

Cost Solutions

Understand the Key Drivers of Costs with Acumen Cost Analytics

Gain deeper insights and understand the economics of your business by leveraging Armada's cost analytics software in your Strategic Cost Management program.

Costs are the Most Controllable Part of the Profit Equation

Competitive and economic pressures are increasing the demand on management to contain costs, reduce expenses and redirect human and financial capital to the highest and best use. Today, executives require credible cost information to better understand the economics of their business to achieve profitable growth. Current cost management applications are rigid in their methodology and lack the flexibility to adequately model the complexity of today's diverse organizations. Alternatively, disparate spreadsheet modeling from business units competing for financial resources result in conflicting versions of true costs and lack control and governance from Finance. Acumen cost analytics was developed to create an agile modeling solution that can provide one centrally governed cost model for use across the enterprise.

Acumen's multidimensional modeling capabilities provide clients with detailed CostFacts® enhancing data-driven decision support across a variety of cost improvement initiatives, including:

- Product / Customer Profitability
- Shared Services Cost Recovery
- Technology Cost Management
- Operational Cost Improvement
- Delivery Channel Rationalization
- Capacity Optimization

Scalable Flexible Data Model

- Data model can support any size organization and even the most complicated multi-dimensional design
- .Net / SQL Server platform enables rapid deployment

- Calculation engine quickly produces detailed unit cost data
- Get started quickly by importing data residing in spreadsheets, databases, and core applications as model input

Multidimensional Cost Analytics and Information Delivery

- Provides full CostFacts® enabling full transparency at every dimensional intersection of cost assignments
- Ability to add both text and numeric attributes to enhance reporting capabilities
- Easily integrate model data to established reporting environments such as Essbase, Cognos, PowerPivot, or QlikView

Traceability and Reconciliation

- View and report costs results of any dimension with full traceability of cost assignment path
- Full absorption modeling ensures full reconciliation across all dimensions
- Use attributes on any dimension to see expanded views of costs and enhance reporting capabilities
- Robust driver capabilities to capture volume, weighted volume and time driven cost assignments

Built in Documentation and Dictionaries

- Document management features to embed all assumptions directly in model
- Built-in Driver and Activity dictionary functionality to maintain clear definitions of model data
- Notes feature to capture methodology changes and assumptions across multiple periods

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