BlackLine for Oracle
Transform Your Financial Close
Cox Communications runs Oracle. Closes with BlackLine.

“BlackLine allows us to optimize our use of Oracle and really complements our Oracle functionality.”

—TAMMIE COLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ENTERPRISE ACCOUNTING, FINANCIAL SYSTEMS & COMPLIANCE, COX COMMUNICATIONS
The Leading Financial Corporate Performance Management Solution for Oracle

BlackLine is the first and leading provider of innovative and advanced financial controls and automation technology that elevates the entire financial close process for enterprises running Oracle. Recognized by Gartner as a Leader, we partner with over 1,800 organizations and 170,000 accounting professionals in over 130 countries. The world’s best known brands and fastest growing companies run BlackLine and Oracle together to transform their finance and accounting teams into exceptional change agents and transform company performance.

BlackLine is committed to delivering Financial Corporate Performance Management solutions to Oracle customers through a completely integrated cloud platform, and helping them automate their financial close, account reconciliations, bank and credit card reconciliations, journal entries, SOX and regulatory compliance, and numerous other processes.

BlackLine complements existing Oracle Corporate Performance Management (CPM), Governance Risk and Compliance (GRC), and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems, integrating financial and business data between Oracle applications and the BlackLine platform.

The BlackLine Difference for Oracle

Not all financial close solutions are created equally. It’s why CFOs and Financial Controllers at companies running Oracle choose BlackLine to create a best-in-class close process that is uniquely integrated and comprehensive. Only BlackLine delivers class-leading account reconciliation, the industry’s most comprehensive transaction matching, and intercompany accounting and financial close task management that unifies financial processes across an enterprise’s Oracle and non-Oracle landscape.

As the recognized pioneer in Financial Corporate Performance Management, BlackLine delivers direct financial close integration from, to, and across every Oracle ERP solution, on-premise or cloud: Oracle E-Business Suite; Oracle Fusion Financials; Oracle JD Edwards; Oracle PeopleSoft; Oracle NetSuite; and every non-Oracle ERP—throughout countries and subsidiaries.

Only BlackLine provides Oracle customers with class-leading customer service, paired with unmatched capability, flexibility, and integration in a single unified built-for-cloud financial close solution.
Western Union runs Oracle.
Closes with BlackLine.

“BlackLine has given us a greater amount of efficiency in terms of workflow. It replaced all our manual processes. We have everything in a one-stop shop.”

—SHAY CARROLL, ACCOUNTING DIRECTOR GSAS, WESTERN UNION
The BlackLine Advantage for Oracle Customers

Accelerating the Journey to Finance & Accounting Transformation

BlackLine immediately enhances existing Record-to-Report processes with unparalleled automation—achieving significant benefits from faster close times to reduced accounting effort for businesses running any Oracle ERP, whether on-premise, private cloud, or public cloud from Oracle Financials to JD Edwards, PeopleSoft to NetSuite.

And, uniquely, BlackLine provides a pathway to the future: Continuous Accounting, the latest innovation developed by BlackLine that shifts traditional end-of-period tasks to continuous day-to-day activities, enabling additional benefits from workload distribution to point-in-time reporting, using robotic process automation (RPA), real-time processing, and sophisticated Business Rules intelligence.

Unique Benefits for Enterprises Running Oracle

• **Speed.** BlackLine speeds and orchestrates tasks like reconciliation, intercompany accounting, and transaction matching across Oracle and non-Oracle ERPs as well as external systems.

• **Efficiency.** Our intelligent multi-source transaction matching, journal entry management, and other products are all designed to be used continuously, through the period, rather than just at period end, resulting in more balanced workloads throughout the close.

• **Integrated.** BlackLine delivers the most integrated financial close platform with fully integrated bi-directional journal entry management that drives data back into Oracle, automatically.

• **Visibility.** Point-in-time visibility into financial results across Oracle and non-Oracle accounting systems, ensuring that everyone from individual contributors, to managers, to the CFO all see the latest results, in real time—no more guessing.

• **Trust.** BlackLine provides unparalleled uptime, comprehensive built-in disaster recovery, and includes a sandbox that reduces finance risk.

• **Flexible.** Totally integrated with Oracle, yet with full connectivity to over 40 other ERPs, BlackLine uniquely scales with ERP complexity due to acquisitions and new business initiatives, providing close task management that reaches across the enterprise—ideal for shared services organizations.
Continuous Accounting

Invented by BlackLine. Transforming Enterprises Running Oracle.

We live and breathe financial close innovation—it’s all we do. Continuous Accounting, invented by BlackLine, provides a distinct advantage for organizations running Oracle. It pivots tasks like reconciliations, intercompany processes, transaction matching, and variance analysis, so they aren’t only automated: they’re real time. It delivers more than efficiency benefits alone, because it distributes the accounting workload over the accounting period, reducing overtime and weekend crunches that often overload and burn out accounting talent.

A continuous approach to the close connects to ERPs across the organization—from Oracle at corporate, to any ERP in any country or subsidiary, and systems beyond the enterprise from banking to credit card systems, to flow data into processes that are essential for the financial close like reconciliations, intercompany processing, and journal entry.

It uses business rules and logic as well as scheduling to apply robotic process automation (RPA) technology and machine-processing to automate repetitive tasks. And it provides visibility into exceptions to focus the team on variance analysis, account detail, and transaction analysis, so they can identify outliers and drill-down, in real time.
Real Results for Oracle Customers

Our customers running Oracle have achieved truly transformative results.

It’s a big part of the BlackLine difference—proven benefits, real success, amazing results, and breakthrough customer satisfaction.

We’re proud to have partnered with accounting leaders at Oracle customers to achieve:

- Automated 96% of journal entries and 83% of reconciliations—every month journal entries are posted automatically.
- Cut hours needed for reconciliation by 93%, auto-certifies 40-65% of accounts across Oracle and non-Oracle ERPs.
- Reduced time spent on month-end close by 83%, from 30 days to five.
- Reduced manual data entry by auto-certifying 66% of reconciliations.
- 100% reconciliation automation across 3,000 balance sheet accounts and 40 locations.
- Instant transparency 24/7, globally, from the preparer to corporate controller across 70 operating entities worldwide.
- Instead of four reviews a year, they’re getting 12—quarterly financials are prepared more quickly and accurately.
- Out of 15,000 monthly reconciliations, 99.8% compliance across 28 currency ledgers.
“With BlackLine, everything is prepared the same way. Now, we can very quickly, before we release earnings, give confidence to the controller that the entire balance sheet of the company has been reviewed and prepared in accordance with our policies.”

—MIKE GALUS, VICE PRESIDENT, FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING, NASDAQ
Solutions for Every Accounting Organization

With an unrelenting focus on accounting success, BlackLine provides a complete range of solutions no matter where organizations running Oracle are on their finance journey, from upgrading traditional record-to-report processes through automation by improving close and balance sheet integrity, to achieving finance transformation through both Continuous Accounting and continuous improvement.

SOLUTIONS

- Finance Transformation Solution
- Accounting Process Automation
- Close Process Management
- Balance Sheet Integrity
- Intercompany Hub

PRODUCTS

- Transaction Matching
- Account Reconciliations
- Consolidation Integrity Manager
- Daily Reconciliations
- Journal Entry
- Variance Analysis
- Task Management
- Insights

CLOUD PLATFORM

- Enterprise-Class Security
- Enhanced Reporting, Dashboards, Benchmarking, Analytics, and Insights
- Unified, Private, and ERP-Agnostic Cloud Platform
Solutions Designed for Every Accounting Organization

Finance Transformation Solution

As our most comprehensive solution for Oracle customers, the BlackLine Finance Transformation Solution is designed to help organizations gain the maximum benefit of BlackLine. Powered by Account Reconciliations, Task Management, Variance Analysis, Journal Entry, Daily Reconciliations, and Transaction Matching capabilities, our Finance Transformation Solution provides a comprehensive range of automation and controls capabilities enabling organizations to leapfrog traditional record-to-report processes—and transform their organization with Continuous Accounting. And with Insights included, it even enables accounting organizations to gain clear visibility into business process performance for continuous improvement.

Close Process Management

The BlackLine Close Process Management solution is specifically designed for organizations running Oracle to orchestrate and accelerate the financial close. This solution provides tools that work in unison to manage and execute the “last mile of finance” by embedding controls and process standardization in reconciliation and month-end close processes. BlackLine becomes the go-to configurable, web-based command center across your Oracle and non-Oracle ERPs. From here, you can manage accounting and finance tasks while providing the visibility needed to track and manage the financial close process.

Accounting Process Automation

Our Accounting Process Automation solution is designed for organizations running Oracle to upgrade their record-to-report processes using selected automation capabilities that breakthrough tough manual processes. It covers the full reconciliation to adjustment process, allowing for transactional process automation through configurable matching rules with automated clearing of items. It’s the key to elevating accounting processes to the next level and focuses resources on strategic analysis, not transactional tasks.

Balance Sheet Integrity

Built to underpin Oracle with automation, auditability and ultimately trust, our Balance Sheet Integrity solution includes Account Reconciliations, Daily Reconciliations, and Transaction Matching, creating a powerful foundation for building trust based on substantiated account balances.

Intercompany Hub

Designed for multi-subsidiary and multi-entity organizations to manage intercompany transactions and adapt to global regulatory change, our Intercompany Hub provides a single, centralized point of management for organizations for controls, approvals, documentation, reconciliations, and much more.
BlackLine’s Products Extend and Complement Your Oracle Investments

BlackLine streamlines and automates your financial close, integrating with your Oracle and non-Oracle investments every step of the way. It provides matching, reconciliation and auto-certification using configurable business rules, process and workflow management for reconciliations organized around accounts and transactions, and further individual close optimizations such as intercompany reconciliation, open items clearing, close management, variance analysis, and pre-consolidation integrity.
“Implementing BlackLine was a huge win for us. It delivered everything in efficiency and compliance that we expected it to do.”

—VICTORIA MANGOLD, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OPERATIONS, MANHEIM
Account Reconciliations

Industry-leading Account Reconciliations standardizes the reconciliation process by enabling accountants to verify the correctness and appropriateness of their balance sheets with streamlined rules-based automation. Accounting professionals can quickly compare general ledger, bank, and other data, investigate discrepancies, attach supporting documentation, and take required actions from an intuitive, unified workspace, driving accuracy into the financial close with embedded controls and consistency.

Transaction Matching

Streamlines and automates detail-heavy reconciliations, such as bank reconciliations, credit card matching, intercompany reconciliations, and invoice-to-PO matching—all in one centralized workspace. With our multi-source Transaction Matching engine, accounting organizations can reconcile millions of high-volume transactions in minutes. With the flexibility to match any type of data from many data sources, identify matched and unmatched transactions, and flag exceptions rapidly, accounting teams can easily create reconciling items from unmatched transactions as part of a reconciliation.

Daily Reconciliations

Daily Reconciliations combines transaction matching, account reconciliation, and automated journals functionality to streamline the regular monitoring and verification of account balances. It continually checks and ensures accuracy throughout an accounting period and automates labor-intensive reconciliations, while ensuring the validity of the balances of bank, credit card, lockbox, and other key accounts. By embedding controls, removing risk from manual spreadsheet-based processes, and automating routine daily reconciliations, it cuts repetitive accounting workloads.

Consolidation Integrity Manager

Financial consolidation solutions are powerful for mapping accounts across General Ledgers and managing intercompany eliminations, but they rely on sound processes as well as correct data being loaded into them to consolidate without error. With Consolidation Integrity Manager, accounting teams can automate the tedious system-to-system reconciliation process, and bring data from across Oracle ERPs and other ERP systems into a centralized location. It provides an automated workflow to investigate discrepancies, and eliminates the need to manually compare multiple ledgers to a consolidation system.

“BlackLine is far superior to our previous Excel solutions. The visibility of the platform has exceeded management’s expectations. Cost savings and efficiency opportunities continue to be uncovered.”

—GLENDA VISTE, SENIOR DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OPTIMIZATION INITIATIVES, SIMPLOT
Journal Entry

A complete centralized journal entry management system that enables the creation, review, and approval of journals, with electronic certification and supporting documentation. Journals can be posted directly back to Oracle ERPs with pre-posting validation to catch entry or logic errors, eliminating ledger rejections. It provides accounting organizations with automation that can electronically certify and store journals with all supporting documentation.

Task Management

Close orchestration is key to a well managed close. BlackLine Task Management centrally manages accounting tasks across Oracle and non-Oracle ERPs—ideal for shared services operations, including reporting, journal creation, and reconciliation approval. It can automatically certify tasks in a hierarchy when child tasks are complete, and provides complete control to track a variety of task types including close checklists, PBC lists, tax filings, and more.

Variance Analysis

Variance Analysis automates the monitoring and analysis of account balance fluctuations using rules that are customizable and flexible. Accountants can easily identify account balances that fall outside of configurable thresholds, and more effectively manage risks by quickly uncovering discrepancies and flagging them for further investigation.

Insights

BlackLine Insights provides powerful statistics and comparative benchmarking around accounting process performance such as on-time completion percent, auto-reconciliation rate, and many more—providing visibility into accounting operations for continuous improvement.

Enhanced Reporting

Enhanced Reporting enables finance and accounting to use over 41 template reports, and build custom ad-hoc reports tailored to requirements. You can create role-specific reports for Preparers, Auditors, CFOs, etc., and store them in a personal folder for your own use or make them accessible company-wide.

Sandbox

Testing is a critical component of effective change management. BlackLine’s Sandbox Environment, available as standard, is built to facilitate process and system testing, enabling accounting organizations to test process changes prior to rolling them out to the entire department or organization.
Toga Group runs Oracle JD Edwards. Closes with BlackLine.

“We were impressed by the fact that BlackLine was an integrated product and it could achieve very high rates of auto reconciliation. It was simple to deploy and intuitive to use.”

—MICHAEL GOWING, GROUP FINANCIAL CONTROLLER, TOGA GROUP
A Cloud Platform
Designed for Accounting

Our software isn’t only designed for accounting—our underlying cloud platform is, too. Our private cloud platform is only focused on running and securing the financial close for our customers—nothing else. From our certifications around our data center, operations and controls, to our availability track record and our included disaster recovery, it’s all engineered to specifically minimize risk and exposure around customers’ accounting operations and financial close. It’s all we’re focused on—every minute, every day.

Regulatory Compliance & Certifications

As part of our commitment to maintaining a world-class security infrastructure, we validate the effectiveness of our security controls by auditing our environment using internationally recognized auditing standards—SSAE 16 SOC 1/2/3 Type II and ISAE 3402. We also hold the ISO/IEC 27001:2013 compliance certification, and maintain separate data centers in the US and EU, so no EU customer data is transferred outside of the EU. Further, BlackLine partners with top tier data center providers to ensure the availability and security of our service. Ultimately, our controls and safeguards translate to unsurpassed security and privacy for our customers’ information, no matter where they are in the world.

Industry Leading Security

BlackLine servers and operations for production and disaster recovery are in top tier, enterprise-grade data centers certified for security and availability and are designed to meet the stringent requirements of the world’s largest enterprises. Our team of technology and security experts operates world-class layered infrastructure and controls that protect our production and corporate environments. BlackLine adheres to the highest security standards to protect our customers’ data and communications, using TLS/SSL technologies and 2048-bit encryption keys for all web communications and data transfers, and securing data at rest using 256-bit AES.

Proven Uptime. Best in Class Disaster Recovery Included—as Standard.

We take pride in our track record of availability and are confident that we won’t just meet your expectations when it comes to performance and availability—we’ll exceed them. BlackLine’s status, response times, security status, and more, are published on trust.blackline.com to provide transparency into our performance. We provide the utmost data management policies and procedures, because your data is at the center of what you do. We apply the strongest data management throughout our global centers with daily backups, and near real-time replication for disaster recovery. With our hot site Disaster Recovery (DR) policy, all application data is backed up in real time—delivering unprecedented peace of mind.
More than a Software Company.
A Community Committed to Accounting Success.

Sometimes, using a new software solution can be daunting, whether rolling it out across the organization, or working with the supporting team. That’s why a big part of the BlackLine difference is in our philosophy about how we work with our customers to achieve success. You’ll find working with BlackLine is refreshingly different.

Our Customer Commitment is a Difference Maker

Your organization relies on you 24X7, and you should expect that your provider is there for you to rely on too. That’s why BlackLine provides 24X7X365 support for all our customers as standard. Because there’s no one more committed to your success than BlackLine and our global partners, from the moment you join the BlackLine family, BlackLine and our partners are with you every step of the way.

With clients of every size and industry around the world, we’ve solved business challenges both big and small. No matter where you want to begin—increasing balance sheet integrity, aiming for full transformation, or adding value to your current BlackLine system, BlackLine Services and our partners have the knowledge and expertise to make you successful.

• **Implementation Services.** Dedicated implementation specialists take a consultative approach, involving key stakeholders to ensure outcomes are aligned with goals.

• **Global Support.** 24/7/365 support for all clients via phone, email, and web.

• **Training & Education.** Individualized, role-based training and personalized learning.

• **Ongoing Customer Success.** Customer Success Managers partner with you to address immediate needs and drive continuous innovation within your Accounting and Finance organization.
Our partner ecosystem provides you with a broad and deep network of expertise that complements BlackLine, whether you require regional business process or industry expertise, systems integration and process optimization, or are embarking on finance and accounting transformation.

One Community with One Focus: Exceptional Accounting

Our customers enjoy a unique benefit of their BlackLine experience, a thriving customer community completely focused on achieving unprecedented accounting success that enhances their organization, their team, and their experience. Our 170,000+ strong community shared over 6,000+ questions and best practices last year alone.

Our InTheBlack customer conference is the world’s largest gathering completely focused on automating the financial close, nothing else. And because our customers are running the same version, they’re uniquely positioned to share tips and insights that can be immediately applied.
“BlackLine far and away seemed like the most robust solution in the market. It also was the one most commonly used with a lot of good references. We saw that large companies were implementing BlackLine and having success with it.”

—WADE PENNINGTON, CORPORATE CONTROLLER, SUPERSHUTTLE
Integration with Your Hybrid Landscape

We understand that Oracle is often just one part of your ERP fabric that stretches across countries, subsidiaries, and acquired businesses, with other systems even situated outside of the enterprise.

It’s why we designed BlackLine to integrate with the hybrid enterprise. It means that no matter how your ERP footprint changes in the future, with new accounting instances, a move to the cloud, or new edge financials sources, BlackLine will integrate with each of these systems bringing ongoing consistency and visibility for your financial close, across the organization. With integration to 40+ ERPs including Oracle ERP, SAP, Microsoft Dynamics GP/NAV/AX/SL, Sage and more, BlackLine connects with, and enhances your ERP landscape, whether on-premise, cloud, or a blend of both.
“BlackLine was the solution to a complicated reconciliation problem. The platform provides sufficient reconciliation time savings, is cost effective, has low ongoing maintenance for user community, and requires very little IT involvement.”

—AMANDA LAM, VICE PRESIDENT, FINANCE OPERATIONS, AVIVA CANADA
BlackLine’s Commitment

More than 1,700 companies, and some of the largest enterprises running Oracle trust BlackLine to help create efficiencies, reduce risk, and provide visibility into financial information. These companies are more than that to BlackLine. They are our clients, ones we proudly serve with a commitment to deliver the solutions they ask for and the products needed to modernize their finance function. They put their trust in us, and in turn, we seek to support them wherever we can.
BlackLine is modernizing the finance and accounting function to enable greater productivity and better detection of accounting errors through Continuous Accounting. This new approach embeds automation, control, and period-end tasks directly within day-to-day activities, allowing the rigid accounting calendar to more closely mirror today’s dynamic business environments. As a result, companies can constantly monitor for error, fraud, and inefficiency before they become material misstatements.

BlackLine’s cloud-based solutions transform Finance & Accounting by automating, centralizing, and streamlining financial close operations, intercompany accounting processes, and other key F&A processes for large and midsize organizations across the globe. Designed to complement existing financial systems, BlackLine fills the gaps left by ERP and CPM systems to help companies increase operational efficiency, real-time visibility, and control and compliance. This ensures end-to-end financial close management and accounting automation, and drives better decision-making across the business.

Move beyond outdated accounting processes and point solutions, and empower your teams to work smarter and more efficiently. Accounting and finance departments in more than 1,800 organizations around the world trust BlackLine to ensure accuracy in their accounting processes and the integrity of their financial statements. That’s more than 170,000 accountants, managers, controllers, auditors, and CFOs who rely on BlackLine to perform their mission-critical processes in near real time.

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