

What's New in Forecast Pro TRAC Version 4.1?

Thanks for downloading Forecast Pro TRAC Version 4.1. This document describes some of the new functionality available in this latest release.

Grid “Series” View & Improvements

The screenshot shows the Forecast Pro TRAC software interface. The main window displays a grid of forecast data for 'Lesson 8 - Forecast overrides'. The grid includes columns for months from 2015-Jan to 2016-Jan and rows for various categories like Statistical, Sales, Marketing, Management, History/Forecast, Price, and Revenue. A dropdown menu is open, showing 'Time Series' as the selected option, with other options being 'None' and 'Year over year'.

	2015-Jan	2015-Feb	2015-Mar	2015-Apr	2015-May	2015-Jun	2015-Jul	2015-Aug	2015-Sep	2015-Oct	2015-Nov	2015-Dec	2016-Jan
Statistical							5,112	6,926	15,099	17,266	15,679	35,079	20,276
Sales							6,124	8,118	16,609				
Marketing							6,624	8,618					
Management									20,000				
History/Forecast	18,468	9,720	15,552	10,692	6,804	7,776	6,624	8,618	20,000	17,266	15,679	35,079	20,276
Price	\$11.16	\$8.22	\$10.05	\$9.04	\$11.05	\$8.14	\$9.95	\$11.62	\$10.46	\$12.78	\$9.41	\$11.50	\$10.35
Revenue	\$206,142	\$79,892	\$156,234	\$96,670	\$75,188	\$63,275	\$65,876	\$100,147	\$209,160	\$220,690	\$147,571	\$403,542	\$209,923

In Forecast Pro TRAC Version 4.1 there are now two ways of viewing historic data in the grid view. Previously, you were limited to seeing historic data only in a “year over year” format, wherein previous years appear above the Statistical forecast row. There is now an alternative view called “Time Series” that allows a scrollable view into the past. This new functionality provides visibility to historic periods for both external and calculated data rows.

Forecast Pro TRAC Version 4.1 also introduces a few new tokens for use in calculations, including HISTST and HISTBL (which reference the History + Statistical forecast and History + Baseline forecast respectively), and QTD (“quarter to date”). It also expands the YTD (“year to date”) token to include historical data periods when used with the new “Time Series” display.

Unlocking the Forecasts and Restoring In-Place Overrides

The hierarchy shuffling and units of measure functionality has been greatly improved in Forecast Pro TRAC Version 4.1. In previous versions, if you changed the hierarchy or the base units, the forecasts would permanently “lock,” thereby preventing further changes to forecast models and eliminating some of the modeling output displayed in the forecast report. Locking the forecasts would also move any in-place overrides and comments into the Inherited Override row. In Forecast Pro TRAC Version 4.1, you now have the option to *unlock* the statistical forecasts by switching back to the default state (i.e., default hierarchy and default units) so that you can continue to make changes to the forecast models and view all modeling output. Also, Forecast Pro TRAC Version 4.1 will now restore in-place overrides and comments when you return to the state in which the overrides were made without having made additional overrides in alternative states.



Component Model Improvement

Forecast Pro TRAC Version 4.1 now allows you to build component models for items that have no historical data.

Finally, Forecast Pro TRAC Version 4.1 fixes a number of minor issues/bugs and refines some of the logic related to the “Discontinued” modifiers.

To see these improvements in action, watch these YouTube videos:

Override View Improvements

<https://youtu.be/GSKjxa2iVz8>

Unlocking the Forecast Improvements

<https://youtu.be/VzZAYN-ILvM>