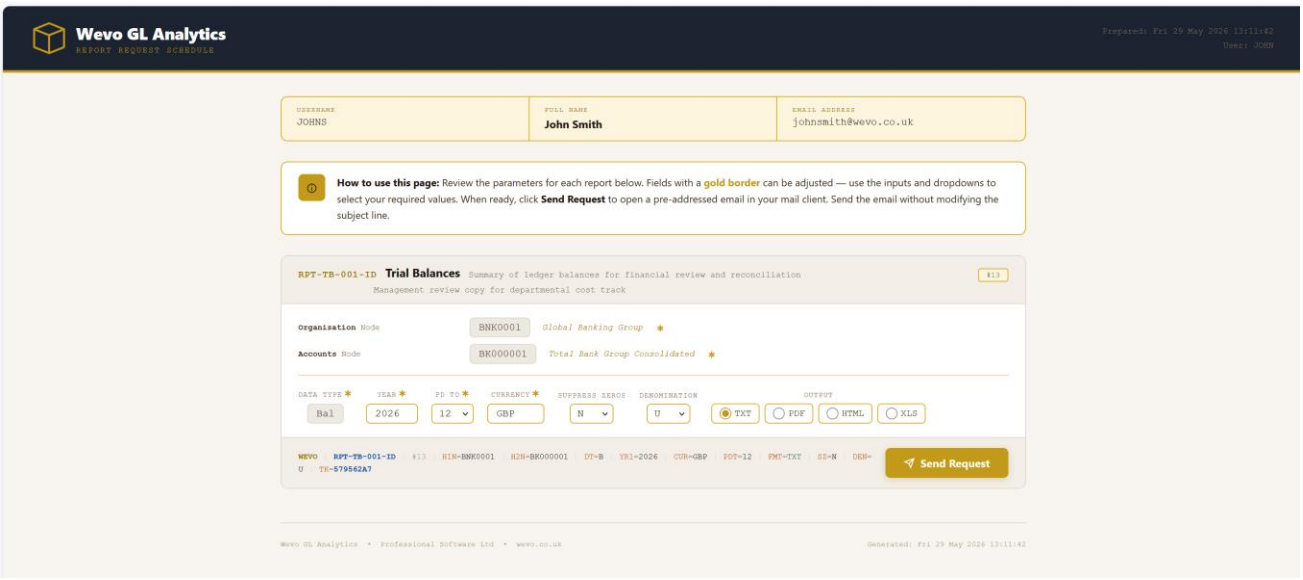



*Figure 15: Email-delivered report request form - only reports assigned to the user's security profile are displayed*

## 6.2 Report Delivery

The completed report is generated using live pre-calculated cube data and delivered directly to the requester's email inbox. Reports are sent as a compressed archive, which keeps attachment sizes small even for a large trial balance.

Where an administrator has allocated a report password to a user, that archive is encrypted and cannot be opened without the password. The password is set centrally, not chosen by the recipient, and applies to every report that user receives. This extends protection beyond delivery: a report that is forwarded, copied to a shared drive, or left in an unattended mailbox stays unreadable to anyone without it.

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## Trial Balance Report

*Summary of ledger balances for financial review and reconciliation*

REPORT NO RPT-TB-001
DATE 22/05/26
TIME 18:21:43
YEAR 2026

| ORG NODE | NODE NAME | PERIOD | CURRENCY | SUPP ZEROS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BNK0003 | Corporate Banking Division | 00 – 05 | GBP (Millions) | Yes |

| GL ACCOUNT | GL ACCOUNT NAME | DEBIT | CREDIT |
|---|---|---|---|
| GL0010042 | Listed Equities UK Trading Primary | 14.01 | — |
| GL0010060 | Corporate IG Bonds HTM Suspense Account | 27.53 | — |
| GL0010193 | IR Cap Floor Options Asset Primary | 32.75 | — |
| GL0010200 | Branch Network Freehold Primary | — | 16.19 |
| GL0010342 | CD Sterling Issued Secondary | — | 38.66 |
| GL0010430 | Contingent Legal Liability Secondary | 27.17 | — |
| GL0010631 | Term Life Premium Income Suspense Account | — | 42.13 |
| GL0010763 | Internet Banking Development Secondary | 48.42 | — |
| GL0010813 | Stage 3 Individual Write Off Secondary | — | 18.44 |
| GL0010865 | Telephone and Mobile Costs Primary | — | 8.04 |
| GL0010879 | BPO Service Provider Costs Secondary | — | 46.42 |
| TOTALS FOR: BNK0003 | Corporate Banking Division | 149.88 | 169.88 |

Figure 16: Sample delivered report - trial balance showing aggregation from segment value nodes through to summary root

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## *Trial Balance Report*

**Organisation Node:** BNK0001 - Global Banking Group
**Reporting Currency:** GBP (In Thousands)

**Report ID:** RPT-TB-001
**Date:** 22/05/2026
**Period:** 00 - 05
**Page:** 1

| GL ACCOUNT | GL ACCOUNT NAME | DEBIT | CREDIT |
|---|---|---|---|
| GL0010003 | EUR Cash Vault Holdings | 0.00 | |
| GL0010015 | Nostro MUFG JPY Tokyo | | 5,998.12 |
| GL0010019 | BOE Voluntary Reserves Secondary | 79,929.10 | |
| GL0010026 | Overnight Money Market Placements Secondary | 48,520.28 | |
| GL0010027 | Variation Margin Cash Posted Primary | 89,253.86 | |
| GL0010042 | Listed Equities UK Trading Primary | 14,015.80 | |
| GL0010043 | Listed Equities UK Trading Secondary | 13,535.14 | |
| GL0010044 | Listed Equities Intl Trading Primary | 0.00 | |
| GL0010048 | Structured Notes Trading Primary | | 44,794.66 |
| GL0010051 | UK Gilts HTM Portfolio Secondary | 0.00 | |
| GL0010060 | Corporate IG Bonds HTM Suspense Account | 49,281.07 | |
| GL0010064 | CMBS Senior Tranches HTM Secondary | 0.00 | |
| GL0010069 | Supranational Bonds AFS Secondary | | 37,063.13 |
| GL0010075 | Financial Institutions AFS Secondary | 0.00 | |
| GL0010081 | Money Market Fund AFS Primary | 0.00 | |
| GL0010082 | Money Market Fund AFS Secondary | 0.00 | |

Figure 17: Sample delivered report - profit and loss report with budget comparison columns

## 6.3 Security of the Email Channel

An email-driven request channel naturally invites security questions, and Wevo answers them by design. Every request form carries a token that is validated alongside the sender and every

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parameter of the request - the channel never trusts the sending address alone. The report catalogue in each form is scoped to the recipient's security profile, and each parameter is re-validated against that profile when the request is received. Completed reports are delivered to the registered user, so a forged request gains an attacker nothing. Delivered reports can optionally be encrypted with a report password held against the user, so the finished report remains protected after it has left the system. Every request received, validation outcome, and report dispatched is time-stamped in the audit log.

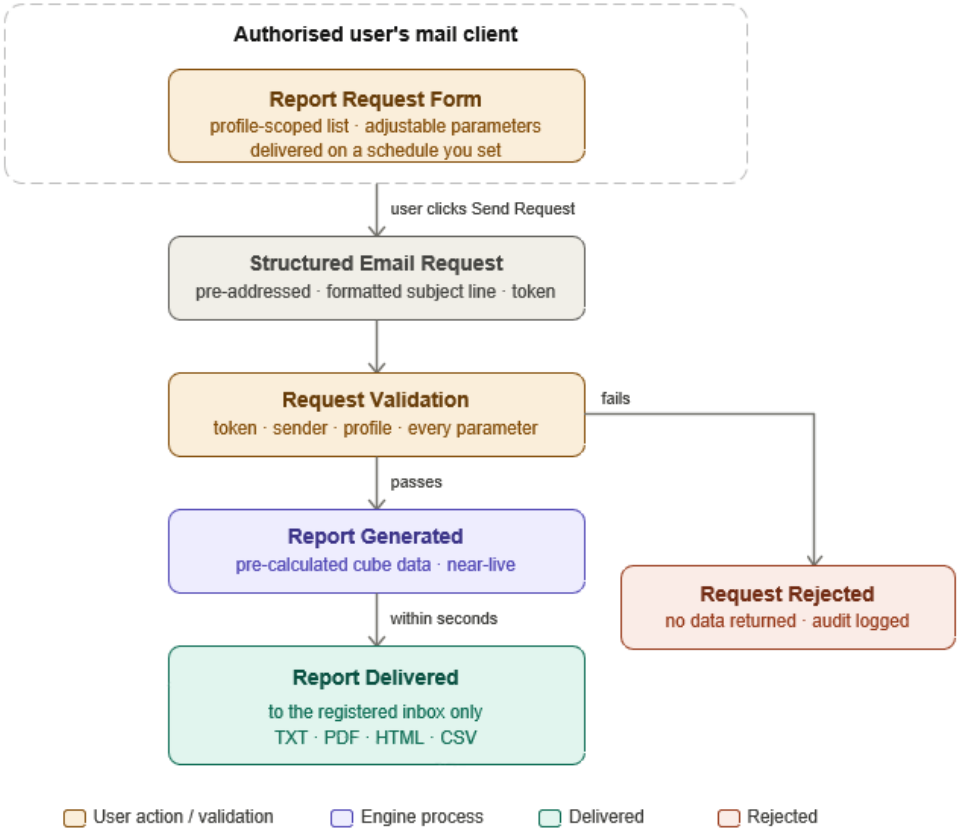



*Figure 18: The email report request loop - token, sender, and profile validation with delivery to the registered inbox*

# 7 Data Currency and Near-Real-Time Reporting

## 7.1 Understanding Near-Real-Time

The phrase "real-time" in financial reporting requires careful qualification. Wevo's web interface presents data from its pre-aggregated analytical cube, not by querying the source GL directly. This architecture is fundamental to Wevo's performance: because data is pre-aggregated rather than computed on demand, navigation through hierarchies of thousands of nodes is instantaneous and requires no waiting.

In practice, the currency of the data in the Wevo cube reflects two factors: when the GL system last produced an extract file, and how long the Summarisation Engine took to process and summarise that extract. For most organisations processing typical business-day volumes, this means the cube reflects the current GL state within minutes of a new extract arriving.

The summarisation process uses an incremental build: only the hierarchy nodes affected by new postings are recalculated in each run. The records being updated are the summary node rows stored in the Wevo database, each identified by its organisation and account hierarchy key combination. Because parent-child relationships within a hierarchy are fixed, the same set of

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ancestor nodes always aggregates the same children. A posting to any leaf node therefore propagates upwards through the entire ancestry chain - from the originating segment value node, through every intermediate summary node, all the way to the root.

This characteristic means that certain high-level summary nodes are recalculated on every single build run, regardless of how few leaf-node changes triggered it. The root node is the clearest example: it sits above the entire hierarchy and accumulates every posting in the system, so it is always included in a recalculation. If summarisation is triggered twice in quick succession - say, two runs each processing £10 of new postings - the root node record is written twice: once showing the first £10, and again showing £20. The result after both runs is the same as if a single run had processed the combined £20. The second approach is the more efficient one: one record write at root level instead of two, with the per-run overhead of transaction management, audit logging, and index maintenance paid only once. The same logic applies to every ancestor node that is shared between the leaf nodes touched by each run - the higher the node in the hierarchy, the more likely it is to be recalculated unnecessarily when runs are too frequent.

Designing the extract and summarisation trigger strategy is therefore an efficiency and cost calculation as much as a data currency one. The goal is to batch enough posting activity per run that the server cost of the summarisation is justified by the volume of new data being processed, without allowing the data to become stale enough to affect reporting decisions. Section 7.2 discusses the trigger mechanisms available to find that balance.

## 7.2 Designing the Extract Strategy

The frequency and trigger conditions for GL extracts are entirely within the client's control, since the Summarisation Engine simply monitors a landing folder for new CSV files. Rather than committing to a fixed schedule, organisations benefit from defining extract triggers that reflect their actual posting activity patterns. Three trigger types can be used individually or in combination:

| Trigger Type | Description | Example |
|---|---|---|
| Time-based | Extract at regular intervals regardless of posting activity. Simple and predictable; ensures data is never older than the chosen interval. Recommended as a backstop in all configurations. | Every 30 minutes during business hours |
| Amount-based | Extract when the cumulative value of postings since the last extract reaches a defined threshold. Responsive to high-value activity without requiring a schedule change. Particularly effective during month-end and year-end periods when large postings occur. | When £1,000,000 has been posted since the last extract |
| Count-based | Extract when the number of individual transactions since the last extract reaches a threshold. Effective for organisations with high transaction volumes and smaller average posting values. | When 50 transactions have been posted since the last extract |
| Combination | All three triggers are active simultaneously; whichever fires first initiates the extract. Provides the most responsive and resource-efficient pattern for organisations with variable workload profiles. | 30 minutes, OR £1,000,000 posted, OR 50 transactions - whichever occurs first |

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Immediate | Extract on demand, initiated manually or by an automated trigger when results are needed at once. | A critical update has been made to the General Ledger and the summarised results are required immediately. |

Using a combination trigger gives a responsive and efficient extract cadence. High-volume business periods are handled by the activity thresholds; quiet periods are covered by the time-based backstop. The practical effect is that data currency tracks posting activity automatically, without any manual intervention or schedule management.

The summarisation time is not materially affected by extract frequency. Because the incremental build only recalculates changed node values, a small extract processed every 15 minutes is typically faster than a large extract processed every hour. Frequent, small extracts are therefore often preferable to infrequent, large ones - both for data currency and for Summarisation Engine performance.

For clients with strict data currency service level requirements - for example, a commitment that the reporting cube will always reflect GL activity within the last 15 minutes - a combination trigger with a short time-based interval and appropriate activity thresholds provides the most reliable approach.

The combination pattern is summarised below: all three triggers run simultaneously, and whichever fires first produces the extract.

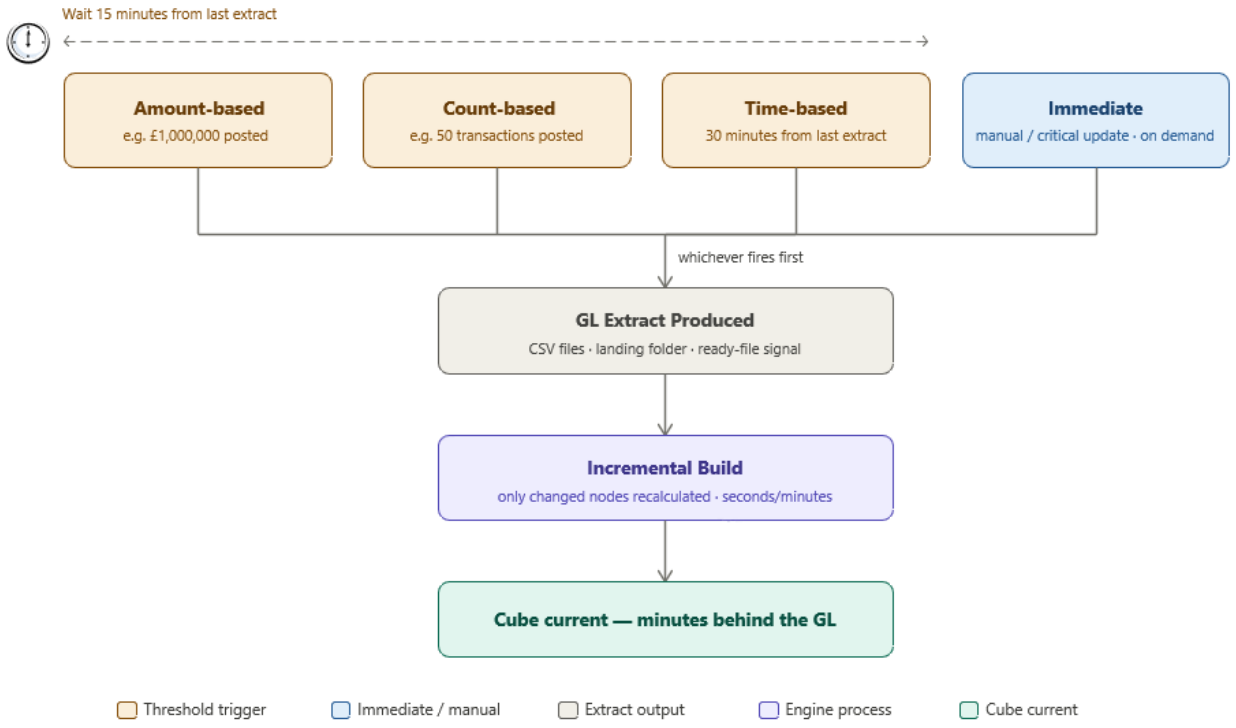



*Figure 19: Extract trigger strategy - time, amount, and count triggers combined, with the incremental build keeping the cube minutes behind the GL*

## 7.3 Usable During Updates - Cube-by-Cube Release

The incremental build does more than keep summarisation fast; it also keeps the system usable throughout a data load. Rather than holding all new data back until the entire run completes, Wevo applies roll-up updates one cube at a time, processing cubes in descending year order so the current year - the most-used data - refreshes first.
As each cube is updated to reflect the GL, the A/B table switch for that cube is made immediately: its new data becomes available to users while the next cube is still being processed. This continues

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until every active cube has been refreshed. The practical effect is that there is no maintenance window and no lock-out, even across millions of rows - users keep working, and the most relevant data appears first, which optimises the perceived processing time.

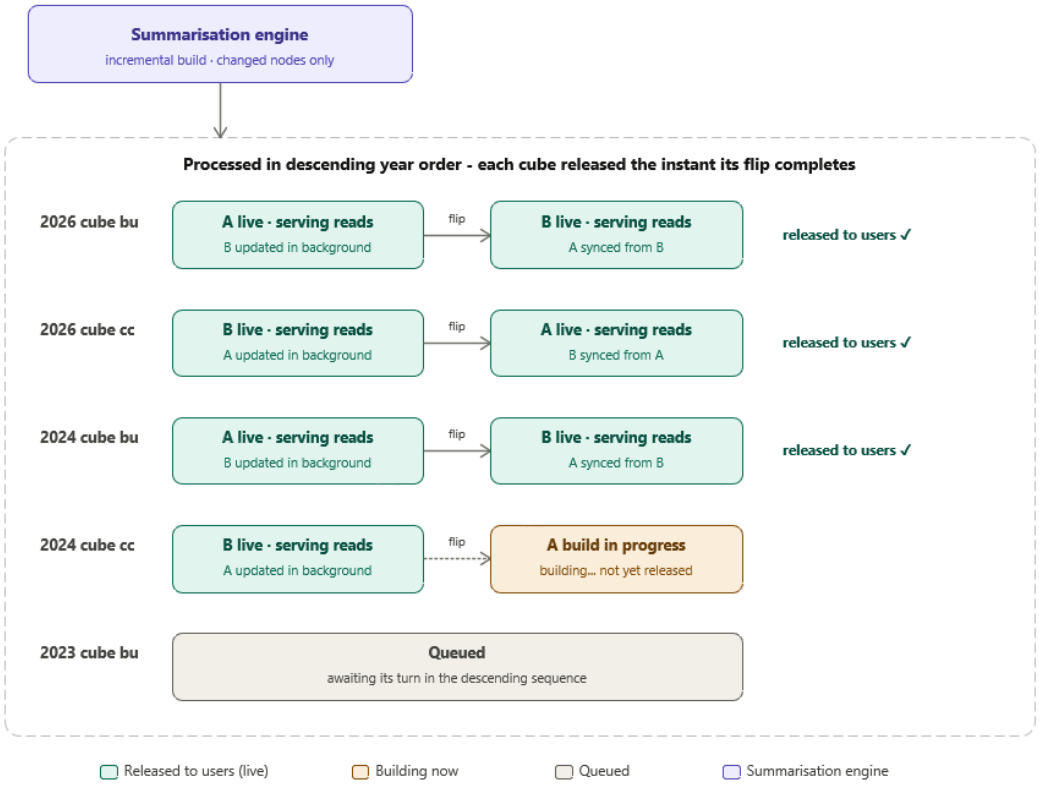



*Figure 20: Cube-by-cube release - each cube is switched live the moment it completes, current year first, so users keep working throughout the load*

# 8 System Architecture

Wevo GL Analytics is built on modern, enterprise-grade technology:

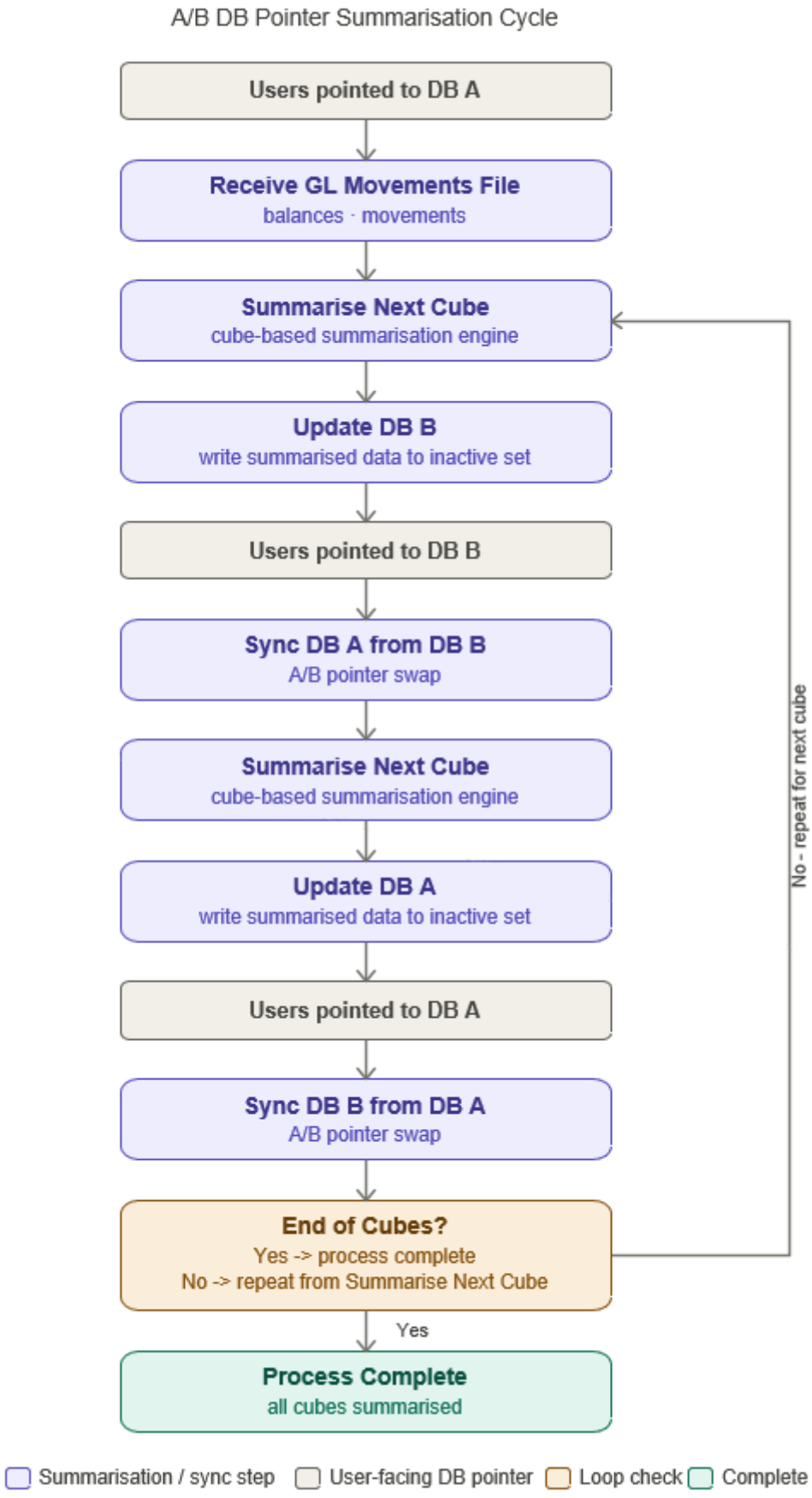
- **Web Application:** FastAPI (Python) with Jinja2 templating and Bootstrap front-end
- **Database:** SQL Server with stored procedure architecture for data processing
- **Summarisation Engine:** Python-based CSV processing with polling engine and validators
- **Data Integration:** File-based CSV feeds with ready-file signalling for zero manual intervention
- **Security by Design: no dynamic SQL in any production procedure, function or trigger of the Wevo code, removing an entire class of injection risk and simplifying security review in regulated and high-assurance environments**

The platform is designed for enterprise performance and scalability, with hierarchies of up to 25,000 organisational nodes and 5,000 chart-of-accounts nodes demonstrated, and transaction datasets with millions of GL entries. The A/B table-switching architecture ensures zero downtime during incremental data loads, and the Summarisation Engine processes data efficiently through SQL Server stored procedures.

The zero-downtime guarantee for incremental loads comes from the A/B table-switching pattern: while one table set serves every user query, the Summarisation Engine builds the new data in a parallel shadow set, and an instant pointer switch brings it live. A full balance build is different. It

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clears down and rebuilds the data, so it is scheduled out of hours, for example late on a Saturday evening, and users should not use Wevo while it runs.




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*Figure 21: A/B table switching - users are served throughout the build; the pointer switch is instantaneous*

# 9 Compliance and Regulatory Considerations

Wevo GL Analytics is deployed entirely within the Client's own managed infrastructure. This on-premise hosting model means that all financial data remains under the Client's direct control at all times, with no data transmitted to or processed by any third-party environment. As a result, the deployment inherits the Client's existing enterprise security controls and is designed to operate within the key regulatory frameworks applicable to financial systems.

Data sovereignty and residency requirements - including GDPR, CCPA, and equivalent regional privacy frameworks - are supported by design, as data never crosses organisational or geographic boundaries outside the Client's estate. Operational resilience obligations under DORA and NIS2 are addressed through the Client's own Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery infrastructure, with Wevo providing software built to security-by-design principles, including vulnerability management and MFA-ready integration points. Financial data integrity requirements under SOX and Basel III are supported through encrypted, time-stamped audit logging within the application, with database-level access permissions and separation of duties enforced by the Client's DBA team on their own servers. Technical security standards under PCI-DSS 4.x and the NIST Cybersecurity Framework are supported through the application's use of AES-256 encryption, with SSL/TLS certificate management and Identity Provider integration - including Azure AD and Okta - handled by the Client within their existing security infrastructure.

Under this Shared Responsibility Model, the Client assumes responsibility for infrastructure-level controls, and Wevo provides the application layer with the technical capabilities required to operate within those controls. No additional third-party data processing agreements, cross-border transfer mechanisms, or external audit obligations are introduced by the deployment of Wevo GL Analytics.

# 10 Deployment Options

Wevo can be deployed in any of three models, depending on client requirements: cloud (in the client's own cloud account), hybrid (the application in the cloud with the data held on-premise, which meets most data-residency policies), or fully on-premise. The system requires SQL Server (2019 or later), a Python runtime environment, and a web server. All static assets (CSS, JavaScript, fonts) are served locally to support fully air-gapped deployments if needed.

For clients with existing GL systems running on platforms other than SQL Server, the Summarisation Engine interfaces through standard CSV files, making integration straightforward regardless of the source system.

## 10.1 Source Code and the Continuity Licence

Wevo is supplied with its complete source code at installation. The licence agreement includes a continuity provision: if the product can no longer be supported by the vendor, the client retains the source code and is free to continue the life of the product using in-house teams or modern AI-assisted development tooling.
This is a stronger guarantee than a conventional escrow arrangement - there is no release procedure, no trigger dispute, and nothing held by a third party to go stale. Because the codebase is Python and standard SQL on mainstream infrastructure, it is precisely the kind of system an in-house team can own. For regulated organisations, the provision also serves as a ready-made exit strategy for ICT third-party risk frameworks such as DORA: the continuity of the reporting service does not depend on the continuity of the vendor.

## 10.2 Development and Production Instances

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The Wevo licence includes both a development and a production instance - one licence, two environments, with no surcharge for the non-production environment. The production instance serves live reporting and the email reporting service; the development instance supports training, testing, and ongoing hierarchy and cube development work without touching live processing. Finance teams can therefore prepare and rehearse complex changes - a major reorganisation, a new cube, a restructured chart of accounts - safely in development, then promote the validated result to production on the next full build.

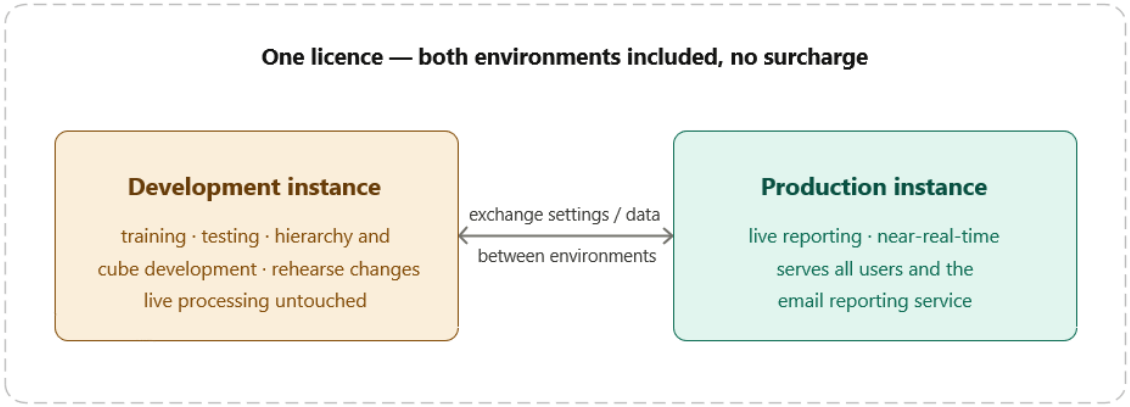



*Figure 22: Development and production instances - both included in the licence; validated changes are promoted from development to production on the next full build*

# 11 What Makes Wevo Different

Several aspects of Wevo GL Analytics distinguish it from conventional financial reporting tools, off-the-shelf BI platforms, and custom development approaches.

**Management Reporting Architecture.** Wevo is built around the principle that financial data should be presented through the lens of the people and structures responsible for it. Rather than producing flat account-code reports, Wevo allows organisations to define hierarchies that precisely reflect their management structure, cost ownership model, or product groupings. This is not a configurable add-on; it is the architectural foundation of the system.

**Non-Intrusive Integration by Design.** Wevo has no direct connection to the source GL database. It receives periodic CSV extracts and processes them independently. This means Wevo can be deployed alongside any GL system - regardless of vendor or platform - without risk to the GL environment, without vendor agreements for direct database access, and without any impact on GL performance. The integration mechanism is the simplest possible interface, yet it supports all of Wevo's analytical capabilities.

**Hierarchies as First-Class Citizens.** In most BI platforms, cost centre and business unit roll-ups are a feature added over a flat data model. In Wevo, the hierarchy is the data model. Cubes are defined by their hierarchies, security is enforced by hierarchy scope, and all reporting is structured around hierarchy navigation. When the organisation changes - a new department created, a cost centre reorganised, a product line added - the Wevo hierarchy is updated to reflect that change immediately, with no impact on existing data and no need to redefine any reports.

**Zero-Downtime Incremental Loads.** Wevo uses an A/B table-switching architecture for incremental data updates. While one set of tables is serving live user queries, the Summarisation Engine builds the new data in a parallel shadow set. When the build is complete, the system switches transparently to the new data. Users experience no interruption, even when processing millions of GL transactions, and there is no maintenance window required for incremental updates. A full balance build is different: it clears down and rebuilds the data, so it is scheduled out of hours, for example late on a Saturday evening, and users should not use Wevo while it runs.

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**Channel-Agnostic Report Delivery.** Beyond the interactive web interface, Wevo's Email Reporting Engine delivers formatted reports by email using structured request messages. Users who do not need - or should not have - direct access to the analytical interface can receive precisely the reports assigned to their profile, formatted and delivered automatically. This makes Wevo practical for cost centre managers, external stakeholders, and board-level recipients alike.

**Reorganisation-Proof Reporting.** In conventional reporting systems, an organisational restructure typically requires changes to report definitions, account mapping tables, and often to the underlying data model. In Wevo, the hierarchy structure is maintained separately from the financial data. A reorganisation is reflected by updating the hierarchy; the existing data remains valid and fully navigable through the new structure on the next data build. No report definitions need to change.

**Data Sovereignty by Design.** Wevo is deployed entirely within the client's own infrastructure. There is no cloud dependency, no SaaS subscription, and no third-party data processing. All financial data remains inside the client's environment at all times, satisfying data residency, regulatory, and internal governance requirements without additional controls or agreements.

**Comparatives That Keep Up.** After a reorganisation, prior-year data is instantly comparable through the new structure - no restatement, no mapping tables - while preserved structures keep history available exactly as it was reported. Most tools force a choice between the two views; Wevo provides both from the same data.

**Structure Preserved Before It Is Lost.** A reorganisation destroys the ability to reproduce what was reported before it, and no amount of money fixes that afterwards. Wevo preserves the organisational and accounts structure of any moment in a single click, for under 1 MB, holding no data and imposing no processing load. The copy cannot be amended after creation, only deleted - so it stands as evidence of what was genuinely in force, not as a working copy somebody might have adjusted. Competitors that bake the hierarchy into the stored data cannot do this at all.

**Source Code From Day One.** Wevo installs with its full source code under a continuity licence. Every other vendor asks you to trust their longevity; Wevo removes the question entirely.

**Passive Longitudinal Data Collection.** The node pair watchlist accumulates a granular, time-stamped history for the organisation and account intersections that matter most - written automatically on every incremental movements update in which a watched pair is calculated, for each currency defined in the System Parameters, with no ongoing administration. The longer it runs, the more valuable the dataset becomes for trend analysis, anomaly detection, and AI-driven insight, all without any additional query to the source GL.

**Hardened by Design. Wevo's code contains no dynamic SQL in any production procedure, function or trigger. This removes an entire class of injection risk by construction and eases security review in regulated and high-assurance environments - a structural property of the product, not a configuration option that can be switched off.**

**Proven Pedigree.** The cost centre and profit centre reporting logic at the heart of Wevo is not new or untested. Its first incarnation, in the early 2000s, ran on IBM mainframes and was adopted by major UK clearing banks for exactly this kind of multi-level management reporting. Wevo re-engineers that proven approach as a modern, deployable platform - so clients gain a fresh, maintainable product built on a foundation with a genuine Tier-1 banking track record.

# 12 Benefits Summary

Wevo GL Analytics delivers tangible benefits to finance teams:

- Near-real-time access to summarised GL data, updated automatically from regular GL source system extracts and current to within minutes of GL activity
- Multi-dimensional analysis through flexible hierarchy matching
- Drilldown capability from summary to segment-value-level detail

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- Budget variance analysis built into every view
- Self-service reporting that reduces dependency on IT
- Adaptable hierarchies that reflect organisational changes without system redesign
- Non-intrusive integration that does not modify or impact the GL system
- Security profiles that enforce data access boundaries, ensuring users see only the financial data relevant to their role
- Enterprise-scale capacity supporting organisational hierarchies of up to 25,000 nodes and chart of accounts hierarchies of up to 5,000 nodes
- Zero-downtime hierarchy maintenance - hierarchies can be updated during business hours while the current production version remains fully operational, with changes promoted automatically on the next full balance build
- Budgets beside actuals through the same hierarchies, with variance at every node and 16 periods (12 trading plus 4 close, or 13 trading plus 3 close)
- Like-for-like comparatives after any restructure, with preserved structures for as-was reporting
- Preserve Structure - one click captures the organisational and accounts hierarchies as at today, permanently and immutably, for under 1 MB and with no data or processing overhead; years can be allocated later to reproduce the figures exactly as reported at the time
- Unlimited users and report recipients - there is no per-seat licensing, so adoption is free and the price does not rise as more people use the system
- Management accounts distributed by email to any authorised inbox - unlimited recipients, no licence seats
- Full source code supplied at installation under the Wevo Continuity Licence - a built-in vendor-independence guarantee
- Node pair watchlist building a granular, time-stamped history of key intersections automatically on every incremental movements update - a passive, zero-effort longitudinal data store
- Development and production instances both included in the licence, so complex changes can be prepared and rehearsed safely before reaching the live system
- No dynamic SQL in any production procedure, function or trigger of the Wevo code, removing an entire class of injection risk and easing security review

# 13 Next Steps

This document has introduced the core concepts, capabilities, and architecture of Wevo GL Analytics. Organisations wishing to proceed with an evaluation or deployment should refer to the following supporting documentation:

- **From First Call to Live Reporting** - how an evaluation and implementation run, in five stages, and what each stage needs from you.
- **Technical Architecture and Integration Overview** - the components, the GL feed, deployment layouts, and what your IT and GL teams need to provide.
- **Security and Controls Overview** - the security architecture and controls, for IT security, risk and audit review.
- **Components and Installation Prerequisites** - what must be installed for each module, with example server layouts.

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- **Implementing Multi-Level Management Reporting** - a business operations guide to planning and rolling out multi-level management reporting with Wevo, with a worked banking-group example.
- **GL Segment Values Import, Hierarchy Import, GL Balances Load and Full Build, and GL Movements Load and Incremental Update** - the four file specifications: file layouts, validation rules, ready-file signalling and how each file is processed.
- **Designing the GL Extract** - a white paper to help your team build the best extract from the general ledger.
- **Engines Installation Guide and CubeDev and Analytics Installation Guide** - installing and configuring the Summarisation Engine, the optional Email Reporting Engine and the two web applications on Linux.
- **User Manual: Hierarchy and Cube Development** - covers the Hierarchy and Cube Development application, including hierarchy creation and maintenance, cube management, user administration, and security profile configuration.
- **User Manual: Cube Drilldown Enquiry** - covers cube selection and navigation, hierarchy Drilldown, budget variance analysis, preserved structures and build information.
- **Management Accounts by Email** - what the management accounts distribution does, how to request Trial Balance and Profit and Loss reports, and how administrators set it up.
- **Requesting Reports by Email** - a short guide for report users.

To arrange a demonstration or to discuss deployment requirements, please contact Wevo GL Analytics at info@wevo.co.uk.

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