

Business One in Action – How can a Journal Entry have Different Posting Dates per Row?



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Summary:

This article will provide you with instructions on how to create a manual journal entry with different posting dates per row. Please note that such journals may cause the trial balance to be out of balance, depending on the selection criteria.

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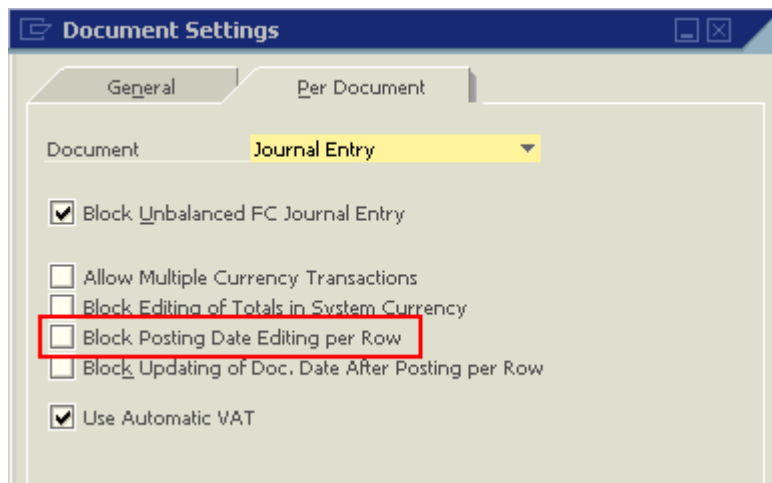
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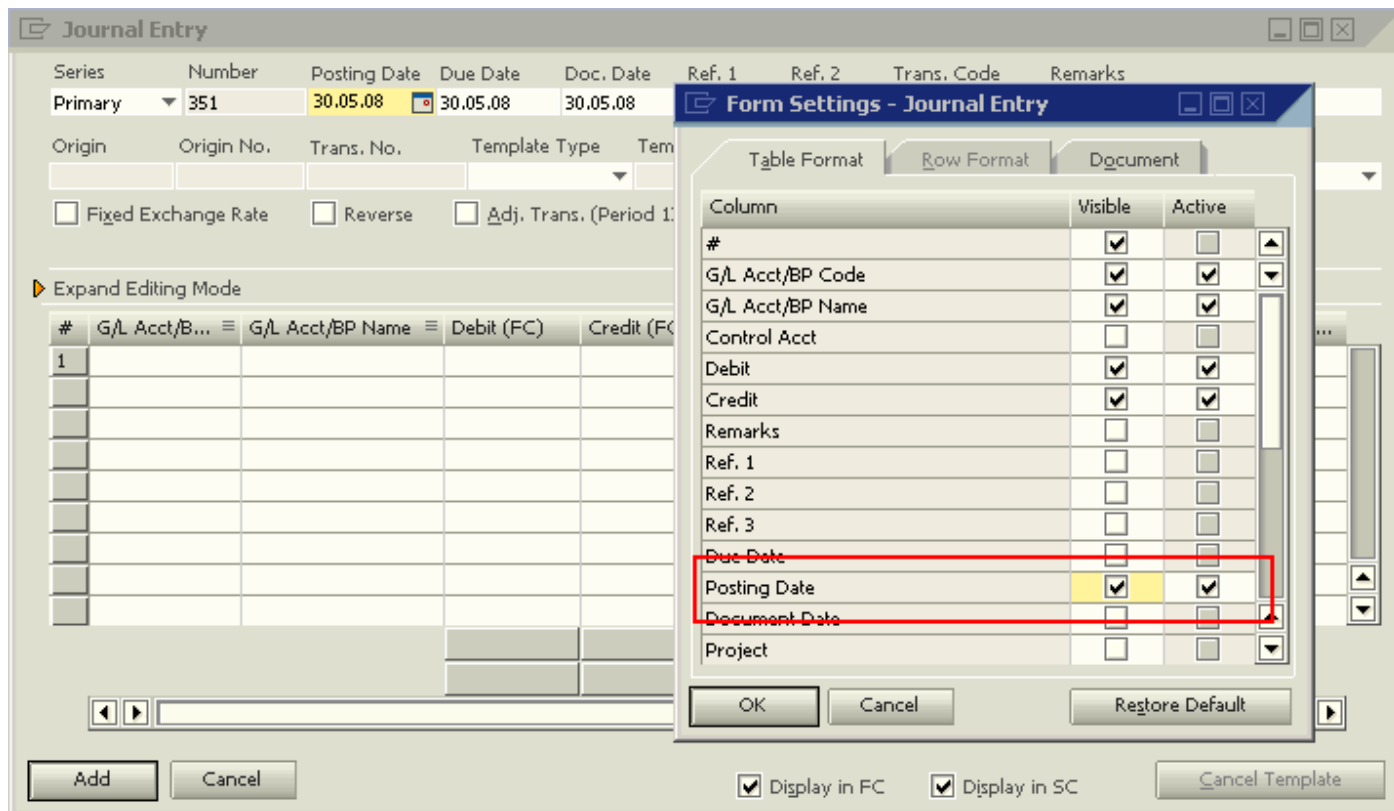
How Can a Journal Entry Have Different Posting Dates Per Row?

SAP Business One sets the same 'Posting Date' for the entire accounting document by default. To enable users to post a journal entry with different posting dates per row, un-tick the 'Block Posting Date Editing per Row' checkbox located under Administration -> System Initialization -> Document Settings -> Per Document (Journal Entry).

Selecting the checkbox prevents a different posting date from being entered for individual entry rows.



The 'Form Settings' for a Journal Entry when 'Block Posting Date Editing per Row' is not ticked, will allow the user to make the 'Posting Date' field in the table active:



The screenshot shows the SAP Journal Entry window. At the top, the 'Posting Date' field is highlighted with a red box and contains the value '30.05.08'. Below this, a table lists four rows of journal entry items. The 'Posting Date' column for each row is also highlighted with a red box, showing values: 30.05.08, 25.05.08, 01.08.08, and 30.05.08. The table columns include #, G/L Acct/B..., G/L Acct/BP Name, Debit, Credit, Posting Date, VAT Code, Tax Amount, and Tax Amount (...). The total for the entries is shown as GBP 100.00 on both the debit and credit sides.

#	G/L Acct/B...	G/L Acct/BP Name	Debit	Credit	Posting Date	VAT Code	Tax Amount	Tax Amount (...)
1	100000	Called Up Capital Not F		GBP 100.00	30.05.08			
2	101010	Capitalised Business Ex	GBP 50.00		25.05.08			
3	103000	Goodwill	GBP 50.00		01.08.08			
4					30.05.08			
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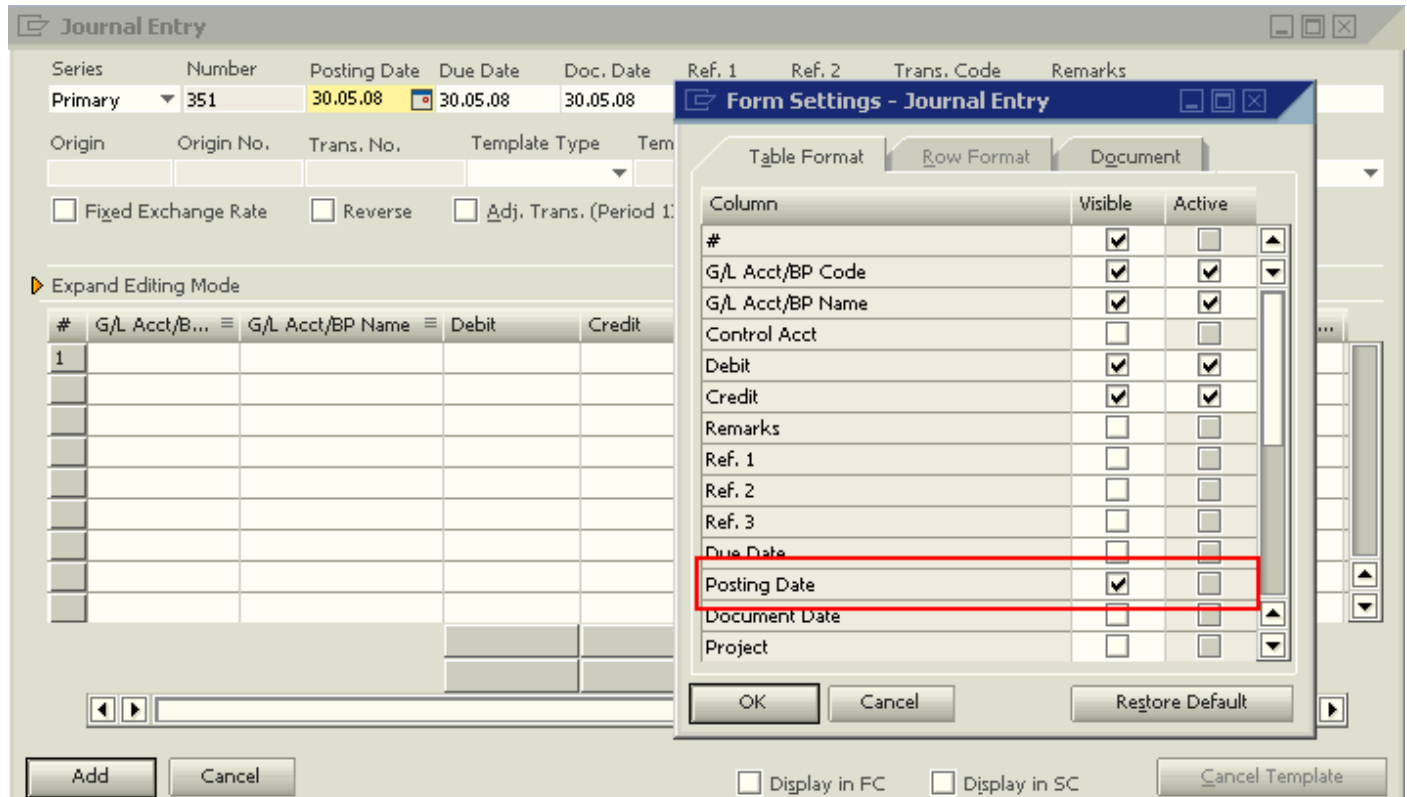
In this journal entry (JE) the posting dates per row can be edited before the JE is posted.

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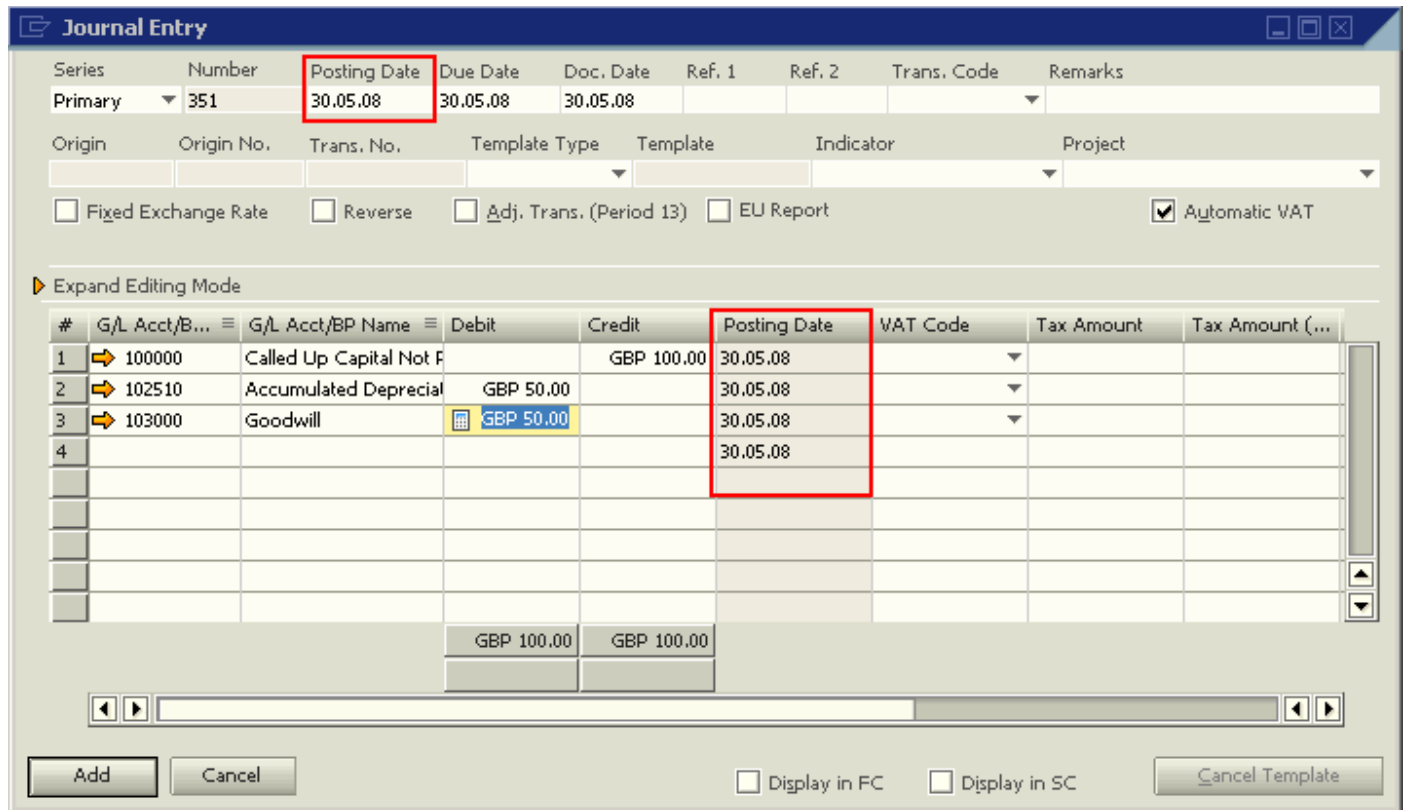
Different posting dates per row in a JE may lead to an unbalanced trial balance when not all posting dates in the JE are contained within the selected date range in the trial balance report.

A JE where the editing of posting dates per row is blocked does not have the option to make the field 'Posting Date' in the table active:

The screenshot shows the SAP Document Settings window, specifically the 'Per Document' tab. The 'Document' dropdown is set to 'Journal Entry'. Several options are listed with checkboxes. The option 'Block Posting Date Editing per Row' is checked and highlighted with a red box. Other options include 'Block Unbalanced FC Journal Entry', 'Allow Multiple Currency Transactions', 'Block Editing of Totals in System Currency', 'Block Updating of Doc. Date After Posting per Row', and 'Use Automatic VAT'.



Hence, the row posting date will default to the header posting date & the field is grayed out:



Related Contents

- [SAP Business One in Action Catalog Page](#):
- How-to-Guides are available from the [Documentation Resource Centre](#)
- SAP Note [544693](#) – Trial Balance report by posting date is not balanced
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