

# FloQast Variance Analysis

FloQast Variance Analysis is a capability offered with FloQast Close for Finance and Accounting teams who need to manage business and budgetary performance through Flux and Budget variance analysis.

## The Risk of Skipping Variance Analysis

If accounting is the language of business, performing a variance analysis is the story accountants tell to paint a picture of business operations. Performing a variance analysis is essential to monitor ongoing performance and an impactful detective control to identify material misstatements before it's too late.

Due to the manual nature of variance analysis, accounting teams often miss this vital step. After completing the Close, ERPs can create comparative reports. Still, they lack key workflow features for assigning tasks, adding explanations, and reviewing comments. Teams often export to spreadsheets, manually identify significant variances and

summarize explanations. Skipping the variance analysis workflow exposes teams to the risk of fraud or material misstatement and unpreparedness for budget variance analysis explanations.

## Automated Variance Analysis

FloQast Variance Analysis is a capability integrated with FloQast Close offering a comprehensive and easy-to-use solution

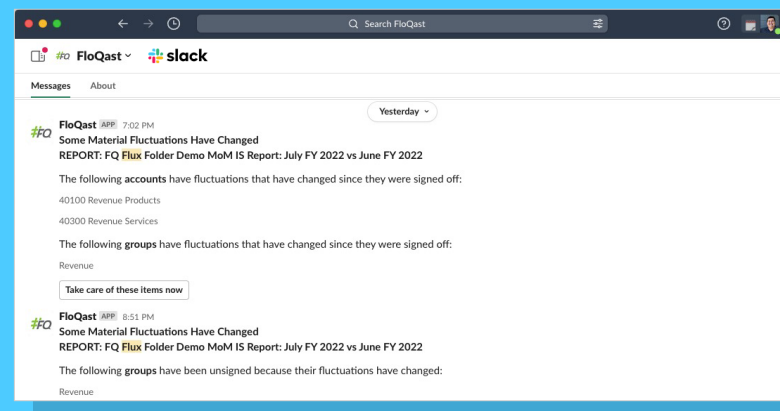
for Accounting teams to perform two types of analysis more effectively—Flux Analysis to identify variances between current and previous periods and Budget Variance Analysis to identify variances between current periods and budgeted amounts. Now, identify material variances, understand the underlying causes, and take action to reduce risk and improve financial decision-making.

## Key Features

FloQast Variance Analysis integrates Flux and Budget Variance Analysis into the Financial Close. Offered with FloQast's cloud-native Accounting Operations Platform, FloQast Variance Analysis saves time, increases accuracy in generating reports, centralizes underlying data, and includes workflow capabilities. Your team can focus on driving data-backed explanations of business activities and better agility for your organization.

## Increased Workflow Visibility

FloQast Variance Analysis offers automatic notifications for workflow management, including when fluctuations are ready for review, adding and responding to review comments, and significant account balance changes. These notifications integrate with Slack, Teams, and email. Additionally, purpose-built dashboards enhance visibility into reports' status, including the last refresh date, to ensure your team uses the most up-to-date numbers in their analysis. Now, your team can get out of manual status updates and instead have enough time to complete this often-overlooked analysis.



## Automated Reports and Scoping

FloQast Variance Analysis automatically generates reports by integrating directly with your Close and ERP. Teams are no longer at the mercy of ever-changing trial balance updates with variance reports that update automatically. Automate scoping with materiality thresholds set by accounting teams by dollar and percent fluctuations. FloQast helps accounting and finance teams bridge the gap for faster and more accurate explanations of budgetary variances.

## Timely Variance Analysis

Reimagine the variance analysis process with FloQast Variance Analysis. Teams can finalize numbers in a specific account area, then perform proactive variance analysis every period versus reactive analysis during the audit. As a result, tracking the source of variances is easier as work is happening in real-time. Now, capture explanatory text, centralize review comments, and capture time-stamped sign-offs for a clean audit trail.

## Deeper Insights with Transaction Level Details

FloQast Variance Analysis collects transaction details grouped by vendor or department, confirming completeness through reconciling subtotals. This ensures a complete data source for insightful explanations of material variances. Perform centralized variance analysis in FloQast, so your team doesn't have to return to its ERP, manually set parameters, download the report, and pivot the data. In addition, reviewers can easily access the same underlying data that preparers used to draft the explanation. Seamlessly perform a vendor analysis to identify significant vendor-level fluctuations and track spending by department so your organization can operate as effectively as possible.

## Reduce Risk And Drive Better Decisions

Empower teams with advanced features and customizable reports for insights into risk, budget performance, and informed decisions. FloQast Variance Analysis is the ideal tool for accounting teams to reduce risk through timely detective controls, identify sources of real-time variances, and achieve strategic goals with data-backed recommendations.

