ERP Chart of Accounts Design Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Master the Five Fundamental Design Criteria for a Future-Proof Chart of Accounts.
2. Align the CoA structure to support global Digital Transformation initiatives and Cloud ERP adoption.
3. Design a Scalable ERP Solution that seamlessly accommodates future business growth, mergers, and acquisitions.
4. Implement effective Chart of Accounts Governance and maintenance strategies to ensure long-term data integrity.
5. Optimize segment definitions for Multi-Dimensional Reporting and granular Profitability Analysis.
6. Configure Cross-Validation Rules (CVR) and security to prevent invalid code combinations and ensure Data Quality.
7. Streamline the financial close process by simplifying Intercompany Eliminations and internal reporting roll-ups.
8. Bridge the gap between Statutory Reporting and internal Management Reporting requirements.
9. Develop a robust data mapping strategy for successful Legacy Data Conversion during ERP implementation.
10. Integrate the CoA with key sub-ledgers to ensure a Unified ERP Solution.
11. Leverage the CoA for advanced Financial Planning and Analysis (FP&A), budgeting, and forecasting.
12. Minimize customization and maximize system efficiency through Configurable CoA components.
13. Understand the role of the CoA in supporting Automated Data Entry and workflow processes.

Target Audience

1. ERP Implementation Team Members
2. Financial Controllers & Directors
3. Finance Data Architects

4. FP&A (Financial Planning & Analysis) Specialists
5. Senior Accountants and General Ledger Managers
6. Business Analysts focused on Finance/ERP
7. IT/Systems Administrators responsible for ERP configuration
8. Internal Auditors & Compliance Officers

Course Modules

1. Strategic Foundation & Requirements Gathering

- The CoA as the Financial Data Model backbone for ERP.
- Distinction between Statutory, Management, and Operational reporting needs.
- Analyzing the impact of Two-Tier ERP and global structures on design.
- Establishing guiding principles: Flexibility, Scalability, and Standardization.
- Case Study: Analysis of a multi-national conglomerate’s disparate legacy systems to identify common data elements and reporting gaps for a global CoA redesign.

2. Chart of Accounts Core Design Principles

- Defining and structuring account segments
- Applying the One Segment - One Use and non-redundancy principle.
- Best practices for account numbering conventions and ensuring Extensibility for future growth.
- Designing logical segment hierarchies for efficient roll-up and drill-down reporting.
- Case Study: Re-designing a manufacturing company's CoA to add a new 'Project' segment for accurate tracking of R&D and capital expenditure, ensuring clear alignment with the 'Natural Account' segment.

3. Governance, Control, and Security

- Developing a formal Chart of Accounts Governance structure
- Configuring Cross-Validation Rules to enforce valid code combinations.
- Implementing security rules based on segment values to restrict user access to sensitive financial data.
- Establishing a process for CoA maintenance, value creation, and documentation.
- Case Study: Implementation of CVRs for a healthcare provider to ensure that specific 'Grant' segments could only be used with authorized 'Department' segments, dramatically reducing coding errors and audit risk.

4. Integration and Transactional Impact

- Mapping CoA segments to sub-ledger transaction processing
- Understanding the role of the CoA in automating financial transactions and journal entries.
- Designing the CoA to support Intercompany and Elimination accounts for automated consolidation.
- Optimizing the structure for high-volume data and system performance.
- Case Study: Optimizing the CoA for a retail chain to enable automated daily point-of- sale (POS) revenue and inventory transactions, ensuring seamless integration with the General Ledger.

5. Reporting and Analytics

- Designing hierarchies to support internal FP&A and management dashboards.
- Mapping the new CoA to meet both GAAP/IFRS and local statutory reporting requirements.
- Utilizing the CoA for Profitability Analysis at various dimensions
- Techniques for converting legacy reports to the new multi-dimensional structure.

- Case Study: Developing a new reporting hierarchy for a software company that enables management to analyze R&D spending by product line, geographical region, and project phase simultaneously.

6. Implementation & Data Migration

- Developing a comprehensive Legacy Data Conversion and mapping strategy.
- Strategies for maintaining data integrity during the migration of historical balances and transactions.
- Approaches to phased roll-out versus "Big Bang" implementation of the new CoA.
- Post-implementation audit and reconciliation procedures.
- Case Study: A detailed walk-through of a complex data migration for an acquired company, mapping their legacy four-segment CoA to the parent company's new eight-segment Unified ERP Solution.

7. ERP-Specific Configuration Deep Dive (Illustrative Focus)

- Flexfields and their role in advanced CoA configuration.
- Leveraging Dimension Management features in modern cloud ERP systems.
- Tips for leveraging Automation features related to the CoA
- Review of ERP-native tools for mass CoA maintenance and updating.
- Case Study: Configuring advanced allocation rules in an ERP to automatically distribute shared services costs across multiple cost centers using the newly designed segment values.

8. Workshop: Design and Prototyping

- Defining the ideal segment structure for a fictitious high-growth firm.
- Building the initial hierarchy for the Natural Account segment.
- Review and peer-feedback on CVR proposals and security requirements.
- Developing the final project plan for CoA deployment.
- Case Study: Team-based simulation where participants design a minimum viable CoA structure for an e-commerce startup scaling to a multi-entity structure.

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

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Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to FINESKILL TRAINING CENTER account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
07 Sep 2026	11 Sep 2026	Physical	$1,500
14 Sep 2026	18 Sep 2026	Physical	$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$1,500
28 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	$1,500
05 Oct 2026	09 Oct 2026	Physical	$1,500
12 Oct 2026	16 Oct 2026	Physical	$1,500
19 Oct 2026	23 Oct 2026	Physical	$1,500
26 Oct 2026	30 Oct 2026	Physical	$1,500

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