



Tip of the Month

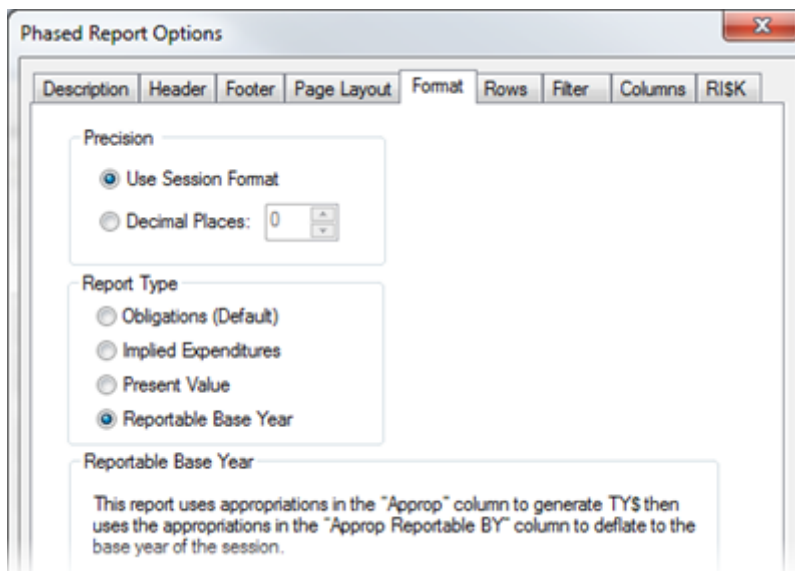
ACE's Approp Reportable BY feature

Did you know that ACE can handle difference approaches to inflation and escalation reporting?

The DoD services are undergoing a paradigm shift on dealing with inflation and escalation. The official definition of those terms will be defined in the Inflation\Escalation Handbook currently under development at CAPE. For simplicity, we will assume that inflation handling references the use of OSD developed inflation indices and escalation is derived from industry specific escalation factors.

From the perspective of ACE, inflation adjustments are typically dealt with by using the US Government Indices built into the ACE System Inflation Tables. Escalation is typically handled through the use of a Custom Inflation Table or the System Global Insights indices. Challenges arise when service and defense level organizations request inflation normalized estimate values for an estimate that has been constructed based on escalation indices. The service and defense level organizations often request that the normalized estimate be deflated to a base year using the US Government Indices (OSD rates). ACE has added a Reportable Base Year feature to accommodate this request. This feature enables the user to create a Base Year (BY) report by deflating a Then Year (TY) value using different indices from the ones used to inflate the original estimate!

You may want to use custom inflation/escalation indices in your model to deal with escalation. The custom appropriations should be entered in the Approp column as the default to handle escalation. All of your default reports (BY or TY) will be calculated using the default appropriations. However, if you need to create a report based on OSD rates, you can utilize the "Reportable Base Year" feature to deflate the TY\$ using OSD rates. In the "Approp Reportable BY" column, enter the appropriate OSD appropriation code/term you wish to use to deflate TY\$ to BY\$. To create a Reportable BY report, select Phased as the report type, and on the Format tab of the report options select "Reportable Base Year".



All training courses have been updated and are being taught with the ACEIT 7.5 software!

Open Training Classes - Washington, DC

Dec 13-16 - ACEIT 101: Introduction to ACE, CO\$TAT and POST - [Enroll Now](#)

Jan 24-27 - ACEIT 201: Next Steps in ACE, CO\$TAT, and POST - [Enroll Now](#)

Feb 7-10 - ACEIT 101: Introduction to ACE, CO\$TAT and POST - [Enroll Now](#)

On-Site Classes

ACEIT training courses are available to be taught at your location. To get more information about On-Site training or to get a quote, [complete the online request form](#).

Mechanics Training

Need more hands on training? ACEIT mechanics training can help. We can provide hands-on training to first time users of ACEIT as well as seasoned users. We can help you get started using ACEIT or provide advanced training on key tools and concepts like ACDB, CO\$TAT, POST, JACS and model automation using functions. E-mail [ACEIT Training](#) for more information.



Support Alerts

Several new Support Alerts have been posted on the [ACEIT website](#).

JACS P6 7.5 - Exception occurred: String was not recognized as a valid TimeSpan (26 Oct 2016)

Problem: *During the Analysis of an XER file, receive the error "Exception occurred while performing CPM drill: String was not recognized as a valid TimeSpan".*

Workaround: *JACS P6 requires that a work day start and finish time be specified. Ensure that all P6 calendar work periods have a start and finish time specified. Calendar information can be changed in the P6 database and then the XER file can be regenerated.*

ACEIT Inflation Utility 7.5 - Ribbon loads but ACEITinf function isn't recognized (8 Sep 2016)

Problem: *The ACEIT Inflation Utility ribbon loads in Excel, however when I try to insert an inflation function (ACEITinf), "#NAME?" is put in the cell.*

Solution: *The Inflation Function addin may not be registered for the current user if ACEIT was installed by a different user (e.g. an IT Admin). Removing the COM Addin "Inflation 7.5 Office Addin" from Excel to allow it to self-register.*

For more details about these support alerts and to view the solutions, view the [Support Alerts](#) online.



Downloads

Two new Hotfixes are now available for download from the [ACEIT website](#).

JACS Hotfix 7.5-003:

Hotfix 7.5-003 fixes the Discrete distribution in JACS, and reading calendar information in P6 XER files. Also in JACS for MS Project, a Schedule Only option and critical only health checks were added to the Analyze process for improved speed and memory usage particularly with large schedules.

Librarian Hotfix 7.5-004:

Hotfix 7.5-004 fixes the problem viewing the system inflation indices using Librarian.



Version Compatibility Chart

ACEIT Version (release date)	Windows OS Version	Microsoft Office Version
7.5 (Aug 2016)	Vista, Windows 7,8 or 10 (32 or 64 bit)	2010,2013,2016 (32 or 64 bit)
7.4b (April 2015) 7.4 (May 2014)	XP, Vista, Windows 7 or 8	2007, 2010, 2013, 2016* (32 or 64 bit)**
7.3a (March 2012) 7.3 (April 2011)	XP, Vista Windows 7 (32 or 64-bit)	2003, 2007,2010 (32-bit only)

* 7.4b is compatible with Office 2016

** ACDB compatible with Excel 2007 and 2010 (32 and 64-bit)

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