Smarter Allocations: Expanding the Value of Intacct's Dynamic Allocation Module

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Transaction Allocations vs Dynamic Allocations

Feature	Transaction Allocations	Dynamic Allocations
Basis	- Static percentages or amounts (e.g., 50% Program A, 50% Program B). - Defined during transaction entry (e.g., AP bill, journal entry). - Manual updates if allocation rules change. - Suitable for fixed, predictable splits.	- Dynamic basis (e.g., FTEs, direct costs, square footage). - Automatically pulls source balances for calculations. - Adjusts to changing data (e.g., monthly FTE updates). - Ideal for variable or complex allocations.
Audit Trail	- Transaction logs capture static splits at entry. - Basic view in General Ledger > Transactions > View Log. - Limited drill-down (shows split amounts, not rationale). - Manual documentation needed for audits.	- UDB reports provide detailed, click-through history. - Allocation Log and Snapshot reports in General Ledger > Reports. - Tracks source, basis, and target for transparency. - Built-in rationale field for audit compliance.

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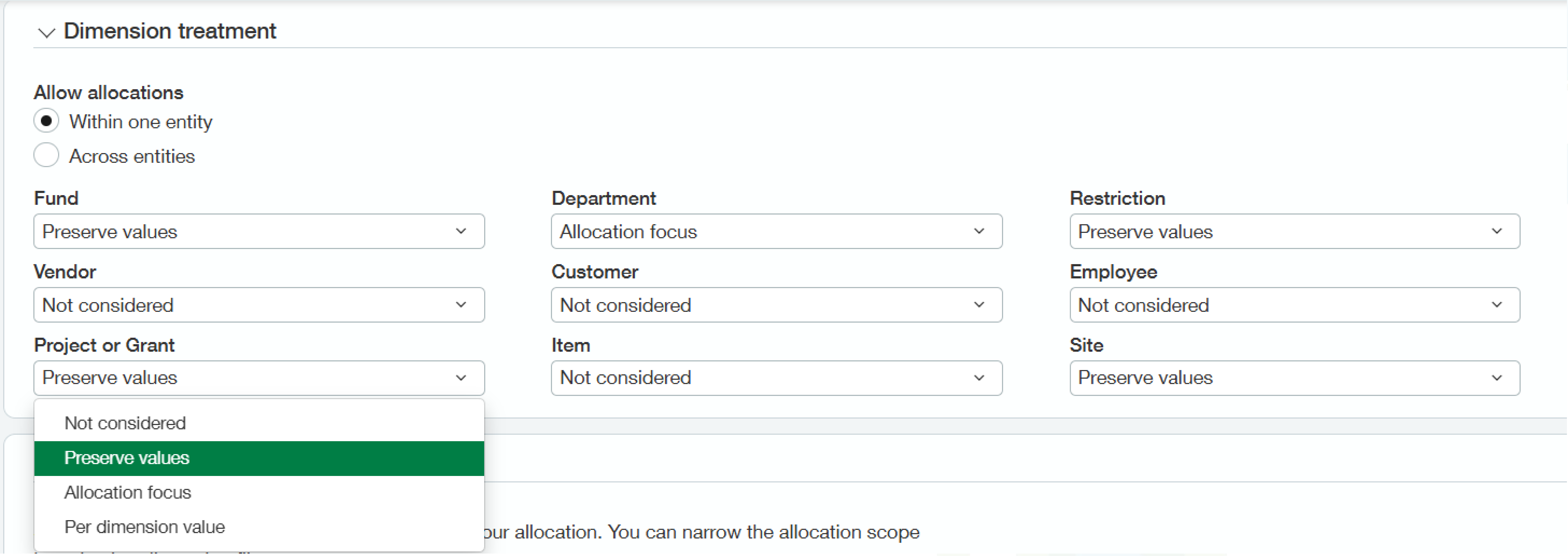
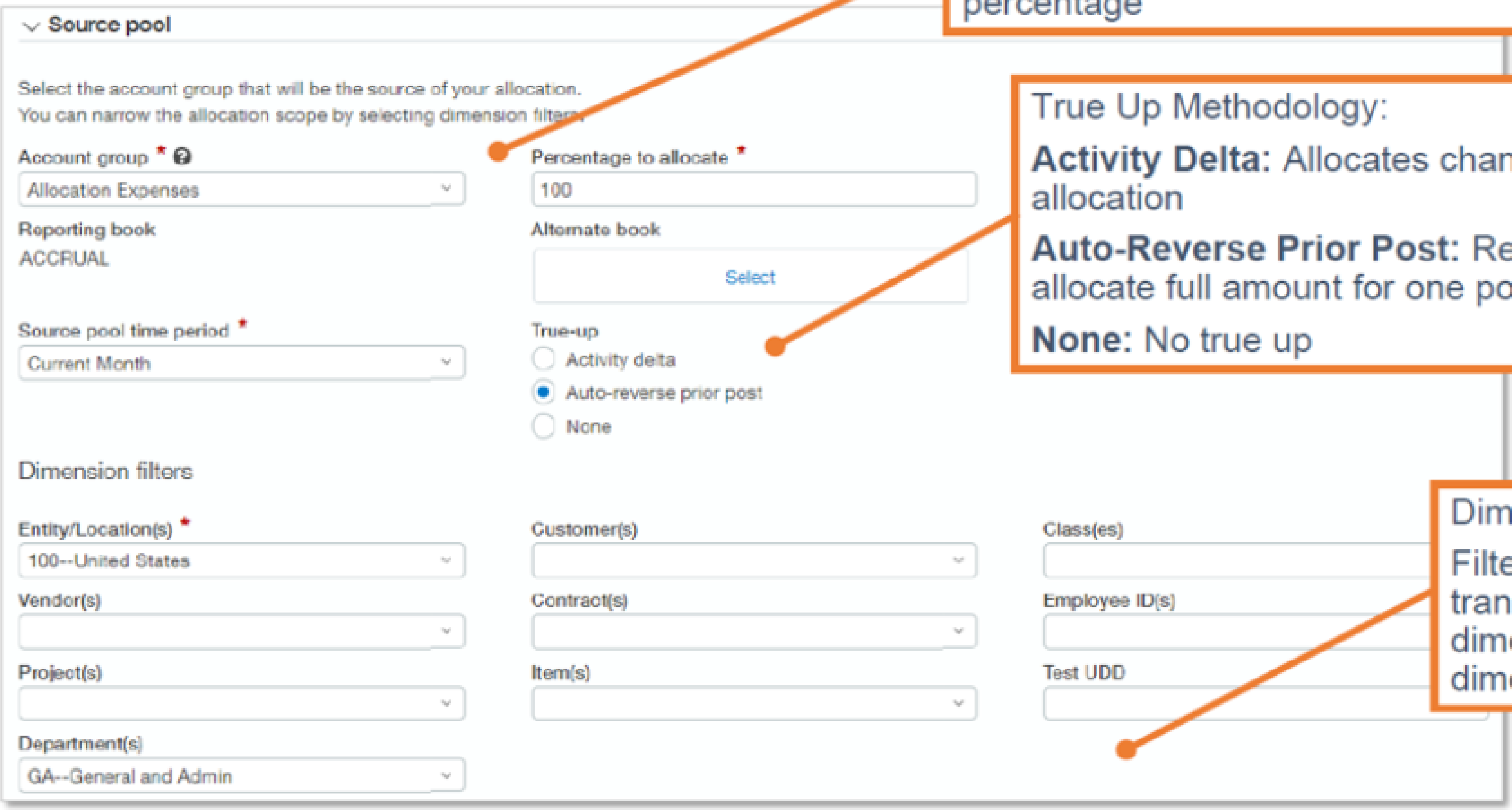
Use Cases

- Shared costs (e.g. staff salaries, event expenses or advocacy materials) across department/grant
- Program fees by revenue per project
- Technology costs by headcount or FTE
- Salaries by hours per program
- Indirect Cost Recovery (percentage of direct costs) billed to department/grant
- Revenue from donations or tickets needing allocation to specific programs
- Calculate markups from percentage of direct costs (if using project billing module)
- Restriction Releases
- Settle due-to's through cash (if not using inter-entity mapping)

Dimension Treatment Configuration – “Which dimensions do I need captured in the entry?”



Source Pool Configuration – "What am I allocating?"



Account groups containing accounts to allocate and respective percentage

True Up Methodology:

Activity Delta: Allocates change in source pool from initial allocation

Auto-Reverse Prior Post: Reverses prior allocation to re-allocate full amount for one posting per period

None: No true up

Dimension Filters (optional):

Filter source pool to only include transactions tagged to specific dimensions. You can also use dimension groups.

Note: If allocating across entities, entity/location is required to serve as the source entity for intercompany transactions.

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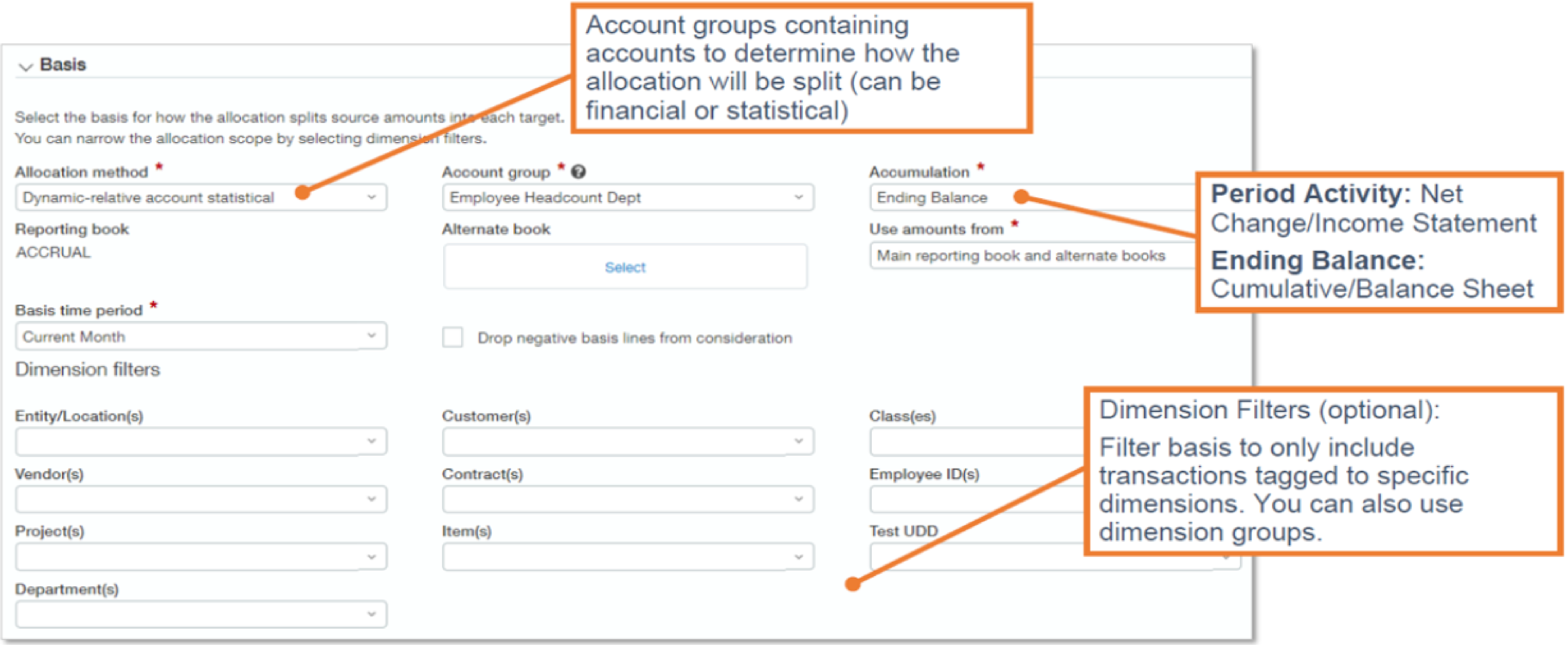
Basis Configuration – “How am I calculating the split?”



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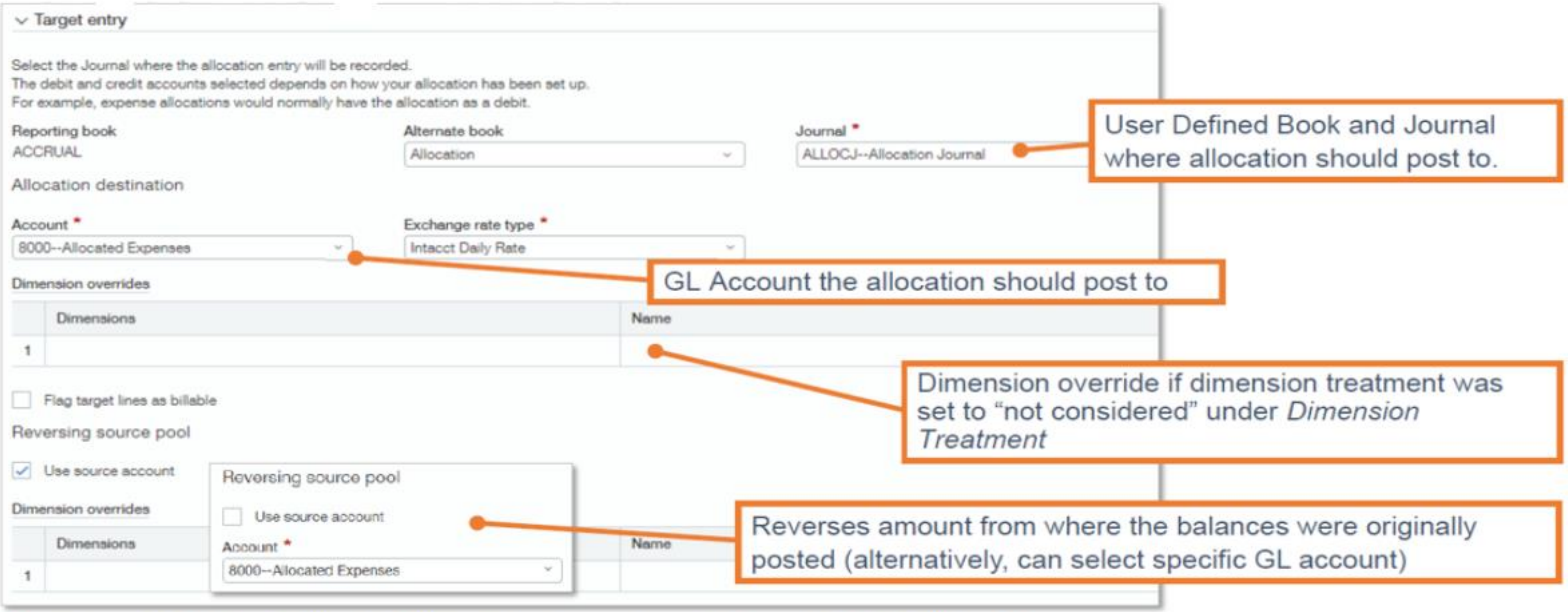
Target Configuration – "Which accounts are impacted by the entry? Which reporting book?"



Note: You can setup multiple books/journals to separate different type of allocations

Update: Use source account is now available for the allocation destination too!

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Live Demonstration, Then Takeaways

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Takeaways – Before you begin

- Source Pool Configuration – **"What am I allocating?"**
- Basis Configuration – **"How am I calculating the split?"**
- Target Configuration – **"Which accounts are impacted by the entry? Which reporting book?"**
- Dimension Treatment Configuration – **"Which dimensions do I need captured in the entry?"**

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Takeaways - Terminology

- **Allocation focus** are the dimensions you want to allocate or reclassify based on the calculation method selected in the Basis section
- **Per dimension value*** are the dimensions you want to allocate or reclassify but still process a full allocation per individual value
- **Preserve values** keep their original values assigned during initial entry (as found by the source pool)
- **Not considered** aren’t used for the calculations during the generation of the allocation but can still be used as a filter to narrow the source pool or basis

*This selection can only be used with the Employee and Department dimensions.

Takeaways - Reminders

- Use Allocation Log to:
  - Delete/Duplicate entries (cannot edit entries)
  - View Allocation Snapshot (view source balances & splits used to generate the entry)
- Allocation Groups Processing Methods:
  - Stop if a group member in the sequence fails - "Run dependently"
  - Skip and continue if a member in the sequence fails - "Run independently"
- Reporting Options:
  - Duplicate to move entries to main reporting books (Cash and/or Accrual); Or,
  - Overlay allocation book over main reporting books to view both pre/post allocation data
- If the entry is too large, Intacct will require you to either:
  - Per dimension value for department and/or employee
  - Use multiple definitions (can be grouped to run together)

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