

# Variance Analysis

BlackLine's automated flux analysis streamlines efforts to track and analyze account variation and budgets/forecasts against actuals for both P&L and balance sheet accounts.



## EARLY WARNING

Variance analysis is a crucial part of the risk management process. BlackLine proactively monitors and flags accounts that vary outside an expected range, giving you advance notice so you're never caught off guard.



## AUTOMATION

Replace a manual, spreadsheet-dependent process with business logic. Client-defined rules precisely identify unexpected fluctuations across target entities and account groups, types, or ranges.

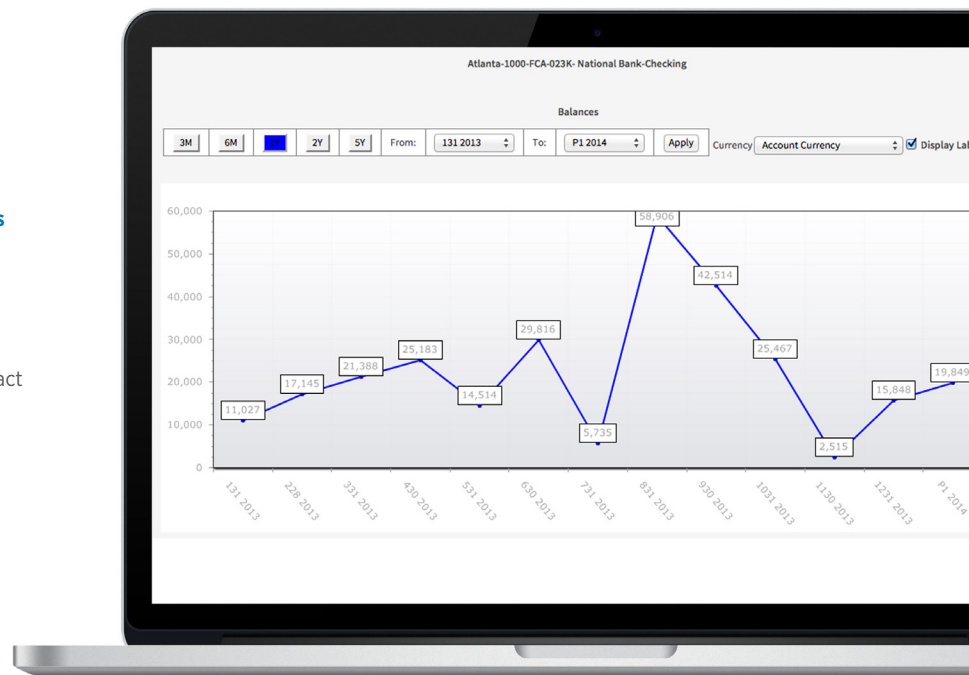


## WORKFLOW

Once flux is identified, BlackLine intelligently assigns responsibility for explaining the variance, routes those explanations to management and rolls the results up into powerful, real-time dashboards and reports.

## Product Features

- **Manage P&L** and balance sheet accounts
- **Automatically identify accounts** in flux with precise variance rules
- **Eliminate spreadsheets and perform all analysis** in a central, web-based platform.
- **Upload and store documents** and attachments in support of analyses
- **Standard variance codes** let you gauge the impact of a trend across your entire organization
- **Robust, real-time dashboards** and reports
- **Full multi-currency** and multi-entity support



## Variance Analysis Templates

Standardize, prepopulate, and automatically assign your variance analyses to the appropriate user.

### 1. Variance Items

Users can create variance items, which represent a certain identified fluctuation. Each variance item also has a configurable item type, allowing management to gauge the impact of an event or trend on your books.

### 2. Automatic Balance Imports

Load data to the BlackLine application as frequently as necessary. BlackLine integrates with virtually every ERP/GL on the market.

### 3. Unexplained Amount

BlackLine automatically examines balances and calculates the observed variation on an account, giving your user a starting point for their analysis.

### 4. Supporting Documents

Attach supporting documentation for every variance analysis or variance item.

### 5. Workflow Approval

Once certified by a user, a completed variance analysis template can be electronically routed to other users or management for review/approval.

## Variance Rules

BlackLine's variance rules rely on user-defined logic and can be run ad-hoc or every time a scheduled balance import occurs.

### 6. Period

More than 15 different types of period comparisons:

- Budgeted over actual
- Current period to 2nd prior quarter
- Current period to 3rd prior quarter
- Current period to prior period
- Current period to prior quarter
- Current period to prior year
- Current period to year end
- Current quarter to 2nd prior quarter
- Current quarter to prior quarter
- Current quarter to year end
- Month over month
- Quarter over Quarter
- Year over Year
- Year to-date

### 7. Amount & Percentage Deltas

Variance rules can calculate and monitor for fluctuations in value, percent change, or a combination of the two.

### 8. Variance Groups

Target groups of accounts and monitor their fluctuation in combination or in relation to each other.

### 9. Targeting

Target a rule at all accounts, globally, or apply it based on specific entity/account string filter.