Intercompany Hub

In an era of international trade, mergers and acquisitions, and increased regulations, the complexities of today’s global business environment are taking a toll on multinational organizations.

With data often living in multiple ERP systems, intercompany accounting is costly and fraught with risk. Manual cross-departmental accounting processes can no longer meet the needs of the modern day company.

Reconciliation between global entities is lengthy and challenging, preventing real-time organizational visibility for tax and regulatory reporting and the period-end close.

BlackLine Intercompany Hub delivers what finance executives have been looking for: an end-state structured technology solution that can address the most complex organizational intercompany accounting needs.

The ability to create automated workflows, match and reconcile transactions, and increase settlement visibility eliminates complexity and increases efficiency while mitigating risk.

Intercompany Transformation

**CENTRALIZE GLOBAL GOVERNANCE & POLICIES**

Define intercompany entity trading hierarchy and governance. Store and enforce documents such as your chart of accounts, transfer pricing agreements, and allocations in a centralized repository. Gain end-to-end transaction visibility, quickly link to related transactions, reconciling items, and supporting documentation in one location.

**STANDARDIZE INTERCOMPANY TRANSACTION ADMINISTRATION**

Dynamic workflows can be configured to route transactions to appropriate individuals for approval based on business rules or entity hierarchy. Auto-certify reasonable entries, and reserve time for nuanced transaction analysis.

**EASE RECONCILIATION & MATCHING**

Automate the most time-consuming and resource-intensive intercompany processes through rules-based matching functionality to shift focus to exceptions. Directly link to incorrect transactions within a correcting journal entry.

**FACILITATE NETTING & SETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES**

Complement treasury management system capabilities with a global settlement view of aggregated entity balances. Reduce bank fees through the netting of transactions between qualifying entities. Identify and report on unsettled balances.

**INCREASE REPORTING VISIBILITY**

Dashboards and enhanced reporting capabilities provide aggregated views of data and customizable performance metrics with the ability to drill into transactional level details.
Solution Capabilities

BlackLine Intercompany Hub transforms outdated, back end intercompany accounting by providing a proactive standardized workflow with rules driven automation.

The end-to-end solution brings global data into one location for governance, data and transaction management, reconciliation, netting and settlement administration, and reporting.

Define the intercompany entities hierarchy, and configure relationships to enforce transaction consistency.

The Hub’s flexibility allows organizations to generate transactions and import already posted transactions from external data sources to provide full visibility for audit and reporting.

Transactional Processing

Initiate, approve, and book transactions while enforcing intercompany trading relationships.

Substantiate & Document

Centralize all supporting documentation related to transactions in one easily accessible location. Corresponding journal entries, comments, and automated invoices are linked together for a comprehensive audit trail and certification history.

Transaction Creation & Validation

Control the creation of intercompany transactions with standard templates. Automatically create both sides of the transaction between trading entities with a transaction ID for an easy record trail. Pre-posting validation catches entry or logic errors, ensures accuracy, and eliminates GL and subledger rejections. Automatically create the journal(s) and invoices required by the transaction.

Workflow Approval

Dynamic workflows electronically route transactions to appropriate individuals for approval based on the trading relationship, amount thresholds, and user roles. Auto-certify reasonable entries based on user-defined logic.
Transaction Handling

Maintain global visibility over all intercompany activity.

**Matching**
Intercompany transactions are automatically matched against external data sources, allowing users to efficiently compare the IC transactions that are agreed upon in the Hub versus what was agreed upon in the ERP.

**Reconciliation**
Automatically identify differences and focus attention on discrepancy research and resolution. Create reconciling items from identified unmatched transactions. Include a direct link to incorrect transactions within a correcting journal entry.

**Audit Support**
Empower internal and external auditors to have read-only access to reconciliation information without requiring accounting assistance, or additional research and documentation work.

**Netting**
Reduce the number of transactions required for settlement between entities through netting capabilities. View net-eligible versus non-net-eligible transaction amounts across transacting entities, and quickly understand who net payers and net payees are.

**Settlement Management**
View all settlement balance information between entities in one location. Gain visibility into aggregated netted payable or receivable amounts between entities. Quickly drill down to view transactional detail behind the net totals. Mark intercompany transactions as settled from the transactional drill down.

**Reporting**
Centralized data provides integrity to tax, financial, and regulatory reporting requirements. Dashboards provide transactional level details, exporting capabilities, and aggregation views of customizable performance metrics.
The most daunting challenge for finance executives is managing corporate risk. The growth of today’s multinational organizations makes historical intercompany accounting processes inaccurate, unsustainable, and fraught with risk. Increasing regulations make change all the more urgent as companies are falling out of compliance.

To stay ahead of the competition, it’s essential to have day-to-day visibility into the financial health of an organization. Real-time financial intelligence is also needed to make strategic decisions and respond to swings in the market.

BlackLine Intercompany Hub is a flexible, end-to-end technology solution. It handles large volumes of transactions in a central repository with a structured workflow which builds efficiency, visibility, and risk mitigation into organizations.

Modernizing intercompany accounting processing is finally a reality.

BlackLine’s mission is to continuously improve the quality, accuracy, and efficiency of Accounting and Finance by centralizing intercompany accounting into a single, unified cloud platform.

Intercompany Hub furthers this mission by allowing companies to perform real-time and continuous analysis of global intercompany accounting. It streamlines and automates intercompany transactions, and presents CFOs and Controllers with the information they need to know.

BlackLine enables customers to move beyond outdated processes to a Continuous Accounting model, which embeds real-time automation, controls, and period-end tasks within day-to-day accounting activities. As a result, BlackLine helps companies achieve Modern Finance and ensures an efficient and more accurate financial close.

Close to 2,000 companies around the world trust BlackLine to ensure balance sheet integrity and confidence in their financial statements.