

# Accounting Guide

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# Tasks and Screens

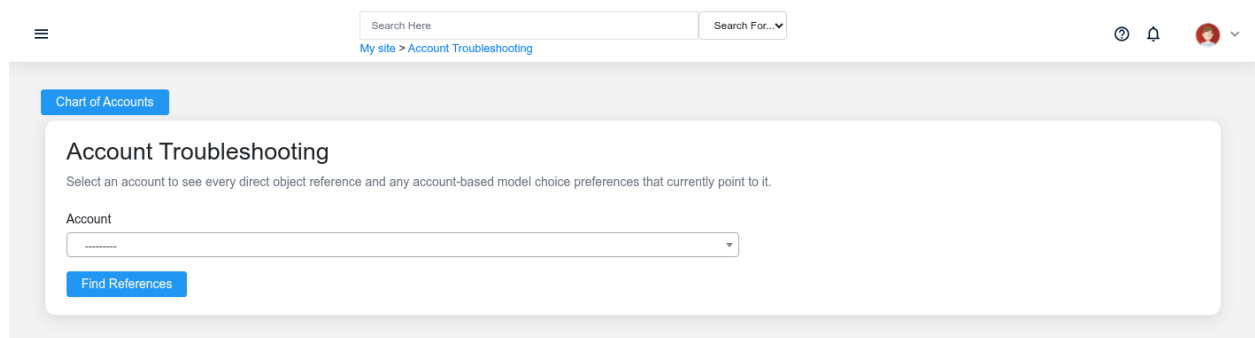
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### Purpose and when to use this screen

Use Account Reference Troubleshooting when a chart-of-accounts record cannot be safely disabled, replaced, or removed, or when you need to understand where the account is used. The report searches both saved model relationships and system/user preference values; it does not modify any reference.

### Review account references



The Account Reference Troubleshooting references screen in the Brisk documentation demo.

1. Select the [Account](#) and choose **Find References**.
2. Read the total reference counts before opening individual rows.
3. Review each grouped model/field section. The **Object** and **ID** identify the record; open the record through its normal screen when a link is available.
4. Review **Preference References** separately. These show scope, preference label/key, and user when a system or user default still names the account.

# Interpret the result

A reference can be historical, operational, or configuration-only. A posted transaction normally should keep its original account for audit and reporting. An open transaction may need correction at its source. A preference may need to be reassigned so future documents stop selecting the account. Do not mass-change every occurrence without distinguishing those cases.

## Replace an obsolete account safely

Create or identify the approved replacement, update organization and user defaults, then update open setup or transactions through their normal workflows. Prefer disabling the obsolete account when historical transactions still refer to it. Re-run the reference report and document any references intentionally retained.

## If the report is empty or surprising

Confirm the selected account and whether the dependency is stored directly, through a parent account, or in a posted transaction. This screen reports known model and preference relationships; code, imported files, external reports, or free-text notes may still mention an account number. Validate critical replacements with representative posting and reports before considering the work complete.

# Receivables

# Receivables, Statements, and Finance Charges

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## Purpose and when to use this screen

These screens turn posted [Receivable Transactions](#) into collection analysis, customer statements, and finance charges. Use them after sales, payments, credits, write-offs, and customer setup are complete for the reporting cutoff. Resolve questionable balances before communicating them to customers or creating new charges.

## Review accounts-receivable aging

The screenshot shows a web application interface for generating an accounts receivable aging report. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a date 'Tue, Aug 11, 2026', a search bar, and a user profile icon. Below the navigation bar, a breadcrumb trail reads 'My site > Accounting > A/R Aging Report'. The main form area is titled 'Choose a date range, or pick an accounting period to auto-fill the dates.' and contains several input fields and buttons. The 'Start Date' and 'End Date' fields are set to 'mm/dd/yyyy'. The 'Preset Month (Optional)' field is a dropdown menu. The 'Display Mode' field is set to 'Full Aging Columns'. The 'Sort By' field is set to 'Statement Balance', and the 'Sort Direction' is set to 'Descending'. The 'Warehouse / Division' field is a dropdown menu. The 'Include All Customers?' checkbox is checked, with the label 'Use all active customers in scope'. Below these fields, there is a section for 'Additional Filters' with buttons for 'Run Report', 'Print', and 'End of Month'. At the bottom of the form, a purple box contains the text 'Configure the run options and click Run Report.'

The Receivables, Statements, and Finance Charges aging screen in the Brisk documentation demo.

Choose a start/end date or a closed-month preset, then set display mode, sort, warehouse/division, and customer scope. Decide whether to include zero balances, credit balances, only overdue buckets, written-off customers, and customer numbers. Run the report and read **Statement Balance**, Current, 30, 60, 90, 90+, **Overdue Total**, and credit amount together. A customer with a credit or unapplied payment can have a misleading gross aging if you focus on one bucket alone.

Sort by overdue total or oldest bucket for collections work; use customer-name/number order for reconciliation and filing. Confirm the report cutoff before comparing it with a live customer balance.

# Prepare customer statements

The screenshot shows a web application interface for generating customer statements. At the top, there's a navigation bar with a date 'Tue, Aug 11, 2026', a search bar, and a breadcrumb trail 'My site > Accounting > Customer Statements'. The main form is titled 'Customer Statements' and includes a 'Cancel' button. It features several input fields and checkboxes: 'Statement Date' (08/11/2026), 'Begin Date' (08/01/2026), 'End Date' (08/31/2026), 'Include Zero Balances?' (unchecked), 'Include Negative Balances?' (unchecked), 'Include All Customers?' (checked), 'If not, which customer?' (a dropdown menu), 'Summarize Finance Charges?' (checked), 'Statement Message' (a text area), 'Send Statement Emails?' (checked), and 'Statement Template' (a dropdown menu showing 'Accounting | Payment: Ach Settlement - Brisk Ach Settlement Statement'). A large blue 'Create Statements' button is at the bottom, followed by a link: 'Finished running statements? Return to End of Month'.

The Receivables, Statements, and Finance Charges statements screen in the Brisk documentation demo.

Set **Statement Date**, **Begin Date**, and **End Date**, or use the quick month buttons. Choose all customers or one customer and decide whether to include zero or negative balances. Select whether finance charges are summarized, enter the customer-facing statement message, choose the statement PDF template, and review **Send Statement Emails?** before generating.

Preview representative statements before a batch send. Confirm opening activity, invoices, payments, credits, finance charges, ending balance, remittance details, branding, pagination, and customer email address. A statement is communication, not a posting transaction; correct the source record and regenerate it rather than editing the output.

# Assess finance charges

The screenshot shows a web application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a hamburger menu, the date 'Tue, Aug 11, 2026', a search bar with 'Search Here' and 'Search For...' buttons, and a user profile icon. Below the navigation bar, there is a 'Cancel' button. The main content area is titled 'Finance Charge Assessment'. It contains three input fields: 'Finance Charge Date' with the value '08/11/2026', 'Include All Customers?' with a checked checkbox, and 'If not, which customer?' with a dropdown menu. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Preview / Calculate Finance Charges' (blue) and 'Apply Selected Finance Charges' (green).

The Receivables, Statements, and Finance Charges finance charges screen in the Brisk documentation demo.

Select the finance-charge date and customer scope, then use **Preview / Calculate Finance Charges**. Review every proposed customer, charge amount, original transaction source, and memo. Clear any row that should not be applied and investigate why it qualified. Apply only from the current preview; Brisk uses a preview token to protect the calculation/apply sequence.

Finance-charge eligibility comes from customer/group and payment-term policy plus the overdue transaction state. Fix incorrect terms, dates, groups, payments, credits, or write-offs before applying. Afterward, review the applied list and regenerate statements if they should include the new charges.

## Working safely and effectively

Reconcile aging totals to the receivable register, document exceptions, and restrict statement/email output to authorized recipients. Do not repeatedly apply finance charges because a page timed out; check the customer's transactions first. Preserve the original charge and use the approved credit/adjustment process when a posted finance charge must be reversed.

## Navigation

### Common tasks

- [Follow a customer account through collection](#)

Period Close

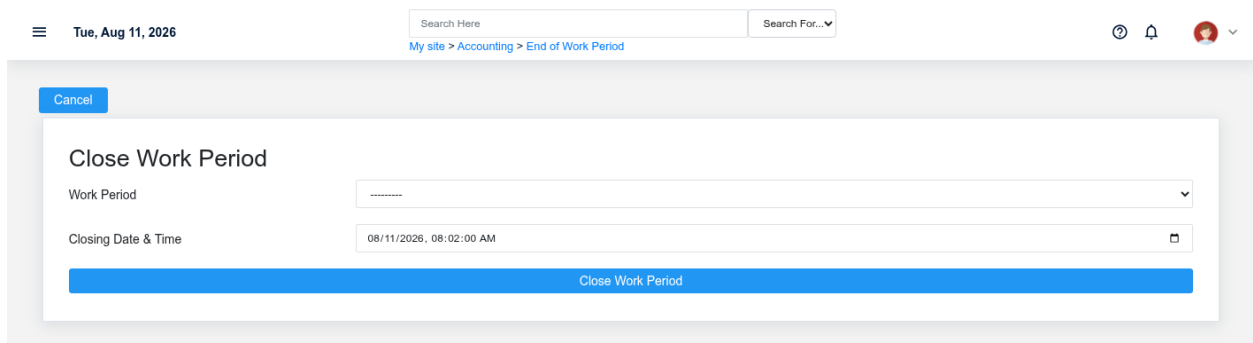
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## Purpose and when to use this screen

Period close establishes operational and financial cutoffs and makes reports available from a stable boundary. Close from the smallest period outward: work periods first, then the month, then the year. The selected **Closing Date & Time** is an accounting control; do not use the current time automatically when the intended business cutoff is different.

## Close a work period

The screenshot shows a web application interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with a hamburger menu, the date 'Tue, Aug 11, 2026', a search bar with 'Search Here' and 'Search For...' buttons, and user profile icons. Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: 'My site > Accounting > End of Work Period'. The main content area features a modal dialog titled 'Close Work Period'. The dialog has a 'Cancel' button in the top left. It contains two input fields: 'Work Period' with a dropdown arrow and 'Closing Date & Time' with a calendar icon. The 'Closing Date & Time' field is populated with '08/11/2026, 08:02:00 AM'. At the bottom of the dialog is a prominent blue button labeled 'Close Work Period'.

The Close Accounting Periods day screen in the Brisk documentation demo.

Select an open [Work Period](#) and confirm its warehouse, open time, expected cutoff, sales/tenders, deposits, cash drawer activity, payouts, returns, tax, and over/short transactions. Resolve open sales, missing deposits, uncertain payments, and unexplained differences. Enter the closing timestamp once and process **End of Work Period**. Brisk redirects to the period detail where close reports can be reviewed.

## Close a month

The screenshot shows a web application interface for closing a month. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a hamburger menu, the date 'Tue, Aug 11, 2026', a search bar, and a user profile icon. Below the navigation bar, there is a breadcrumb trail: 'My site > Accounting > End of Month'. The main content area is a modal window titled 'Close Month'. It has a 'Cancel' button in the top left corner. The modal contains a 'Month' dropdown menu, a 'Closing Date & Time' field showing '08/11/2026, 08:02:00 AM', and three buttons: 'Now', 'End of Jul', and 'End of Aug'. Below these, there is a section titled 'Before performing end of month, please review the following reminders:' with a bulleted list: 'Close the current work period (end of day)', 'Assess Finance Charges', and 'Print Customer Statements'. At the bottom of the modal is a large blue button labeled 'Close Month'.

The Close Accounting Periods month screen in the Brisk documentation demo.

Confirm every required work period is closed and all sales, receivables, payables, inventory receipts, vendor invoices, payments, deposits, reconciliations, tax work, and approved journal entries belong to the intended month. Preview finance charges and required customer statements according to policy. Select the open [Month](#), use **End of previous month** or **End of current month** only when it matches the intended cutoff, and review reports after closing.

## Close a year

The screenshot shows a web application interface for closing a fiscal year. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a hamburger menu, the date 'Mon, Aug 10, 2026', a search bar, and a user profile icon. Below the navigation bar, there is a breadcrumb trail: 'My site > Accounting > End of Year'. The main content area is a modal window titled 'Close Fiscal Year'. It has a 'Cancel' button in the top left corner. The modal contains a 'Year' dropdown menu, a 'Closing Date & Time' field showing '08/10/2026, 01:14:00 PM', and a large blue button labeled 'Close Fiscal Year' at the bottom.

The Close Accounting Periods year screen in the Brisk documentation demo.

Close the year only after all required months are closed and year-end adjustments, reconciliations, tax reporting, inventory valuation, receivables/payables review, and management approval are complete. Select the open [Year](#), enter the approved fiscal cutoff, process once, and retain the year-end report package and review evidence.

## Working safely and effectively

Record who approved the close and reconcile pre-close control totals to post-close reports. If a close request times out, inspect the period detail before retrying. Do not create a new period, backdate into a closed period, or use a journal entry to conceal an operational error without accounting authorization. Reopening or correcting closed periods requires an explicit, documented

process because later reports may already have been distributed.

# If the expected period is unavailable

The selectors show open periods only. Confirm it is not already closed, the prior period sequence is complete, the user has permission to change that period type, and the intended warehouse/year structure exists. Investigate the current state rather than creating a duplicate period.

## Navigation

## Common tasks

- [Follow the full month-end review](#)